

Around Town

BY SAMC. MORRIS

J.B. Womble of the Ashley Heights community told me Monday afternoon that hail the size of golf balls fell there Sunday afternoon around five o'clock. He said that the hail covered the ground and that his garden was ruined.

The rain that came Sunday was needed around the county but maybe the hail was not bad enough to do any damage. According to Robert Gatlin approximately two and a half inches of rain was recorded.

Earl McDuffie, post commander of Post 20 of the American Legion, said that the 3rd Annual Legion Fish Fry would be held on Friday, May 2 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The fish will be served at the corner of the Edenborough Shopping Center.

The proceeds will be used by the Legion Post for their projects here in the community.

The price of the plates are only \$3.00, so go by and pick one up on the way home.

Bob Harris was by the office on Friday of last week and had with him two small tomatoes that he had picked from his plants in his garden.

I asked him if they were "Big Boys" and he said no that they were another kind that came off two to three weeks earlier than the big boys. So with the rain Sunday it shouldn't be long before gardens are bringing forth the vegetables.

Buddy Blue was telling me last week that his nephew, Brian Whitaker, ran in the Boston Marathon last Monday in Boston. Brian is a student in Boston and took time off to run last Monday. According to Blue he finished the run but was tired and happy.

Brian is the grandson of Mrs. J.H. Blue of Raeford and his mother is an instructor at UNC-G in Greensboro. We are not sure but feel sure he is the first person from Hoke County to compete in the famous event.

Another Raeford native was in the news recently in Florida. The write-up we received is as follows:

"Kelly Jordan, a native of Raeford, and daughter of Mrs. Jeanette Jordan and the late Dr. Julius F. Jordan, was recently awarded the Basketball "Coach of the Year" award for the state of Florida. The award was presented at the annual spring meeting of the Florida Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women in Daytona Beach, Florida on Friday, April 25, 1980.

"Ms. Jordan was selected for this award by a vote of the four Division I and 12 Division II college coaches in the state. The presentation was made at an awards breakfast sponsored by the Florida Citrus Commission.

"This is Ms. Jordan's second year coaching at Stetson University in Deland, Florida. She is the youngest college coach in the state. Although a young team, Stetson recorded its first winning season in the school's history this year.

"After having graduated from Wake Forest University, Ms. Jordan was assistant basketball and volleyball coach at W.F.U. while working on her Masters Degree in Athletic Administration."

Congratulations to Kelly and maybe most of the readers of this paper will remember the write-up several months ago when the Stetson team spent the night here enroute to Chapel Hill.

Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, May 6. Your vote could be the one that could decide the elections. Outside of dying and paying taxes this is about the only freedom you have left today. So get to the polls and vote.

Then after you eat your evening meal come up to The News-Journal office and join the crowd awaiting the final returns.

The winners will smile and the losers will get lost in the crowd. See you Tuesday night.

2 To Be Nominated For Hoke Commissioners

Democratic, GOP Primaries Tuesday

Raeford Warehouse Destroyed By Fire

An old building containing about two tons of hay was destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon on Wilmouth Avenue at the south end of Raeford.

Raeford Assistant Fire Chief Robert Jackson said three other nearby buildings caught fire but indicated damage to them was minor.

He said about 18 firemen including members of the North Raeford Fire Department fought the blaze, bringing it under control about two hours after arriving in response to the call, which was received by the Raeford department at 4:22 p.m.

He said the damage was estimated at about \$1,600 and that an investigation was being made to find out what caused the fire.

The historic building was owned and was being used at the time of the fire as a warehouse by T.B. Upchurch, Inc. It had been owned previously by Hoke Concrete Works, which sold it last September.

The structure measured about 125 by 60 feet.

May 13 In Gibson Cafeteria

CPL Veep To Address Chamber

William E. Graham, Jr., of Raleigh, senior vice president and general counsel of Carolina Power & Light Co., will be the guest speaker at the annual Raeford - Hoke County Chamber of Commerce dinner Tuesday in Gibson Cafeteria of Hoke County High School.

The dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. and the public is invited to attend. Reservations may be made by calling the chamber office, 875-5929.

During the meeting also, the chamber's officers and directors for 1980 - 81 will be installed.

The current president, Julian Johnson, will preside at the dinner till the new president is installed.

Graham is a native of Jackson Springs, Moore County, born New Year's Eve 1929.

He served as a judge on the State Court of Appeals from June 1969 till March 1973, joining CP&L the following month as vice president and senior counsel. He also is group executive of the Legal, Regulatory and Communications Group of the company.

Graham is a 1956 honor graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Law at Chapel Hill. He graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1952 with a degree of Bachelor of Arts in economics.

The first year after graduating from law school he served as a law clerk to Chief Judge John J. Parker of the U.S. Court of Appeals. From 1957 to 1969, he practiced law in Charlotte.

Graham and his wife, the former Jean Dixon McLaurin of Laurinburg, have three children: William, 16; John, 14; and Sally, 12.



William E. Graham, Jr.

Meanwhile, forest fires broke out in parched woods and brush in the county last week, six of them on Thursday alone.

Thursday's fires burned about 30 acres of pine and hardwoods, County Forest Ranger Robert Jones of the State Forestry Service reported.

He said all six had been set deliberately.

Jones said the largest burned about 20 acres of pine and hardwoods on William Poole's property near the Raeford - Hoke County landfill north of Raeford. Hillcrest and the North Raeford volunteer firemen helped the state forestry firefighters battle the blaze.

Of Thursday's other fires, two broke out in Antioch, two in Queenmore, and one in West Hoke. The first fire of the week occurred on Tuesday.

Jones said the State Forestry Service men are remaining in a high degree of readiness until the next rain comes to the county.

He is a ruling elder and an Adult Sunday School teacher of White Memorial Presbyterian Church of Raleigh.



VISITORS FROM WISCONSIN -- The visiting Wauwatosa [Wis.] West High School students and their advisor, Peg Forbes, are shown in the Hoke County High School library Monday morning shortly after a welcome assembly was held there. Front, L-R -- Joe Gomez, Lisa Cook, Mary Cheever, Jim Nuesslein, and Bob Arroyo. Second row -- Jean Hesselbein, Lauri Allen, Julie Koronis, Kurt Prange, Tony Miresse, John Pederson, and Scott Bergold. Third row -- Dave Werner, Ms. Forbes, Sue Koch, Kathy Moy, Lisa Kugler, Ann Lustis, Chris Garlick, Barb Havas, and Jim Kuerschner. [Staff photo by Bill Lindau]

Sandhills, Coast Tours

Wisconsin Students Guests

Twenty students of Wauwatosa West High School of Wauwatosa, Wis., were touring the Sandhills area and visiting the coast this week as guests of Hoke County High School and the community in the local Domestic Exchange Program.

They were being accompanied by Hoke County High School students, and their visit is reciprocating a visit and tour made in March of the Wauwatosa school and the adjoining Milwaukee area by 22 Hoke High students.

Mrs. JoAn Moses, a counselor at Hoke High, is this year's coordinator for the exchange program.

The Wisconsin students and their faculty adviser, Peg Forbes, arrived at Raleigh-Durham Airport early Sunday afternoon by plane.

We'd Better Vote Tuesday

Editorial

by Paul Dickson

This newspaper has not in the past made a practice of backing one candidate against another in local contests in Democratic primaries, and we don't propose to do so for the primary next Tuesday. We have held the belief that people in a community this size know their neighbors as well as we do, and if we tried to tell them how to vote many would resent it and some would vote the other way to show it.

The primary Tuesday, in which two county commissioners for Hoke County will be chosen, could be more significant to the people of the county than any in a long time. The job of running this county in the next few years is going to take wisdom and judgment beyond most previous demands. Revenue sharing, which has provided an increasing portion of the money available to run the county, is almost certain to end. While it is to be stopped as part of our national fight against inflation, the higher costs for running local government will still be there, and the county commissioners will have to figure out what to do. They are going to have to supervise a periodic property revaluation in the next two years, make our budgets and set the tax rates all property owners must pay.

Commissioners John Balfour, James A. Hunt and Mable Riley will serve until December, 1982. The terms of Danny DeVane and Neill McPhatter expire this year and two commissioners will be elected in their places to serve four year terms starting in December, 1980. DeVane and McPhatter are running to succeed themselves. Also running for one of these two seats are Julius Vanner, Jimmy Morrissey and Jimmy Plummer.

As we said, in a county this size you should know these people and their qualifications as well as we do. If you don't, you should certainly make it your business to vote next Tuesday. This board needs wise, productive, property-owning citizens to run its business, and not representatives of any group or faction.

We can fill this need if each will do his homework and go vote Tuesday.

Editorial

Hoke County Democrats will choose Tuesday their nominees for two seats on the Board of Hoke County Commissioners from among five candidates.

The winners of the Democratic primary will become the county commissioners, since no Republicans are running in the November general election. The Democratic nominees will, of course, have to run in the general election.

Hoke County voters Tuesday also will help choose the Democratic and Republican nominees for governor and Seventh District congressman, the Democratic nominees for the State House of Representatives, and six other state officers, and the Republican primary for the state attorney-general nomination.

They also will participate in the statewide presidential preference primary for Republican and Democratic candidates.

In the county commissioners' contests for the Democratic nominations are Commissioners Danny DeVane and Neil McPhatter, and Jimmy Morrissey, James P. (Jimmy) Plummer, and Julius Vanner. The three other seats on the board of county commissioners won't be up for election till 1982, under the system of staggered terms.

No other Hoke County residents are candidates for the other offices on the primaries' ballots.

For the State House, the candidates for the Democratic nomination are the incumbents -- David Parnell, Horace Locklear, and Robert Davis; and Tracy Britt, C.A. Brown, Jr., and William C. Gay. There is no Republican primary for the State House seats.

No primaries are scheduled for nominations to the State Senate.

In the Democratic primary for the nomination for congressman are incumbent Charlie Rose of Fayetteville, and Lynn Batson of Wrightsville Beach.

In the gubernatorial primaries, the candidates for the Democratic nomination are Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., Harry J. Welsh, and former Gov. Robert W. (Bob) Scott.

Vying for the Republican nomination are State Sen. I. Beverly Lake, Jr., and C.J. (Charlie) Carstens.

Running for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor are the incumbent, Jimmy Green; former State House Speaker Carl J. Stewart, Jr., and Clyde Pulley.

A four-way contest is under way for the Democratic nomination for state insurance commissioner among incumbent John Randolph Ingram and three of his former deputy commissioners -- Roy Rabon, W. Kenneth (Kenn) Brown, and James E. (Jim) Long.

The Republicans besides the gubernatorial primary also have a contest for their party's nomination for state attorney general between Keith S. Snyder and Harold Covington.

On the Democratic side, incumbent Atty. Gen. Rufus Edmisten is opposed for renomination.

The candidates in the other primary contests, all Democrats are:

Secretary of state -- incumbent Thad Eure and George W. Breece. State auditor -- W.S. (Bill) Chestnut, J.E.B. Davis, and Edward Renfrow.

Superintendent of public instruction -- Trooper N. Combs and incumbent Supt. Craig Phillips.

State Supreme Court associate justice (for unexpired portion of the term ending Dec. 31, 1984) -- Ottway Burton and Associate Justice J.P. (Phil) Carlton.

In the state's presidential preference primary, three Democrats and seven Republicans are on the ballots. On the Democratic primary ballot President Carter, U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, and California Gov. Edmond G. Brown, Jr.

The Republicans on the ballot are Ronald Reagan, George Bush, John B. Anderson, Howard Baker, Philip Crane, Robert Dole, and John B. Connally.

On the presidential ballots also are boxes labelled "no preference" voters can mark.

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