

## Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

This column is being written on Monday afternoon long before the polls will open or close. We expect to be an early voter at Raeford Precinct No. 1 on Tuesday morning.

I don't make predictions about elections as I am not a mind reader and from talking with many people the first of the week they still haven't made up their minds about who they would vote for in many races. The comment from most of these people is that they don't like any of the candidates and would end up voting for what they think would be the lesser of the two or more evils.

The election is very quite and most times this leads to a surprise finish.

The forecast is for perfect weather so this shouldn't give anyone an excuse for staying away from the polls. As has been said many times in this column "if you don't vote, then keep your mouth shut about how the government is being run."

Jimmy James, director of bands for the Hoke County Schools, made his annual visit by the office this week and asked that the newspaper do him a favor. Of course most of you already know what James is wanting but to make him feel happy I will give forth the following information.

The Hoke County High School band will be in concert at the MacDonald Gym on Thursday night, May 8, 1980. The program will kickoff at 8:00 o'clock sharp.

James states that the price of admission for the concert should fit everyone's pocketbook even during this inflation period. The price of admission is FREE.

So go out and listen to the music from these musicians as some will be playing for the last time for Hoke High.

Every once and awhile you will hear someone say that they would like to go back to the "good old days." Now last Sunday morning at the Raeford Presbyterian Church the Rev. Mr. Meeks of the Eureka Presbyterian Church near Carthage didn't make any bones about not wanting to go back to those days. He stated that if anyone that made that statement had been born on a one-horse farm in Arkansas they would know what he meant. Paying a high price for butter or milk didn't hurt him at all these days, he said, because he milked a cow for so many years, that he shook hands with one finger for almost half his life.

Now I was never on a farm in Arkansas but the chore of milking a cow was a part of most you people here in Hoke County many years ago. Of course all farmers had cows but many people here in Raeford had barns behind their homes and milking the cow was something you had to do and it was just the way of life.

When telling the above to some friends recently, they agreed with the preacher. One man said it was a lot nicer to get up in the morning and go to the bathroom inside and use hot water for a bath, rather than washing your face with pump water and then going down the path to the outhouse.

Yes we have raised our standards of living but as Mr. Meeks said we need to raise the "quality of our lives."

I agreed 100%.

The classes of 1934-35 of Raeford High School will hold a reunion on May 31. If you are a member of either of these classes how about contacting your class chairman if you plan to attend. They would like to make final plans.

## Chamber's Dinner Set

The annual dinner of the Raeford-Hoke County Chamber of Commerce will be held Tuesday, starting at 6:30 p.m. in Gibson Cafeteria of Hoke County High School and is open to the public.

Reservations may be made by telephoning the chamber office, 875-5929.

## In Tuesday's Democratic Primary, Complete, Unofficial Returns Show

# McPhatter, DeVane Renominated



### First For Education Projects

## Raeford Club Wins State Honors

The Raeford Junior Woman's Club received the state junior woman's top honor in one division and two second-place awards in two others last week during the annual convention of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs in Asheville.

The Raeford Club received the first-place Silver Award in education, in the Division of School Priorities and Scholarships.

It was the club's first statewide award for all-JWC work on its own. In 1977 it received the statewide Margaret Moore Bonner Award for maintaining a good working relationship with the Raeford Woman's Club.

The Raeford Junior Woman's Club last week also was announced as having placed second in Volunteers in Public Schools and in the Performing Arts Division.

The club won the Silver Award for its work in the Hoke County

school system, including the Campbell Soup program, tools for education, volunteers in the reading program, for giving \$1,000 to the Hoke County Children's Center, and for awarding two scholarships a year to Hoke County High School seniors.

The Volunteers in Public Schools award is a special one, give for over-all work in education.

The club's other second-place award for its production in 1979 of "Spring for Sure."

The Rockingham club, which placed second to the Raeford club in the district, was judged the winner in the Performing Arts Division.

Jane Britt and Betty Williamson of the Raeford club attended the convention.

The convention opened April 28, and the awards were presented at the banquet May 1.



AT CIVIC LEAGUE BANQUET -- Shown at Friday night's annual Banquet of the Hoke County Civic League are: L-R, the guest speaker, District of Columbia Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy; Jimmy Morrissey, president of the Hoke County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Seventh District Congressman Charles Rose of Fayetteville; and the Rev. James L. Glenn, president of the Civic League and pastor of Freedom Chapel AME Zion Church. [Staff photo by Henry Blue]

(Precinct-by-precinct tabulations of the unofficial, complete returns from the primaries are on Page 11.)

Danny DeVane and the Rev. Neil McPhatter won renomination, and virtual reelection, in Tuesday's Democratic primary to their seats on the Board of Hoke County Commissioners, complete, unofficial returns from Hoke County's 13 precincts show.

Neither has Republican opposition in the November general election.

McPhatter led the field of five candidates, getting 1,446 votes.

DeVane followed with 1,371 James P. (Jimmy) Plummer, Sr., a 52-year-old Rt. 4, Raeford, farmer, making his first run for public elective office, ran third with 1,336.

Jimmy Morrissey was fourth with 983, and Julius Vanner was fifth with 221.

In other contests, Hoke County Democratic majorities went to Gov. Jim Hunt, Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green, Congressman Charlie Rose, State Insurance Commissioner John Ingram, State Reps. Robert E. Davis, Horace Locklear and David R. Parnell; President Carter and State Supt. of Public Instruction Craig Phillips, for renominations.

The county's Republican majorities were given to State Sen. I. Beverly Lake in the two-man contest for the governor nomination, and Ronald Reagan in the presidential preference contest.

McPhatter and DeVane are running for their second four-year terms. McPhatter was appointed to the board in January 1976 to fill the unexpired portion of the term of J.A. Webb, who died in office. McPhatter is the first black to serve as a Hoke County commissioner. He was elected, to his first full term the following November.

The two seats on the board of commissioners were the only exclusively Hoke County races on the primary ballot.

Hoke County's turnout of Democrats was about 66 percent of the total registration, according to the totals in the three candidate contest for the nomination for lieutenant-governor. A total of 3,991 Democrats voted in that contest. Green got the county's majority, receiving 1,574 to former House Speaker Carl Stewart's 1,376, and Clyde Pulley's 41.

This contest was chosen by *The News-Journal* writer to determine the turnout of Democrats because only one candidate could be nominated. (The contests for the commissioners' seats allowed each voter to ballot for two candidates).

Among the county's registered 413 Republicans, the primary for the nomination for governor between Lake, and C.J. Carstens of Avery County drew 79 voters, which amounts to about 19 percent of the registration.

## N. Johnston Man New Hoke Coach

The Hoke County Board of Education Tuesday night accepted Charles Bradshaw, coach at North Johnston High School in Johnston County the past five years, for employment as a teacher who also will be head football coach.

The action fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Head Coach Clyde (Soupy) Campbell, who has been named head football coach for Lees-McRae College in northwest North Carolina.

Technically, Bradshaw was employed as a teacher, since, County Schools Supt. Raz Autry pointed out to the board, the board does not hire coaches. As Campbell's successor, he will teach health and physical education as Campbell did, and will coach in addition to his teaching duties.

A press conference has been scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the office of Hoke High Principal Lenwood Simpson to introduce the new coach and provide details of his background.

Autry read a letter written by a former principal of Bradshaw praising Bradshaw highly.

He also read letters praising Bradshaw's wife, Martha, for her work as a teacher of language arts at Johnston Technical Institute. Mrs. Bradshaw was not named to a teaching position here since no

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## By Hoke County Commissioners At Regular Meeting

# Centennial Balance Allowed For Shelter

The Hoke County Commissioners Monday granted a request of the county Bicentennial Commission to permit use of the unspent portion of the county's grant to help pay for establishment of a recreational shelter in McLaughlin Park.

The commissioners at their first Monday meeting for May adopted a motion to this effect. The commissioners March 22, 1976, granted the Centennial commission \$4,000 for use in connection with the Hoke County part of the national Bicentennial celebration.

The City of Raeford and the Raeford Kiwanis Club each contributed to the original fund.

The unspent county money amounts to \$896.50. The city's unspent share is \$224.09, and the Kiwanis Club's, \$56.05.

County Manager James Martin told the commissioners the park shelter would cost more than the unspent Bicentennial money.

## For Low-income Housing Project

# Countywide Authority Sought For Unit

The Raeford City Council Monday night voted to request introduction in the General Assembly local legislation to expand the jurisdiction of the Raeford Housing Authority to cover the entire county.

The motion, adopted at the council's regular monthly meeting for May, is another step toward obtaining housing for low-income

**HIGHWAY HEARING**  
The Raeford-Hoke County Chamber of Commerce will represent Hoke County at the May 7 State highway public session at 71st High School on the 11-mile proposed widening of U.S. 401 between Raeford and eastern Cumberland County.

John Balfour, chairman of the board of county commissioners, suggested, after chamber manager Earl Fowler offered to do whatever the commissioners wanted the chamber to do at the meeting, that Fowler "play it by ear" at the meeting.

Fowler told the commissioners the chamber had information in addition to what was presented for Hoke County at the area highway public hearing in Southern Pines last month.

Balfour told the commissioners earlier Monday he planned to attend the hearing at 71st.

Fowler said he would do at the

meeting "whatever the situation calls for."

Most of the 11 miles proposed for four-laning are in Hoke County. The project would connect the western end of the present four-laning with the intersection of U.S. 401 bypass and business east of Raeford.

**HOSPITAL EXPENSES**  
The commissioners adopted a motion to accept a \$1,750 State Department of Human Resources grant to help eligible patients meet delinquent payments on hospital bills. The fund will be administered by the county Health Department and will provide up to \$350 per patient, at no cost to the county.

**MEETINGS**  
The commissioners set 7:30 p.m. as the starting time for the May 19 public hearing on proposed uses of federal revenue-sharing funds for the county. The hearing will be held in the Courthouse. They named Balfour as the

Hoke County people with the help of federal funds.

The Authority's present jurisdiction covers Raeford and 10 miles beyond in all directions. It leaves parts of the council outside the agency's jurisdiction.

The council adopted the motion after City Attorney Palmer Wilcox told the council a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban De-

velopment representative advised the city to take that method. HUD is the federal agency that helps finance low-income housing.

The council and Hoke County commissioners originally wanted the housing authority to act as a joint city-county agency, but Wilcox said the law allows combinations only of county-and-county and city-and-city, but not city-and-county.

The Authority was revived last winter as the first step toward obtaining federal help to establish the housing for the low-income people. The council approved the revival after hearing a report that low-rent housing was needed for Hoke County elderly people. The housing project plan, however, will include low-income families as well as elderly, in compliance with federal law.

In other business, the council set for 7:30 p.m. June 2 a public hearing on a preliminary longrange Thoroughfare Plan for a road system prepared by the State Department of Transportation. The hearing will be held in the council chambers at the start of the council's regular monthly meeting. The council's action approved a recommendation of the City Planning Board that the hearing be scheduled. The hearing also was asked by the State DOT.

The Thoroughfare Plan is subject to final approval by the State Board of Transportation.

The council also in a separate action decided the city would keep

issuing the metal Raeford plates for the front end of motor vehicles owned by city residents, instead of changing to the decals that are fixed to windshields. Councilman Bob Gentry said decals are hard to see and, on the other hand, the old, front-end metal plates are easy to read, and that he's proud to show his when he is traveling out of town.

The council agreed to leave the city-tag system as it is, as, for one reason, the city would make no money from selling the decals, (it doesn't from selling the metal tags).

The council heard a request from Earl Fowler, manager of the Raeford-Hoke County Chamber of Commerce, that the city provide the chamber with \$5,100 in fiscal 1980-81. The chamber is asking the county commissioners for \$10,300 for the new fiscal year he said.

City Manager Ron Matthews told the councilmen other requests for city funds for the new fiscal year have been received: \$500 from the National Guard, and \$4,500 from the Hoke County Rescue Squad.

These and other fund requests will be considered when the council and city staff work up a city budget for the new year.

The first of two public hearings on proposed uses of the city's \$100,000 in federal revenue-sharing funds was held at the start of the meeting, but no comments were received from private citizens. A date for the second hearing is to

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## 401 Widening Session Planned For Raeford

The plans for the widening to four lanes of U.S. 401 between Raeford and Fayetteville will be on view in Raeford at a date to be arranged, John Balfour, chairman of the Board of Hoke County Commissioners, said Friday.

He said the separate session for Hoke County was being arranged in response to a request made to

Martha C. Hollers of Candor, a member of the State Board of Transportation, Mrs. Hollers represents the area which included Hoke County.

Hoke County Commissioners and others had expressed objection to the two sessions of the meeting being scheduled in Cumberland County, at 71st High School, at the eastern end of the project, though most of the 11 miles of the project are in Hoke County.

The meeting, termed an informal public hearing, was scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 6-8 p.m.

The Hoke County meeting will be an addition to these. Balfour said it probably would be held in the Hoke commissioners' conference room.

The project runs from the U.S. 401 bypass and 401 business west of Raeford to the present four-lane 401 east of 71st High.

The guest speaker will be William E. Graham, Jr., of Raleigh, senior vice president and general counsel of Carolina Power & Light Co.

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