

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

Summertime is almost here and these hot days go right along with my way of thinking.

Robert Gatlin was by the office last week and said that the rainfall for Hoke County for April was 4.5 inches. He said that over two inches came at one time.

The results of the district legislative race are elsewhere in the paper but if you will notice the low man that won received that margin in Hoke County. Let's hope he will remember this when he gets to the house building in Raleigh.

The high man was David Parnell who also ran well in the county.

The number of voters that went to the polls was very disappointing to the political leaders of the county. Only 46 percent of the registered voters took time to go to the polls. Approximately 3100 people voted in the Democratic and Republican primaries.

If we don't vote then the people that are elected feel that they can vote on issues about as they want to when the time comes.

We all should register and check out all the candidates before the November election and then VOTE.

In the race for County Commissioner the unofficial returns carried in the paper last week had a mistake in it. In Allendale Precinct the total for DeVane should have been 25 votes instead of 35 votes as listed. This gave him a grand total of 1,361 votes. This was 25 votes more than was received by Jimmy Plummer but it still was enough for a majority.

Amy Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, of W. Donaldson Avenue was asked by her teacher at kindergarten to draw a picture of her favorite TV show. Amy drew a picture that looked about like "modern art" in her TV screen. When asked what show it was, she replied, "Network difficulty."

Mrs. Mary Matherly, grandmother of Amy, sent the picture to WRAL Channel 5 in Raleigh with a write up about the picture. Last Thursday night the picture was shown on TV.

Congratulations to Amy on her drawing and we agree that some shows on the tube these days are worse than "Network difficulty."

The graduation section of The News-Journal will come out the week of June 5th. We want to be sure that everyone is included in this section. So if you haven't been contacted in the next week please get in touch with Ann Webb and she will be glad to fix an ad for you.

A letter was received this week that should be of interest to some of the older folks of the community.

The letter follows:

Dear Sam,
I am enclosing my check for \$6.24 to cover renewal of my subscription to The News-Journal until October 1, 1981.

I hope you and your family are fine. I was sorry to learn of the passing of your brother several weeks ago.

I always look forward to receiving The News-Journal. Even though there are many newcomers to Raeford whom I don't know, I am interested in Raeford, its progress and welfare.

My very best wishes,
Sincerely,
Lillian F. Moore
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Raleigh, N.C. 27605

One thing that we strive to do here at the newspaper office is to be sure that a person's name is spelled correctly. Of course we don't want any mistakes but a person's name is how you designate one person from another. Some folks spell their names one way and the same name can be spelled another way and this fits perfectly all right as long as the

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Has Class At South Hoke

Mrs. Clark Named Teacher Of Year

Mrs. Darlene Clark, who teaches a class in the Fourth Grade of South Hoke Elementary School, has been named 1980 Teacher of the Year of Hoke County.

She was selected for the honor by a committee whose members represent a cross section of the county's business and professional people, including educators. A teacher at each of the county's schools is nominated for consideration and must be a member of the North Carolina Association of Educators.

Receiving the Hoke County distinction also makes Mrs. Clark eligible for consideration for the title of North Carolina Teacher of the Year.

She was chosen from among six teachers nominated for the Hoke County title. The others are Mary Archie McNeill of Hoke County High School, Gladys Colston of Upchurch Junior High, Barbara Lupo of West Hoke School, Jim

Williamson of J.W. McLauchlin School, and Dazarene Page of J.W. Turlington School.

The announcement was made Tuesday by Cchildia Lyons, chairman of the selection group.

Mrs. Clark has been teaching for 12½ years, four in Hoke County schools, and this is the third time she has been honored. She received the award of Outstanding Young Educator in 1972 from the Apex Jaycees, and was recognized by the Apex Rotary Club as Outstanding Teacher in 1973.

Of the Hoke award, Mrs. Clark said Tuesday, "I am proud to be selected as Hoke County's Teacher of the Year. I will work hard to represent Hoke County well in the state competition." She added,

"My family's encouragement in this challenge is very dear to me. Without their love and interest, it would not be worth the effort I must make."

Mrs. Clark's family consists of her husband, Bob Clark, a Raeford native, and their two sons, Christopher, who is 10 and a Fourth Grader (but not one of his mother's) at South Hoke; and Ryan, 6, in kindergarten, in Mrs. P. Gillis's room, at McLauchlin School.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary on June 6. They live at 109 N. Highland St., Raeford. Bob Clark is in educational-aids sales.

Mrs. Clark's class is self-contained, and she is in her third year at South Hoke. In the 1976-77 school year, her first in Hoke she taught the Sixth Grade at J.W. Turlington (then Raeford Elementary) School.

Since 1978 she has been teaching gifted and talented students, and is

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Mrs. Darlene Clark

In Upchurch Case

School Board Upholds Attendance Policy

The Hoke County Board of Education Monday night decided to uphold a school-attendance policy but members expressed regret that a high-average student had to take a cut to failing grades.

The failing grades, however, are for the fifth six-week grading period only, not for the whole

school year, a board member said.

The vote was 4-0 on the case involving an Upchurch Junior High School eighth-grade student. The fifth member of the board, chairman Dr. Riley Jordan, was called out of the meeting to a hospital before the motion on the subject was made.

The student's mother, Mrs. Evelyn Mull of Rockfish, appeared before the board to express her objection to her daughter's grades being cut under the policy. In essence, the policy states a student who misses more than five days of school in a six-week grading period cannot make a grade higher

than 65 (failing) for the period.

The policy and the details of the background were explained to the board by Upchurch Principal Allen Edwards.

In the case, the student Phyllis Mull, 14, was suspended for three days for fighting in school with another girl student, who also was

suspended. This occurred about five weeks ago, during the school's fifth six-week grading period. Edwards said Phyllis Mull missed seven days of school altogether during the fifth grading period.

Edwards said he had five excused absences during the period, but when she returned one unexcused absence, her grades were cut.

Grades for five of the seven courses the student was taking were cut. The report cards brought by Mrs. Mull show Phyllis's grades ranged from 88 to 88 in the five courses before they were cut.

The child's mother told a reporter in reply to a question that the student's grades of 94, in a health course, and 100 in physical education also had been cut to 65 but the cut later were restored.

She told the board that she didn't object to her daughter being punished by being suspended, but to her grades being cut.

She argued that the child's grades were cut because of her conduct, but the grades had been earned by what the child had learned.

Edwards replied that the student had been caught in an attendance policy designed to encourage school attendance. After the meeting, board member Bill Cameron told the reporter that, since the policy was instituted, attendance at Upchurch had advanced to 96 per cent from 88 per cent of the student body.

Board member Walter Colley told Mrs. Mull he was going to vote in favor of the motion to uphold the Upchurch policy but

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Unopposed In November General Election

Gay, Parnell, Locklear Win Races

The may 6 Democratic primary gave the Hoke - Scotland - Robeson counties' 21st District a new state representative besides leaving two others in office for new terms (none are opposed in the November general election). This is shown by the complete, unofficial returns from the primary in the three counties.

William Gay, a Robeson County

school official, replaced incumbent Robert Davis in the General Assembly's House. Reps. Horace Locklear and David Parnell won renomination.

Sam Noble, the state senator for the Hoke - Robeson 12th District, was unopposed for Democratic renomination but will face Republican John R. Jones of Pembroke in the November election. Jones

was unopposed for his party's nomination.

In the State House contests, Parnell of Parkton, led the five other candidates, receiving 11,631 votes. Locklear received 11,796, and Gay 9,087, which is 359 more than Davis got. Davis finished fourth. The totals for the other candidates are 3,016 for C.A. Brown, Jr., and 5,793 for Tracy Britt.

Parnell is running for his fourth term in the House, and Locklear for his third. Locklear is a Lumberton attorney.

Gay has served 29 years in education in the state, 13 as principal of Lumberton High School and five as Robeson County schools assistant superintendent. He is a Navy veteran of World War II.

New Grid Coach Coming From S. Johnston

Bradshaw Has Meeting With Bucks

Charles Bradshaw met his Hoke County High School football players Thursday afternoon for the first time.

The previous Tuesday night, the Hoke County Board of Education clinched his assignment as the Bucks' new head football coach by formally accepting him for employment as a Hoke High health and physical education teacher. He also is certified in driver education.

The board acted only on the teaching position since it does not employ the coaches as such. Bradshaw's coaching duties are additional to the teaching position.

In teaching health and P.E. and in coaching, Bradshaw is filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Clyde (Soupy) Campbell, who was named head football coach at his alma mater, Lees-McRae College at Banner Elk, about two weeks after being appointed an assistant coach there.

In an interview early Thursday afternoon, shortly before meeting

the football squad, Bradshaw said he and his wife and their 3-year-old daughter Jenny would move this summer after he found a home in Raeford and sold their present home in Benson.

Bradshaw, now 32, is coming to Hoke after serving four years as head coach at South Johnston High School in Johnston County. Before going to Johnston he served four years as assistant coach at Jacksonville, N.C., High School in Onslow County on the coast. That's where he started coaching shortly after graduating from Elon College with a degree in physical education in 1971.

Hoke High Principal Dr. Lenwood Simpson told the reporter Thursday shortly before the interview that the school was extremely fortunate in getting Bradshaw, that Bradshaw had been recommended highly by the people Simpson contacted in checking his back-

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CP&L's William E. Graham, Jr. [standing at lectern] addressing the dinner audience.

At Annual Chamber Of Commerce Dinner

Coal, Nuclear Power Cited For Energy

Members and guests of the Raeford-Hoke County Chamber of Commerce were told Tuesday night a study has concluded that coal and nuclear power are the only economic alternatives the United States has to meet its energy needs for the remainder of this century.

And Carolina Power & Light Co. already has this "mix," the speaker, William E. Graham, Jr., said. Graham is CP&L's senior vice president and general counsel and addressed the chamber's 33rd an-

nual Dinner Meeting. It was held in Gibson Cafeteria of Hoke County High School.

Graham referred to a study made by the National Academy of Sciences. He said coal and nuclear fuel are the two sources the American people must rely on.

Graham said the technology is available to meet the needs but the realization is impeded by political issues, and the political issues must be resolved. This must be done by the federal government making

firm decisions on nuclear-energy matters, such as waste disposal.

After pointing out that the public was frightened by the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant accident, Graham said CP&L has made a "real, all-out, sincere effort on safety," which is a consideration the company puts above the economic and all others.

Referring to the coal-nuclear-fuel mix, which CP&L has, Graham said 36 per cent of the power

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NEW COACH, HOKE OFFICIALS -- Charles Bradshaw [center], newly appointed head football coach of Hoke County High School, is shown here with Hoke Principal Dr. Lenwood Simpson [right] and Director of Athletics Billy Colston in Simpson's office Thursday afternoon. [Staff Photo by Bill Lindau.]

Faberge To Sponsor Blood Program

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Raeford Monday under the sponsorship of the Raeford plant of Faberge, Inc.

The donor room will be arranged at the Raeford United Methodist Church.

Volunteers for donations will be received from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.