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## Around Town

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Robert Gatlin hasn't been around so far this week, so it will be impossible for me to give you the correct number of inches of rain so far this week. We heard Sunday at church that it had rained between .03 and .05 inches.

When I went to the golf course Sunday afternoon it didn't seem to me they had even had that much around Arabia.

It has been cloudy Monday but very little rain had fallen as we were writing this column. Of course very little bit helps.

The clerk of the election board, Rose Sturgeon, was by the office Monday morning and had a letter from the State Board of Elections stating that ballots were being printed for a second primary.

The race will be for State Auditor and will be on Tuesday, June 3.

I imagine that a closer look will be taken at what party a candidate belongs to in the future. This election would not be needed if a Republican had not run on the Democratic ticket in the primary.

What was the name of that cartoon that used to be in the paper? "Strange as it Seems."

I did not hear the evidence or will not say whether the verdict was right or wrong last week in Tampa, Fla., but I will say that it does not give anyone the right to kill or destroy property with which ever way they felt.

It seems the only way that people think a wrong can be corrected is with another wrong act.

The N.C. State track meet was held at Hoke High stadium last Friday afternoon and night. It so happened that Hoke High didn't have any to qualify for the meet.

I can not be sure, but feel that this is the first time in many years that Hoke High School was not in the finals.

Anyway the meet made the daily papers and helped put Raeford on the map again.

The Hoke County Commissioners and the Raeford City Council will be burning extra oil for the next month trying to come up with budgets for next year.

It seems to be a time when the same thing happens every year. The heads of agencies and departments all want more money, raises for their employees, and that their department is the most important of all.

Then along come the taxpayers and they want the budget cut, add more services and reduce taxes.

This is taking place in every state and county and city in the nation and also in the national capitol where the Federal budget is being formulated.

Yes, the midnight oil will run out if everyone comes away pleased.

The Hoke County Chorus and Chorale will present their annual Spring Concert at Hoke High School on Friday night, May 22.

You could not be in a better place than listening to these talented singers.

An article in a magazine that was read by this writer over the weekend opened my eyes concerning the scandals that have been happening at colleges and universities across the country. It was about the grade fixing to get an athlete enrolled or to keep him eligible to play at a school.

It seems from the article that it is not only the coaches that want the fixes, but also high school personnel, along with parents of some of these students. The article was well written and should be read by everyone that condemns coaches at school.

Don't forget that the graduation issue comes out week after next, so if you haven't been contacted, call the newspaper office and Ann Webb will be by to help you with an ad for the issue.



**BLOOD DONORS** - Three of the people who volunteered to give blood Monday to the Bloodmobile at Raeford United Methodist Church are shown here on the donor tables and with Registered Nurse Bobbie Medlin. In the foreground is Nancy Hicks of the Raeford Plant of Burlington Menswear. At left is Debbie Smith of the Raeford plant of Faberge, Inc. The man is Richard Morgan of Burlington's Raeford plant. Monday's Bloodmobile visit was sponsored by Faberge's Raeford plant. The plant's management late Monday afternoon thanked the people of the community for supporting the Monday blood program. [Staff photo by Bill Lindau]



In a dance number will be, L-R, in costume, Polly King, Parker Coley, Ann Glover, Jennifer Austin, Kim Hardin, and Carolyn Wilburn. [Photo by Allen Sandy.]

## Songs, Dances From Broadway Hit Musicals

# Hoke High Spring Choral Concert Friday

The Hoke County High School Choral Department will present its annual spring concert Friday evening at 8 in the Macdonald Gymnasium.

This performance, titled "A Salute To Broadway," will be similar to the past two spring programs presented by the Chorus and Chorale in that several Broadway and motion-picture musicals will be saluted. The program has been divided into four major sequences, two interludes, and a refreshment-filled intermission.

The first sequence will involve popular selections from Irving Berlin's "Annie Get Your Gun" which include "Do In What Comes Nat'rally," "I Got The Sun In The Morning," and "Colonel Buffalo Bill." Featured soloists are Kim Hardin, Jimmy Stewart, Mike Cook, Rene Sessoms, and Rusty Huff, and a group of eight dancers and characters also will perform.

Selections from "South Pacific" will constitute the second sequence and will feature Joan Frazier singing "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out Of My Hair" and Allen Sandy singing "Younger Than Spring Time."

This salute will also include a cast of 17 dancers and a special performance by the popular Hoke High Barbershop Ensemble singing "There Is Nothing Like A Dame."

The Music of the famous jazz pianist, "Fats" Waller, will be featured in the program's second major division with the salute of the musical "Ain't Misbehavin'." The popular selections include "Honey Suckle Rose" and "The Joint Is Jumpin'." Major soloists will be Tonja Williams, Thomas Gilchrist, Bernard Bridges, and Aaron Lide along with nine dancers, actors, and singers.

The popular Richard Rogers



Trio of dancers: L-R, Jennifer Austin, Kim Hardin, and Cynthia Bratcher [Photo by Allen Sandy]

musical "Cinderella" will be saluted as the program's final sequence and will feature Kim Harin as Cinderella and Trey Brock as the prince. Musical selections include "Do I Love You Because You're Beautiful" and "Ten Minutes Ago."

The interludes, which have been placed between the major musicals involve selections from "All That Jazz," "The Pajama Game," and "The Chorus Line." Soloists include Allen Sandy, Tim Sessoms, Meredith Kershaw, and Bob Weaver.

The many long hours of enthusiastic preparation by the over 110 Chorus and Chorale members are sure to make "A Salute To Broadway" one of the finest high school choral programs in North Carolina. Everyone who attends is assured of a most enjoyable experience.

## Commissioners Act At Mid-month Meeting

# \$12,000 For Landfill, Vehicle

The Board of Hoke County Commissioners in its mid-month meeting Monday night approved \$12,000 from federal revenue-sharing funds to provide more money for the landfill operation and for repairs to landfill equipment, a crawler.

The repairs were estimated to cost up to \$10,000.

The commissioners also granted a request for a tax release by Raeford Auto Co., and acted on an insolvent-tax list.

They decided to meet Thursday, starting at 10 a.m., to work on the county budget for fiscal 1980-81. They also set for June 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Courthouse a public hearing on federal revenue-sharing and other funds for the new year's budget.

The commissioners also adopted

a motion approving a proposal for landscaping at the County Health Center.

Immediately preceding the opening of the regular meeting in the commissioners' conference room, a public hearing on proposed uses of county federal revenue-sharing funds for the new fiscal year was held in the Courthouse. It lasted about five minutes.

In other business, board chairman John Balfour, with Commissioner Danny DeVane agreeing, said he believed an argument over payment of a repair bill between garage operator John Roper and Jim Henley was not the concern of the commissioners. Balfour pointed out that, though Henley is

operator of the Hoke County Ambulance Service, he is as such an independent contractor with the county. The repairs concerned a private vehicle not used in the ambulance service. Balfour said that he felt the commissioners had no control over what an independent contractor did as a private activity. The board took no action.

Commissioner Mabel Kiley brought the matter up because, she said, she was asked to. She said she had talked with Roper and Henley about the matter and that she had telephone calls from many people about it.

The meeting with the public hearing lasted two hours.

## US 401 Hearing June 11 Here

The Division of Highways of the North Carolina Department of Transportation will conduct a public meeting on the proposed widening of US 401 in Cumberland and Hoke counties.

The informal, open-forum meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 11, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Hoke County commissioner's room in the Hoke County Court House Annex.

Interested citizens are encouraged to attend the meeting and ask questions and make comments on the proposed project.

Current plans call for improving US 401 from the end of the existing four-lane section near 71st High School in Cumberland County to the eastern intersection of the US 401 Bypass and US 401 Business in Hoke County.

One alternative being studied calls for widening to four lanes the

existing 11 miles of US 401 in Cumberland and Hoke counties. Another alternative calls for relocating a portion of US 401. The relocation would route US 401 near 71st High School, extend it southward around N.C. Fish Hatchery and connect it with US 401 near Cliffdale Road (Secondary Road 1400).

The US 401 project is included in the state's 1980-86 Transportation Improvement Program. Right-of-way acquisition is scheduled for fiscal 1983 with construction expected to begin in fiscal 1984 provided necessary funding is available.

Statements pertaining to the US 401 project may be submitted after the public meeting to T.L. Waters, Manager of the Planning and Research Branch, Division of Highways, NCDOT, P.O. Box 25201, Raleigh, NC 27611.

## For Democratic Nomination

# One Contest On Hoke Runoff Ballot

Hoke County Democrats will vote in another primary June 3 but in only one contest, to help choose the party's nominee for state auditor.

June 3 is the date for the runoff primary but all Hoke's races were settled in the May 6 balloting.

In the runoff for the state auditor's nomination are State Sen. Ed Renfrow of Johnston County and Bill Chestnut, Pembroke State University finance officer and a former mayor of Maxton.

The State board of Elections allowed Chestnut, the runnerup in the May 6 contest of three candidates, to call the runoff when it said all votes cast in the latter primary would be counted as official.

The state board made this decision though the state attorney general's office expressed its official opinion that the third-place

finisher, J.E.B. Davis of Cary, had been ineligible to run in the Democratic primary, and, therefore, the votes he received should not be counted. Davis learned after the primary that he was still registered as a Republican though he had decided to switch to the Democratic party some time ago but could not recall whether he had changed his registration.

Davis received 157,451 votes, enough to prevent Renfrow from getting the large enough majority needed to give him the nomination in the first primary. He received 251,617 votes, and Chestnut 157,451.

The state board's vote on the motion to count Davis' votes as official was 4-1 with board chairman R. Kenneth Babb of Winston-Salem casting the vote against the motion.

In Hoke County Chestnut got 1,416, Davis 672, and Renfrow 613 votes in the May 6 primary.

## Dismisses Detective

Hoke County Sheriff's Department Detective James Peterkin, 37, suspended from duty March 24, has been discharged effective the end of May, Sheriff David Barrington announced last week.

Barrington said he was dismissing Peterkin for "conduct unbecoming a police officer and for not carrying out the duties of a sworn police officer."

Peterkin's suspension in March was pending the findings of a State Bureau of Investigation inquiry into thefts of electrical wire.

Barrington last week declined to discuss Peterkin's status in relation to the SBI report. He indicated it would be up to District Attorney Ed Grannis to decide whether a charge would be filed.

Wire has been reported stolen in Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties. Earlier this month, four men were bound over in Hoke District Court for grand jury ac-

tion on charges in connection with the theft Feb. 13 of 2,400 feet of Carolina Power & Light Co. wire valued at \$1,979.76. Another man waived preliminary hearing on a charge, and a sixth was awaiting preliminary hearing.

Peterkin in reply to a reporter's question last week regarding the allegations quoted three Bible verses, and said the sheriff refused to let him look at the SBI report, and that there was more to the matter than the report contains.

The quotations from the Bible are: "Though shalt not raise a false report; put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness;" "Whoso prively slandereth his neighbor, him will cut off; him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer;" and "He made a pit and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made". The latter, he said, was the most important of the verses he quoted.



James Kelly will be one of the accomplices. [Photo by Allen Sandy]