

Mrs. Livingston, With County 19 Years

Tax Collector Appointed To New Term

Around Town

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The weather for the 4th of July was certainly summer weather. From all reports, outside the speeding Honda, most things were quiet over the holiday weekend.

From the attendance at church Sunday many people stayed home for the holidays. Maybe with the price of gas like it is today this will be the trend in the years to come.

The forecast for the remainder of the week is for the temperatures to be in the high 90s.

The preliminary census report shows that only a few more people are in Raeford today than were here in 1970. In fact the actual figures show that only 14 more people are in Raeford today than 10 years ago. Most folks here think that these figures are not correct and that a lot of people didn't mail back in the forms. Then the follow-up could have missed many folks. We don't know if any of these things are true or not.

In my neighborhood or in the block I live in, there are less people today than there were ten years ago. In fact there are either four or five less heads in the Peoples' house and my house.

So maybe there are smaller families today than were in homes ten years ago. Also many of the folks that have moved into Raeford live outside the city limits.

I don't know if this is right and even if this is correct, I believe that a check should be made in the city to ascertain the count. It will be ten more years before the next census and that is the figure that is used by the Federal government when doling out money for grants.

So if you haven't been counted get in touch with city hall, it will not increase your taxes, in fact it might lower them.

Enough said!

A nice note from the Rev. W.B. (Bill) Heyward telling me how much he appreciated the "Bill Heyward Day" and the many other acts of kindness that was shown to him and his family on the weekend of June 22.

Bill is back in Clearwater, Florida and from the way he wrote he must be doing fine.

This just proves what I said about doing things for people while they are able to appreciate them.

The political season is here and next week the TV will be filled with the Republican Convention from Detroit.

I was looking at a news report from Detroit last week and the publicity man for the GOP was telling about the headline entertainers that would be on the tube all during the convention. He stated that movie stars and TV stars were well known and that they would draw many people to the tube that otherwise would be looking at other stations or would be at the movies. The message of the GOP would get across to many people, he said.

He didn't say how much money this was costing the Grand Old Party, but all my life I have heard that the Republicans had the money and that the Democrats were broke.

Then in August the Democrats will take over the tube and from then until the General Election in November the candidates will tell you what they will do if elected.

Don't get me wrong, I said "what they will do if elected" and to go further in November. Of course they will forget you and the TV speeches in January.

Yes, the political season is with us again.

Robert Gatlin returned from his vacation over the weekend and came by the office Tuesday morning with the following weather information. Gatlin said that 4.1 inches of rain fell in June and that over half of this fell at one time on June 25th.



Mrs. Elizabeth Livingston

The Hoke County commissioners Monday morning reappointed Mrs. Elizabeth Livingston to a new two-year term as county tax collector, a position she has been working in for the last approximately 12 years.

The action was taken by unanimous vote during the commissioners' regular meeting for July.

In other business, the commissioners decided to investigate property in the Courthouse area for consideration for purchase for future expansion of the Courthouse offices complex.

Board chairman John Balfour appointed Commissioners Neil McPhatter and Mabel Riley a committee to look into property.

The action was taken following a discussion by the commissioners in an executive session for about 45

minutes. (The State Open Meetings Law allows holding of an executive session for discussion of real estate matters, though the meeting must be open if the board takes official action on the matter.)

Balfour said before the executive session was called that the county had received some offers.

Also during the regular meeting, the commissioners adopted a resolution urging Congress to consider authorizing continued funding for the Soil and Water Conservation Service.

Mrs. Livingston's new term will expire July 5, 1982.

She started work for the county government 19 years ago, as a tax lister, then was promoted to assistant tax collector, before being named to her current position.

Before joining the county gov-

ernment, Mrs. Livingston, a native of Hoke County, worked as manager of Raeford Variety Store, starting soon after graduating from high school. Afterward, she served as a dental technician for Dr. Marcus Smith of Raeford, then at Ft. Bragg in Civil Service.

Her husband, Paul, is in Civil Service also, working at Ft. Bragg. Mrs. Livingston's maiden name is Davis.

After reappointing Mrs. Livingston, the commissioners ordered her formally to collect taxes.

Balfour during the meeting referred to a letter received from Carolina Waste Systems of Hamlet saying the company would terminate its contract with the county June 30, 1981, but would continue serving despite greatly increased costs of operations.

Carolina Waste asked the commissioners last spring for an increase of \$895 per month starting July 1, 1980, but the commissioners adopted a motion stating they expected the company to honor for fiscal 1980-81 its contract to provide service for \$53,628 per year.

Before the motion was adopted May 5, Commissioner Danny DeVane opposed granting the increase on the grounds other bidders on the contract two years ago wouldn't feel right about it. Carolina Waste was granted the contract then after filing the lowest bid.

A company spokesman, Doug Russell, said the raise was needed because of the increase in operating costs caused by inflation and the tremendous increase in the volume of waste the company handles for the county. He said Carolina Waste when it started serving the county was collecting 1,302 cubic yards of trash from 303 containers then in the county, and now collects more than 2,526 cubic yards from 113 containers. Russell said the company would be punishing itself if it continued providing service at the current contract charge.

The commissioners during the July meeting were informed that a joint Raeford city and Hoke County Housing Authority has been authorized by act of the General Assembly during its June meeting.

Raeford City Attorney Palmer Wilcox received a report, however, which says in effect the Housing Authority bill was still in committee when the General Assembly session was adjourned till next January. County Attorney Duncan McFadyen was attempting Tuesday to learn the true status of the legislation.

The joint Authority would replace the former Raeford Housing Authority. The change in the Authority had been asked by the city and county so the agency would have jurisdiction over the entire county. The Raeford authority covers all but about 10 miles of the county beyond the city limits.

The change in jurisdiction is sought as a step toward trying to get federal funds to help build housing for low-income Hoke County elderly couples or single people without children, and low-income families.

Balfour said he also was informed by State Sen. Sam Noble that he would have introduced in the 1981 General Assembly a bill which would return control of foxes to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission from the Hoke County commissioners.

Noble said the bill was not enacted in the June session of the Legislature because it was considered controversial by other legislators, though not by him.

4 Named To Honor Book

One present and three former residents of Hoke County have been selected for inclusion in the 1980 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America," the Board of Advisors of the "Outstanding Young Men of America" Awards program announced last week.

They are Denver Ralph Huff of 904 Donaldson Ave., Raeford; Ronald L. Peeler, of Rt. 3, Janesville, Minn.; Clarence Calvin Hurley of Rt. 3, High Point; and Stephen Archie Plummer of Lillington.

The men were selected from nominations received from senators, congressmen, governors, mayors, state legislators, university and college presidents and deans and civic groups, including the United States Jaycees which also endorses the "Outstanding Young Men of America" program.

In every community are young men working diligently to make their cities, as well as their country, better places in which to live. These men, having distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor, are outstanding and deserve to be recognized for their achievements. The criteria for selection include a man's voluntary service to community, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments and civic and political participation.

At Regular July Meeting

Council Gives First Action On TV Rate

The Raeford City Council Monday night adopted a motion that the cable television franchise be changed, in the first action on the franchise holder's request for permission to raise its rate 50 cents a month. Jones Intercable, Inc., serves the area.

The request in effect will get a reading in August and another in September by the council, and if it is approved after both readings, the increase will become effective October 1.

The increase would make the charge for the customer's first outlet \$7.50.

A 50-cent increase was allowed Jones Intercable last year, becoming effective October 1 after the request went through the same process.

Councilman Sam Morris asked Harrison Daniels, the company's representative, whether Jones would ask for an increase every 6 months. Daniels indicated it wouldn't. He also said the company executives have been considering the past several months reducing the \$20 installation charge to \$10.

In other business during the council's meeting, the regular session for July, the council adopted a motion to accept an offer to resurface the municipal tennis courts for a charge of \$4,600. The offer was made by Howard B. Jones & Sons, Inc., of Columbia, S.C.

A Sanford firm had offered to do the work for \$3,600, but the Columbia company's offer was rated superior because of the Howard Jones & Sons reputation. Public Works Supt. Bill Sellars, replying to a question from the council, said the work is guaranteed for 10 years.

The council also adopted a motion authorizing property owners to install at their own expense a meter for water used outside buildings, such as for irrigating grass, filling pools, and washing cars. The reading shows only the amount of water used from a particular outlet. The regular meter readings are for water and sewer uses and do not show how much the volume is for sewer use. The property owner's bill is for both uses.

The reading on the meter for outside use of water will be deducted from the regular sewer and water meter reading to determine the charge.

The property owner will pay \$40 to \$50 for installing each outside meter wanted.

The installation and operation would be made without expense to the city.

The council in other action approved the purchase for \$16,700 of a sewer-cleaning machine. The city administration planned to buy one four years ago for \$9,000, the price at the time, but the price had

risen by the time enough money could be made available and has been rising since. The city administration bought the machine at the present price because another increase is expected and the machine was in town.

Sellars told the council the

\$274 Taken At Gunpoint

Southern Pines Man Robbed

A Moore County man was robbed of \$274 at gunpoint about 3:15 a.m. Sunday on SR 1211 near Turnpike Road by three black men after he was given a ride in the car they were using.

The Hoke County Sheriff's Department report says the victim was Harold Lockwood Wilson, 43, of 330 N. Leak St., Southern Pines, an employee of Pinehurst Hotel at Pinehurst.

Wilson was quoted by the investigating deputies as saying this about the robbery.

Wilson, on foot, was at a U.S. 15-501 sign when a 1974 Chevrolet Chevelle with the three other men in it stopped. One of the men questioned Wilson, and Wilson told him he was trying to make it to Aberdeen. One of the men said, "We're going that way," and Wilson was let in.

Later, one of the men asked him if he had any money. Wilson replied he had money to pay for the ride to Aberdeen. Then he was asked how much he had, and he said he had "enough." Then the man behind the driver pulled a gun, a blue-steel pistol, and told Wilson, "Give me the money."

Wilson obeyed, giving him his billfold.

After going a little farther, the car was stopped, and all the men got out. Then one of them grabbed Wilson and another punched him in the stomach. The three strangers got back into the car and left Wilson.

Farther up the road, the car's brake lights showed, so Wilson, thinking the men were coming back, ran through the woods, came out to a road by a barn, then ran down the highway till he saw a light at a house. He ran to the house, rang the bell and, when a man opened the door, he asked him to help him and call the Sheriff's Department.

The investigator's report says the department was notified by telephone by Charles Pendergrass, who reported the victim was at his house.

Wilson said the driver of the robbery car was wearing a vest-type

machine can do in an hour what it would take three to four men two days to do.

The council adopted a motion to set a charge for restoring water service to property on which water service is stopped for failing to pay water bills. The service would be

restored, of course, if the delinquent bills and the charge for restoration are paid.

The motion provided that Section 18-24 of Ordinance 1980-81, the City Code, be amended to specify the restoration charge.

shirt, and a neck chain bearing the figure of a hawk, and had a Afro hair style and a beard. He said he couldn't tell anything about the two others.

Wilson said the trio's car had a red bottom, a black top, a stick shift, wide tires, a "hand" sticker that could be fixed to a windshield, and the car was black inside.

Road Warrant Awaiting Suspect's Recovery

Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said Monday he expected it would be weeks before the Fayetteville man injured last week in a traffic accident which ended a pursuit by Raeford and Hoke County officers before any warrant could be served in connection with the chase.

He said one warrant has been drawn but would not be served till the injured man, William Fort Evans, Jr., 28, is out of the hospital and in condition to be served with it.

Evans was injured early June 30 when the motorcycle he was driving went off the road on a sharp curve near Oakdale Gin, jumped a ditch on the left, hit a barbed-wire fence, then slid nearly 100 feet before stopping.

Evans was reported in satisfactory condition in Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville. He suffered fractures of several bones, among other injuries.

Officers reported the pursuit started about 12:45 a.m. on North Main Street, Raeford, when City Policeman Mike Dial started after Evans when he clocked Evans' motorcycle doing 90 miles per hour in Main Street's 35-mile-per-hour zone. Police Sgt. Weaver Patterson joined the chase on Dial's request after Dial saw Evans was trying to elude him.

When the motorcycle left the city limits, Capt. J.R. Riley of the Hoke County Sheriff's Department joined the pursuit, which continued till the motorcycle ran off the road southeast of Raeford.

Raeford Teenager Reports Man Raped Her

Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins reported Tuesday a 17-year-old girl told police she was raped early June 28.

The officer quoted Yvonne Monroe, 17, of 802 Saunders St., Raeford, as saying a man came to her house, held a hard object against her neck then forced her to

accompany him to a house across the street where he made her have relations with him.

Wiggins said the alleged attack occurred between 1:30 and 2:30 a.m., police were told.

He said no arrest has been made and the investigation is continuing.

Young Democrats To Meet

A reorganization of the Young Democrats of Hoke County, ages 18-35, will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Hoke County Courthouse.

Ken McNeill, county Democratic chairman, will introduce guests.

Everyone is invited to attend and register as members.

Child Should Be Told Of Library Conduct

If your children are coming to the library, please talk to them first.

Too many young folks abuse the availability of books, bathrooms, and seating in the library. Hoke County Library librarians said this week.

The statement added the following:

"Quiet" is always the order of

the day, and we have everything but quiet when we have 30 to 50 young folks at one time. If your son or daughter is babysitting, please ask him or her to do it at home or at the home of the children being kept. There is too much babysitting having to be done by your librarians; too many "I don't care" attitudes when we find books thrown on the floor in large

numbers, magazines torn apart and part of them missing, signs torn down and the constant running through the stacks, which are not stationary, and the noise of talking and screaming youngsters.

If your child is not coming to the library to read, and, as librarians, Your cooperation as caring parents will help us a great deal.

Beginning July 14 the library will

be closed from noon until 2 p.m. every day until further notice.

We know the majority are not, please ask them to find some where else to hang out.

The folks who really are interested in reading or even looking for material have a very definite problem with children large and small all over the library, running to and fro.