

Commissioners To Act Sept. 2 On Resolution

Hoke Housing For Low-income Discussed

Around Town

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The weather over the weekend was just perfect. If it would stay this way it would suit me fine, but the forecast is for the temperature to rise by this coming weekend.

I don't know how much it rained around here over the weekend, but they had six inches Friday afternoon in Norfolk, Va.

One reporter stated Saturday morning that it was lightning so fast Friday night that it was cutting off many automatic lights at Virginia Beach. Yes, from the sound of the thunder, it was an electrical storm to behold.

When Mrs. Agnes Mae Johnson Campbell gave me the letter that I saw in last week's column, it flashed through my mind as to what our grandfathers would have thought of the idea of the county loaning money. J. Worthy Johnson, the first chairman of Hoke County Commissioners, was the grandfather of Agnes Mae and Sam J. Cameron, another member of the first board of Commissioners, was my grandfather. The other commissioner was J.A. McPhaul of the Antioch section of the county.

I agree with Agnes Mae 100% and believe that the old gentlemen would have also.

The conventions are over, so maybe the cablevision will stay on for awhile. Conventions and the cablevision going off seem to run hand in hand.

Now that the convention is over, maybe the re-runs will leave and the new shows will start for the season.

Of course we will have to look and hear the debates between President Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan and also between the candidates for Vice-President. Maybe we will learn something, but one thing for sure, we will hear a rush of promises. How many will be remembered after November, is easy for most people to count on their fingers. (one hand).

Football season is just around the corner. The local Bucks will be playing in about two weeks and the pros are in exhibition games already this season.

It seems that before one season is over, another is upon us. Baseball still has a month or so to go, but the football season will be underway in just two weeks.

I guess with the number of people in the country now and plenty of money, that almost any sport will draw, whether in or out of season.

The teachers went back to school Wednesday and I hope this cool weather will prevail even if the forecast is for warmer weather later in the week.

The students don't go until after Labor Day, which should be of some relief to school authorities who do the best they can to satisfy everyone, and most of the time they can't satisfy anyone.

So while we in air conditioned buildings work and forget about the heat, remember the schools are not air conditioned. The cost of units makes it almost prohibited, but the cost of energy stops it cold.

The Raeford Kiwanis Club will sponsor a softball tournament later this month, according to an announcement by President Vardell Hedgpeth. Watch this paper for complete details when they are formulated.

As you have already read I was in Virginia over the weekend. Mary Alice and I visited our daughter at Virginia Beach from Friday until

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Southern National Making Changes

Miller To Southern Pines; Parker Here

Gene Miller, city executive officer of Southern National Bank in Raeford since August 1978, will join the staff of Southern National's Southern Pines office September 15 as administrative officer.

He will be succeeded at the Raeford office by Stephen B. Parker, promoted to city executive officer here effective September 1. Parker has been branch manager of the Hope Mills office since October 1976.

The announcements of the changes were made Tuesday by Southern National.

Each man has the title of assistant vice president.

Parker joined Southern National in Fayetteville in 1967 as collection manager. He was made manager of the Spring Lake office in August 1969 and was promoted to assistant cashier and manager of the Hope Mills office in December of that same year.

In April 1973 he was promoted to assistant vice president and transferred to the Fayetteville main office where he worked until October 1976.

Parker is a former member of the Cape Fear Jaycees, and has served as secretary and treasurer. He has served as chairman of the Explorer Division of the Boy Scouts of America in Cumberland County. He served as chairman of the United Way, Hope Mills Division, in 1978 and 1979, and is a member of the Hope Mills Lions Club.

A Fayetteville native, Parker has an associate degree in business

management from Lafayette College. He is married to the former Terri Lea Hess, also of Fayetteville, and they have two children.

Miller has been with Southern National since 1972 when he joined the Management Training Program in Lumberton.

He became Lumberton branch collection manager in 1972 and transferred in 1973 to Clinton as an assistant loan officer and installment loan manager. He became a loan officer in 1975, was promoted to assistant vice president in June 1976 and was promoted to city executive officer of the Raeford office in August 1978.

Active in civic affairs, Miller is a past charter president and member of the Board of Directors of the Sampson Civitan Club. He served as fund-raising chairman of the Multiple Sclerosis Drive in Clinton in 1977.

He is presently serving as a member and director of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Hoke County U.S. Savings Bond Program, member of the Raeford

Man Charged With Failing To Report

Arrest Made In Aug. 8 Fatality

Herbert Felton McArthur, Jr., 24, of Rt. 1, Box 192, Lumber Bridge, was arrested Monday morning at his home on a charge of failing to report the August 8 accident in which a pedestrian was

killed, State Highway Patrol Sgt. D.L. Minshew reported.

Minshew said he made the arrest, acting on information he had received earlier in the day, following an investigation by

Trooper Joe Stanley. Minshew said McArthur posted \$200 bond for his appearance for trial in District Court September 4. He said McArthur is charged with failing to report an accident involving a fatality.

Elbert Flowers, 58, of Rt. 1, Raeford, was killed about 10:15 p.m. when he was struck by a car as he was walking on Vass Road north of Raeford about 100 yards from his home, Stanley has reported.

Minshew said that the subsequent investigation found no evidence of any violation other than failing to report the accident against McArthur. The officer said McArthur apparently made every effort to prevent his car from hitting Flowers.

Two Resign From Raeford Police Force

Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins announced Tuesday the resignations of two officers.

He said Detective John J. McNeill, on the force since 1973, resigned effective August 7 "for personal reasons" quoting McNeill's letter.

Policeman Weaver Patterson resigned effective August 15 to join the Hoke County Sheriff's Department, Wiggins said. He said Patterson had first served about a year as a dispatcher for the police department, then became a policeman last November 9.

Church's Centennial Celebration

The 100th anniversary of the Ephesus Baptist Church will be celebrated Sunday, starting with services at 11 a.m.

Dinner on the grounds will follow, then special singing will be held with the Choraleers participating.

At least three former pastors of the church are expected to attend, and all former members as well as friends of the church are invited by the present members and pastor, the Rev. Clifton Canipe, to attend.

The present pastor will preach and conduct the morning service.

On Earl Hendrix's Farm

Fire Destroys Three Tobacco Barns

Fire early Thursday destroyed three curing barns containing about 10,000 pounds of tobacco, and damaged a grain silo conveyor system and a two-ton truck loaded with cured tobacco, on the farm of Earl Hendrix about four miles southwest of Raeford.

Up to about 30 firemen from the

Raeford, North Raeford, and West Hoke fire departments fought the blaze.

Hendrix jumped into the burning truck and drove it out of the remains of the shelter whose burning roof had collapsed on it, a witness said. He and others pulled the burning tobacco off the truck in

an effort to save some of it.

Hendrix said the damage would be close to \$50,000 and it was not covered by insurance. He said the approximately 10,000 pounds of tobacco destroyed amounted to about one per cent of his total crop. Hendrix had about 125 acres producing tobacco this season. The destroyed tobacco was worth \$1.45 per pound, Hendrix added.

Speaking of the other damage, he said it will cost \$12,000 to \$15,000 alone to put the grain elevator together.

"It's one of those things that happens," he said of the fire. "You've got to keep going." He said they've got to get things cleaned up "to get ready to start again." The he drove his truck away, resuming his work.

The three barns destroyed were among 13 on that farm, and two others are on another tract owned and operated by Hendrix and his family.

The tobacco destroyed was within a day or so of being completely cured for the market.

North Raeford Fire Chief George Baker said a fallen 220-volt power line delayed the start of the fight to put out the blaze five to 10 minutes till the power could be cut off. Once the firemen could start they had the blaze out in a short time, Baker said.

He said the fire started in the middle barn of the three buildings and he didn't know the cause.

The fire was discovered and reported by an unidentified woman who saw it as she was driving by the farm, Baker said.

Besides tobacco, Hendrix and his sons grow other field crops, including corn, soybeans, and cucumbers, and raise hogs.

Hendrix got the cleaning up started and called his electrical contractor to replace the damaged parts of the electrical system and restore power soon after the fire was put out.



Tobacco barns after the fire (Staff photos by Bill Lindau)