

## Carter, Hunt, Morgan Also Get Hoke Majorities

# School Board Members Re-elected

### Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The weather is just perfect as far as I am concerned. The cold nights and cool days make up for the hot weather of July and August. We may need some more rain, but about an inch and a half fell last Thursday according to reports coming into the office. The forecast is for this weather to continue for the remainder of the week.

When you read this column the election will be over and whoever wins, we must put up with for the next several years.

It will be impossible for the ones elected to keep all the promises that have been made for the past couple of months. Usually most promises are forgotten as soon as the polls close. We should remember that for any kind of program to be carried out for the betterment of the country, they will need our help. The President or Congress cannot do it by themselves.

Anyway may the best man or woman win, and to the victor go the spoils.

It looks as if the hostages may be released in the next couple of weeks. Of course we don't know all the details, so we should keep silent until all the facts are known. The decision looks easy for us because we want the people home, but there are many other things that the leaders of this country must look at before they will commit themselves.

It seems that letters from my readers come in bunches just like trouble seems to pile up all at the same time. This past week brought forth three letters from former citizens of this county. We will run two of these and a part of the third.

The first letter is as follows:  
Dear Sam,  
I recently made a contact which I believe would be of interest to a few people down in Hoke County.

In the late 1920s and the early 1930s, Mr. Johnson Matthews from the Riverton Community near Wagram was principal of the Blue Springs Elementary School. The students nicknamed him "Chubby Junior" and he was quite an interesting personality to say the least.

He retired several years ago from an important position in state government in Raleigh. Nine years ago he suffered a stroke which left him unable to write, but he would like nothing better than to hear from some of his former students at the old Blue Springs School. A few lines to him at the following address would help to brighten his day:

Mr. Johnson Matthews  
7 Winthrop Court  
Durham, N.C. 27707

I look forward to receiving *The Journal* every Thursday. You have a fine paper. Keep up the good work!

Cordially yours,  
Rev. Zane G. Norton  
Thanks Zane Grey for the letter and maybe some of the old Blue Springs students will write Mr. Matthews. The Blue Springs school was where the Harrell Antique shop is now located.

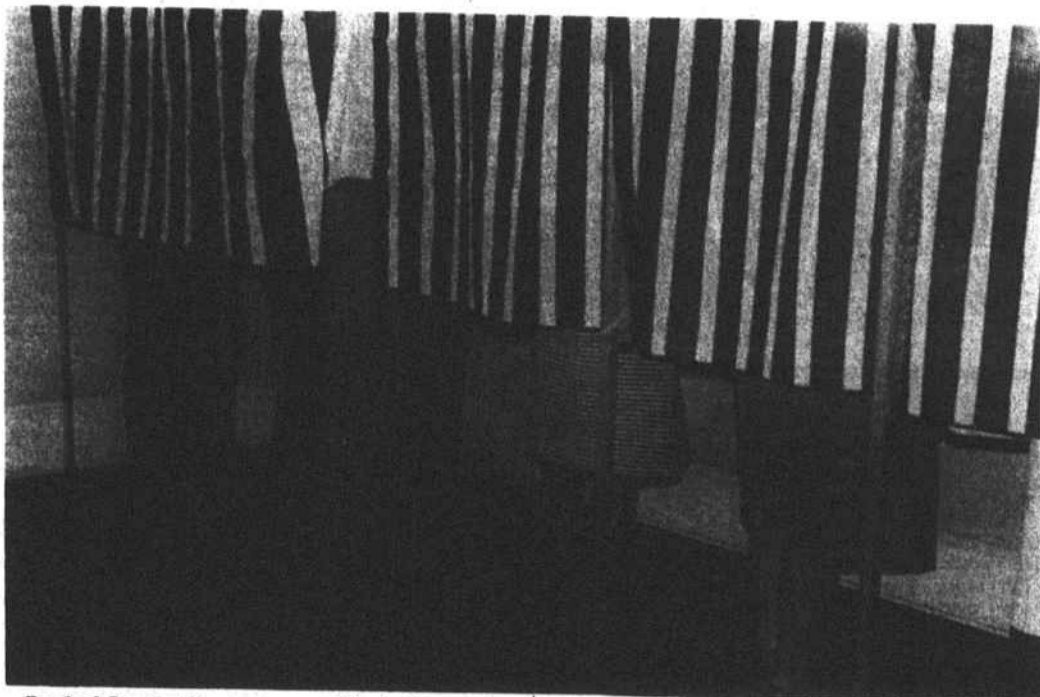
The second letter follows:  
Dear Sam:  
Just to let you know how much I appreciate and enjoy *The News-Journal*. Raeford still has a warm place in my heart.

I just want to say I love the people of Raeford for their friendship and love they showed us the nine (9) years we were pastor of the Evangelical Methodist Church.

Those past years are alive in our hearts and minds today.  
I want to thank those who have been sending *The News-Journal* to us.

I want to say again we love the people of Raeford dearly. "May God richly bless and keep all of you."

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Raeford Precinct Two voters marking ballots in Courthouse polling place. [Staff photo by Bill Lindau].

### With Hoke County

## City Council Joins Planner Agreement

The Raeford City Council Monday night adopted a motion to enter a two-year joint planner program with Hoke County.

The Board of Hoke County Commissioners adopted a motion earlier Monday at their first-of-the-month meeting to make the agreement with the city.

Under the agreement county and city will provide \$10,000 each per year for the operation of the planner's office. City Manager Ron Matthews and County Manager James Martin will hire the planner and the planner will be responsible to them. These are some of the details of the agreement.

In other business at the regular meeting for November, the council adopted a resolution authorizing the filing of an application for \$90,000 in State Clean Water Bond Act funds to help pay for the improvements planned for the city's waste-water treatment plant.

### For Raeford, County

# Board Backs Joint Planner Proposal

The Hoke County commissioners Monday voted to make an agreement with the City of Raeford to set up a joint planner for two years.

The commissioners also adopted a companion motion to accept a \$5,600 planning grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The agreement provides that the city and county put up \$10,000 a year each to finance joint planner's office.

The commissioners also agreed that, though the HUD planning

### Mayor McNeill Receives It For City

## Hunt Gives Raeford Excellence Award

Raeford was officially honored as a Governor's Community of Excellence by Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., in Raleigh October 29 during the Governor's Second annual Conference on Economic Development.

Hunt presented the award to Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr.

"I am proud of the progress which communities like Raeford have made during the past year," Hunt said. "It is an achievement which they can look upon with great pride. But more importantly, the work which has been done in qualifying for this honor also represents a big step toward better job opportunities."

To qualify for the award, Raeford had to meet the basic criteria

The cost is estimated at about \$900,000.

The federal Economic Development Administration recently approved a \$720,000 grant for the planned improvements. A total of \$65,000 is scheduled to be raised by the sale of city bonds to the federal Farmers Home Administration, which will charge the city 5 per cent interest.

The remaining \$25,000 of the estimated cost will be provided by the city budget.

The council in other business adopted a motion to enter into a contract with Townscape Union Development Services, Inc., of Raleigh to complete Phase One of the Downtown Revitalization Effort. The cost is \$8,200. Peter Batchlor, director of Townscape, did the earlier planning work and will be the remainder under the new contract.

The council approved on the

recommendation of the City Planning Board the preliminary plans of Pinetops subdivision and part of Eastwood subdivision, owned by Raeford Power & Manufacturing and Duncan McFadyen III respectively.

The council made the installation of water and sewer lines subject to property owners' petitioning for annexation to the city, which Avery Connell, representing Raeford Power, said would be done.

Councilmen also were informed of the appointments of the re-organized countywide Raeford Housing Authority of the city members: J.D. McAllister for one year, Leonard T. Miller for two years, Harold Stone for three years, Betty Morgan for four years, and J.H. Blue for five years. The county commissioners have appointed the four county members of the Authority.

Both incumbents on the Hoke County Board of education were reelected, and Democrats President Carter, U.S. Sen. Robert Morgan, and Gov. Jim Hunt were given Hoke County's majorities in Tuesday's general election.

The turnout amounted to 69.6 percent of the county's 7,076 registered voters, a probable new all-time record. The percentage was computed on the total of 4,927 votes cast in the presidential election, the highest total for any contest of the day.

For precinct-by-precinct totals for all candidates, see the table inside today's edition.

In the school board contests, Ruth McNair and Mina Townsend won new four-year terms, but Mrs. Townsend had trouble with the other candidate in the non-partisan election, Onnie Bratcher Dudley of the county register of deeds staff.

Mrs. McNair had little trouble, topping the field with 2,920, but Mrs. Townsend placed second just 394 votes ahead of Mrs. Dudley. Mrs. Townsend received 2,453 to Mrs. Dudley's 2,057.

Mrs. McNair won majorities in nine precincts, Mrs. Townsend in four, and Mrs. Dudley in one (Raeford No. Five) but scored heavily behind Mrs. McNair in

others to make the race close for Mrs. Townsend. Mrs. Townsend won her majorities over the other candidates in Raeford Precincts Two and Four, Rockfish and Stonewall.

The Hoke County totals in the elections in which at least two candidates ran for each office follow. The letter in parenthesis stands for the candidate's party affiliation: (D) - Democrat, (R) - Republican, (L) - Libertarian, (C) - Citizens, (I) - Independent, and (SW) - Socialist Workers.

President and vice president - Carter-Mondale (D) 3,576; Reagan-Bush (R) 1,268. Clark-Koch (L) 20; Commoner-Harris (C) 5; Anderson-Lucey (I) 56; DeBerry-Zimmerman (SW) 2.

Hoke Board of Education (two elected, non-partisan) -- Dudley 2,057; McNair 2,920; Townsend 2,453.

State senator, 12th District -- Noble (D) 3,772; Jones (R) 537.

Governor -- Hunt (D) 3,569; Lake (R) 840. Emory (L) 10; Cooper (SW) 16.

Lt. Governor -- Green (D) 3,354; Cobey (R) 1,006. Franklin (L) 11.

Secretary of state -- Eure (D) 3,480; Flaherty (R) 746.

State auditor -- Edward Renfrow (D) 3,504; McIntyre (R) 678.

Attorney General -- Edmisten (D) 3,590; Snyder (R), 607.

State insurance commissioner -- Ingram (D) 3,531; Tenney (R) 753.

U.S. senate -- Morgan (D) 3,317; East (R) 1,166; Pasotto (L) 7; Finch (SW) 5.

7th District congressman -- Rose (D) 3,606; Wright (R) 719.

Judge, Court of Appeals (for unexpired part of term ending December 31, 1982) -- Whichard (D) 3,712; Browning (R) 553.

Constitutional amendment requiring judges and Supreme Court justices to be authorized to practice law before election or appointment: for 3,269 against 1,115.

As reported earlier, the following were elected or reelected without opposition: Della Maynor, county register of deeds; County Commissioners Danny DeVane and Neil McPharther; James R. Strother, to the Board of Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor; State Reps. William C. Gay, Horace Locklear and David R. Parnell; State Treasurer Harlan Boyles; State Agriculture Commissioner James A. Graham; State Labor Commissioner John C. Brooks; Dr. Craig Phillips, state

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the planner's office later, but County Manager James Martin and others said there was no way of knowing the answer to that question now.

The motion on the agreement set the two-year limit so that the county would not be committed to the arrangement any longer than that if it proved unsatisfactory.

The action was taken during the commissioners' regular first-Monday meeting of the month.

In other business, the commissioners adopted a revised land use

schedule of values for the 1982 county property re-evaluation after hearing a report from Bill Allen of Allen Appraisal Co. of Laurinburg, the company doing the re-appraising of county land for re-evaluation for tax purposes.

The commissioners adopted a motion requesting the County Board of Education to meet with the county manager in reference to absence of funds in the school system budget for physician assistant services. The question came up when the commissioners started

considering a request made by County Health Department Administrator Lloyd Horne for additional funds to continue the physician assistant's services at the present level.

The commissioners knew that the Board of Education has been providing some funds for the service but not how much.

The commissioners accepted with regret the notice of retirement of Hoke County Veterans Service Officer Marion Clark, leaving December 31 after 35 years with the county government.

The commissioners approved an agreement for the State Child Support Enforcement Program and designated the County department of Social Services as the local agency responsible for administering the program in the county.

The commissioners also approved Social Services Department Director Ken Witherspoon's request for a temporary position to assist with the Energy Assistance Program for low-income people.

Severance pay for two deputies sheriff who have resigned was approved by adoption of a motion to that effect but the motion advised Sheriff David Barrington that these would be the last of such payments. The sheriff had requested the severance pay for Deputies Joshua Brown and George McGuire. His request said the payments would not affect the sheriff's department budget since

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Mayor McNeill receiving city's award from Gov. Hunt.