

Attorney General Asked For Opinion On Secret Balloting

2 ABC Board Appointments Questioned

Hoke County Attorney Duncan McFadyen asked State Atty. Gen. Rufus Edmisten Tuesday for a written opinion on whether the appointments of two people to the three-member Hoke County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board in 1979 by secret ballot was legal.

McFadyen said he expected to receive the written statement in several days.

He telephoned the attorney general's office with his request in compliance with a request made to him officially Monday night by the boards of county commissioners, health, and education, whose members make up the composite board responsible for making ABC board appointments.

The composite board during a 40-minute meeting which preceded the regular mid-month meeting of the county commissioners made the request of McFadyen to ask for the ruling in writing.

They also voted to postpone action on the 1979 appointments till they received the attorney-general's written opinion.

This was done following a discussion of the secret ballot of December 4, 1979, in which Alfred K. Leach and Ivery McNair were appointed to the ABC board. Leach is chairman of the board. A secret ballot in this case is the same as that which is standard legal practice in a regular political election or special referendums: the results of the voting are publicized but not the identities of who voted for which specific candidates.

Dr. Riley Jordan, chairman of the school board, told his fellow members the secret ballot to appoint the two men two years ago may not be legal. He also said the public has a right to know who the members voted for.

Jordan said that in reply to his request for an opinion on whether secret ballots could be used, the attorney general's office informed him that all voting on appointments had to be public.

In line with their decision to await the attorney general's statement, members of the composite board adopted a motion tabling Jordan's motion that Leach's and McNair's appointments of 1979 be declared null and void.

The Monday meeting was held to vote an appointment to the ABC board since board member James Conoly's term expired Friday. Conoly was reappointed to a new three-year term by a 9 - 8 vote over Jim Turlington. Paul Johnson also had been nominated to the seat. The votes were cast by open ballot, however, by a showing of hands.

The motion to table Jordan's motion to declare the 1979 appointments null and void was made by County Commissioner Danny DeVane, the motion adding it be tabled till clarification was obtained from the attorney general's office.

In the voting on the appointment for the next three years, Jordan nominated Turlington, DeVane nominated Conoly, and County Commissioner Mabel Riley nominated Johnson.

Conoly failed to gain a majority on the first ballot, winning on the second in a contest between him and Turlington. Johnson was withdrawn after he received only three votes on the first ballot.

County Schools Supt. Raz Autry told a reporter that he did not record by name who voted for which nominee, but he recalled that in the show of hands he saw supporters of Conoly included Mina Townsend of the school board, John Balfour, chairman of the board of county commissioners, and Sarah Leach, chairman of the County Board of Health, in addition to DeVane; and the supporters of Turlington included Walter Coley and Bill Cameron, both of the school board, and J.D. McAllister of the board of health, in addition to Jordan. Autry served as clerk to the composite board.

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The weather has been cold for the weekend, but Monday it had become somewhat warmer. Maybe it will continue and the fuel bill will get back to normal. I mean in gallons, and not the cost per gallon.

The man that gives us weather information stated last week that it had been colder in January, 1981 than it was in January, 1977. I told him a weather expert from Raleigh showed charts the other day showing that 1977 was much colder than 1981. He said that he had proof otherwise.

The man, the reason for calling him the man is that he told me a certain fellow told him the paper would sell better if his name was left out for a few weeks, came into the office with the following figures.

1981 Degrees	1977 Degrees
Jan. 5 - 9	Jan. 16 - 29
6 - 15	17 - 6
7 - 34	18 - 15
8 - 20	19 - 12
9 - 17	20 - 21
10 - 19	21 - 18
11 - 9	22 - 20
12 - 8	23 - 29
13 - 7	24 - 26
15.3 ave.	18.4 ave.

These are the lows for the days and the bottom figures are the average. So maybe it was colder in Raeford in 1981 than in 1977.

The following letter was received this week:

Mr. Morris:
Thought you would be interested in the articles I am sending since Dr. Cooper was a former pastor of yours.

I am a native of Hoke County. My parents were: Burnice and Walter Bostic from Rockfish. Of course my daddy died in July. Enjoy your paper very much.

Ann B. Leeton
Cookeville, Tennessee 38501

Thanks for the letter and article. I had heard about Dr. Cooper, but didn't know the full details until I received your articles. I know the readers of this column will be interested, so I am running one of the articles.

For those that don't know, Dr. Cortez Cooper was pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian Church from 1964 until 1969. The article follows:

Of 'New Church'

Cortez Cooper To Accept Call

by Frances Meeker
Banner Religion Editor
Dr. Cortez A. Cooper Jr., who has resigned as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, has told members of a breakaway "New Church" he will accept a call to become their pastor "when I am available."

Cooper remains at First Presbyterian, 4815 Franklin Road, through this month.

The dissident Presbyterians who met Sunday as the "New Church" are disturbed by the denomination's drift away from the Scripture and its liberal stand on social issues, according to some members.

Cooper, who has opposed many liberal social issues from the pulpit, has said he shares many of those concerns.

"The real problem is that those of us who have left believe the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. does not stand where it stood 25 years ago," said Thomas L. Cummings Jr., who moderated the worship service Sunday of about 1,200 people meeting at Hillsboro High School.

Most of the worshippers at the high school had been members of First Presbyterian Church.

Members of the new church emphasize, however, they have left the parent church because of differences in belief and not to "follow a man."

"This church is being formed by a common bond of unity in serving Jesus Christ," said David S. Huggins Jr. "We feel that Dr. Cortez" (See AROUND TOWN, page 8)



Smoke billows from the roof of the Purcells' home as firemen finish extinguishing the blaze.

Couple, Son Lose All But Some Clothing

Fire Destroys Jones Hill Home

A fire which apparently started inside a bedroom wall destroyed the two - bedroom one - story cinder block home of the Rev. and Mrs. Nathaniel Purcell on Jones Hill just north of Raeford about 11 a.m. Monday.

The Purcells and their child, 8 - year - old James Daniel, lost all they had except some clothing, North Raeford Fire Chief George Baker said.

Purcell, unemployed since last August, said the house was worth about \$10,000, and the contents, including a brand new stereo, a television set, furniture, furnishings and clothing, about \$5,000.

Baker said none of the Purcells' losses were covered by insurance.

Purcell said he and his wife were

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The Rev. and Mrs. Nathaniel Purcell outside their home after the fire.

To Participate In New Program If City Does

Board Votes On Industry Projects

The Hoke County Commissioners Monday night voted a \$500 county participation in the new state industry-attracting program using a regional approach.

The county's share is contingent on the Raeford City Council's approval of payment of the city's \$500 share.

Under the system, Hoke County is in the new Highland Plains Industrial Area, with Scotland, Robeson, Sampson, Bladen, and Cumberland counties. The Highland Plains field office is in Fayetteville.

Earl Fowler, manager of the Raeford-Hoke County Chamber of Commerce, requested the commissioners to approve Hoke's participation in the program.

The operation is termed the regional Metro-Marketing approach for industrial development, he said, and is conducted by the State Division of Commerce. Fowler said Hoke would be included in the regional study even if it didn't participate but that he would still like to see the county participate.

Fowler explained that the regional approach replaces the state-wide approach in which the state was presented to the prospect as a whole, then locations were specified. Fowler said this proved ineffective for this area.

The commissioners acting on another request made by Fowler adopted a motion to have them

Woods Fires Set Deliberately

Someone set three fires close together in woods between Upchurch Junior High School and N.C. 211 but state forestry men extinguished them after they had

meet with the Raeford City Council and the recently established five-member Airport Steering Committee of the Chamber of Commerce for a one-hour breakfast session February 9, starting at 7 a.m., in the Wagon Wheel Restaurant.

The committee was set up January 13 by the chamber's board of directors to support and coordinate a joint meeting of the city council and the county commissioners to determine present and future growth patterns at the Raeford Municipal Airport.

Fowler said the chamber has looked on the airport as a potential growth site in the county's economic development. The airport area will be included in the County Industrial Feasibility Study to determine the location of sites for development for industrial and commercial expansion.

The commissioners at a previous meeting authorized application for a grant of \$24,000 from the federal Economic Development Administration, and the application is being considered by the agency. The federal grant would be augmented by an \$8,000 county grant consisting of payment "in kind" in value of land and facilities participating in the study.

ARMORY

In other business, the commissioners were given a report by County Manager James Martin on

the status of the planned new armory for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 252nd Armor. The county administration was notified last week that federal funds to support the construction would be available by mid-February. The federal funds will pay most of the cost but the county will contribute about 12 1/2 percent of the total.

FmHA

Howard Hust, director of the Hoke County office of the U.S. Farmers Home Administration, presented the Hoke FmHA loan report for the year ending September 30, 1980. He also said he was

seeking larger quarters which his office now needed. The top floor of the Federal Building would be right, he said, but an elevator would have to be installed to meet federal requirements for accommodating handicapped people and what he believed was a district office of the U.S. Postal Service had rejected the request for the installation, though the first level USPS office had approved it.

The FmHA is currently housed in the Federal Building but on the first floor.

TOBACCO

Bill Boyles of Rt. 1, Raeford, was awarded the lease of the county's

tobacco allotment of 1,532 pounds, on his bid of \$612.80, the highest of the three filed. The allotment is part of the county land fill site and is leased yearly to the person filing the highest bid. The tobacco, however, actually is produced on the property of the winning bidder.

LOTS

The commissioners adopted a motion authorizing the county manager and County Attorney Duncan McFadyen to arrange legal details for offering for sale 23 lots, one in McLauchlin Township and the others in Quewhiffle and

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Gov. Hunt Proclaims Offer In Quick's Death

\$5,000 Reward Offered

Gov. James B. Hunt is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the fatal shooting of Alfred Louis Quick, 41, of Rt. 1, Raeford, last summer.

The offer is contained in a formal proclamation issued by the governor January 6 at the request of Hoke County Sheriff David Barrington and the State Bureau of Investigation.

Barrington asked that anyone having information about Quick's death turn it over to the Hoke County Sheriff's Department in Raeford.

He emphasized the reward will be given not merely for providing information but for providing in-

formation leading to the arrest and conviction of whoever was responsible. Law enforcement officers are not eligible to receive the reward, the proclamation says.

The sheriff announced Friday the establishment of the reward.

Quick was found dead and the clubhouse of his Ponderosa Park property was burned early September 14. Barrington said at that time that Quick apparently had been shot in the left shoulder with a shotgun as he was lying in bed in his mobile home on the Ponderosa property and died while he was trying to reach the road. A passing motorist discovered Quick's body on the ground near the burned clubhouse.

The text of the proclamation

follows.

WHEREAS, on September 14, 1980, Alfred Louis Quick, died as a result of a gunshot wound to the right shoulder, and,

WHEREAS, it is important for the preservation of law and order that the responsible person or persons be brought to justice.

NOW, THEREFORE

I, James B. Hunt, Jr., Governor of the State of North Carolina under and by virtue of the authority contained in North Carolina General Statute 15-53.1, do hereby offer a reward in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be paid to the person or persons who shall furnish information leading to the arrest and conviction of

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