

\$10,000 Of \$40,000 Cost

County Aid Okayed For Hatchery Line

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

I was told this week that two members of the Coffee Club made the statement that since this writer was no longer the big wheel at *The News-Journal* office, maybe the name of Robert Gatlin, weatherman, would be left out from this time forward.

Maybe this little story will get them on the right track.

Last Tuesday morning, December 29, 1981 my friend Raz Autry, came by the office to wish me well in my retirement. We talked for a few minutes and in came the, then, publisher, Paul Dickson. Raz wanted to know when he was going on another trip. Dickson replied, in a couple of days.

This brought forth from Raz a comment something like this, "Now I can stir up something and you can't write an editorial."

Dickson stated in this fashion: "Morris is retiring, but he isn't going to stop writing."

I hope that this will answer the two members of the Coffee Club.

The weatherman has been busy over the past few days and has supplied some timely information to Bill Lindau and it can be found in another story.

The rain was needed and from all the long range forecasting, it will continue through January.

The temperature has been jumping around and it must have been near 70 degrees Monday afternoon. Anyway, I did get in some golf on Friday and Saturday, but it was cold late Saturday afternoon.

Gatlin, keep the weather chart accurate and keep feeding in the information.

The old photos that appeared in the paper last week were given to me by Ken McNeill. He said that they were found in the home of the late Neill Cole of Sanford. Neill was an uncle of Betty Ann McNeill and lived in Raeford for many years.

Many of the pictures that were in the book put out by The Bank of Raeford when they opened this new main office also came from Neill Cole. He must have taken many pictures in his younger days. It would have been nice if he had labeled the back of the pictures.

Check your albums and see if your pictures are tagged.

Marion Gatlin called the office last week and said to please take out the classified ad he was running. Marion stated that he had four calls and sold the item he had advertised even before he received his newspaper.

Don't tell me advertising doesn't pay!

Dr. John Ropp told me when he heard that I was going to retire that he was really having things change.

He said that Baldy Clark, his gas man, Wilson McBryde, his auto parts man and now his newspaper man had retired. On top of that The Bank of Raeford and The Raeford Savings & Loan were merging. He stated that was too much.

I believe that I was moved more last Thursday afternoon than ever in my life when I walked into the office and everyone said "SURPRISE"! It was hard to keep the tears from falling when one thing after another was said to me.

The biggest surprise was, how in the world could that many females and "some of the males" keep something like they put on for me, a secret.

They had all the employees, including some from Fayetteville, and many of my friends from Raeford at the affair. They had even conned my wife to keep quiet and to come to the office. Someone had even brought from Fort Bragg

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Raeford S&L Became Heritage Monday

"Today is a milestone for the people of Raeford," Max M. Freck said Monday afternoon.

Freck is assistant vice president in charge of marketing and advertising for Heritage Federal Savings and Loan Association, which is based in Monroe.

The occasion for his statement was that Monday was the day the 68-year-old locally owned and operated Raeford Savings & Loan Association started operating as Heritage. Heritage will have 16 branches when it merges with an association in High Point in mid-February, Freck said.

He said Heritage can expand

and at the same time keep the staff that has been here. The pending merger was announced here last September. Franklin Teal, president of the Raeford institution, said then that the association's board of directors had voted to approve a letter of intent to merge with Heritage. His title with Heritage is vice president of Heritage in charge of the Raeford office.

Freck said Monday he was "pleased to be part of this fine group in Raeford."

Putting the merger into national perspective, Freck said, "The country is in the midst of change,

and we are part of this cycle that is dependent on growth."

"This is another stepping stone," he added. "We're getting ready for change to serve this community better with the same people who have been here."

Raeford Savings and Loan's assets totaled about \$18.4 million going into the merger. Heritage, established in 1908, has assets totaling about \$185 million and 72 employees with the addition of the Raeford institution.

The other members of the Raeford staff with Teal are Helen Monroe, Margaret Davis, Deborah Woodell, and Charles E. Davis, Jr.

Sam C. Morris, chairman of the Raeford association board, joins the Heritage association-wide board as a member.

The other present members of the Raeford S&L board serve as an advisory board for the Raeford branch. They are Wyatt Upchurch, Graham A. Monroe, Jack Bray, Fred Culbreth, Younger Sneed, Jr., Richard E. Neeley, R. Palmer Willcox, and Davis K. Parker.

Fred A. Parker is president of Heritage.

Freck said the new Heritage signs were to go up, replacing the Raeford Savings and Loan signs, early this week.

The Hoke County Commissioners Monday voted to appropriate \$10,000 to help pay for extension of a 12-inch sewer line to the site of an expansion of Tar Heel Turkey Hatchery, Inc. The site is on U.S. 401 Business on the right of radio station WSHB.

The Raeford City Council was asked Monday night to give \$10,000, and the remaining \$20,000 cost is to be paid by a grant from Advancement, a federal agency, which provides money to counties to help pay for extending water and sewer lines provided the business expansion will increase employment. Fowler has applied to Advancement for the federal money.

Wyatt Upchurch, president of Tar Heel Turkey Hatchery, has said the expansion will increase employment of about 22 people. He said this in a letter to Earl Fowler of the Raeford-Hoke Industrial Development Commission. Fowler presented the request for county participation to the county commissioners' monthly meeting. Upchurch was to appear also but was unable to attend.

Fowler gave the commissioners the information about the federal agency. He also said that Upchurch would sell or lease for industry use 15 to 20 acres adjoining the Tar Heel plant addition's site. Fowler said these acres could provide the "industrial park we are looking for."

Fowler said the city would build the line then bill the county for its share of the cost.

Replying to a question from a commissioner, Fowler said the Tar Heel expansion would have no effect on the current sewer system moratorium imposed on the city by the federal Environmental Protection Agency. The moratorium prevents new industry from being added to the city sewer system till the sewage conditions are raised to EPA standards. He explained Tar Heel's expansion doesn't represent a new industry locating on the system but an addition to an existing industry.

Fowler told the commissioners "the city is taking steps to resolve the problem" of the sewage system but he did not elaborate. He added that "we'll see more action, forthcoming."

Upchurch informed Fowler in a letter dated September 16, 1981, the new hatchery building would be located on a 26-acre tract and would cover 11,500 square feet, and two future expansions would cover 13,000 more square feet with an office complex.

The company hopes to be in production by March 1.

The cost of the land, building and machinery at the new location was expected to be \$550,000.

The appropriation of county money for the sewer line extension is authorized under the County Water and Sewer Line Extension Policy adopted last September 8.

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To Plant By Council

Pre-Treatment Notice Decided

The Raeford City Council decided Monday night to notify the House of Raeford to install a waste pre-treatment system by next November or the city will no longer be able to receive waste water from the plant.

A letter to that effect was to be prepared in its final form Tuesday.

The deadline was chosen because the city's new waste-water treatment plant is expected to be completed by November 1.

The effort to get the turkey-processing plant to meet the pollution requirements is aimed at raising the city's waste-water quality to conform with federal Environmental Protection Agency and state requirements so that the present EPA and state moratorium on the city will be lifted. The moratorium prevents new industry

from coming to the city area, since its waste would be added to the city's waste-water system.

The city in 1980 sent notices to House of Raeford, Burlington Industries and Faberge, Inc., requesting that they correct waste disposal, and since then Burlington and Faberge have made substantial improvements, but not the turkey plant, city officials have reported. The House of Raeford's disposal constitutes the major problem, they have said.

The action on the notice to the House of Raeford was taken during the council's regular meeting for January.

In other business relating to the sewage system, the council approved a request for \$10,000 to help pay the cost of extending a 12-inch sewer line 1.450 feet to the

site of the new addition of Tar Heel Hatchery. The Hoke County commissioners granted a similar request earlier Monday. Earl Fowler of the County Industrial Development Commission, presenting the requests, said the federal Advancement, Inc., was expected to pay up to \$20,000 of the estimated total cost of \$30,000 to \$40,000 because the hatchery addition would increase employment.

The council also voted to accept the recommendations of the City Planning Board that subdivision plans of two housing developers be approved. They are Brown, Loving Associates of High Point, planning to build on 15 duplex-apartment type lots on North Fulton Street, on a tract known as The Meadows; and Anderson Benton Holmes, Inc., of Winston-Salem, planning

to build 48 dwellings on 36 lots on South Wooley Street. Twelve of the lots would be for three-bedroom homes, and the others for duplexes, including one-bedroom apartments for elderly people, and two-bedroom apartments for small families.

The North Fulton development request for a variance to permit building of eight four-family structures was denied by the planning board, whose action was supported later by the City Council last spring, after protests against the development were expressed at a planning board hearing by residents of the area. The opposition was based on the fact that the housing would be available to low-income people on federal rent subsidy aid.

In Monday night's discussion, the new member of the City Council, Joe Upchurch, said he was opposed to subsidy housing, but it was pointed out that the issue before the council was the planning board's recommendation that the plan be approved because the plan met the city's subdivision requirements and that the council had the choice only of approving or giving reasons for rejecting the recommendation.

The South Wooley Street development will be "privately owned" by the developer, the investment will amount to about \$2 million, and the dwellings average about \$37,000 each, the council was informed.

Councilman Benny McLeod requested that the official minutes of the council meeting show he had abstained from voting on either planning board recommendation.

Also during the meeting, Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr., appointed a committee to look into the request (See CITY COUNCIL, page 7)

County Manager Decided

Hales Rehired As Dog Warden

William Hales was reinstated as Hoke County Dog warden Thursday by County Manager James Martin effective 8 a.m. the following Monday, with no loss of pay or seniority for the period of suspension and dismissal.

This was announced Thursday afternoon by Martin. The county manager said he acted as the Hoke County Advisory Personnel Board had recommended.

Hales was fired November 23 for a reason or reasons not made public. Martin in announcing his decision said he could not make the reason or reasons public then, nor could he state the grounds on which the personnel board's recommendation of rehiring were based.

If Martin had gone against the recommendation of the board, he would have had to make public his reason or reasons.

Martin received December 29 the board's written recommendation with written record supporting the recommendation. The recommendation was issued after the board held hearings closed to the public (including news reporters) of testimony supporting the firing and supporting Hales. Hales was represented by Phil Diehl, a local attorney. The hearings were held on Hales's appeal from the firing.

Martin said in announcing his decision that Hales's rehiring is subject to Hales meeting requirements "which I am not at liberty to discuss."

The dog warden works under the supervision of the Hoke County Health Department director.

Takes Oath Of Office

Motley ABC Officer

Sam Motley, a Hoke County deputy sheriff when he retired last fall, was sworn in Thursday morning as Hoke County's new County Alcoholic Beverages Control law enforcement officer.

Motley was administered the oath of office by Juanita Edmund, clerk of Hoke County Superior Court.

His appointment last fall effective in December was made to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of ABC Officer Kermit Riley last summer.

Motley, then deputy sheriff serving the McCain area, had to wait, in accordance with a state rule, at least 30 days after retiring from his county position to start in his state position.

Motley is president of the Hoke County Law Enforcement Officers Association. In 1980, he was named Officer of the Year by majority vote of the members of the association.

In action concerning the Hoke ABC Board Monday, the Hoke County Commissioners by a 4-1 vote reappointed Ivery McNair as a member of the board to a term which runs to January 16, 1985. His present term runs to January 16, 1982.

The negative vote was cast by

Commissioner Mabel Riley, who had made a motion that Cleo Bratcher be appointed. After the motion, made by Commissioner Neill McPhatter, to reappoint McNair was adopted, no action was taken on Mrs. Riley's motion.

The action was taken during the commissioners' regular first-Monday-of-the-month meeting, which also was the commissioners' first meeting of the new year.



Sam Motley

Announces For General Assembly Seat

DeVane To Run For House

Hoke County Commissioner Danny DeVane of Raeford announced Monday he would run for state representative this year.

DeVane, a Democrat, told his fellow county commissioners and other county officials of his plan during the commissioners' regular meeting for January.

He had been quoted previously as saying informally to associates he would run but Monday's statement was his first in public and for publication. He had told *The News-Journal* reporter earlier, during a break in the session, that he would run.

DeVane also told the reporter that he was "not representing any special-interest group. I'm running on my own. Nobody asked me to run. I want to serve the people."

DeVane is aiming for one of the three seats of the 21st District in the House. The district is composed of Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties. The incumbents are David Parnell, William Gay and Horace Locklear, all Democrats and all Robeson County residents.

Parnell has announced he would run for the State Senate seat held currently by Sam Noble.

DeVane was re-elected last November to his second four-year term on the Board of County Commissioners. Under the law he doesn't have to resign his county office unless he is elected. If more than three Democrats run for the district's House seats, a Democratic primary will have to be held to choose the party's representative to run in the November general election. DeVane, however, if he wins a nomination in the May primary need not resign as county commissioner.

DeVane, 36, is a native of Bladen County and a graduate of White Oak High School. He came to Raeford in 1969 as manager of Raeford Department Store, and in 1971 opened DeVane's, a clothing store, in Raeford. He is now in the real estate and auction business and is an auctioneer. Last year he sold DeVane's to John Howard while he also was in real estate and auctions.

DeVane served as a Fayetteville

policeman for 2½ years and also was in the clothing business before moving to Raeford. He is married to the former Alice Smith, a Cumberland County native. They have one child, a son, Howie, 9, and are members of First Baptist Church of Raeford.



Danny DeVane