

In District Court

Trespass, Assault Cases Heard

The following Hoke County District Court judgments were issued Thursday.

The regular Friday session was not held because of the New Year's Day holiday.

Ronald Lee Hunt, Rt. 1, Red Springs, show cause order for contempt for failure to appear, action abates since Hunt has a satisfactory explanation for not coming to court.

Betty Fairley, Rt. 1, Raeford, trespass, not guilty.

Willie James Fairley, Rt. 1, Raeford, trespass, not guilty.

Caroline Locklear, Rt. 1, Rae-

ford, affray and assault on an officer, six months suspended, two years probation, costs.

Yvonne Leslie, Rt. 1, Raeford, assault on an officer, and affray, six months suspended, two years probation, costs.

James Knight, Rt. 1, Red Springs, larceny, voluntary dismissal by the prosecutor; subpoenaed witness didn't appear, owner notified and didn't appear.

John Hosea Morrison, Hamlet, also known as Edward Lewis Tender, driving under the influence, and driving without a

license, voluntary dismissal; defendant can't be located.

Reid Holt, Raeford, trespass, voluntary dismissal, on request of the prosecuting witness.

Leon Willis, Rt. 2 Raeford, assault with a deadly weapon, voluntary dismissal, on request of the prosecuting witness.

Kenneth Patrick Bell, Red Springs, assault, 30 days suspended, 12 months probation, \$25 for the prosecuting witness; assault on a female, not guilty, prosecuting witness to pay costs for frivolous and malicious prosecution.

Beth Keever Files For Judge Post

Beth Keever, a Fayetteville lawyer, filed Monday for election as District Court judge for the 12th District, which is composed of Hoke and Cumberland counties.

She said she is seeking the seat left vacant by Chief Judge Derb Carter's retirement.

Keever has been a 12th District assistant district attorney since

September 1975 and is senior assistant DA.

She was named to the State Democratic Executive Committee last year and since 1980 has been a member of the Seventh Congressional District Democratic Executive Committee. She also has served as a precinct officer for the party.

Keever is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history. She was named to Phi Beta Kappa, the national honor collegiate academic organization while she was an undergraduate at UNC. She earned her degree in law in the University of North Carolina School of Law at Chapel Hill.

Keever before joining the district attorney's staff served as a summer intern in the U.S. attorney's office in Greensboro.

Local People Attend Witnesses' Convention

The local congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses has returned from a two-day religious convention at the Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium in Fayetteville.

The purpose of the convention was to help the Witnesses to sharpen their skills in the use of the Bible and to help them to apply what it says in their lives and to helping others.

The theme of the convention, "Subjecting Ourselves to God" Hebrews 12:9 was highlighted in over 15 different Bible lectures, and different true life experiences. Saturday morning program climaxed with 17 new ones being baptized,

symbolizing their desire to do God's will.

Another highlight of the assembly was the keynote address, "Deliverance in a Time of Anguish," given by L.R. Bada, district supervisor of Jehovah's Witnesses in the Southeastern United States. Bada stressed that deliverance will not come by man but by our relying fully on Jehovah and subjecting ourselves to his rule.

The local congregation has now returned to their normal schedule of meetings and cordially invite all to attend to hear the Bible read and explained.

There is no charge for admission, and no collections are made.

She is a member of CARE Domestic Violence Project Advisory Board and is chairman of public relations for the board. She also is a member of Hay Street United Methodist Church and is a former member of the Fayetteville Technical Institute Paralegal Advisory Board.

In her announcement, Keever made the following statement.

The North Carolina Courts are currently in the midst of exciting changes. Efforts are under way to make the courts more efficient, accountable and fair. Increasing emphasis is being placed on speedier trials, more uniform sentencing practices, greater restitution for victims of crime, more effective treatment of juveniles, and a more meaningful response to domestic violence.

These important trends will demand dedicated and innovative judicial leadership. It is my commitment to help provide the citizens of Hoke and Cumberland Counties with the quality District County system which they deserve.



John Balfour, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, presents commissioners' resolution of appreciation to Mrs. Bertie Haire. (Staff photo).

County Aid

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The policy authorizes the county to spend about \$20,000 for the project.

MOTIVATIONAL

The commissioners also during the meeting adopted a motion accepting a recommendation of the County Youth Task Force to approve a Motivational Recreation Program for 150 youths ages 10-17. The motion provides the county apply for additional State Community-Based Alternatives funds allocated to the county. The funds totaled \$1,995. The county share would amount to \$199.50 but in "in kind" payment rather than cash, of the total budget of \$2,194.50.

Ken Witherspoon, director of the Hoke County Department of Social Services, in presenting the proposal, told the commissioners that written recommendations of the program had been issued by Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins, County Juvenile Court Counselor Jan Dial, and Hoke County Sheriff David Barrington. Ann Pate, County Parks and Recreation Commission director, told the commissioners the money would be used to employ adults to be responsible for the activities, which would be held in school gymnasiums. She said the commission has no funds now for employing adults for this service.

In separate action regarding the Task Force, the commissioners appointed Miss Dial, Hank Richards and Christy Posey for terms expiring June 30.

SEMI-PRO BASEBALL

The commissioners tabled until their mid-month meeting January 18 a decision on a request to give the Hoke County Semi-Pro Baseball Association \$650 to help support its first year's program.

Jimmie Conoly, the association's general manager, informed the commissioners the association has

raised half of its \$2,600 goal but needs help to get the remainder. He planned to ask the Raeford City Council Monday night for \$650 also.

Conoly said \$1,300 of the goal has been raised from donations and association-sponsored events such as turkey shoots. He said the association plans for the team to be self-supporting when it gets started and that revenues obtained would go to the County Parks and Recreation Commission. He said the money is to come from gate receipts at the games and that no player would be paid.

The motion to table action was made to allow County Attorney Duncan McFadyen time to determine the legal question of a county contribution.

VISITORS' AREA

The commissioners adopted a motion to have an area for visitors designed for the county jail. The commissioners acted after hearing the sheriff report that the jail now needs the area because the prisoner population has grown, consequently so have the numbers of visitors, since the jail was built in 1968. He said that on weekends, the 20 to 30 prisoners are in the cells on the average.

SENIOR CITIZENS COORDINATOR

The commissioners presented Mrs. Bertie Haire a resolution of appreciation on her retirement as county senior citizens' coordinator. She took the position last July 1 and retired December 31 because her husband also was retiring.

In separate action, the commissioners approved a recommendation by Witherspoon changing the status of the coordinator position. The motion adopted by the board reclassifies the position to human resource aide paying \$7,237 to \$9,476 from the present official title of Clerk V, paying \$10,854 to \$14,257 but the working title will remain as it has been: "senior citizens coordinator."

The commissioners were informed that the work week is 30 hours, rather than 40. The reclassification was asked because "since a significant portion of time is spent in transportation, a Human Resource Aide classification is more appropriate." Witherspoon said in a statement to County Manager James Martin.

The work week reduction to 30 hours Witherspoon recommended because "this will give adequate time to accomplish transportation services and other related senior citizens' activities."



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