

Young Running For Commissioner

Wendell S. Young, Sr. retired Hoke County Agricultural Extension Service chairman, is one of the 10 Democrats running for the Board of County Commissioners.

Young filed Monday for one of the three commissioner seats up for election this year. The Democratic voters will choose their party's three nominees in the May 4 primary to run in the November general election.

Young retired June 30, 1981, after serving as the county's Extension chairman since April 1963. He had been with the Sampson County Extension Service as an assistant farm agent for 10 years when he accepted the Hoke County appointment.

Before joining the Extension Service, he had worked three years for Coble Dairies as a dairy field man, serving from Sparta, Allagany County, on the Virginia border.

Young joined Coble shortly after graduating from North Carolina State College (now University) at Raleigh in December 1949 with a degree of Bachelor of Science in animal husbandry in the dairy section. He had enrolled at State in 1946, cutting about six months from the regular four years of study required to get a degree, by taking classes in summers as well as attending in the regular college year.

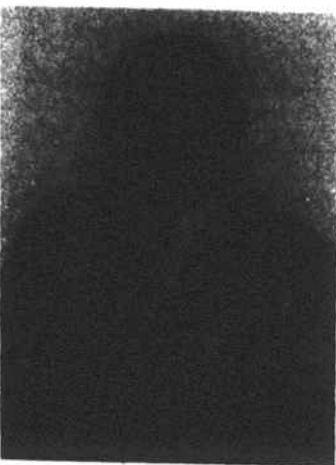
Young enrolled at State after being discharged honorably from the Army following World War II service that started in January 1943. During the war he was decorated with the Silver Star, for "gallantry in action, the nation's fourth highest award for heroism in combat. He was serving with the Second Mechanized Cavalry platoon in Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army near the border of Germany and Czechoslovakia in the action in which he earned the medal.

He became eligible for retirement in February 1981 when he completed 30 years of government service; his two years in the Army and his 28 years with the state-federal Agricultural Extension Service.

In 1963, Young received the Distinguished Service Award of the National County Agents Association.

Young was born in Forest City, Rutherford County, in the state's southwestern foothills, 59 years ago to the late Mr. and Mrs. Chester C. Young. His father then was operating the family farm.

Young is married to the former Sally Gray Herring, a Registered Nurse, now Hoke County High School health occupations teacher. They have two children: sons Wendell Samuel, Jr., 28, who is with the Monroe Enquirer-Journal



Wendell S. Young, Sr.

circulation department; and Timothy, of St. Pauls. For the past three months, Wendell Young has been helping build Timothy Young's house at St. Pauls.

Wendell Young is a member of Raeford United Methodist Church and for about eight years served, till last December, on the church's Board of Stewards, part of the time as board chairman.

Last October, he joined the Raeford Kiwanis Club.

2 Conservation Supervisors To Be Elected

Hoke County voters in the November 2 general election will fill two seats on the Board of Supervisors of the Hoke County Soil and Water Conservation District.

The election is nonpartisan, and candidates have till noon

September 10 to file with the County Board of Elections. The terms run four years each.

The terms expiring this year are those of Bill Boyles and Kenneth Hendrix.

Reunion Planning Meeting

A third meeting to plan an "Alumni Celebration" for graduates, other former students, and teachers of Upchurch High School will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Silver Grove Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Anyone who is or has children, parents other relatives of friends who are graduates, former students or former instructors at Upchurch High is asked to mail the names, addresses and telephone numbers to the secretary of the planning committee, Mrs. Alberta Holt McPhatter, 1717 Cockman Hill Rd., Raeford, 28376.

Mrs. Ruby Campbell Washington is committee chairman.

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Vanner For Commissioner Seat

Julius Vanner, a Hoke County businessman, filed Friday as a Democratic candidate for Hoke County commissioner.

He will run in the party's primary of May 4 for one of the three nominations to the Board of County Commissioners.

Vanner also ran for a county commissioner seat in 1980 but did not win a nomination in the primary.

Vanner is co-founder of the County Line Plaza on U.S. 401 South and is a reporter of the weekly newspaper *The Public Post*.

He is a native of Detroit, Mich. and has been living in Hoke County the past 10 years. He served three years with the 82nd Airborne Division based at Ft. Bragg and

majoring in business administration at Fayetteville Technical Institute.

Vanner is married to the former Jacqueline McNeill of Cumberland County. They have two children: sons Keith, 19, and Kelvin 18, and live at 232 Wrightsboro, Raeford.

Vanner is a delegate for the House of Representatives of North Carolina.

He is also Democratic vice chairman of the Puppy Creek precinct.

Vanner is a member of the executive board of the Hoke County Civic League and is also a member of the executive board of the National Association for the Southern Poor.



Julius Vanner

Mrs. Manning Files For Commissioner

Mrs. Evelyn Manning, a Raeford businesswoman, filed Monday as a Republican candidate for the Board of Hoke County Commissioners.

As she is the only Republican to have filed, she will run in the November 2 general election, without needing to be nominated in a primary.

Mrs. Manning is president and owner of Manning & Associates, a real-estate business selling Log Home residents with construction work for them.

She previously worked for Southern Bell Telephone Co., and as manager and buyer for Sugar's Ladies Department in Raeford, and as manager and buyer for Eckerd Apparel Division.

Mrs. Manning was born June 14, 1932, in Columbus County and was reared in the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh, graduating in 1951.

In civic work in Hoke County

she has served with Cub Scouts and a 4-H club and worked with Heart Funds and the March of Dimes. She also served a year as chairman of the Hoke County Beautification Committee and has served as president of the Home Life Department of the Raeford Woman's Club.

Mrs. Manning has been active in the Republican Party for many years. She is Hoke County Republican Executive Committee co-chairman and in 1981 was a Hoke County campaign manager for U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms in 1978 and on the John East senatorial and Ronald Reagan presidential campaigns of 1980.

Mrs. Manning is a member of First Baptist Church. She is married to Ed Manning, market manager for the House of Raeford. They have four children: sons Wayne, 28, John, 24, and Philip, 20, and Lloyd, 17.

In connection with her candidacy, Mrs. Manning issued this statement:

"After being encouraged by many Hoke County citizens, both Democrats and Republicans, and asking myself if I had the qualifications to help successfully direct Hoke County's future, serving all the county's residents, making good, sound management decisions regarding its future growth and financial soundness, I have decided to announce my candidacy for election to serve as one of your



Evelyn Manning

Hoke County commissioners.

"Hoke County's future success will depend largely on its ability to identify directly with both major political parties. If elected, I can provide the direct communication line with Washington with the Republican Party.

"Having been a resident, housewife, and mother of Hoke County for almost 20 years, my direct experience with Hoke County programs in these areas have provided me with necessary qualifications to serve all the people in Hoke County."

January Wettest In 5 Years

Last month was the wettest January since 1978.

Robert Gatlin, weather observer for the National Weather Service, reported 6.45 inches of rain (including its equivalent in snow) fell on Raeford.

This was 5.40 inches more than the precipitation of January 1981 totaled.

The only January total that exceeded last month's was the 8.6 inches that fell in the first month of 1978.

The other figures for the same month in other years are 4.6 inches in 1980, and 5.45 inches in 1979.

Last month also brought an all-time record cold to Raeford: 4 degrees on January 11.

In all, last month had 18 days on which the weather was below freezing.

Puppy Creek

The Puppy Creek Community Watch will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the fire station.

All members are urged to attend.



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