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'New' congressman

W.G. "Bill" Hefner, a Democrat from Kannapolis, Cabarrus County, is Hoke County's "new" congressman.

Hoke was moved by a North Carolina General Assembly redistricting plan to the Eighth District from the Seventh, which is represented by Congressman Charles Rose, a Fayetteville Democrat.

The move won't become official till next January. But Hoke County voters will have the right to vote for, or against, Hefner if he has Democratic opposition for his renomination in the party primary; and in the November general election against his Republican opponent (Jake Presson of Rowan County).

Hefner, as the old saying goes, is "running scared," but on the face of it he doesn't seem to have much to be scared of. The Republicans and Democrats for Republican candidates will have the job of convincing people that their man is more conservative than Hefner. Hefner's record in Congress reflects the solid businessman's approach to national problems, neither far right nor "liberal," to put it in essence. Even The Moral Majority will have a hard time

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Justice on gun control

From The Christian Science Monitor

With violent crime so widespread, it is encouraging that the Justice Department has come out against a piece of legislation in Congress which would relax restrictions on gun sales. Reports have it that even such lawmakers as Sen. Paul Laxalt, who are not known as gun control advocates, are irate over the tactics used by the National Rifle Association to lobby the bill.

Under the proposed Firearms Owner Protection Act, small dealers would no longer have to obtain a federal license and keep records of their sales; interstate gun sales and transfers would be permitted; dealers could sell their personal firearms without keeping records; and proof would be required that a defendant knew he was breaking the law in order to convict him for violating the Gun Control Act. In its memo to the White House, the Justice Department said the bill would make it easier for convicted felons to obtain firearms, complicate the tracing of guns, and might lift the current ban on importing cheap handguns known as Saturday night specials or "snubbies."

In the interests of holding the line against efforts to erode law enforcement, it is to be hoped that the administration will back the Justice position as well as the amendments to the bill proposed by Senator Kennedy. These amendments include applying the easing of restrictions only to long guns, requiring a 21-day waiting period for the sale or transfer of handguns, and banning importation of parts for Saturday night specials (which means they could not be assembled any more).

This is a fitting time, one year after the attempt on Mr. Reagan's life, to be reminded that it was a "snubie" which was used in that terrible assault. Surely it would be unseemingly for the White House to support a bill that would weaken control of such weapons. Instead, it should be toughening gun control laws in accordance with the recommendations of the attorney general's own task force last year. The NRA is putting up its usual fierce resistance, but the President need not be swayed. Support for stronger gun control laws is growing across the nation; Chicago only recently adopted an ordinance banning new handguns, and Milwaukee and other communities are considering similar action.

Clearly the majority of the American people believe that 60 million handguns now in circulation in the US are enough and that access to such guns must be curbed. The President has an opportunity to show that, despite his concern about abuses in federal enforcement of gun control laws, he is responsive to the mounting public concern.

Letter To The Editor

Editor, The News-Journal

I am Father Paul Strassle. This letter is to congratulate the paper this Easter Season for reporting church news articles. I would like to wish all the Christians and all people of good will in Raeford, Rockfish, and Hoke County area

blissful and happy Easter and a successful spirit-filled Raeford Ministers' Sunrise Service with Rev. Douglas Mark.

God love you.
Father Paul Strassle
Raeford, N.C.

IRS TAX TIPS

On Accuracy

When filing your tax return you can help yourself to a faster refund and save time and effort by:

■ Attaching your W-2s from all your employers.

■ and coded envelope (and if you pay a preparer have him or her use your label and envelope).

■ Checking your math.

■ Attaching all supporting documents and schedules.

■ Signing the return (you and your spouse must both sign if married and filing jointly).

■ Using the pre-addressed label

A public service message from the Internal Revenue Service

'That's my hard-earned bracket creep that I trust you will spend very very carefully!'



It's a Small World

By Bill Lindau

"The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government." -- Thomas Jefferson, speaking to a group of people in Maryland in 1809, on his way home to retirement.

statement of the argument for free trade."

This is lifted from a preface to Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations." Smith's book was published in 1776.

I hope they're teaching American history better, or students are learning it better now than they were 10 or 15 years ago. One young woman contestant on a 7:30 p.m. quiz show was asked what was the last name of the brothers named Samuel and John who signed the Declaration of Independence and lived in Massachusetts.

She replied, uncertainly: "Payne?"

Well, let's ask one that's not quite so hard: When was the War of 1812 fought?

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, April 4, 1957

The Hoke County Unit of the North Carolina Education Association will join 6,000 other units of the National Education Association across the nation in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the world's largest professional organization on Friday evening, April 5, in the John W. McLaughlin School lunchroom and primary building.

The Hoke County board of commissioners granted a 30-day extension to the Southern Appraisal Company at the regular meeting Monday.

Bill annexing Little River Township of Hoke County to Moore County, effective Jan. 1, 1958, was introduced by Senator J. Benton Thomas on March 19, and Tuesday of this week received the final reading in the house and became law.

John Elmer "Ed" McGougan, 74, retired farmer of Stonewall Township, died Monday night at his home after more than a dozen years of poor health.

There will be a meeting Monday night, April 8 at 8 p.m. in Red Springs at the City Recorder's Courtroom for the purpose of making plans for 1957 Little League and Pony League Baseball competition.

June Clyde Sanders, 52, prominent businessman of Laurel Hill and resident of Raeford for many years, died Thursday morning in Scotland Memorial Hospital after having become ill on Thursday afternoon.

15 years ago

Thursday, April 6, 1967

State foresters warned this week against the danger of forest fires as a prolonged dry spell and seasonal spring winds made the underbrush tinder dry.

The N.C. State Highway Commission is expected to award a contract tomorrow for widening and resurfacing U.S. 211 between Raeford and Aberdeen when the commission meets at 9:30 a.m. in Laurinburg.

The cost of public education is higher in Hoke County than in most neighboring counties and somewhat more expensive than the state average for county and city school systems.

Donna K. Ray, eighth grade student at West Hoke School, was declared winner on Monday at the local spelling bee at the Hoke County Board of Education Building.

J.L. McNeill, J.H. Austin, Tom McBryde and T.B. Lester left yesterday for Augusta, Ga. where they will attend the Masters Golf Tournament.

Crawford Thomas, Jr., N.A. McDonald III and Randall Ashburn represented Raeford Oil Company at a propane gas meeting in Atlanta, Ga. Sunday through Tuesday.

A bill to increase the number of jurors drawn for both civil and criminal terms of Hoke Superior Court has been passed in the General Assembly.

CLIFF BLUE ...

People & Issues

THE BUDGET...In our opinion, the United States government is in better shape today to balance the Federal budget than it will be in the future.

Each year we wait the larger the debt will be, consequently reducing the debt will be a great deal harder with millions of dollars more than necessary to start with.

FORD PLANT...According to The Wall Street Journal, Ford Motor Company, because of unexpectedly strong first quarter sales of its Escort and Lynx subcompacts, will recall 500 workers at a Dearborn plant that makes engines for the cars. At least one bright spot on the horizon.

As you drive along the roads and highways these days you will notice that compact autos are growing fast in number. Their price and the economy in gas mileage is the cause of their popularity.

POLAROID...On the other hand, the Polaroid Company is laying off 500 workers no longer needed. In recent years it has become a popular manufacturer of the Polaroid minute-camera, but when times are tight, many people can get along without a camera.

LEO JENKINS...Dr. Leo Jenkins, retired chancellor of East Carolina University, has been mentioned as a possible candidate for governor in recent days by a couple of daily newspapers, the Daily Reflector in Greenville, and Under the Dome in the Raleigh News and Observer. We quote the Raleigh newspaper: "Add Leo W. Jenkins to the list of potential Democratic candidates for governor in 1984. Jenkins, who retired as chancellor of East Carolina University in 1984, told the Dome that he was seriously considering the race to succeed Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. He said he had been encouraged by people throughout the state and he intended "to keep my options open."

Jenkins' home town newspaper, The Greenville Reflector, on March 29, wrote in part: "Leo Jenkins for governor? It's been heard before in the days when Jenkins was chancellor of East Carolina University and one of the best known figures in North Carolina affairs. Jenkins has retired from the ECU chancellor

position after winning university status, a medical school and new respect for the university...It is generally believed, however, the governor's race is as open as it has been in many years. Leo Jenkins chances are as good as anyone else's."

AUTO OUTPUT DOWN ... U.S. auto makers expect to reduce their out-put for April, May and June by about 21% from what it was last year. The "Big Five" auto makers are General Motors, Ford, Chrysler, VW and AMC. This doesn't bode well for the auto workers!

TROOPERS KILLED...With four 82nd Airborne paratroopers killed and 71 others injured last week in California during the largest airdrop since World War II, our defense leaders should be much more careful. If we were in a serious war, such expeditions might well be understood, but with reported gusts of winds up to 40 miles per hour as little as an hour before the 2,300 division troops bailed out of their 90 Air Force planes, it seemed like an uncalled for chance in peace-time!

PEACHES...Your writer lives in the peach growing area in North Carolina. In recent years most growers have gotten by with little loss from freezing temperatures. The freeze Saturday and Sunday, March 27-28 in the Sandhills appears to have killed around 90 percent or more of the delicious Sandhill peaches and is one many growers will long remember - at least Moore County peach growers!

FOUR YEAR TERMS?...We understand that the 1981 North Carolina General Assembly voted by three fifths majority to submit an amendment to the State Constitution to provide for four-year terms for the N.C. House and Senate.

We now understand that very few of the incumbents are advocating the extended terms as most people appear opposed to tampering with the Constitution. Former State Rep. Tom Gilmore is heading the opposition to extend the terms and appears to be making hay of the situation, to use an old expression.

Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:

As I understand it, Congress is supposed to set a budget, whatever purpose that serves, although I think it's sort of like the national debt ceiling which can be revised whenever it's handy, either up or down, the latter being something that's never been tried.

Anyway, Congress is having soul-searching trouble because this is an election year. To set a budget that reduces the deficit requires a Congressman to vote for either a cut in his favorite spending program or a raise in taxes. And voting for a raise in taxes in an election year is considered as unwholesome for reelection purposes as eating a meal of turkey and dressing at half-time would be for a football team's chances of winning the game.

One Congressman however has discovered a way out of this dilemma.

He got up on his feet the other day and told his fellow Con-

gressmen that he had voted a few months ago in favor of cutting taxes despite the fact it meant a bigger deficit because "I considered it in my best political interest." In other words, he confessed he'd put staying in office ahead of what he thought was best for the nation. Out of habit, he was following the standard rule that says "the first duty of a Congressman is to get reelected."

Now, he said, he regretted it and he doesn't care what his fellow party members think, he's going to speak his mind regardless and vote his convictions.

He added also that he won't seek reelection because he has developed a severe back problem that'd prevent him from serving.

It's clear, the way to get more statesmanship in Washington is to get more Congressmen with back trouble.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.

LAW For Laypersons

North Carolina's Alcoholic Beverage Control Law defines quite clearly the amount of alcoholic beverages that a person may purchase at any one time and transport without a permit. Obviously, however, not just any "person" can purchase alcoholic beverages. It is, for example, unlawful for a person less than 18 years old to purchase or possess malt beverages (beer) or unfortified wine (6% to 17% alcohol by volume) or for a person less than 21 years old to purchase or possess fortified wine (up to 24% alcohol by volume), spirituous liquor (such as whiskey, rum, brandy, gin) or mixed beverages. Since a person under age may not purchase or possess alcoholic beverages, the North Carolina law also makes it unlawful for a person to sell alcoholic beverages to a person under age.

Because it is unlawful to sell alcoholic beverages to a person under age, sellers must be very careful about the people to whom they sell. Frequently, you will see sellers checking the age of young people who try to buy alcoholic beverages. North Carolina's Alcoholic Beverage Control Law encourages this checking of young buyers by providing that a sale

made to a person under age shall be presumed to have been made knowingly unless the seller can show that the buyer produced a driver's license or some other identification showing him to be at least the required age or produced some other evidence of facts which reasonably indicated at the time of sale that the buyer was at least the required age.

What about those young buyers who borrow an older person's driver's license and show that driver's license to the seller? North Carolina provides that if a person is convicted of using another's driver's license, his own driver's license, if he has one, may be revoked for a period not exceeding six months. In addition, the person who allows his driver's license to be used may also have his driver's license revoked for a period not exceeding six months.

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