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Hoke man in House

Hoke County's people can look forward to improved attention to their needs by the General Assembly starting with the 1983 session.

Danny DeVane was assured of election to one of the three seats of the 16th District in the General Assembly's House of Representatives with the recent withdrawal of the lone Republican candidate and failure of Republicans to come up with a replacement for the November 2 election.

This situation assured the elections of the three Democrats who won their nominations in the July 27 runoff primary. Joining DeVane in the House will be John Hasty and Sidney A. Locks of Robeson County. Scotland is the other county in the State House district. All that could prevent their elections would be many unforeseen votes for write-in candidates. DeVane will be the first representative in the General Assembly in 10 years. The last was Neill McFadyen of Raeford, like DeVane a Democrat.

DeVane's election will mean DeVane will have to resign as a county commissioner before he is sworn in as a state representative in December and that a replacement to serve the two years left of his commissioner's term will have to be chosen. DeVane was reelected in the November 1980 general election to his second consecutive four-year term as a commissioner.

Of course, DeVane will be serving the entire three-county district when he goes to work in the General Assembly, but as a Hoke County citizen he will be aware of Hoke County's needs, more so than an out-of-county resident in the House.

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Representation

The Hoke County commissioners deserve support for their interest in seeing all sections of Hoke County represented on the County Parks and Recreation Commission.

One person recommended by the commission was passed over by the commissioners, and they chose another, because the one recommended lives in Raeford, and the commission already has Raeford representation in its membership. The commissioners' appointee -- Mamie Bundy -- however lives in Rockfish, which is planning to expand its community recreation.

Then the commissioners directed that a letter be sent to the commission chairman requesting that the commission consider recommending for appointment someone from a section of the county not represented.

It's a natural concern, in view of the simple fact that Parks and Recreation is countywide in service.

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State benefited

The death of Mrs. Paul (Sadie Lou) McCain on September 2 in Wilson was a real loss to the state but she left many permanent benefits to public health, education, and the church.

Mrs. McCain particularly left benefits to Hoke County before she moved away after her husband died in 1946. At the time he was superintendent of North Carolina Sanatorium at McCain and of the state tuberculosis sanatoria system. The McCain name, though Dr. and Mrs. McCain are gone now, lives permanently also in the present name of the TB hospital and the community in which has it.

Mrs. McCain may be said to have practically inherited her interest in public service: her father, Dr. Lewis Burgin McBrayer, was superintendent of the sanatorium and was succeeded by his son-in-law. Her father also once served as president of the North Carolina Medical Society.

Mother of two physicians (and of a Presbyterian missionary), daughter of another doctor and wife of another, she was "Mother of the Auxiliary," a title she was given in recognition of her service as founding president of the State Medical Society's organization. Mrs. McCain also was named North Carolina Mother of the Year in 1945.

She also was active in education, as dean of women at Flora Macdonald College, before it merged with St. Andrews Presbyterian College at Laurinburg, in the Presbytery of Fayetteville of the Presbyterian Church, in her Woman's College of UNC alma mater's alumnae activities, in Hoke County and state activities of the Democratic party (she had served as state vice chairman and as a member of the county executive committee), and in the historic Tryon Palace program, as a member of the latter's official board.

Even toward the end of her valuable and active life at the age of 88 she remained active.

Mrs. McCain all through her life unconsciously set an example everyone should follow. And it is certain that many of her former students in her years as a public school teacher and as college dean are following it.

Her death certainly diminished this state. But her inspiration of many others certainly has enriched it.

--BL

'It happened after a four-hour speech by Fidel Castro!'



It's a Small World

by Bill Lindau

Some fans of the outstanding TV series "M*A*S*H" are upset because they've heard the writers might kill all the characters in the episode which will end the series next year.

They've been assured by TV people who know the show that no such thing will happen. The final episode will fit the spirit of the series.

That rumor about killing all the characters reminds me of the reported fate of one network radio soap opera of about 30 years ago. The decision was made to cancel, for one reason or another.

So the final script had all the characters climbing into a bus and go off for a picnic.

On the way to the picnic place, the bus ran off a cliff.

But getting back to "M*A*S*H" I still get annoyed whenever I think the way they removed the colonel, played by Malcolm Stephenson. They had been on his way home to get discharged. But on his way to his homebound transportation, his aircraft crashed, and he was killed.

I wasn't the only one that was annoyed with that bit. A guy I was working with got so mad he called up the CBS station in Charlotte and cussed out the network for eliminating the colonel that way.

They didn't do it that way to Maj. Frank Burns when he was ordered to return to the States for a discharge. He made it all the way home. Not only that, but he wound up in a good-paying job on the staff of a veterans' hospital.

When the script-writers get

orders to kill a character. I get the suspicion that they get the orders because the great ones didn't want to leave any chance of the particular actor returning to the series. I don't believe the "Love Boat" incident was motivated by hostility to the actor.

I think they made a mistake in the series of having Anthony Andrews, playing an Australian veterinarian, dying of an incurable disease on the day he was supposed to marry the cruise director. If they didn't want the marriage to come off, they could have had him recover some time later and both him and Julie having second thoughts about a wedding, but leaving the door open for Andrews' return to "Love Boat" in other episodes.

Clothes certainly do make a difference. If you don't believe it, try running around town without any.

Then there was this German prisoner of war in the United States during World War II. He managed to escape from his camp in a stolen American uniform.

He was wondering why passersby were looking at him and snickering as he was sitting in a railroad station.

Then two MPs came up to him. They weren't snickering. They took him away.

His uniform, it seems, was strictly GI. But his uniform cap was strictly Women's Army Corps.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, September 12, 1957

Total enrollment on the first day of the 1957-58 term in Hoke County's 13 schools showed an increase of 265 pupils for a total of 3,696.

Hoke County High School's win-hungry football team went to Lumberton last Friday night and started their 1957 season in the right way by getting a 6-0 victory over the team that had nosed them out in the opener last season.

From Rockfish News: Fayetteville Street was nearly washed away by the big rain last Friday, but we have had so much dry weather we are not complaining about the rain.

An unqualified success was Raeford's first fashion show held Tuesday night at Hoke High School.

Mrs. B.R. Gatlin celebrated her 90th birthday on Sunday in the recreation room of the Baptist Church.

15 years ago

Thursday, September 14, 1967

Raeford Turkey Farms today announced a major expansion of its operations here and a capacity-doubling addition to Raeford Cold Storage Warehouse, Inc., a subsidiary of the processing plant.

Highway 211 will be re-routed so as to pass to the rear of the N.C. Sanatorium at McCain.

Torrential rain on Saturday brought a rash of wrecks on Hoke roads, state highway patrolmen reported, but none resulted in death and few in serious injury.

Raeford Town Board of Commissioners decided Monday night to go ahead with its plans to obtain from Richard Moore, consulting engineer, figures on expansion of the sewage treatment plant which would be less expensive than a suggested improvement which would cost approximately \$1,020,000.

Lumberton Pirates scuttle Bucks, 40-0 in Lumberton last Friday night.

CLIFF BLUE ...

People & Issues



GUBERNATORIAL...It has been sometime since we reviewed the possible candidates for governor, come primary filing time 1982 which is still more than 15 months away.

There are probably 10 to 12 at this time who have their flags out, in case a strong breeze blows by.

Lt. Governor Jim Green of Bladen County has had his flag waving for quite a while and is a man to watch. He has served six terms in the State House and one term in the state senate. He will be finishing his two-four year terms as Lt. Governor in January, 1985. No one doubts that he has been waiting for the proper time before making a decision to try for the number one spot as governor.

Attorney General Rufus Edmisten is also waiting for a call to make the race. He has made a popular Attorney General and is now serving his second term. He served in Washington under U.S. Senator, Sam J. Ervin, Jr. during the Watergate days and beyond. He was elected Attorney General in 1974, reelected in 1976 and 1980. He was born July 12, 1941 and graduated from George Washington University in 1967. He is seriously eyeing the governor's mansion.

John Randolph Ingram, born June 12, 1929, was elected Commissioner of Insurance in 1972, reelected in 1976, and 1980, having served in the State House of Representatives in 1971. John Ingram was nominated for the U.S. Senate in 1978 over Luther H. Hodges, Jr. but lost to U.S. Senator Jesse Helms. He is a lawyer and due to his work in behalf of the people has a strong following. Don't underestimate him.

D.M. "Lauch" Faircloth a native of Sampson County and Secretary of the Dept. of Commerce, born January 14, 1928 is regarded as a likely candidate for governor. "Lauch" is a "country-type" person. He has considerable interests including farming, construction, automobile dealership, milling, banking, commercial real estate and is a member of the State Highway Commission, 1969-71

Letters To The Editor

Editor's Note: This letter was recently sent to Raeford City Manager Ronald L. Matthews and was read during Monday evening's City Council meeting. City officials passed it on to The News-Journal as a Letter to the Editor.

Dear Ron:

This is to express my appreciation for the courtesy you extended Gil Priestley and me during our recent review of the Section 202 housing proposals for Rockfish and South Hoke County. Your willingness to share your knowledge of the housing needs of the citizens of Raeford and Hoke County added significantly to the value of our visit.

On a personal note, let me take this opportunity to commend two employees of the City of Raeford for the compassion and professionalism they provided me and members of my family July 31 when we were involved in a minor traffic accident in the City. Sergeant Martino and Chief of Police Wiggins of the City Police Department are to be commended for their efforts; dealing with our concerns in a humane, expeditious and

(Chairman, 1969).

Former State Rep. Thomas O. Gilmore, who led the campaign against the four year term for State-Legislator, is known to be giving thought to seeking the governor's office. Graduated at N.C. State University in 1959 with a B.S. in Horticulture, he has been active in Public Affairs and some say he may run for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1984. He is associated with many agricultural organizations across the state. He is married and has three children.

There are two prospects for the Democratic nomination for governor who live in Charlotte -- former Mayor, John Belk, who heads the Belk Stores across the South, and Mayor, Eddie Knox.

Mayor Knox has been sending out letters across the State and is regarded as a likely candidate for the Democratic nomination. He is not a candidate to take lightly.

There are three more prospects for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination who have not been mentioned -- college presidents, two active and one retired, Dr. William C. Friday of Chapel Hill; Dr. Norman A. Wiggins of Campbell College, and Dr. Leo Jenkins, a retired president of East Carolina University.

Each of these three education leaders have had a big hand in the on-going progress of North Carolina.

Of the dozen statesmen listed we doubt that over half will file as candidates!

NUCLEAR FUEL...It now appears that nuclear plants are far from the ideal in producing energy as the outlook was some few years ago.

The Carolina Power & Light Company's request for a \$173 million rate increase which would make a 15.9 percent increase does not sound anything like economical power. Power from the Brunswick Nuclear plant is said to have cost considerably above the industry's average, 70 percent more than in 1980, the latest available figures show, according to a front page feature in the *Raleigh News & Observer*.

efficient manner. You and Mayor McNeill are fortunate to have available the services of employees such as these.

Sincerely,
Gerald R. Pifer
Area Economist, 4.4M
Department of Housing
and Urban Development

To the Editor:

This letter is to publicly thank the members of the Hoke Ambulance Service for the prompt way they responded when I needed emergency care recently.

The team members who came decided quickly what things needed to be done and did them in a very calm, efficient and professional way. They took all precautions necessary to make sure that I received proper care, both prior to and during the trip to the hospital.

We in Hoke County are fortunate to have such a dedicated group of people, and I am especially grateful to Linda Henley, Scott Carey, Guy Hardman, and David Smith for the part they had in saving my life.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Virginia Daniels
Raeford

Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:

News sometimes is significant, sometimes it isn't.

For several days now I've been reflecting on a piece of news out of Washington, trying to see what relation it has to the Mid-East turmoil, inflation, the deficit, unemployment, worn-out highways, shaky bridges and city pot holes, but, although I haven't given up, so far I've come up with nothing.

The news item said Congressmen have voted themselves 15,000 minutes of free long distance telephone calls per year. Well, free to them. The telephone company sends the bill to the tax payers.

If you think Congressmen have an easy job, how would you like to talk on the phone for 15,000 minutes, even if somebody else was paying for it?

Fifteen thousand minutes divided by 60 comes to 250 hours,

or 31 8-hour days.

There are 415 members of Congress, more or less. You can't get an accurate count, what with an occasional resignation due to FBI nose-ness and other interruptions in members' service to the country.

But 415 times 31 days of talking on the phone comes to 12,865 months of phoning a year available to Congress. How do members keep from being driven up the wall?

By the way, I don't have a phone in my smokehouse office out here on this farm. A phone is like a highway. Build a highway where none existed before and drivers will crowd on to it, makes no difference where you build it. Install a telephone in your office and people will start calling you up, makes no difference what they've got to say.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.