

# Half Commission For Grabs

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the facilities physical condition are also problems which will eventually have to be resolved by the commission, Manning said.

"Some schools are so overcrowded, that if parents knew the class situation their child is in, they would be upset," Manning said.

Because of the present high level of Hoke County taxes, Manning said she is unsure how to revolve the school question.

However, either new schools or at least additions to the present structures will have to be built, she added.

Bratcher noted that he felt a greater effort could be made to get industry to the county.

"There are a lot of companies in larger cities that want to relocate in smaller towns. We need to go after them and get them to come to Hoke County," Bratcher said.

If he is elected, Bratcher said he would like to try to do things to get more people to move to Hoke County.

"I'd like to try to improve things here," he said.

Citizen involvement is the key to a successful industrial development program, Balfour said.

Balfour, who has served on the commission for 18 years, said he had been accused in the past as being anti-industrial development.

"I've been against putting concrete on good productive farm land," Balfour said, adding that present farm surpluses and high unemployment have changed his thinking.

"I think that the county is doing as much as it can without more citizen participation," Balfour said.

A citizen's committee needs to be set up with persons not now involved to help the Chamber of Commerce and the development board, the commission chairman said.

Balfour said he would work to see that the industry hunting committee was established.

If re-elected, Balfour said he would work to get more citizens involved with county government.

## The Dog Pound

Although Bratcher and Manning were unsure whether a new dog pound was needed, Balfour said the issue would probably be addressed by the commission in December.

"I think we need a new dog pound. It's been on the commission's minds for some time," Balfour said.

A site near the landfill is a likely possibility for the new pound, the commission chairman said.

In the meantime, some efforts will be made to winterize the present pound to help protect animals from freezing, he said.

Balfour encouraged members of the Hoke County Health Board to make recommendations about the pound to the commission.

"I realize that the dog pound is a big issue, but I would like to look into it further before I comment," Bratcher said.

Manning said she was unsure how she would vote on the dog pound issue, and would also like to look into the matter further, before she made a decision.

"I'm an animal lover. I wouldn't want to see anything inhumane done to the animals," she said.

## Dual Taxes

Bratcher noted that he had no strong feelings "yea or ney" about the issue of Raeford taxpayers funding county services they do not receive.

"That's something else I'd like to look into," Bratcher said.

The practice of taxing Raeford residents for dual services is "unfair," Manning said.

A reduction of county taxes might be in order for city residents, she said.

Dual taxation is a problem, Balfour said, noting that the issue should be studied to determine what overlapping services city residents pay.

In some cases payment twice for the same service is offset because other services which are paid for by rural residents are heavily used by Raeford residents, Balfour said.

All county taxpayers pay for recreation, but the service is used by more city residents, he added.

## \$1.5 Million Capital

Maintaining a capital reserve fund of \$1.5 million is necessary for Hoke County, Balfour said.

Slow tax collections and the threat of the loss of federal Revenue Sharing funds justifies the reserve fund, he said.

The county earns over \$200,000 in interest from the fund each year which is budgeted for general use, Balfour said.

That money could enable the county to build a new dog pound and could help with the expansion planned for the courthouse complex, he added.

Both Manning and Bratcher said they were not familiar enough with the county budget to comment on the capital reserve fund.

## Countywide Zoning

All three candidates said they believe the county needs some type of zoning.

"I think it would be good in some areas," Bratcher said.

"It's something the county should look at. You don't want hog pens next door to \$30,000 to \$40,000 homes," he added. "It's not fair."

"I'm for zoning to a degree. I know that it can have an effect on the value of property," Manning said.

Zoning should not be implemented which would restrict a person's ability to buy a small home or trailer, she said.

"I feel we should look into the situation," she added.

Zoning is needed in the growth areas of the county, Balfour said.

"We do need it, but not a real strict zoning," he said.

## Why Running

Because of his contacts with state and federal officials, Balfour said he believes he can continue to serve the county effectively.

Commission members should stay abreast of what is going on in state government to make sure the county gets its share of state funds, Balfour said.

The 49-year-old Balfour, who is a Hoke County native and is married and has one son, has served a chairman of the commission for six years. He also serves on the board of directors for the North Carolina Association of Counties.

One of his main goals if re-elected would be to see a "first class school system" in Hoke County.

More of the funds for operating the schools should come from the state, and efforts will be made to get the state to share in the burden of operating the schools, Balfour said.

Although Bratcher is a political newcomer, he says his business experience and his lifelong residency in Hoke County qualify him to serve on the commission.

"I grew up here and work here. I think that gives me more of a

feeling for what the county needs," Bratcher said.

Bratcher, who is 40 years old and a widower, is the owner and operator of the Shoe Chest on Main Street in Raeford.

"I love Hoke County," Manning said, noting that she wants to serve the people of Hoke County.

Experience gained while in the real estate business would be useful while she served on the commission, Manning said.

Manning is the owner and operator of Manning and Associates and Evelyn's Sample Room. She is 50 years old and is married with four sons and a grandson.

Her membership in the Republican Party will also be helpful with state and federal officials who can aid the county, she said, adding that her election would also be a step towards Hoke County establishing a two-party system.

# UNICEF Fund Drive Slated For Sunday

Sunday, the youth of the Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist churches joining forces to collect for UNICEF.

They will leave the Methodist Church at 2 p.m. and will cover the town collecting until 5 p.m.

After the youth have completed their routes, they will return to the

Methodist Church for refreshments.

The United Nation's Children's Fund, directs its work to the essential needs and problems of children, primarily those in the developing world.

Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

## OES Fish Fry, Auction Slated

Raeford Chapter 226, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold a fish fry and auction Saturday at Edinborough Shopping Center.

The fish fry will start at 11:30 a.m., and the auction at 1:30 p.m. The price of a ticket is \$3.

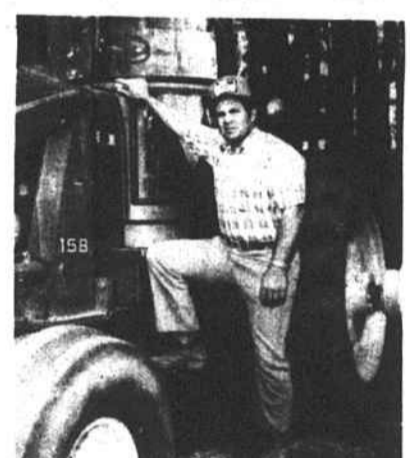


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# VOTE FOR AND SUPPORT WILLIAM W. "BILL" CAMERON



Born, reared, & educated in Hoke County. Previous Teacher - Coach



Local Farmer



Married - Father of two children.

This is an important election as far as the future of our schools is concerned. The thoughtful and serious concern in casting your vote is vital in selecting your members of the Hoke County Board of Education. Crucial decisions regarding the future leadership and direction of our schools will be made by the new Board. You are urged to remember Tuesday, Nov. 2 and vote for the candidates you feel will provide the necessary leadership to address the real needs in our schools. I will consider your vote for me a vote of confidence in representing your views. Your vote is needed and will be appreciated.

I want to represent you in these future decisions.

*Bill Cameron*

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**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1982**

Pd. Pol. Adv.



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