

Going To Birmingham

Minister Rejects Presbytery Rules

Differences in religious opinion have forced the Raeford Presbyterian Church's Associate Pastor to leave his position.

According to Rev. Douglas Mark, he did not agree with the more "liberal" opinions of the United Presbytery which allows women to become elders in the church and children to take part in communion services.

"I would be going against what my conscience believes if I said I agreed with those things," Mark said.

At a meeting of the Presbytery September 6, Mark was asked if he would practice the denomination's beliefs regarding those two "standards."

"I told them I could not practice their standards," Mark said.

According to Mark, the Presbytery terminated his position effective October 9.

"I was asked to leave the denomination because I could not meet some of their standards," Mark said.

After Mark resigns his position, he and his family will move to Birmingham, Alabama, where he will take over as pastor of the Faith Presbyterian Church.

That church was splintered from the Southern Presbyterian Church prior to the recent unification with the Northern Presbyterian Church. The Birmingham church is not affiliated with the newly formed United Presbyterian Church.

"We are looking forward to moving, but we are sad to have to leave Raeford," Mark said. The associate pastor has served here for about two years.

"It will be a new beginning," Mark noted.

Raeford Presbyterian Church officers said no replacement has yet been named for Mark.

...Hunt Jailed

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three years and ordered to pay court cost and restitution.

He was also given a 90-day suspended sentence for writing a \$247.85 worthless check to Garry Revels on July 22 and was ordered to pay restitution and court cost in the action.

The commissioner was also found guilty of writing a \$253.17 worthless check to Garry Revels on July 15. Judge Dupree gave Hunt a 90-day suspended sentence in that case and instructed him to pay restitution and court cost in the action.

The judge ordered each of the three sentences to begin at the expiration of the others.

Hunt gave notice of appeal in each of the cases.

In addition, Harnett County records indicate that a further arrest warrant has been issued against the commission vice-chairman in that county.

Records indicate that a \$1,214 worthless check warrant has been issued but not served against Hunt.

Bond is set at \$2,500 for that arrest order, records show.

Since June, Hunt has been plagued with mounting financial and legal troubles that have resulted in over 38 arrest orders and five stints in area jails.

In addition Hunt has received at least 40 suspended sentences in less than four months on bad check charges and owes well over \$20,000 for worthless checks, court fines, and restitutions.

Hunt still faces court appearances in Robeson, Scotland and Harnett counties on other bad check charges.

Hunt has already been ordered by Judge Dupree to seek psychiatric help as a condition of probation in Hoke County.

Judge Dupree has also asked Hunt to step down from his seat on the county board.

Hunt refused to resign his position and Dupree gave the commissioner a 90-day active sentence for failing to comply with an earlier Hoke ruling. The case will be appealed in Superior Court in October.

...County Joins Airport

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on appointing an Emergency Services Advisory Committee until they had time to lay some "ground work" on what their duties would be.

Following an executive session, the commissioners voted to make Bill Niven's position as Emergency Management Director effective September 16.

Commissioner James A. Hunt, who has shown up late for the last

three commission meetings, failed to appear at Monday's scheduled meeting.

Each year, almost 50 percent of all North American ducklings are born in and around potholes, says the National Wildlife Federation; not those potholes you might see on a typical highway, but around the millions of scattered depressions left in the wake of melted glaciers in the Dakotas, Minnesota and central Canada.



Striking a pose

It's not a ghost and it's not an invisible man checking his flimsy reflection. In reality it is photographer Michael Sports trying his hand at a few shadow tricks.

Work Started On Mill Prong, Annual Fete Slated For Sun.

Restoration of the 181-year old Mill Prong House that was built by Scottish Highlander John Gilchrist is underway, according to a Mill Prong Preservation, Inc. newsletter.

Masonry reconstruction, which is apparently near completion, was done at a cost of over \$11,000.

According to the newsletter, existing brick piers under the house have been replaced, and the restoration of two exterior chimneys have been completed.

Roof work and porch work has also been contracted, but not completed.

Matching grant monies allocated

to Mill Prong by the 1981 General Assembly, totaling \$11,000, were used for the exterior repairs to the house.

The Mill Prong Preservation, Inc. will hold its annual meeting this Sunday at Bethel Church.

Prior to the annual meeting, a picnic lunch will be served at Bethel Church at 1 p.m.

The lunch, catered by Mildred Hayes of Laurinburg, will cost \$5 per person.

Monies collected from the picnic lunch will go toward matching \$25,000 awarded to the Mill Prong this year by the North Carolina General Assembly.

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...Rates Going Up

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adopted by the commission, an ambulance user would have to pay \$5 per 15 minutes after the patient has been delivered to a hospital for 30 minutes, a \$5 increase over the present rate.

In addition to increased ambulance rates, commissioners also voted to begin charging \$27.50 for "non-transport" calls.

According to Martin, many people will call for an ambulance, and then decide they don't want to be taken to a hospital.

This type charge can help "reduce" operating costs, Niven said.

Abuses of the ambulance service are taking place now, and Martin said he anticipates the misuse to continue after the county takes over.

Although commissioners were apparently weary of the idea, they decided to try the plan.

"We can always put it in the program, and if it fails, we can take it back out," Balfour said.

Martin had originally suggested a \$55 fee for non-transport patients, but commissioners decided to cut that charge in half, charging only \$27.50 for the service.

Anyone needing ambulance service should call the sheriff's department, Martin said.

Monday night's moves came after Hoke Ambulance Service operator Jim Henley told commissioners that he could no longer operate the service for the county because of his continued financial troubles.

Henley appeared before the commissioners last week seeking \$3,600 in additional funds to pay off his ambulance insurance.

The commissioners denied the request although Henley's insurance was scheduled to run out September 17.

In connection with the "phase-in, phase-out" process, which began Wednesday, Henley offered to lease two of his ambulances to the county.

According to Martin, Henley would lease two ambulances if the county would provide the insurance, and the \$435 monthly payments for the vehicles.

Henley has also requested that the county pay the \$150 monthly payment on the radio equipment that is attached to the ambulances.

Martin said that Henley agreed to lease the ambulances under the condition that he "can sell them at any time."

"I think we should try to lease the ambulances, but we should see if Henley will agree to lease them for the entire month," Upchurch said.

"Jim has gone above and beyond the call of his duty to help us make this transition, and I think he will continue to help if he can," Martin said.

A decision was made Tuesday to call the new service Hoke County Emergency Medical Service, rather than continuing the old name of Hoke Ambulance Service, Niven said.

The decision was made to avoid confusion, he said.

Deaths & Funerals

Mrs. Madge Pritchett Murray

Mrs. Madge Pritchett Murray, 91, of Graham and formerly of Raeford, died Sunday at 10 p.m. in the North Carolina Memorial Hospital. She had suffered a one-day critical illness.

While in Raeford, Murray was a member of the Raeford Garden Club and past president of the Raeford Woman's Club.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Graham Presbyterian Church.

Doctors Donald Nance and Stephen Gadaire officiated the service.

Burial was in the Graham Memorial Park.

Murray was the wife of the late Dr. Robert C. Murray, a native of Guilford County.

Rich and Thompson Funeral Home in Graham served the family.

Memorials may be made to the Graham Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. D.K. Parker

Mrs. D. K. Parker, 82, formerly of Rt. 4, Raeford, died Monday at

the Alamance Memorial Hospital in Burlington.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Galatia Presbyterian Church.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are two sons; Davis K. Parker and Duncan B. Parker of Fayetteville; one daughter, Mrs. Thomas McPherson of Yanceyville; two sisters, Miss Allie Black and Miss Katie Black of Fayetteville; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Jernigan-Warren Funeral Home was in charge.

Memorials can be made to the Galatia Presbyterian Church or to the Baptist Home in Yanceyville.

The Veterans Administration will open the nation's newest national cemetery at Quantico, Virginia, on May 16, 1983. Burial is open to any veteran who has been discharged from the service under other than dishonorable conditions.

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