



Civil War talk
Dr. John Gilchrist (speaking), a professor at Virginia Military Institute and author of Sherman's March Through the Carolinas, was on hand Sunday to give a Civil War talk to 120 persons assembled in the Bethel Presbyterian Church for the annual Mill Prong Presbyterian, Inc. meeting. Among those attending were State Sen. David Parnell, Rep. Pete Hasty and Raeford Mayor John K. McNeill.

... McCain Closes Doors

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employees who will be working for the prison system," he added.
According to Watson, every employee who will remain with the prison has been going through a training period.
"They are preparing our people for their new jobs. They are teaching them how to deal with inmates," Watson said.
Although the conversion has been "a little awkward" for all involved, Watson said things were going "better" than he expected.

"It has been a good transition under the circumstances," Watson said.
"The entire conversion process has been a little easier than we had anticipated," he added.
After Friday, the lung treatment facility that has been standing on the hill since the early 1900's will shut its doors.
"They will start moving inmates in here around the latter part of November. Until that time, they will be getting prepared," Watson said.

Part of the preparation for the facility's new role will be the erection of a barbed wired fence that encompass the over 80-year-old building.
Employees are a little sad that the hospital had to be changed, but glad that the conversion went so smoothly," Watson said.
"It will not be the same, but I think everyone is ready to get back on track," Watson added.
Watson is also retiring Friday.

... Hunt Still In Jail

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Scotland records show that Hunt was actually placed under a \$17,400 bond in that county and a \$5,000 bond in Harnett.
Although Hunt has missed at least three County Commission meetings because of his financial troubles, he said he did not feel his job was suffering.
"This is not affecting the job I'm doing on the commission. It is not affecting it in any way, if I can get out of jail," Hunt said.
"I'm not going to resign. I will be there through 1986," Hunt added.
Hunt also said he would not file bankruptcy.

"I'm not going to bankrupt. I've never been that kind of person," Hunt said.
Although this is Hunt's fifth and longest stint in jail, he is confident that if he can "hold out" for another 30 days, he will be "OK."
"I reckon I can hold out. I've held out for 12 months now," Hunt said.
Most of Hunt's financial troubles started in early June when worthless checks written two months earlier began surfacing.
Hunt's financial woes have resulted in over 38 arrest orders and five stints in area jails.

In addition, the commissioner has received over 40 suspended sentences in less than four months and owes well over \$25,000 in bonds, worthless checks, court fines and restitutions.
Hunt is scheduled to appear in Scotland District Court Thursday for 20 worthless checks and one failure to comply the order dealing with the payment of 22 additional bad checks for which he has already been convicted.
"I'm going to pay all these checks off and get things back together. I always have. I always will," Hunt said.

... Around Town

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night, October 1 at the Hoke Civic Center. The first card will be called at 7:30 o'clock.
The proceeds from the games will go to a worthy cause in Hoke County. The Trainable Mentally Handicapped Class received the proceeds last year. Help a worthwhile project and if you are a bingo player, then go out and win a prize and also help the ladies.
It will be almost impossible to play bingo in North Carolina in the future except for events such as this. The legislature has passed a law that has put a stop to all commercial bingo.
According to the club, bingo will be played on the first Saturday night of each month, except December.
The football season is now in full swing, but many folks are still interested in the baseball races. It is hard to keep up with both unless you have a remote control for your television. There is too much getting up and down. A man stated the other day that he was still look-

ing at baseball and would start football after the World Series. I believe he has something.
It looks as if the NCAA will eliminate freshmen from playing in football and basketball. According to a report in the daily papers most of the ACC coaches are in agreement.
It would not be a bad idea because most colleges hold back or redshirt many players now. It would also help the players to start college life, including their studies, without all the pressure of big time athletics.
A few weeks ago I received a letter from Morganton with a slip in it to order a book written by Sen. Sam Ervin. The name of the book was "Humor Of A Country Lawyer." I ordered the book and have finished it and will say it is the best book I have read in many years. With all the magazines that come to the house each month, it is hard to find time to read a book.

This one was hard to put down.
The book is about politicians, preachers, bootleggers, etc., that have crossed Sen. Ervin's path in his many years as public servant and as a lawyer. Most of the stories in the book have his wit and it will make you laugh out ever so often.
Sen. Ervin as most of you know, now lives in Morganton and is 87 years young. His secretary is Mary Black McBryde, a native of Hoke County who was with him in Washington.
Mary Black is mentioned in the preface of the book. The writer says she typed his handwritten sentences and put them in the correct form.
Two other Hoke County people are mentioned in the book. Both are now dead, but are well-known by all the people of Hoke County. They are D. Scott Poole, former newspaper publisher and legislator and Dr. Watson M. Fairly, former pastor at the Raeford Presbyterian Church.
My copy is being read by a neighbor, but if you get a chance be sure to read, "Humor Of A Country Lawyer."

Parnell Gets Committee Appointment

North Carolina Senator David R. Parnell, who serves the 30th Senatorial District, was appointed to the Special Committee to Study the Department of Transportation.
Parnell was one of six senators appointed to the committee by Lt.

Governor James Green last Wednesday.
The Special Committee was established by the 1981 General Assembly to address the problems of inadequate road maintenance and declining revenues.

Parnell is a four-term veteran of the House of Representatives and was elected to the Senate this year. Parnell represents Hoke and Robeson counties and chairs the Appropriations Committee on General Government.

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