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## Runoff election on Tuesday

Two candidates will vie for the Democratic nomination to a seat on the Hoke County Board of Commissioners in a runoff election on Tuesday.

Lawrence E. McLaughlin Jr. called for the runoff with Mabel M. Riley after he trailed Riley by just over 30 votes in the May 6 Democratic Primary.

Riley, who in 1982 retired from managing an auto and truck garage in the county served one term as a county commissioner from 1978 to 1982.

McLaughlin, an operations supervisor with Pan Am World Services at Fort Bragg, is a political new comer.

Both Riley and McLaughlin said they see the near future as a time of growth for the county.

The candidates generally agree on the issues. Both say that if elected they will work to bring more jobs to the community and increase the county's tax base by attracting new industry to the area. McLaughlin and Riley both said they believe Hoke County residents should have good educational opportunities and strong law enforcement.

Both candidates say that previous experience qualifies them to sit on the board of commissioners.

"Having served as a commissioner, I know all phases of the lives of people who live in Hoke County," Riley said. "Even though I have not been a commissioner for four years, I have kept abreast of all that is going on."

"I have a big investment in Hoke County; all I want to do is make it a good place for people to enjoy," she said.

McLaughlin says his work with the federal government qualifies him to serve as a commissioner. "I have prepared \$10 million budgets as a logistics specialist. This gives me a good insight on budgets," McLaughlin said. "I also know how to get federal and state monies."

"With my past experiences with managing money, I can contribute to Hoke County's growth; I'm working to see the county grow," McLaughlin said.

Racial overtones surrounding the runoff disturb both of the candidates.

"I'm terribly sorry one of us is

black and one of us is white, but that's the way we were born. I don't want it to be a racial issue," Riley said. "If I am elected, I would certainly work for all the people."

"I believe that an individual is an individual," McLaughlin said. "I'm not a racist, I don't condone it. I won't have anything to do with it. We stand on our own merit." The candidates said they have been busy campaigning throughout the county for the runoff election. Both said most of that campaigning has consisted of speaking to individuals.

Riley said that although she couldn't predict how many citizens will vote in the runoff, she hopes

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Lawrence E. McLaughlin Jr.



Mabel Riley

## Proposed subdivision ordinance studied by planning board

By Sally Jamir

Members of the Hoke County Planning Board discussed a subdivision ordinance at their regular meeting last Tuesday night, according to Brown Hendricks Jr., board chairman.

A draft of the ordinance, entitled "Subdivision Regulations," is being studied by the board for possible approval.

The ordinance has been adopted under the provision and authority of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

The purpose of the ordinance is to establish guidelines for the subdivision and development of land in Hoke County.

According to the regulations, it is designed to "provide for the orderly growth and development of the county."

In addition it would provide for:

- The coordination of highways and streets with other public facilities.

- The reservation or dedication of recreation areas for residents in subdivision neighborhoods and nearby areas for utility and street purposes.

- The distribution of traffic and population so that overcrowding and congestion will be avoided and the creation of conditions necessary for public safety, health and general welfare.

The ordinance is designed to help facilitate adequate sewerage,

water provisions, schools, parks and playgrounds.

The ordinance states that it would have the capacity to aid in the "further resubdivision of larger tracts of land into smaller parcels of land."

The ordinance, if passed, would essentially "protect peoples' investment in the land and home," according to the Jim Dougherty, chief planner, N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

The ordinance will help in that when residents "buy a lot, they will be guaranteed that it will keep its value or increase its value," Dougherty said in a telephone interview Friday.

According to Dougherty, the ordinance would "provide for healthful living places with attractive, acceptable standards for streets, and utilities, water and sewer."

"It would be a positive channel for the people to have a say in the healthy growth of the county," Dougherty said.

The ordinance varies very little from those existing in over 50% of the counties in North Carolina.

Cumberland and Scotland counties both have subdivision ordinances. Moore County has a partial ordinance. Robeson County does not have an ordinance, according to Dougherty.

Regarding the sale of land,

Dougherty explained that the ordinance would not affect land already divided into tracts before the ordinance was in effect.

However, it would affect the sale of land if more lots were created out of existing tracts of land.

If more lots are created, the landowner (subdivider) would follow procedures for the review and approval of subdivision plats, or the map or plan of a parcel of land which is to be, or has been divided.

If the ordinance is passed, according to Dougherty, when the subdivider decides to divide his land for sale, he would prepare a sketch plan and present it with the appropriate information to the administrative officer (to be appointed by the county) who would agree or disagree with the concept of the plan.

If necessary, the officer would suggest ways to comply with the ordinance, and the subdivider would use this input to prepare a preliminary plat for submission to the administrative officer.

The officer would in turn review the preliminary plat and refer it to the planning board. If it is complete, the board would approve the plat and give it back to the subdivider, Dougherty explained.

At this point the subdivider makes the necessary improvements (See ORDINANCE, page 2A)



### Local observance

Students at Upchurch Junior High School hold a local observance of the "Hands Across America" hunger-awareness gathering held nationwide on Sunday, May 25. Recognized at the school program

on Thursday was Upchurch's advisor - advisee counseling program which coordinates food acquisition for community residents.

Photo by Sally Jamir

## Chamber holds 39th annual banquet

By Sally Jamir

The Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce held its 39th Annual Dinner Meeting last Tuesday night at the National Guard Armory.

Chamber members, their families and friends gathered for dinner, entertainment, installation of the new president and directors and a talk by guest speaker Tom E. Smith, President of Food Lion, Inc.

After a welcome by Alice Glisson, First Vice President, and the invocation by Frank Lloyd, Raeford United Methodist Church, members and guests had a buffet dinner and listened to the Hoke High Choral, Anne Dorsey, director.

John Howard, chamber director, called the meeting to order and recognized guests at the head table. Howard also recognized former chamber presidents and members and extended appreciation to them for their service to the community.

National Small Business Week is May 18-24 as proclaimed by

Governor Jim Martin. Howard made reference to the week and the economic importance of small business by saying that they are "the strength of the community."

Howard, on behalf of the chamber, presented awards of recognition to business leaders of the community.

Vice President of Manufacturing, Don Hammes represented Faberge. Plant Manager Horace Stogner represented JRA Industries, Inc. and President Wyatt Upchurch represented Tarheel Turkey Hatchery.

The awards stated appreciation for their "diligent and unselfish service to the community."

Daniel H. DeVane, N.C. House of Representatives, officiated at the installation of the new president Terry Houston and new directors Mary Archie McNeill, W.E. "Gene" Carter and Warren Pate.

Chamber President Tom Howell re-capped the year's successful efforts and on-going projects. Howell referred to the Extended

Area Phone Service as one of the "biggest victories the community has ever had." He noted the accomplishments of the renovation of the A&R Depot Building and its dedication as Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Commission offices.

Howell recognized the accomplishments of the Economic Development Commission, established in February of 1985, and the Higher Education Foundation. The efforts toward the widening of U.S. 401 are still in progress.

Each of these accomplishments are "another great example of cooperation between the city and the county," Howell said. "Our community spirit is alive and we can do anything we want to do."

These efforts were "successful only because the community became involved," Howell said.

Terry Houston accepted the gavel from Tom Howell and after recognizing former chamber officers (See CHAMBER, page 3A)

## Weaver to release C&W recording in June

By Sally Jamir

A Raeford musical talent will make his debut as a recording artist next month with the release of a country and western single on the Solid Sound Label.

Singer Lowell Weaver recorded the single "There Goes My Everything" April 16 at Solid Sound recording studios in Fayetteville. The record is produced by Milton Smith and will be released in mid-June by Solid Sound in collaboration with offices in Nashville, Tennessee.

Weaver, a native of Fellowship, West Virginia, began singing gospel music in church at the age of nine. At 14 he started his long time involvement with country music.

He lived for eight years in Mus-

phy, North Carolina, and played with a band in that area as well as the Georgia Mountain Fair, the N.C. State Fair and at music clubs in that area.

Weaver has been in Raeford for four years and has continued his life long love of music. He is pleased that he is finally able to fulfill a long-standing goal to record and said that the recording session "went well; we're real happy with it."

According to Weaver, the song "There Goes My Everything" was recorded by Jack Green in the mid 50's.

"I don't know why it hasn't been recorded since then. It's a beautiful song."

On the flip side of the single is the song "I Been Around Enough

to Know" was recorded recently by John Snyder. Of the two songs Weaver thinks "Everything" will be the hit.

"It has been the most requested of all the songs that I've done. People say they like my version better."

With the release of the single, radio stations in the area including KML in Fayetteville, will be promoting the single after its release and Weaver is seeking a manager to assist in lining up performance dates.

A colleague whose music has been performed by Buck Owens is working with him on trying to get an appearance on "Hee Haw" and there is the possibility of getting a

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Lowell Weaver

## Around Town

Sam Morris

Since writing this column last week, we have had all kinds of weather in the area. Tornadoes, hail, thundershowers and then just rain. The temperature has left the hot side and as this is being written on Monday afternoon, the thermometer is about 74°.

Last Monday afternoon, May 19, while watching a program on TV, a sound came on the TV that signaled that a message would appear on the bottom of the screen. I told my wife, that some place could be getting a tornado. When the message appeared, it said that a tornado had hit in Hoke County. Now this gives you a funny feeling. Sunday the screen was filled

with a thunderstorm watch in our area. So it is beginning to look like the Robeson, Hoke and Cumberland area is now a storm center or path.

We have needed the rain and we can use some more, which is in the forecast for the next several days. As far as the hail, lightning and tornadoes, they can go back to the midwest.

Last Wednesday afternoon while playing golf at the Arabia Golf Course with Jack Tucker, Neil McFadyen and Raz Autry, I saw a hole-in-one. It was made by

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