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## Trooper found not guilty of cockfighting

A veteran state highway patrol trooper was one of two defendants who pleaded not guilty to cockfighting charges at a Hoke County District Court trial last week in which 17 people were convicted.

Everette Martin Roberts Jr., 47, a trooper in Harnett and Cumberland counties for 25 years, was found not guilty by Judge Lacy Hair after a testimony by Hoke County Sheriff Dave Barrington.

Curtis Wayne Akins, F.O. Box 239 (SR 2237), Hope Mills, also pleaded not guilty, but was found guilty and fined \$100.

Barrington and 25 law officers arrested over 200 spectators at a

cockfight held on February 8 in southwestern Hoke County.

During his testimony, Barrington said that at the time of the arrests, when officers were identifying the suspects filing out of the building, he recognized Roberts, whom he has known for about 20 years. Barrington said he was reluctant to charge the trooper.

"I didn't want to charge him, so I sent him to the back of the line," Barrington said. "When he came through a second time, I charged him."

Assistant District Attorney Jean Powell argued that Roberts should be found guilty because his presence at the cockfight encouraged this kind of operation.

Powell said that the prosecution was based on the N.C. statute 14-362 referring to cockfighting which states "If any person shall...use, or in any way be connected with any place kept or used for the purpose of fighting, or baiting any...cock...he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor..."

Powell said that printed cards stating a required entry fee for the cockfight as well as dates of future fights had been printed by alleged promoters Sandra Childers Clark, 43, and Sanford Tillman Clark, 43, of Glen Alpine.

Both received a fine of \$200 after pleading guilty to charges of cockfighting.

According to Powell, Sandra

Clark is secretary-treasurer of the N.C. Gamefowl Breeders Association, an organization which up until December of last year contained articles in its charter stating one of its purposes as promoting cockfighting.

"Those who attend the fights, if not a member of this organization, need to be invited by those already involved in the cockfights," Powell said. "It's a way of screening out those who might be informants."

According to Powell, Roberts had testified during the trial that he had been invited as a guest of people who were at the cockfight.

State Senator Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, acted as Robert's

attorney and argued that there was no evidence which showed that Roberts had purchased a \$10 admission ticket or that he encouraged the cockfighting.

"All we had was circumstantial evidence," Powell said.

Judge Hair, after a consideration of the state statute, said "I cannot find, beyond a reasonable doubt, a verdict of guilty."

Akins was found guilty based on evidence presented by Hoke County Deputy Billy Morrison during his testimony.

Morrison had seen Akins in the cockfighting ring attending to some of the birds, according to Powell.

Powell identified Gerald David

Allen, 43, and Stanlena Quick Allen, 43, of Morganton as operators of a concession which sold cockfighting paraphernalia and books.

The Allens pleaded guilty to cockfighting and were each fined \$125.

Twelve other North Carolina residents pleaded guilty to cockfighting and were fined \$100.

Previous cockfighting sentences passed by Judge Warren Pate were \$200 fines and five years probation.

In reference to the difference in the sentences delivered by the two judges, Powell said "They interpret the statute differently."

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## Senator Broyhill visits on Saturday

By Sally Jamir

Senator James Thomas (Jim) Broyhill (R-N.C.) visited Raeford Saturday morning to attend a breakfast meeting given in his honor by area Republicans.

Approximately 85 people attended the meeting at 8:30 a.m. which was held in the banquet room of the Edenborough Restaurant.

After a buffet breakfast, the meeting was opened by Evelyn Manning, vice-chairperson for the Hoke County Republican party. Gifts were presented to Senator Broyhill and his wife Louise, who said a few words of greeting and expressed her thanks for the assistance they had been given during their visit.

Guests in the audience were recognized including R.C. Davis, candidate for the N.C. House Representative, A.C. Ace Parker, candidate for N.C. State Senate and Billie Hamby, Eighth Congressional District candidate.

Buddy Blue, Republican candidate for Hoke County commissioner, introduced Senator Broyhill who, among his opening remarks pledged that he would "fight to have the N.C. Turkey Festival put on his calendar" so he could attend the festival in September.

Broyhill began his talk making reference to the "two hats" he was wearing. Broyhill said he was "here first as your senator" and secondly "as a candidate for the November fourth election."

"I'm here to listen to you..." Broyhill said, "and find out the direction in which you think the state and nation is going to go in the years to come."

Broyhill addressed the sad situation of the suicide of Senator East conveying the sense of shock and loss that people felt with his passing.

"Our love and prayers will go to his (East's) family...he will be missed by many," Broyhill said. "However, as you know, the transition must take place."

Referring to his decision to ac-

cept the appointment he said "It took a lot of hard thought."

He cited his 23 years of experience in the House and his service to 18 counties in the state during his political career as being among the qualifications for the duties of his office.

The senator referred to the question which he is often asked by the press regarding the effect that his recent appointment would have on his campaign for election.

"I'm not even considering that question," Broyhill said. "The first priority that I have under this appointment of the governor is to represent the people of the state to the best of my ability and the campaign is going to have to take second place."

In talking about his campaign, Broyhill said it would be a positive one in which he would "be talking about those issues of concern to the people of our state as well as to our nation."

Although in Raeford wearing a Republican label, Broyhill stated that he has always enjoyed bipartisan support and admitted that "It isn't easy to be a Republican in North Carolina even in the western part of the state we're outnumbered about three to one."

Several current issues were addressed by the senator and he assured the audience of his ability to respond to their concerns.

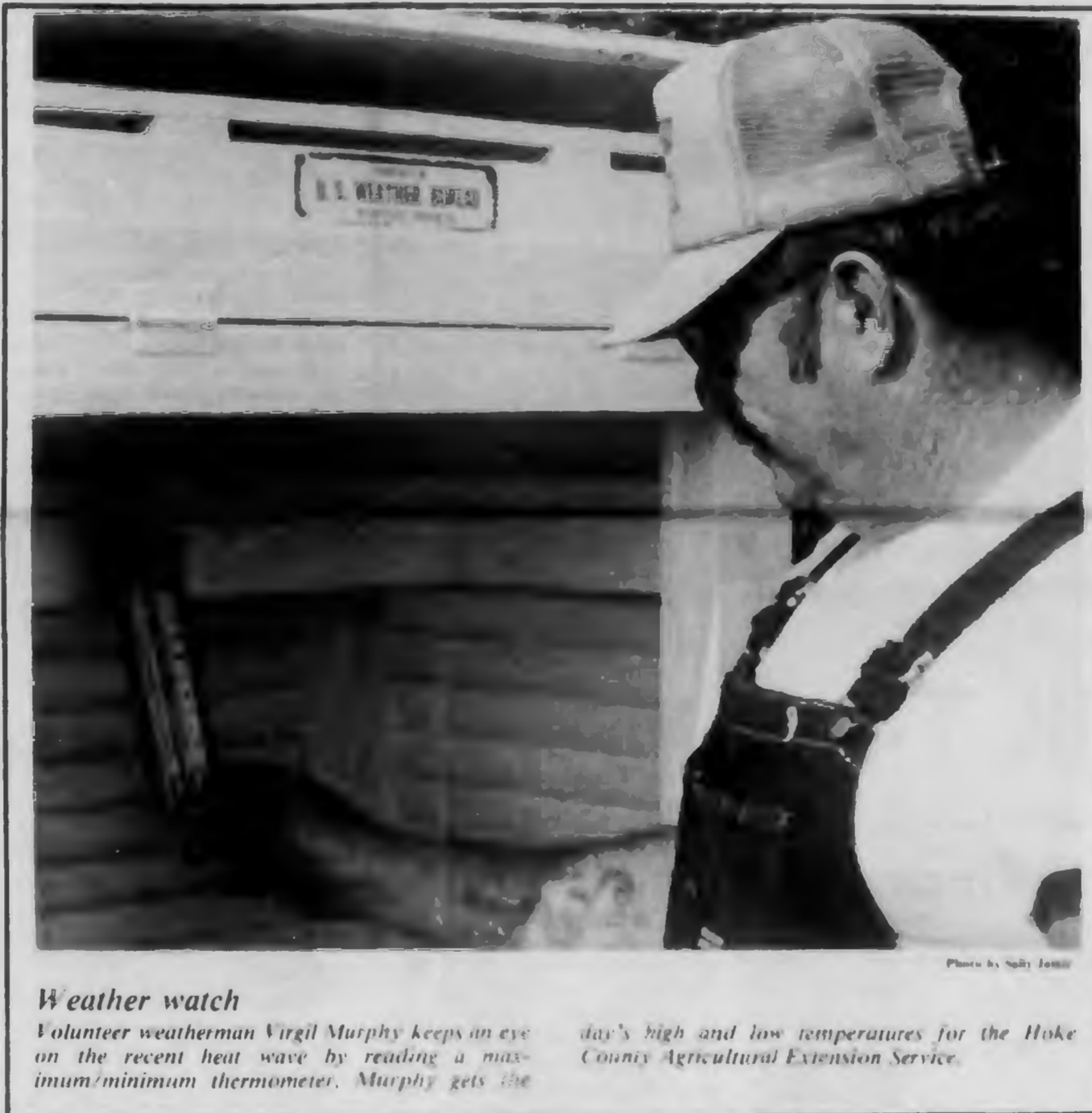
"I'm going to be setting up this senate office to make sure you get first class service here in Hoke County," Broyhill said.

In reference to finding solutions to problems confronting Carolina residents he said that he "is going to be on the conservative side of the solutions."

Broyhill said that he supported the growth of the economy through the establishment and retaining of employment of opportunity.

He advocated finding legislative solutions to problems in the economy through trade policy development and cited his support of the Textiles and Apparel's Im-

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Weather watch

Volunteer weatherman Virgil Murphy keeps an eye on the recent heat wave by reading a maximum/minimum thermometer. Murphy gets the day's high and low temperatures for the Hoke County Agricultural Extension Service.

Photo by Sally Jamir

## Woman dies in Sunday accident

A local woman died Sunday when she apparently lost control of the pick-up truck she was driving, ran off the road and struck a tree, according to N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper K. W. Weston.

Beulah Brewington Tyndall, 59, P.O. Box 14, Lumber Bridge, was pronounced dead by Hoke County Medical Examiner Ramnik Zota, MD after she was found in her overturned 1985 Dodge.

The single-vehicle accident occurred at approximately 12:40 p.m. on Rural Paved Road 1436, three miles outside of Shannon near McNeils Lake.

Tyndall was traveling northeast toward the lake at approximately 55 mph when she came upon a slight curve in the road.

A Bible and Sunday School materials were found in the truck which was towed to Leslie's Garage.

## Arson under investigation

There were recent findings in connection with the fire which engulfed Jimmy's Exxon Service Station on U.S. 401 on the morning of July 2, a State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) spokesman said Friday.

Laboratory tests returned from Raleigh indicated that the flammable substance in the remains of the building was residual gasoline, according to Kim Heffney, SBI investigator.

"The hydrocarbons and pigmentation that make up straight gasoline had burned off and left only a residue," Heffney said. "It's hard to say how much gas was used, although the place was not saturated with it."

A gasoline can was found at the scene of the fire. The investigation in the arson case is being continued.

## Youth wounded in shooting

A local youth was wounded in a shooting late Tuesday, July 15, according to Raeford Police Department records.

Jeff Fellows of 501 Grant Ave., Raeford, was transported to Moore Memorial Hospital in Southern Pines for treatment for shoulder and groin wounds received in the shooting, according to Police Chief Zeke Wiggins.

Fellows apparently left his residence and walked along Saunders Street where he met

William McNatt, Rt. 1, Raeford, and some of his friends. Wiggins said that "some words passed between the men" and McNatt allegedly shot Fellows and shot at his brother Barry L. Fellows.

Barry Fellows called in the complaint to the police station at 6:01 p.m. Tuesday and the ambulance arrived shortly afterward. According to Wiggins, Fellows has been released from the hospital.

Records say McNatt, 17, has been arrested and charged with

assault with a deadly weapon.

In other police records, Assistant Principal Leo Salzer called at 8:30 a.m. July 21 to report a breaking and entering at Turlington Elementary school.

Records say that a subject broke a window on a door leading to the assistant principal's office and entered the building. Apparently, nothing was taken.

Marilyn Parker, East Fifth (See LAW, page 13)

## Tyler is named new McLauchlin principal

By Sally Jamir

In a special meeting of the Hoke County Board of Education Monday night, members elected to place Mitchell Tyler in the position of McLauchlin Elementary School principal.

The appointment takes place after the retirement in June of former McLauchlin Principal Floyd Caldwell.

Tyler has been director of Indian Education for the Hoke County school system for approximately seven years.

Prior to his position at the central office, he taught physical education at Turlington Elementary School.

Tyler lives in Raeford with his family.

In other business, the board voted to purchase a modified van to transport students in the exceptional children's program.

The van will cost \$4,500 and will be purchased with part of the recently received \$29,000 fines and forfeitures funds from the court system. A total of \$92,000 was received last fiscal year.

Also, board members considered a proposal by local businessmen Mack Sessions, Raeford Plumbing and Heating, and Steve Parker, Southern National Bank, to arrange for the air

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Mitchell Tyler

## Around Town

By Sam Morris

We still have two months of summer left on the calendar. It seems that it was last year when it was cool weather. This is the longest heat wave that I can remember in Hoke County. The temperature has been higher for a few days, but then it would cool off for some time. This 100° weather is now in the third week and it doesn't appear that it will leave us any time soon.

The crop situation in Hoke County isn't as bad as it is in other parts of the state and country. Jim Plummer said Sunday that he had been in Georgia for a week and that the entire state had lost most

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Broyhills visit Raeford

Sen. Jim Broyhill and his wife, Louise, speak to an audience of 80 or more people at a breakfast meeting given for the senator Saturday morning at the Edenborough restaurant.