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Polls to open Tues.

Lines are expected to be short or nonexistent at the polls Tuesday, November 3, as Raeford voters decide on three city council seats.

Hoke Elections Supervisor Caroline Shook says only 25 percent of the 1,742 registered voters are expected to cast ballots. Polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and remain open until 7:30 p.m. at which time ballot tabulation will begin. Shook expects final results by 9 p.m. As is the case each year, those results will be displayed in the NEWS JOURNAL office Tuesday night and released the following morning in the November 5th edition.

Five candidates, three incumbents and two challengers, are running in the city's first staggered election. Those whose seats are up for grabs, Vardell Hedgpeth, Joe Upchurch, and Earl McDuffie, are completing two year terms, and are now running for four year terms. The two other councilmen, Bob Gentry and Bennie McLeod, were top vote-getters in 1985 and are serving four year terms that expire in two years. Mayor John K. McNeill is currently in the middle of his first four year term.

Voting will take place at three precincts. There are 890 city residents out of 1,194 total registered voters in Raeford # 1, and they will vote at the Hoke County Public Library. All 650 registered voters in Raeford #2 are city residents and will cast their ballots at the old county office building across the street from the Post Office. In Raeford #4, only 202 out of 810 registered voters are city residents and they will vote at the Hoke Civic Center. Shook says she expects very few absentee ballots to be cast.



211 accident

This truck driven by Jim Danner of Fayetteville ended up on railroad tracks Tuesday afternoon along Highway 211 west of Raeford. Neither Danner nor Johnnie Sinclair of Red Springs, the driver of the other truck, which jackknifed, were injured. Sinclair was charged with exceeding safe speed and driving left of center after the trucks nearly collided head-on. (Other truck pictured page 6A).

Road naming awaits approval

By June Lancaster
News-Journal Staff Writer

Complaints from a group of ladies from McLauchlin Township about the method used to name roads in their community is holding up, at least temporarily, commissioners' approval of the county-wide road naming project which has been in the works for almost two years.

At their October 19 meeting Hoke County Commissioners were all set to approve the names of county roads as recommended by a citizen task force when Grace Kelton and other ladies from McLauchlin Township expressed their concern.

Kelton said she felt no special effort was made to get black

representation on the task force.

However, Hoke County Tax Administrator Dale Teal who was responsible for getting the task force volunteers said, "I tried to get a representative task force made up of blacks, whites and Indians and a balance of men and women. It wasn't easy because people had a lot of excuses as to why they couldn't be on the task force."

Teal said he felt Ellen Willis, Jim Madden and Daniel Gibson of the McLauchlin Township had gone to particular trouble to inform their community about the program and to get their input. Willis, he said, put a notice in the June 19, 1986 News-Journal Calendar and the June 26, 1986 "Rockfish News" column in the News-Journal included another reminder of meetings at Rockfish and Wayside Community Buildings soliciting suggestions.

In addition, the community

watch put out flyers and signs were posted in grocery stores and filling stations. Teal said he feels the McLauchlin task force members probably did more than any other to get input from their community and yet the only complaint that has been heard came from that area.

The 21-member task force which included three people from each township was appointed by the Hoke County Board of Commissioners in April 1986 to recommend which names should be given to state-numbered roads in their communities.

The naming of the task force came after several months of preliminary work. The county first started work on the project, part of the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP), in December 1985.

The purpose of the program is two-fold. From a public safety point of view, it is much easier for (see ROADS, next page)

486 apply for help

The Low-Income Energy Assistance program for Indian applicants is being administered through the Lumbee Region Development Association (LRDA) this year, according to Rick Travis, director of the Hoke County Department of Social Services (DSS).

Applications will be taken beginning Monday, November 2 in Room 206 of the Post Office on W. Elwood.

Office hours will be 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Non-Indian applicants should continue to apply at the N.C. Drivers' License Bureau, 520 W. Donaldson. Applications at that location will be taken until November 25.

Travis told the DSS board on Monday that 486 clients had already applied for the energy assistance program.

In other business Travis told the board he had sent a memo to County Manager William Cowan identifying the immediate space needs of the department.

Currently DSS shares a building with the Agricultural Extension

Office. It was pointed out that even if the whole building were given over to the DSS the building would be fully occupied.

In connection with space problems the board discussed more efficient ways to handle storage of records. There are now 60 file cabinets of records at the department.

Consideration was given to the possibility of microfilming records to cut down on space needs. Another possibility discussed was the purging of files in which there had been no activity in the last three years.

J. H. "Buddy" Blue Jr. has joined the board replacing Evelyn Manning who resigned when she moved away from Hoke County.

Time to share your Christmas

It is not too early to start thinking about Christmas, especially for people who want to participate in the Share Your Christmas program.

People who think they may need

Burlington to hire about 100

By Ken MacDonald
News-Journal Associate Editor

Raeford's two Burlington Industries plants are extending their operating schedules, a change that is expected to add about 100 new employees over the next several months.

Raeford Plant Manager, Bill Archer, and B.M. Dyeing Plant Manager Frank Sessoms said in a statement that the "division will switch to continuous operating schedules in some areas of their respective plants." Those areas, though not named specifically, are currently on six-days-a-week schedules.

Kent Vesser, personnel director of the Raeford Plant, said the new employees are being added, about half in one plant and half in the other, to balance out work schedules in anticipation of new orders. He says the hirings are a sign that business is good. "I can't really speak for the industry, but our business here has always been good at this plant, even in the

tough times," he said.

Vesser said additional people will help the company meet increased demand for its product. Already in some departments workers don't get as much time off as others. "Some departments have had several seven day schedules," he said. "This will give them a little more time off." Vesser said the new employees will probably come mostly from the immediate area. "We've been fortunate to have a great deal of applicants whenever the public finds out Burlington is hiring," he said. Company officials hope to have the new schedule in effect by the end of next February. "We're going to hire these people over a period of two to three months," Vesser said. "It will take some time to train them." Vesser said there will be no new construction as a result of the changes.

Burlington Menswear manufactures worsted and worsted blend fabrics for men's and women's apparel and for the uniform market.

Algebra scores up

Hoke County students who took Algebra last year made impressive scores on end-of-course tests, scoring above average in both the state and region.

According to Barbara Lupo, director of instruction for Hoke County Schools, 184 students took the Algebra I test and 86 students took the Algebra II test.

Of the 184 students who took the Algebra I test, 28 were eighth graders at Upchurch Junior High School and 156 were students at Hoke County Senior High School.

The state-wide testing results show Algebra I students in 141 school systems in the state participated in the testing. Hoke County students were equal to or did better than students in 96 other systems. In the region, Hoke County was third out of 16 school systems.

The average score of Hoke County students on the 60-item Algebra I test was 40.4, or 67.3 per

cent correct. Average score for the state was 39.2, or 65.3 per cent correct. Average score for the region was 37.9, or 63.2 per cent correct.

Hoke County eighth-graders had an average score of 50.1 or 83.6 per cent correct.

Hoke County High School students had an average score of 38.7, or 64.4 per cent correct.

A score of 60 per cent correct is considered average performance on the test.

In the Algebra II end-of-course test, the 86 Hoke County students who took the test scored 38.9, or 69.4 per cent correct. The average score in the region was 36.0, or 64.2 per cent correct. The average score in the state was 37.7, or 67.2 per cent correct.

Lupo says, "We've shown a great deal of improvement and we're very proud of our scores. The teachers teaching the courses have really worked on teaching the objectives."

Around Town

By Sam Morris

The rains came early Tuesday morning and it was still raining as this was being written. We need rain because it hasn't rained in almost three weeks. I understand that we have had only four tenths of an inch this month. It is expected to fair up later today and for the winds to change and come from the north.

The forecast is for the temperatures to be in the 60s for the remainder of the week during the day. We don't expect any freezing weather out of the cold front.

Don't forget that the city election is next Tuesday and that fine (see AROUND, next page)



Injured

Sandra Faye Goins of 405 E. Prospect Ave. gets medical attention after her Mazda truck hit a car and careened into a house at 205 E. Prospect last Saturday. Goins was only slightly injured. The driver of a Pontiac, Fletcher Covington Jr. of West End with a stop sign violation. The house, which belongs to Dick McNeill, suffered \$7,500 damage.

Street money allocated

Raeford will receive \$98,686.26 in Powell Bill funds this month for improvement to streets and roads not included on the state highway system.

City Manager Tom Phillips says it is a source of revenue already included in the budget and is not earmarked for special projects.

Powell Bill funds are allotted every year to cities and towns throughout the state to build and maintain streets.

Allotment is based on a formula

set by the General Assembly. Seventy-five per cent of the money is allocated on the basis of population and the remaining twenty-five per cent is based on the number of non-state system street miles a city or town has.

Raeford's share was based on a 1986 estimated population of 4,237 and 26.03 miles of non-state system street miles.

A total of \$63.8 million is being distributed to 470 municipalities throughout the state this month.



Halloween storytime

Four and five-year olds from Raeford Kindergarten and Day Nursery attended a Halloween Storytime at the Hoke County Public Library on Tuesday. Betsy McNeill, the story lady, gave the children special Halloween bags.

Share Your Christmas also receives funds from the United Way. This year the United Way has budgeted \$933 for Share your Christmas.

If you want to help a needy family you can select a name from the Christmas Angel trees at Moore's, Sky City or Maxway from December 1 to December 13.

You then purchase a gift or donate money and return your gift to the tree. Distribution of gifts will take place after December 13.

Anne Hostetler and Jeanette Jordan are co-chairmen of Share Your Christmas. Richard Travis, director of DSS and Willie Featherstone, Hoke County Agricultural Extension Agent, are also working on the project.

Last year 144 applications were received. In response, 360 children's gifts and 220 adults' gifts were donated in addition to food and other needed items.