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County races may prompt heavy turnout

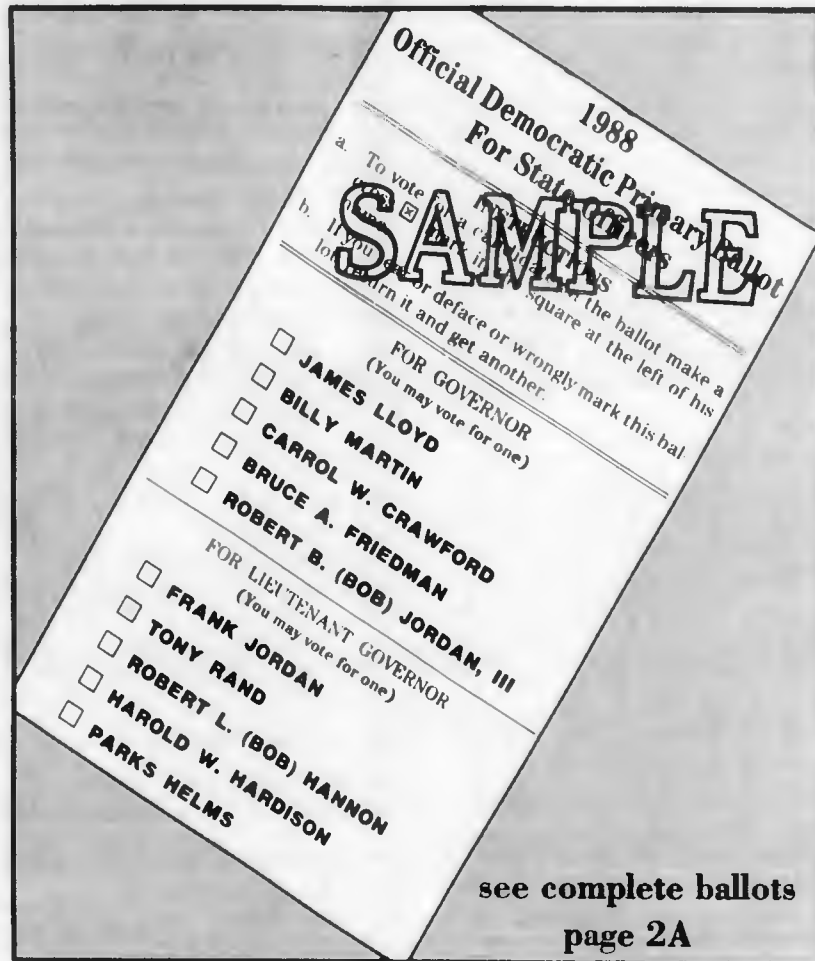
With less than a week of campaigning left and although attention locally is focused primarily on the County Commissioner's and the state House and Senate races, Hoke County's 8881 registered voters will also be deciding candidates for other state offices next Tuesday, including what has become the hottest race, that for the Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor. Recent television ads have created a furor in the race between the top two candidates, Tony Rand and Harold Hardison.

Registered Democrats will be voting for candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, Commissioner of Labor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Judges of the Court of Appeals, State Senator in the 13th District, House of Representatives in the 16th District, and Hoke County Board of Commission.

Republicans will be voting for candidates for Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Commissioner of Labor, and Superintendent of Public Instruction.

People who are registered as unaffiliated voters may vote on the Republican Party Primary Ballot, according to Caroline Shook, Hoke County Board of Elections supervisor.

County Commission Race
In a race many say is too close to call, four Democratic candidates are vying for two seats on the Hoke County Board of Commission. The current chairman and vice-chairman of the board Wyatt Upchurch and Neil McPhatter are being challenged



by L. E. McLaughlin Jr. and Franklin Teal.

Delbert Minshew, chairman of the Hoke County Board of Elections, says, "From what little I hear it is going to be hard to predict." Minshew says he would not be surprised to see a run-off in the Commissioner's race.

Hoke County Democratic Party

Chairman Harold Gillis says, "I don't think anyone really has a feel for it."

Minshew says he thinks voter turnout will be high, maybe as high as 50 or 52 percent of the county's registered voters. He says, "I'm hoping for that anyway."

Gillis says, "I have heard it could be high numbers. I think it would be wonderful if we had a high number. I

think people need to vote. They need to exercise their constitutional right to vote."

Board of Elections Supervisor Shook says she isn't sure what to expect in the area of voter turnout. She said there was a 49 percent turnout in 1984, the last presidential election year, but this year there is a separate presidential primary, so interest in local and state elections may not draw quite that many voters.

She said there have been nearly 350 new registered voters in the county this year, and almost 200 of them registered between the presidential primary and the April 4 deadline for next Tuesday's election.

Shook says if two candidates in next Tuesday's commissioner's election do not receive a majority of the votes cast there will be a run-off election on May 31. She says the decision on whether there will be a run-off will be determined after the official canvass is declared on May 5.

The formula for determining if a run-off will take place is to divide the total number of votes cast in any one

race by the number of seats open. That number is then divided by two to determine the majority.

State House Race
In the State House of Representatives' race for the 16th District the three incumbents, Hoke County Rep. Danny DeVane, Scotland County Rep. Pete Hasty and Robeson County Rep. Sidney Locks are being challenged by two Robeson County Indians, Adolph Dial and Garth Locklear.

Danny DeVane traditionally leads the ticket in the 16th District and political observers believe he will again, although no one can predict what impact recent events in Robeson County will have on the race.

Rumors circulating in Hoke County that about 10,000 new voters have registered in Robeson County since the takeover of the Robesonian newspaper and the death of Lumbee Indian activist and candidate for Robeson County District Attorney Julian Pierce are not accurate, according to Robeson Board of Elections Supervisor Ray Revels.

Revels said there were 49,458 registered voters in Robeson County prior to the March 8 presidential primary. There are now 51,555 voters who are eligible to vote in next Tuesday's election, Revels said this week.

Although registered Republicans in Hoke County will not be voting in this primary for candidates for the County Commission or for the State House or State Senate, Republicans are running for four state-wide offices.

Hoke County Republican Party Chairman Buddy Blue says, "Even though Republicans are only voting in this primary for four offices state-wide, it is still important for Republicans to vote and to vote for the best candidates if they're going to be elected in November. The Republican Party expects this to be the best year we have had in this century."

Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. on May 3 for the Primary election. Minshew says he hopes to have all votes counted by 11:30 p.m. if not much earlier.

School board adopts budget

After two nights of budget meetings the Hoke County Board of Education Tuesday night adopted a \$1,409,599 current expense budget and a \$130,000 capital outlay budget for the 1988-89 school year. The current expense budget reflects a \$183,320, or 14.94 percent, increase in local spending over last year.

The adopted budget was whittled down by the school board from a proposed increase of \$285,418 in the current expense fund presented to the school board Monday night by Superintendent Bob Nelson and Finance Officer Don Steed.

In proposing the whittled-down

version of the budget to board members Tuesday night, Chairman Bobby Wright said the budget is "down to a realistic figure which would satisfy the needs of the schools and the taxpayers."

Major item in the \$130,000 capital outlay budget is a \$30,000 school bus which was added to the budget Tuesday night. Other items in the capital outlay budget include an expenditure of \$7,900 for football helmets. The board approved that expense at its last regular meeting.

Other major ticket items in capital outlay include \$13,000 for asbestos

inspection, \$10,000 for roofing, \$13,000 for a van for the High School and \$11,000 for school furniture.

Included in the current expense budget is \$15,000 in teacher supplements which would give each teacher in the system a supplement increase of \$50 for the next school year. This year for the first time teachers received a \$100 supplement.

In addition to the local money request, the board expects to receive \$11,818,149 in state funds and \$2,187,602 in federal funds to operate (see SCHOOL, page 4A)

In brief...

Blow the whistle on annoying telephone calls

It has been reported to *The News-Journal* that a number of ladies in the Raeford area have been receiving obscene phone calls recently; however a check with Police Chief V. L. Wiggins and with Zan Monroe, District Commercial Manager with Carolina Telephone, indicates that neither of these officials has been notified of the calls.

Monroe says the best procedure to follow in dealing with harassing calls

is to report the incident to the Police or to the Sheriff's Department. He says the telephone company works with local law enforcement officials who might recommend having a trace put on such calls. He also says customers can contact their service representative at the telephone company to report the matter.

Monroe says there are a couple of things telephone users who are being annoyed in this manner can do. They

can keep a whistle handy and blow it into the phone to discourage such calls (a whistle used in this manner sounds very loud and would probably make the person on the other end of the line very uncomfortable), or they can simply hang the phone up.

By hanging the phone up quickly the obscene caller is denied the satisfaction of thinking he has disturbed his victim in any way.

Raeford/Hoke Night Friday in Fayetteville

The North Carolina Turkey Festival Mascot and the Hoke County High School Band will be on hand Friday at the Fayetteville Generals baseball game as Raeford/Hoke County's night is celebrated.

The event is being promoted by Raeford radio station WSMR.

According to station manager Mark Wood the event has been endorsed by both Raeford City Council

and the Hoke County Board of Commissioners as a night to promote Raeford and Hoke County and all Hoke County citizens will get free admission to the game.

Gates open at 5 p.m. at the J. P. Riddle Stadium on Legion Road in Fayetteville and WSMR's remote broadcast of the event will begin at 5:30.

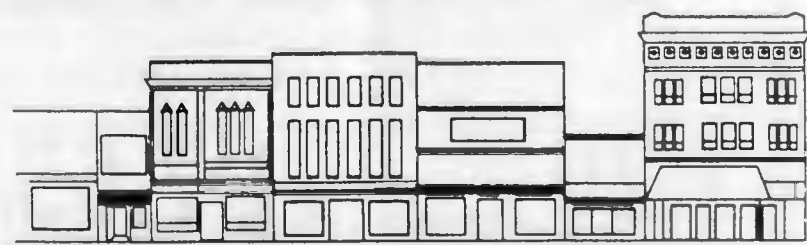
At 6 p.m. a softball game between WSMR and WKML/WFAI is sched-

uled. Among the players on the WSMR team will be coaches from Hoke High School. The Fayetteville Generals game will start about 7:30 or 8 p.m., says Wood.

He says this is the first time Raeford/Hoke County has been featured in a special night by the Generals. The night is part of an area promotion for the professional baseball team as it opens its second season.

Around Town

by Sam C. Morris



The weather over the weekend had temperatures in the 80s and you would have thought that summer had arrived. The rain Saturday night and early Sunday morning didn't hamper any outdoor activities in Hoke County.

The forecast is for rain Tuesday and maybe Wednesday with the temperatures in the 60s during the day and with lows in the 40s. Then the thermometer will begin to rise and be in the 70s for the weekend. Perfect weather!

The Constitutional Bicentennial Committee of Hoke will meet Monday, May 2 at the office of Chairman Glenn Langdon. The meeting will start at five o'clock so make your plans to be present. Important upcoming events will be decided on at the meeting.

The primary will be held on Tuesday, May 3 for both the Democratic and Republican parties. The polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

There are state, district and county races to be decided at this primary and your vote could be the winning vote. We, as citizens, should exercise this privilege that so many people in the world do not have.

So mark your calendar now and go out and vote Tuesday.

Some readers of this column play golf, so you will know what the following golf item is all about.

Now how would you like to shoot rounds of golf in a tournament as follows: 67-65-69-68 - Total 269. This is the score that Lanny Watkins had at New Orleans last week. He lost by 7 strokes to Chip Beck who had scores of

69-64-65-64 - Total 262.

Both of these men had under 70 for four rounds. I don't believe this has happened to me in 20 years of golf. I mean, one round under 70! Some scoring!

If you keep up with baseball, you will know that a record has been set by the Baltimore Orioles. They had lost the opening 18 games for the season on Sunday. Let's hope that they have won by the time you read this item.

It seems that the government wants to get more and more involved in telling people how they can run their business. I am thinking about the amendment tacked on the Trade Bill.

Maybe we need the Trade Bill and most of my friends at Burlington think so and I will take their views on this, but to say that a law will be passed to make a private business pay employees two months pay if the company should shut down, is going too far.

Now this is just my opinion, but I hope that the veto will not be overridden.

The views of some workers today are different from what I had over 50 years ago when I started to work here at this newspaper office. I have worked many a day feeling bad, not because I like to work, but because I was afraid someone would get my job. Another thing in my early days there wasn't any wage and hour law. I worked from Monday morning until Saturday night and it could have been 10 hours or more a day.

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Walks away

The driver of this car, Wesley Hollingsworth Jr., 17, of Raeford walks away from this wreck with only minor injuries after his car was struck by a tractor trailer on the 401 bypass last Friday morning. According to Raeford

Police, Hollingsworth allegedly pulled from the Hardees parking lot into the path of the truck. Two others in the car received minor injuries.