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Action filed to close Cousins club; operation moves

Assistant District Attorney Rick Jackson filed a civil petition Friday to close Cousins, a controversial Antioch club frequented by Indians, as a public nuisance.

Club owner Elisha Dial was also served with a restraining order from Superior Court Judge Donald W. Stephens to keep him from doing

business at, or even entering, the club until a June 3 court hearing.

Deputies led by Sheriff Alex Norton chained up entrances and boarded up windows Friday morning at the club, located on Highway 211 East near the Robeson County border.

The petition alleges Dial allowed Cousins "to be

used for unwholesome and demoralizing conduct," including:

- illegal possession, sale and use of drugs,
- loud, boisterous and violent conduct inside and out
- illegal possession and consumption of alcohol.

The petition further claims Cousins is the sight of frequent fist fights, knife fights, gun fights and assaults with guns, and that Dial "regularly participates in them."

Cousins was a center for controversy last September as residents complained to county commissioners and the district attorney of fighting, vandalism and noise surrounding the club.

The club made the news again in early November when two men sprayed the club with bullets from the sunroof of a black Ford Thunderbird.

"Citizens have continued to complain to me," District Attorney Jean Powell said.

Powell said her office has not been able to pursue this action until now because of higher priority cases.

"It requires a lot of extra work on the part of our attorney to prepare the case...and criminal is our priority," she said.

"We have had a few other things going on," she said, referring to recent murders and the petition to remove the sheriff.

The club is also notorious as a gathering place (See COUSINS, page 4)



Elisha Dial stands in front of Cousins, a club he owns, but no longer is allowed to operate.

Hoke teachers experiment to ready students for jobs

Hoke County's assistant superintendent says teachers' attitudes are beginning to change, and that may be just what the kids need.

It's not an attitude towards the kids that's changing, but towards the teaching, Assistant Superintendent Lavetta Horton said.

Hoke County is one of four school systems in the state taking part in a federal pilot program to integrate the teaching of academic skills—reading, writing and math—in vocational courses—shop, home ec and farming.

As a result, barriers between departments are beginning to crumble and teachers are thinking of new ways to teach old subjects.

"At least people across departments are talking to each other," Horton said.

In the future, Horton said, "you may have a

math teacher teaching shop class, you may have a science teacher teaching horticulture."

New techniques—teachers working in teams, switching with each other and looking for similar needs in different classes—are springing up at Hoke High.

Math and home economics teachers might switch off, for instance. The math teacher could show home economics students how to perform math with fractions; the home economics teacher could show math students how to apply their knowledge of fractions to real life.

"They would still be learning recipes, they would still be learning fractions," Horton said.

June Atkinson, chief consultant for the Department of Public Instruction, compares the integration of academic and vocational curricula to dating (See TEACHERS, page 4)

Grandmother's dream realized when she meets granddaughter

Viola Green said it was an answer to many prayers.

She met her granddaughter Tuesday for the first time.

The granddaughter, Pamela Sue Murphy of Mayville, Michigan, flew in to meet her grandmother for the first time.

Green's daughter, Patricia Bryant of Battle Creek, Michigan, died January 4, 1961 while giving birth to her second child, Pamela.

Her widowed husband was unable to take care of a second child, so he put the newborn up for adoption and moved with his 14-month old son to Oregon.

Green lost track of her granddaughter from that point on.

"I've been going to adoption agencies for thirty years trying to find her."

Then, recently, she received a call.

"She called me and asked me if January 4, 1961 meant anything to me and I said, that's my grand."

Pamela had gone back to the adoption agency



Viola Green and her granddaughter, Pamela Sue Murphy

to look up her biological family. The agency, with help from Green's friends in the Mormon church, was able to trace Green to Raeford.

Green said she had gotten her daughter's death (See UNITED, page 5)

Board hires superintendent

Picked from slate of 22

Hoke County's schools have a new top man. The School Board voted unanimously last night to appoint Dr. William Charles Harrison its new superintendent.

Harrison will replace seven-year superintendent Dr. Robert A. Nelson, who retires at the end of next month.

"We are delighted to have you join us, Bill," Chairman Shirley Gibson said.

Harrison set his main goal from the start. "We're going to provide the best possible educational opportunities for the children of Hoke County," Harrison said.

He described himself as a goal-directed man.

"I work hard, will bring a lot of enthusiasm to a job," he said. "I am a person of high integrity; I work well with people."

Harrison was hired at a salary of \$57,000. Of that between \$6,000 and \$7,320 will be paid with a local supplement, Gibson said.

Harrison, a native of Pennsylvania, is now an assistant superintendent with the Brunswick County Schools. He has been a teacher, an assistant principal, an elementary principal and principal of Terry Sanford High School in Fayetteville.

He also has taught at East Carolina University, Methodist College, UNC-Wilmington, Fayetteville State University and Fayetteville Technical Institute.



William Harrison

Harrison graduated from Methodist College, earned his masters at East Carolina University and his doctorate at Vanderbilt University.

He already faces big problems early in his tenure: a monetary squeeze on the state and local level and the search for two new middle school principals.

"Funds are scarce right now, that's a fact of life," he said. He said he would work to build a good relationship with county commissioners, who control the amount of local money the schools get.

"I think we need to sit down with each other right from the start and get to know each other," he said.

"I think we need to demonstrate to them that we're using the funds they give us efficiently," he said.

He will also seek money through grants, industry and partnerships.

As for the need for new principals, Harrison indicated he already had a handle on things.

"I have some ideas of what kind of people I would want," he said. He will be "looking for some strong people, especially in light of the possibility of having to open the year and then (See SUPERINTENDENT, page 12)

3 injured in shooting

A man riding in the back of a pickup truck shot three men Monday in the Scurlock area.

Reginald Belton, James Edward Watson and Jack Thomas were injured in the incident as they stood outside at 1920 Scurlock School Road, according to Chief Deputy Wayne Gardner of the Hoke County Sheriff's Department.

No one has been arrested yet in the shooting, though Gardner said detectives have a suspect.

Belton was injured in the foot, Watson in the arm and Thomas in the leg. All three were taken by ambulance to Cape Fear Medical Center in Fayetteville.

The truck was described as a black pickup.

Phone booth stolen in Davis Bridge

A Davis Bridge store employee came to work Thursday to find a phone booth missing.

Phillip Williams, an employee of the Short Stop at Davis Bridge, reported the missing phone booth to the Sheriff's Department.

The booth, which belongs to Carolina Telephone, is valued at \$2,000, while the phone in it is valued at \$1,042, according to a sheriff's report.

Around Town

By Sam C. Morris

I did flip the switch from heat to cool last week and I believe that for the past few days and nights that it has been running most of the time. The heat wave that came in over the weekend makes it feel like the middle of the summer. It is still over three weeks until summer comes in. Anytime that you have 90-degree readings in the daytime and 70-degree readings at night you can say that it is hot. We also have had high humidity.

The forecast doesn't show any signs of relief. The daytime temperatures will be in the 90s and at night the temperatures will be in the 70s for the remainder of the week. You can expect to have thundershowers pop up with these kind of conditions.

What should we expect when summer arrives?

The city and county observed Memorial Day weekend with the closing of banks, city and county offices and with the schools having a workday for teachers. With the recent conflict in the Persian Gulf more people seemed to think about the holiday this year. Of course Memorial Day is actually on Thursday, May 30.

Last Tuesday I received a letter and a postcard in the mail. The postcard was addressed to me at my home address, 110 N. Jackson St. and the letter was

addressed to me at *The News-Journal*. Now the reason for the above statement is that I have a post office box 541.

The postcard was mailed on Thursday the week before and took five days to reach me and it was mailed in Raeford. The letter was mailed on Monday and it arrived on Tuesday and was mailed in Charlotte. Now what I can't understand is why it took five days for a postcard to get to me that was mailed at the same post office and the letter from Charlotte arrived overnight. Neither of the articles had my post office box number on them.

The postcard had information about an event that took place two days before I received the card. I guess the computer age makes some mail faster and some other mail slower. They both had the right stamps on them.

Have any of you readers had the same or similar experience?

When you read the daily newspaper and listen to the news on television about the workings of our lawmakers in Raleigh, I wonder if they will get home for Christmas.

The arguments over the school in Robeson County and the redistricting of the legislative seats in our area could keep the men and women in Raleigh for a long time. According to some comments I have heard about the school board in Robeson and the cutting of state (See AROUND, page 4)