

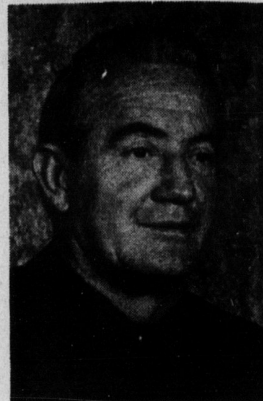
City Board Approves Rezoning

The city board of commissioners authorized the city clerk Monday to advertise for bids for a 1,000 gallon per minute pumping engine for the Kings Mountain Fire Department. Bids are to be received until 7:30 p.m. on April 10, 1972.

The board also approved a request from J. Wilson Crawford and Eloise S. Crawford to rezone a subdivision consisting of 9.854 acres from R-20 to R-8.

Public hearing was held by the board before the action was taken. The property, which had already been recommended for rezoning by the rezoning board, is located off Margrace Road, and is currently unused. It will be an extension of R-6 areas, consisting of subdivision residences.

The commissioners approved a lease agreement with Carl Champion for use of the city stadium for slow-pitch softball.



RICHARD WARE

WASHINGTON NOTES

MITCHELL RESIGNS
Attorney General John Mitchell has resigned to take command of President Nixon's re-election campaign.

MILLS OFFICIALLY RUNS
Representative Wilbur D. Mills (D-Ark) has officially announced that he was running for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

ON BUSING
Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Elliot L. Richardson has reported to Congress that an antibusing constitutional amendment could undermine "the measures that have been taken to dismantle the dual school system."

Ware's Statement For County Commissioner

Richard E. Ware, candidate for the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners was not listed in an earlier listing of candidates for that office in this newspaper.

The 45 year-old Ware is the son of Mrs. Mrs. Ben T. Ware of Margrace Mill in Kings Mountain. He is the owner of Linwood Crown Service Station, and formerly employed at Ellis Lumber in Kings Mountain, and

O.E. Ford in Shelby. He is a Navy Veteran of World War II.

Ware stated his principal reason for seeking the nomination for County Commissioner is the recent reevaluation of properties for tax purpose. "Property values were evaluated from 40 to 100 per cent, which is questionable in itself, but members of the present commission haven't indicated they will cut the tax rate."

Said Ware, "I believe that our county should grow and prosper, but don't tax yourself out of this growth."

"I seek the support of all the people of Cleveland County for one of the three seats on the County Commission in the May 6th election."



Pinewood Derby entrants at Cub Scout Pack 98's Blue and Gold Banquet last Tuesday were left to right: Bryan Baker, Jamie

Ivey, Aron Bell, Dale Green, David Jones, Carl Mills, Stephen Crawford, Joel Kidd, Tommy Grisson, Gregg Smith, Jimmy Burk, and Robert Lutz. Mirror Photo.

Washington Report

By Congressman James T. Broyhill

Rural Development

The House of Representatives last week turned its attention to the problems of rural America in considering and passing the Rural Development Act of 1972. This legislation is aimed at revitalizing our rural areas by encouraging the improvement of housing and public facilities and stimulating rural business activity. The Congressional interest in this subject is the result of the growing realization that the problems of the cities with which we have been grappling for so long can best be solved by aiming at their source--the lack of opportunity and adequate development of rural areas.

The House Agriculture Committee began hearings on the general subject of rural development last July. During these hearings, many aspects of the rural problem were brought to light. Among the Committee's findings were the facts that sixty percent of substandard housing is located in rural areas, and that the per capita income is lower than that in cities. It was documented that public services such as fire protection and ambulance service are often inadequate in rural America, as are medical services and hospital facilities. Rural areas need more water and sewer systems to be on a par with urban areas, and more jobs are needed for rural residents.

These problems have combined to cause a pattern of migration from rural to urban areas of our nation. In 1970, the population living in rural areas had fallen to 26 percent. The 1970 census revealed that 74 percent of the American people live on two percent of the land. Another disturbing fact shown by the 1970 census was that most of those migrating from rural areas were young adults beginning the most productive years of their lives.

It is easy to see that this trend has been the major contributor to the overcrowding in our cities and the many attendant problems this has brought. As President Nixon stated in his Rural Development Message to the Congress on February 1, 1972, "Chang-

ing patterns of life in rural America have changed the pattern of life in all of America."

The legislation passed by the House last week would primarily expand existing programs under the Farmers Home Administration and the Soil Conservation Service. No new bureaucratic agencies would be created. The legislation offers programs to encourage and assist the development of business, industry, community centers and services, and pollution abatement and control in small towns and rural areas. The bill would encourage younger people to remain on the farm or in rural communities by giving them special consideration to help them obtain loans for farming and rural development purposes.

Under the terms of the bill, added flexibility would be given to the small watershed and resource conservation and development programs, providing Federal assistance in such projects as municipal and industrial water supply, water quality management, pollution abatement and con-

trol, and other purposes directly related to rural development. New and better water supplies would be a major factor in encouraging new industries to locate in rural areas, and the anti-pollution provisions would ensure the protection of the rural environment from industrial pollution.

I am especially pleased at the inclusion of a section to authorize Farmers Home Administration loans for essential community facilities, such as community centers, firehouses, and fire and rescue equipment, including ambulances. I was the original sponsor of this provision, which I introduced as separate legislation in this Congress and the previous one. I am quite familiar with the need for such community facilities in areas of the Tenth Congressional District and feel that this new section of the law would be of special assistance.

I supported the passage of this measure and feel that it would provide significant improvements in programs to assist in the development and revitalization of our nation's rural areas.

NEWS REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

Missile Agreement-- Due In May-- President To Announce-- The Two Parts--

Washington, D. C.--The Soviet Union and the United States have just about agreed on limiting nuclear missiles and President Nixon is almost certain to announce the accord in Moscow in May, or in connection with his trip beforehand.

Complete agreement has not yet been reached on the question of offensive missiles, which is a disappointment, but agreement has been reached on defensive missiles (ABM's) and on land-based offensive missiles. Because White House officials recently briefed members of Congress on the talks, the status of the discussions leaked out rather quickly, as usual.

Here is what the treaty, to be announced in May, will probably include: A limit of between 150 and 200 defensive missiles, to be located anywhere each nation wants to position them; an interim agreement on offensive missiles, a category in which the Soviet Union now leads the United States, about 3 to 2 (1500 plus to 1,054 plus); provision for further negotiation on submarine-launched and other missiles.

The U. S. has sought in the negotiations to conclude a limit on sea-carried mis-

siles but the Soviets have insisted from the beginning that in the overall totals considered the United States include its bomber force. U. S. negotiators have opposed including bombers in the totals; U.S. strategic bombers are thought to outnumber Russian strategic bombers.

Though the U. S. missile total is behind that of the Soviets in the land-based offensive category and in ABM's, by fitting multiple warheads to its missiles, on land and sea, the U.S. has in recent years increased its total number of nuclear bombs--a total which exceeds the Soviet total.

Soviet nuclear warheads, however, are much larger than U.S. nuclear bombs and thus the negotiators of both countries have a point in claiming to be endangered by the other's country's missile program.

Because no agreement was reached on submarine missiles, the Nixon Administration is now moving to build new and better missile subs, to prevent the Soviet Navy overtaking the U.S. in this missile category. The Russians have continued building missile subs in recent years while the U.S. program was at a halt.

Some Interesting Campaign Statements

By JOHN KILGO

Republican gubernatorial candidates Jim Gardner and Jim Holshouser met on the same stage in Charlotte recently but the fireworks did not come off.

The occasion was the Young Republicans Club Valentine's Day banquet.

Holshouser made the only biting remark of the evening, when he said: "I suspect losing a political race is bitterly disappointing. I'm glad I can't explain it further. I've never lost."

Mr. Gardner, of course, was beaten by Gov. Bob Scott in '68.

Gardner was Mr. Republican. He threw in a couple of nice words about President Nixon and called for party unity when the primary is over.

Gardner then pulled out a Pat Taylor brochure. "It says here," Gardner

said, "that North Carolina has hungry children, disease ridden families, a low per capita income, drug and crime problems. And flip the brochure over and we see that Mr. Taylor has been in the State House, Speaker of the House, and lieutenant governor. He's been in the middle of the whole mess and even his own brochure is telling North Carolina that it's time to change parties in Raleigh."

Don't be surprised if Charlotte attorney Allen A. Bailey, a conservative Democrat, soon gets on the campaign bandwagon of Jim Hunt, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor.

One of the real interesting races ought to be the Republican primary for the U.S. Senate. Jesse Helms is said to be overwhelmed with the response he has received since announcing for the office. And Jimmy Johnson of Concord says flat out that he's going to whip Jesse.

Nancy Roberts of Charlotte decided to run for Governor while reading her morning newspaper over a piece of toast and a cup of coffee. That upset Mrs. Roberts, so she drove to Raleigh and filed for Governor.

Here's a twist. One high-up in Hugh Morton's now defunct campaign for Governor said: "I'm a registered Republican, anyhow. I'll be supporting Jim Holshouser from now on."

J. P. Huskins, Statesville newspaper publisher, is seeking reelection to the State House as a Democrat... When Hubert Humphrey came to

Charlotte for the State YDC Installation Banquet, the place reserved for Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor was empty. Democratic Party Chairman John Church did show up... I am told that since Terry Sanford is thinking of jumping into presidential politics, that Gov. Scott is working harder than ever in North Carolina for Sen. Muskie... U.S. Sen. B. Everett Jordan had an organizational dinner in Charlotte last Friday night, and even though it snowed at the dinner hour, some 50 people showed up.

HONESTY HOLDS TRUE
Glendale, Calif.--When Loris White, 31, received his lost wallet and all its contents, including \$540, back in the mail, he said he believed there was still at least one honest man in the world.

EGG TEST
Elmira, N. Y.--Firemen aided Robert Strous' physics class test packaging eggs so they wouldn't break. The eggs, wrapped in various ways by the students, were dropped 30 to 40 feet from the ladder truck. Of the first 30 packages dropped, only four eggs were broken.

PRODUCTION UP
Washington--Agriculture Department economists have predicted that chicken and turkey production will rise this year and prices will go up also.

SCHOOLS & TAXES
Washington--Minority Leader Gerald Ford (R-Mich) has joined Representative John W. Byrnes (R-Wis) in proposing legislation to give up to \$800 a year in tax credits to the parents of students in private and parochial schools.

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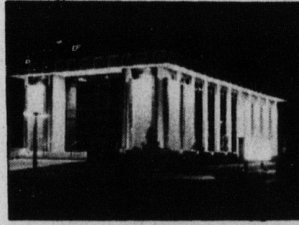
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