



Examining the wreckage

National Guardsmen look over one of the many Red Springs houses that was demolished during last Wednesday's menacing tornado that ripped through

most of the area tearing down and destroying nearly everything in its path.

... Volunteers help victims

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destruction I have ever seen," he added.

Although residents apparently affected by the storm's destruction seemed "in shock," Cook said "everyone was trying to help everyone."

"Everywhere you looked people were helping people. Some were directing traffic while others were helping clear the roads for ambulances to get through," Cook said.

"The people have been good throughout this whole disaster," Rescue Squad member Mark Posey said.

Posey and three rescue squad crews were also dispatched during the Wednesday night disaster.

Crews assisted in Laurinburg, McColl, South Carolina, Bennettsville, South Carolina, Maxton and Red Springs, aiding in searches for victims, clearing roads and transporting the injured to nearby hospitals or medical stations.

"We helped search the remains of one home and found six people dead, pinned in," Posey said.

"I can't really tell you what that is like," he added.

"Everywhere we went, we found a total mess," Posey said.

"It really hits home when you see this kind of destruction," he added.

Rescue squad members worked until well after midnight clearing debris and "doing whatever we were needed to do."

Other squad members returned to the Red Springs area Friday, Saturday and Sunday delivering candles, bowls, cups and other needed supplies that were donated by local residents.

"We probably put in 30 to 40 man hours last week," Posey said.

"They were all worthwhile," he added.

In addition to medical personnel, Hoke firemen and city work crews helped throughout the week, cutting trees, cleaning yards and trying to wipe away at least some memories that the tornadoes had left in their path.

"Everyone has been great," State Representative Daniel DeVane said.

DeVane has been working in the Red Spring area since the disaster hit.

"The people here are taking this real good. Naturally they are hurt, but there is not a great deal of bitterness," DeVane said.

"Everyone seems to be picking up their lives and trying to put them back together," he added.

"They really appreciate all the help that has been coming from Hoke County and other areas. You can see it in their eyes," DeVane said.

"This disaster has really brought out the best in people," he added.

Although power is being restored, streets are being put back together, windows are being lifted, the area is far from ready to forget the destructive storm or those affected by its wrath.

"We will help as long as they need us," Raeford interim City Manager Bill Sellars said.

"They would not desert us and we will not let them down," he added.

Any resident wishing to make a contribution to those affected by the storm should contact Steve Parker at Southern National Bank (875-3738), DeVane said.

"He is coordinating donations from Hoke County," he added.

"Anything that we can do will be appreciated," DeVane said.

Financial assistance can also be sent through the Red Cross to Disaster Relief Fund, P.O. Box 1056, Raeford.

... Airport plan studied

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Under the proposed resolution, city and county officials would appoint the airport commission members, remain joint owners of the property and have control over the budget.

"I think this will give a day to day control to the commission while it still allows you to have a good deal of ultimate authority," McFadyen said.

"I think that would be the best," Commission Chairman John Balfour said.

"I hope we will be able to approve the resolution and appoint the members at our next meeting," Balfour said.

The county and city joined hands on the facility last fall with plans to appoint an airport authority that would oversee the

day-to-day operation.

The authority will have five members with two appointed from both governmental bodies and one member appointed by the Hoke-Raeford Chamber of Commerce.

In unrelated matters, the commissioners agreed to help "financially support" the Hoke County Heritage Hobnob and contributed \$1,000 to the festival.

"I think we should agree to participate for this year only," Commissioner Wyatt Upchurch said.

"I don't want to commit for any longer than that," he added.

Commissioners also approved \$900 in funding for five "Welcome to Hoke County" signs that will be erected on Highways 211, 401 and 20.

The signs will display a North Carolina flag and a county seal.

Each sign will cost \$175, according to Hoke County Manager James Martin.

"I think that is what we need. We want something that people can see that will make them feel welcome in our county," Balfour said.

The signs will go up approximately 60 to 90 days after the order has been made, Martin said.

"The Department of Transportation will have to approve the design and locations before we can order them," Martin said.

In further business, commissioners approved over \$600 in tax releases and refunds and agreed to sell nearly two acres of pine straw at the county-owned landfill.

The county received \$105 for the sale of the pine straw.

Fayetteville man draws 60 days for March high speed car chase

A Fayetteville man, charged with 14 violations following a 15-mile chase in March, began a 60-day sentence in the Hoke Jail this week on five of those charges, court records show.

Ricky Jerome Gillian, 22, plead guilty to driving while impaired (DWI), speeding, speeding in excess of 70 miles per hour (mph) and carrying a malt beverage in the passenger area of a car.

District Court Judge Warren L. Pate ordered the defendant imprisoned for 60 days on those charges.

In addition, Gillian received a five-year suspended sentence with five years of "special" supervised probation.

Pate also ordered Gillian to surrender his license, perform 72 hours of community service work within 90 days, and enroll in the alcohol and drug abuse school.

Gillian was given another six-month suspended sentence for assaulting Hoke Detective Jimmy Riley, whose car was struck during the chase by the defendant.

The conditions of the suspended sentence calls for five years of supervised probation.

In addition, the defendant also must pay over \$3,000 in restitution, damages and court cost, according to Pate's instructions.

Gillian was arrested in March after a midnight chase through Hoke County that resulted in a wrecked county vehicle.

In unrelated matters, another Fayetteville man was given a two-year sentence on charges that he took over \$100 in merchandise from the Food Lion grocery store.

Thomas Eugene Gerald, 31, was sentenced to no less than two years and no more than two years to be

served at the North Carolina Department of Corrections.

Gerald was charged with taking 48 cartons of cigarettes, bathroom tissue and potato chips from the Food Lion store.

The defendant gave notice of appeal.

Mildred McRae of Wagram plead guilty to the larceny of a \$19.98 suit from Pope's in downtown Raeford.

Pate gave the defendant a six-month suspended sentence and ordered her to pay a \$100 fine and court cost in the action.

James Sherman Knight Jr., of Rt. 1, Red Springs, plead guilty to DWI and speeding (82-55) charges during district court last week.

Knight was ordered confined to the Hoke County Jail for four consecutive weekends.

In addition, Pate gave the defendant a one-year suspended sentence with one year of "special" supervised probation.

Knight must also surrender his license, obtain a substance abuse assessment, participate in "any recommended" treatment programs and reappear in court for evaluation.

The judge also instructed the defendant to pay a \$300 fine and court cost in the incident.

Records show that this was the defendant's second DWI offense.

In further court action, Clarence Wilson Burr Jr. of Morven plead guilty to speeding (65-55) and was given a prayer for judgement upon payment of the court cost.

Anthony Shawn Tew of Rt. 4, plead guilty to exceeding 20 miles per hour in a 20 mile per hour zone and was ordered to pay the court cost in the action.

Eddie R. Troy of Hope Mills plead guilty to speeding (66-55) and driving without an operator's license and was ordered to pay \$10 and court cost.

Fred Jarratt Broadwell III of Kings Mountain plead guilty to exceeding a safe speed and was

ordered to pay the court cost in the action.

John Archie Ferguson of Laurinburg plead guilty to speeding (66-55) and was given a prayer for judgement upon payment of the court cost.

Alphonza Davis of Fayetteville plead guilty to speeding (86-55) and was given a 90-day suspended sentence and instructed to pay \$150 and court cost in the action.

Helen Hewitt Dobson of Maxton plead guilty to exceeding the safe speed and was ordered to pay the court cost in the action.

David Lee Freeman Jr. of Rt. 2, plead guilty to speeding (76-55) and was given a 30-day suspended sentence and ordered to pay a \$25 fine and court cost in the action.

In court action two weeks ago, Rebecca Taylor Johnson of Dickson Street plead guilty to speeding (68-55) and was given a prayer for judgment upon payment of the court cost.

Edward Milton Jackson III of Raeford plead guilty to speeding (66-55) and was given a prayer for judgment upon payment of the court cost.

Hoke rainfall 'about normal'

Hoke County had a normal amount of rainfall during the first quarter of 1984.

Rain which fell during the 13-week period registered 13.30 inches, National Weather Service observer Robert Gatlin said.

This is the first year in four that the county has had a normal amount of rainfall, which is about one inch per week, according to Gatlin.

In 1983 and 1982, Hoke County registered an above normal amount of rainfall while in 1981 the county was well below the average measured precipitation.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Raeford has prepared a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant - Community Revitalization Application to submit to the Division of Community Assistance, North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development for 1984 funding consideration. The Application requests \$750,000 of which \$600,000 is for community revitalization and \$150,000 for local option activities. At least 51% of community revitalization and local option funds will benefit low and moderate income households.

Community Revitalization activities totaling \$600,000 consist of the construction of a water line, sewer line, streets and drainage to assist a low and moderate income housing project and additional streets and housing rehabilitation. Additional activities include land acquisition, planning and administrative activities.

Local Option activities total \$150,000. These funds will be used for street and drainage improvements. Additional local option activities include administrative cost associated with the Local Option project.

The City of Raeford will conduct a Public Hearing, April 12, 1984, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall. The purpose of this Hearing is to obtain citizen comments and input on the 1984 Community Development Block Grant. Application prior to the City Council considering authorizing the submittal of the application in its regular meeting. Written comments received by the City Manager by 2:00 p.m. on April 12, 1984 shall be considered.

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