



Licking water
This dog at the Raeford-Hoke County Animal Shelter licks a drip waterer for a drink. Humane Society members believe the waterers do not provide enough liquid to quench the thirst of dogs and are seeking to have the dispensers replaced.

... Shelter improvements urged

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be done immediately, says the policy.
When the ambulance service is tied up transporting people to distant hospitals, it could create a need in the county. The use of a spare ambulance and third crew would ease the need, Niven said.
If a doctor has signed a statement as to why the patient must be transported to a specific destination, the cash on hand policy will not apply, Niven said.

Working age upped
In another matter, county employees can now wait until the age of 70 before retiring, according to a new personnel policy passed by the commissioners Monday.

Under the old policy, a person reaching 65 has to retire at the end of the fiscal year in which that age is reached.

Employment could have been extended for one year at a time, but the move required the approval of the Board of Commissioners.

Now, persons must retire when they reach age 70, the new policy says.

The federal regulation upping the mandatory retirement age was changed in 1979, but remained on the books of Hoke County until the meeting Monday.

Pound improvements

On still further business, members of the Hoke County Humane Society were present at the meeting to ask commissioners to consider five ways of improving the new county animal shelter.

Society members asked that the waterers now in use at the shelter be changed to ones that are more easily used by the animals.

Drip type waterers are now being used at the shelter, and society members say the water supply, particularly for dogs, is inadequate.

Exhaust fans to vent heat from the tin-roofed structure and screens to protect animals from insects were also requested.

Society members also asked that an extension telephone be put in at the shelter.

Persons adopting animals from the facility should also be required to have the new pets neutered. A reduced costs program for the operation is available, the society members said.

No action was taken by the board.

"After we go look at (the situation at the pound), we'll do what we can," Vice Chairman James Albert Hunt said.

Contracts awarded

In other business, two exten-

sions on contracts were awarded by the commissioners to the Department of Social Services (DSS).

A 30-day contract with the county's Association for the Developmentally Disabled is to be signed to transport wheelchair bound persons over age 60.

Dr. Ronald Frier is to receive a contract for 30 days to provide psychological services to foster and protective service children.

These services are in addition to those of the Sandhills Center, said a letter from DSS Director Ken Witherspoon.

These contracts are being made necessary because of the 30-day interim budget passed by commissioners at the last county meeting, County Manager James Martin said.

Other business

In other matters, the commissioners took action on these items:
• Approved an ordinance governing the disposal of garbage, refuse and solid waste for the county making it effective August 1, 1984.

• Appointed Della Maynor, Barbara J. Buie, Kristy Posey, John K. McNeill III, Alex Norton, Hank Richards and Jan Smith to the Youth Services Task Force.

There was no action taken after the discussion.

In another matter, councilmen have been hearing complaints about the service given the city by Alert Cablevision.

Almost every councilman had received calls about the service.

The council decided to have Phillips write a letter to the company and ask that the service be improved.

The city is really powerless to deal with the company until they have to come to us and ask for a rate hike, Phillips said.

That is when we have the power, he said.

Councilmen repaired into an executive session near the end of the meeting to discuss the acquisition of land at the city's waste treatment plant, said Phillips.

No action was taken in the session, Councilman Gentry said.

... Industrial park suggested

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councilmen voiced opinions on some options put forth by City Manager Tom Phillips.

The options were derived from a meeting between County Manager James Martin and Phillips and included the following:

• Do Nothing.
• Continue the existing practice of the city and county making contributions to the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce and their Executive Director filling this job requirement.

• Discontinue contributions to the Chamber of Commerce and let the county hire an Industrial Developer with city contributions.

• City hire an industrial developer with county contributions.

Councilman Vardell Hedgpath voiced approval of the second option which will maintain the same

system the Chamber of Commerce has been operating under.

Certain disadvantages were pointed out for each option by Phillips.

The disadvantages of the first option are obvious, Phillips said adding that this is the least expensive of the options.

Option number two has shortcomings in that it allows the Director of the Chamber to "float freely" with little input from the city.

If a director is hired by the county, he may not give much consideration to the city, Phillip said about the third option also saying that the same is true for the county if the city hires the developer.

"Recruiters are very expensive," Phillips said.

"The man in that slot has to make the position go," said Mayor McNeill.

road will be moved up on the work priority list, DOT Planning Department spokesman Charlie Atkins said.

"These types of counts are mostly routine ongoing projects," Atkins said.

"We may need to evaluate traffic for a special project," said Atkins, adding that a road usually is on a priority list before counting starts.

Highway 401 has not been on a priority list since the early 1970's. However, in recent months,

local officials have been working with the DOT to get the highway moved up on the priority list.

Hoke County representatives are also expected to meet with DOT planning chief Billy Rose during this month to discuss the use of almost \$200,000 which has been budgeted during the upcoming fiscal year for improvements on the stretch.

"Occasionally we will gather information before a road is on a priority list," Atkins said.

... Garbage ordinance OK'd

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• Large stumps and roots.
• Large automobile or truck parts.
• Dead animals over 25 pounds. Smaller ones must be wrapped in plastic or other material for disposal.
• Large household items such as refrigerators, stoves, couches, etc.
• Liquids of any sort.
• Materials containing fire or hot ashes.
• Poisonous or flammable materials.
• Radioactive materials.
Violations of these provisions are punishable by fines not over \$50 or imprisonment not over 30 days, the ordinance says.
Any persons reporting a viola-

tion of the ordinance may be up for a \$50 reward if the violator is caught and convicted.
According to Horne, last year the county spent \$273,000 on garbage collection and disposal.
That is equal to about \$10 per person per year, Horne said.
In other matters, the Health Board reviewed the budget for the upcoming 1984-85 fiscal year.
"The final budget will fall somewhere between what we requested (\$437,396) and what was recommended by County Manager James Martin (\$391,339)," Horne said.
"I'm pleased," said Horne adding that he will be getting some things that the Health Department

has needed for a long time such as a set of pediatric scales and an electric thermometer.
Funds for an X-ray processor have been approved, said Horne.
When McCain Hospital was running, X-rays could be taken there and printed with little or no trouble, but since it has been converted to a prison facility, there have been numerous problems in getting X-rays developed, Horne said.
"We really need the processor," Horne said.
The health department gets about five new cases of tuberculosis per year and they require many X-rays, Horne said.

Deaths & Funerals

George Pittman
George Pittman, who served as supervisor for the City of Raeford's landfill, shop and sanitation operations for the last three years until his retirement in March, died last Wednesday morning following a lengthy illness.
Prior to joining the city in 1976, Pittman had been self-employed as a farmer and had served for 21 years in the U.S. Air Force from 1942 to 1963. He was also a member of the Raeford gospel singing group, The Choraleers.
Pittman was 58 at the time of his death.

Funeral services were held Friday at 4 p.m. at the Pittman Grove Baptist Church, where Pittman was an active member. The service was conducted by Rev. Rodney Barwick. Burial was in the Pittman Family Cemetery.

Pittman is survived by his wife: Mrs. Elizabeth M. Pittman; one daughter: Mrs. Nancy P. Molchan

of Raeford; two brothers: Charles A. Pittman of Raeford and Clarence W. Pittman of Clarksville, Virginia; one sister: Mrs. Alma Hithcox of New Hill and three grandchildren.
In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Pittman Grove Baptist Church Building Fund.
Crumpler Funeral Home served the family.

Johnnie Leo Alley
Fayetteville resident, Johnnie (Pee Wee) Leo Alley died Wednesday morning at Highsmith Rainey Hospital.

Alley was 56-years-old. The funeral was held at the Hanes Lineberry Vanstony Street Chapel at 2 p.m. Friday.

The Reverend Nellie Cook performed the service.
Alley was buried at Mt. Bethel Christian Church Cemetery in Stokesdale.

A native of Rockingham Coun-

ty, Alley was Shop Superintendent at Hoke Concrete Company in Raeford.

He was the son of Mack and Edna Moore Alley.

Alley is survived by one daughter: Mrs. Ned (Kay) Moore of Four Oaks; two sisters: Mrs. Peggy Gibson and Mrs. Carolyn Hudson, both of Greensboro; two brothers: Robert Lee Alley of Tallahassee, Florida and Alton Alley of Greensboro.
Three grandchildren also survive him.

William J. Dowd
William Joseph Dowd 44, a Major U.S. Marine Corps. Retired of Gaithersburg, Maryland, formerly of St. Pauls, died June 22 at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

Funeral Services were held Tuesday June 26 at Ft. Myer Chapel, with burial at Arlington National Cemetery.

His parents taught school in Raeford.

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WE HAVE CANNING SUPPLIES

Highway 401 traffic counts 'routine'

Traffic counts being taken on U.S. Highway 401 between Raeford and Fayetteville are apparently "just routine" and not related to proposed improvements of the road, a spokesman for the state Department of Transportation (DOT) said Friday.

DOT vehicles have been seen beside Highway 401 during the last week in different locations along the 10-mile stretch, but the work being done by the highway personnel does not necessarily mean the