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laning of US 401 into Cumberland County. I also made some comments on the letters and the US401 subject. My comments caused a few citizens of the county to make some comments of their own. Most of the comments were about as I made, but a few had a new approach to the subject. I will try to get them across to you in a few words.

It seems that many people who keep trying to get this project completed are folks that use the road to do business in Cumberland County. Now the new approach is that the Aberdeen-Southern Pines area is now becoming an outstanding shopping place and that maybe the folks in Moore County would assist us in getting N.C. 211 four-laned into that area. Since Hoke County is in the same Congressional district as Moore County, this would give us more pressure on Congressman Bill Hefner in getting the road four-laned with federal funds. It seems that we can't get assistance from the business people of Cumberland County.

Also with NC 211 four-laned it would be easier to get to Raleigh, as so many people use that route at the present time.

So maybe these comments could be an avenue for helping the people of Hoke County. What are your views?

It seems like only yesterday that the schools of the county closed for summer vacation. According to what I heard this week the teachers will be going back to the schools this week. How time flies!

Last Saturday morning Franklin Teal, Clayton Buoyer and I were talking baseball in the newspaper office. Teal brought forth a question to which we couldn't find an

answer. Now these three great baseball minds would like help from readers. The question is as follows:

"When did players stop leaving their gloves on the playing field?" It used to be that a player would leave his glove somewhere near his position, but out of the way of his opponent's fielding area. Now every player brings his glove into the dugout.

If you can help, please let me know.

While on the subject of baseball, did you see the Braves-Padres game on TV Sunday? It was a slugfest in the highest fashion. Not with the bats, but with the fists.

I have never seen as many players given the thumb from the playing field as happened last Sunday. There were 15 players ejected from the game and five fans arrested by the police for the many fights during the game.

Now maybe this type of action will build a fire under a team, but to my way of thinking this is not baseball. Fans don't come to a ball park to see players fight; they come to see good baseball. Hockey and baseball are two different games.

Let's hope that those involved will receive stiff fines for their actions.

It was good to see the Rev. Bill Heyward and his wife, Sarah, at the Raeford Presbyterian Church last Sunday morning. Bill was the pastor of the local church for 17 years before going to Florida. We hope for him and Sarah the best in the years ahead.

Don't forget that most promises made by the politicians now will be forgotten after the November election.

Unemployment higher

Unemployment rose slightly in Hoke County during June, a report issued last week by the North Carolina Employment Security Commission shows.

The report shows, the jobless rate climbed from the 1984 low of 9.0% in May to 9.2%, however, 240 new workers found jobs during June.

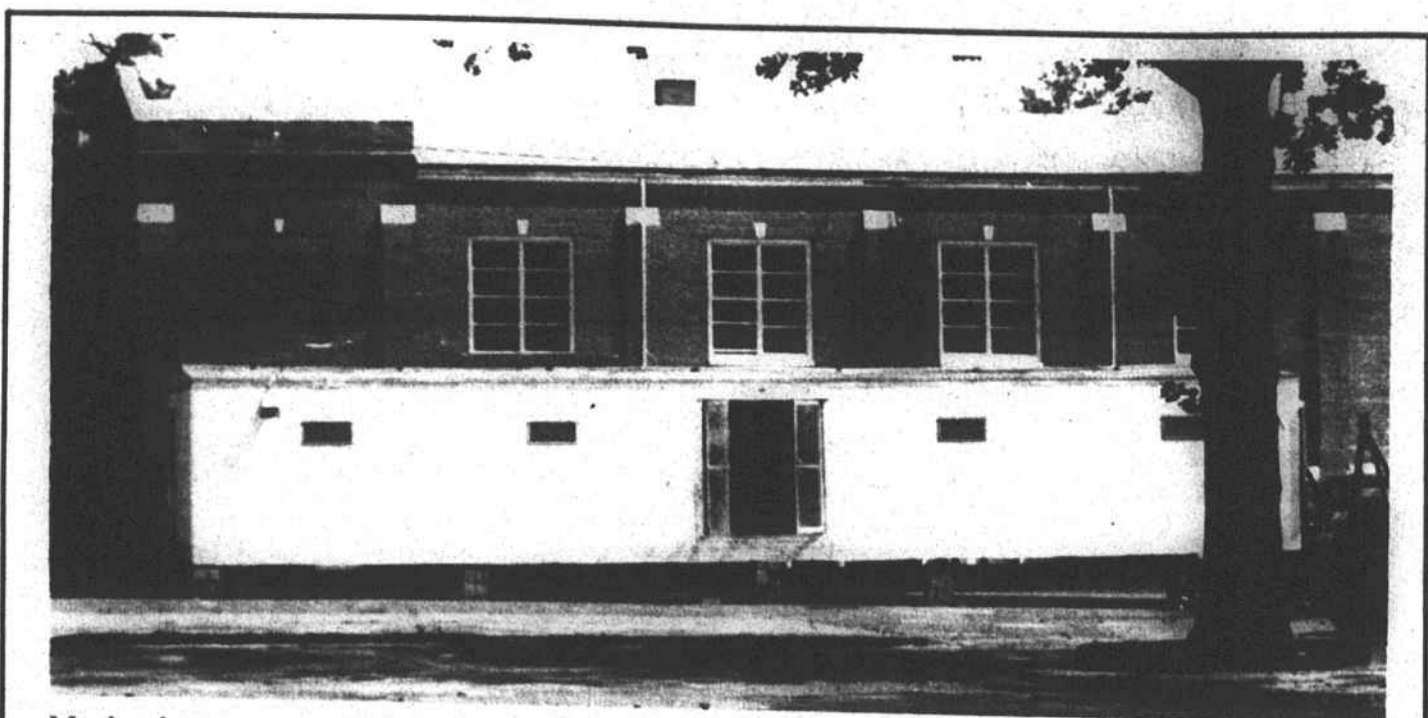
In the "good news-bad news" report, the work force increased from 8,330 in May to 8,500 in

June, and all but 30 persons found work.

The slight increase in the unemployment rate is attributed to the seasonal entry of persons seeking work.

Employment in the state grew by 44,000 in June from May and was up by 170,000 over the same period a year ago.

In Hoke County, there were 340 more persons working this June than there were in 1983 and 200 less seeking jobs.



Moving in

All of the mobile classrooms to be moved to J.W. Turlington School are now in place, but the first one was moved in last Wednesday. Purchased from Scotland County's School System for \$12,000, the mobile classes will take students out of the classrooms under the gym

of the school. According to the Long Range School Facilities Study, this should be a temporary measure until a new school can be built, but for now, students will be able to enjoy learning in classes that are not interrupted by dribbling basketballs.

Tie-down leases given OK

By Ed Miller

Lease forms for airplane space rental at the Raeford-Hoke County Airport were approved Thursday by members of the Airport Commission.

Persons wishing to rent tie-down space may now get lease forms from either City Hall or A.J. Furches at the airport.

The new leases allow persons wishing to keep their aircrafts at the airport to rent the spaces at a price of \$12 per space on the grass or \$15 per space on the pavement.

Pilots with airplanes will be assigned a numbered tie-down that the pilot will rent on a monthly basis, says the lease, drawn up by Airport Commission Attorney Palmer Wilcox.

The rent should be paid one month in advance and failure to pay will create a lien against the plane.

In a case where the rent is not paid, the plane can be sold by the commission to pay off the rent incurred, said Wilcox.

According to the lease, the Airport Commission is not responsible for damage that may happen to a plane while at the airport.

In other action, the authority called a special meeting for Thursday to discuss rules and regulations presented to the commission by member John Plummer.

Plummer headed a special committee to research the regulations of other airports and to draw up similar rules for the Raeford-Hoke Airport.

The proposal sets up general regulations, motor vehicle operations rules, aircraft operation rules, rules for fueling operations, fire regulations and rules governing fixed base operations and for enterprises based at the airport.

The proposal also sets up provisions for an airport manager who will act as an agent for the commission and "have immediate charge of the airport."

The airport authority has the right to regulate all commercial enterprises using the airport as a base of operations, the proposal says, adding that it does not matter if the business is aeronautical or not.

No businesses can be operated at the airport without being authorized by the commission, the proposal says.

The proposal clearly states that the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) are in full effect at the airport.

There will be specific areas of the airport for such things as warming up engines, repairing and storage of aircraft.

Taxing, take offs and landings are also governed by the proposal.

Safe fueling operations are proposed and include such restrictions as anchoring aircraft when fueling and smoking within 50 feet of the refueling plane.

Fire regulations are also provided for, says the proposal.

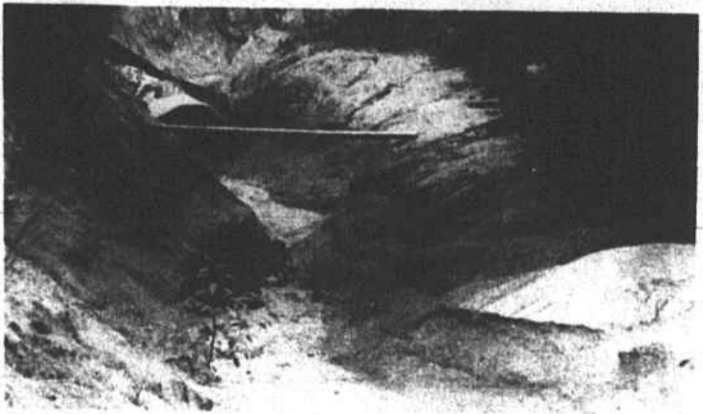
In other business commission member L.E. McLaughlin

reported that an unleaded fuel pump has been installed at the airport and is now in operation.

Two security lights will be installed at the facility within two weeks, Commission Vice-

Chairman Wayne Byrd said at the meeting.

The lights are of a new variety that cast an orange light and does not create a glare for landing pilots, Byrd said.



Deeply!

A pilot flying into Raeford Airport from the north could have problems if he lands short of the runway because of this ditch.

... Airport fix up needed

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proaches for a landing on that end, there is a slight dip in the plane because of wind currents, and that ditch becomes a real hazard, he said.

The ditch is about 30 feet from the end of the runway.

The other end of the runway is

little better because of a house that sits not very far from its edge.

Many pilots have approached the runway to land and found a baseball game going on behind that house, Byrd said, adding that deep center field is on the end of the runway.

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