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US 401 priority given new shot

By Ed Miller

Chances of getting the four-laning of U.S. Highway 401 from Raeford to 71st High School put on a priority list "look real good," a state Department of Transportation (DOT) Board member said Monday.

Although no final decisions will be made concerning the placement of the project on the DOT priority list until the December meeting of the board, area board member Martha C. Hollers said she was optimistic.

"It's sorta like Santa Claus. You write a letter and see what you get," said Hollers.

During an earlier board meeting, Hollers requested the road be moved from a need section in the state's road improvement plan to a priority section.

If the effort is successful, it will be the first time since 1979 that the Hoke County road has been on the list.

The improvements were funded and slated to be started in 1972, but a change in administrations killed the project.

During a recent visit to Raleigh, Hollers informed DOT Administrator Billy Rose of her planned efforts to give Hoke County its

first four-laned road.

"I know that (the project) is under consideration," Rose said Monday.

"I think the outlook is good," he added.

There is a keen competition for the money from which the paving project funding will be drawn, Hollers said.

The funding will come from the rural primary road fund, she said.

Forty percent of that fund is already designated for reconstruction and resurfacing, she said.

It will cost an estimated \$14.5 million, or about \$1 million per mile to construct the road, according to figures furnished to Hoke County Commission Chairman John Balfour by Rose.

A more recent attempt to set aside about \$200,000 into an escrow account has neither been approved nor disapproved, according to Hollers, but indications are that the money, earmarked to be used for aprons along the side of the road are expected to be spent in the coming year.

"It's such a small amount, considering what's needed. It would not be wasted if it is used to protect the shoulders of the road," Hollers said.



Extraterrestrial

As this overweight, and perhaps pregnant, praying mantis makes its way down a local fence post it looks a bit like a space visitor. The green-brown

predatory insect received its name because it folds its front legs as if in prayer. They are common in Hoke County.

Hunt case delayed 3rd time

By Ed Miller

A case pending for the last two months in Robeson County District Court against Hoke County Commissioner James Albert Hunt was continued again Tuesday because a N.C. Highway Patrolman failed to appear as a witness.

State Trooper A.J. Beason, who is described as a key witness for Hunt, arrived in district court in Red Springs about noon, but never returned after the court broke for lunch, said Hunt's attorney Phil Diehl.

For Beason's failure to reappear, District Court Judge Charles G. McLain issued a court subpoena ordering the trooper to appear on October 23 at 11:30 a.m.

If Beason fails to appear on that date, he will be arrested and jailed, McLain said.

Beason had been "properly subpoenaed" for this date of court also, Diehl said.

"The records will show it," said Diehl.

Diehl would not comment on why Beason was subpoenaed.

However, according to Hunt, who is Vice Chairman of the Hoke County Commission, Beason was to testify that he saw Hunt on the way back to Raeford from Fayetteville at about the time he was allegedly seen in Robeson County.

Robeson County Deputy William Mitchell Norris had warrants issued on Hunt after he allegedly chased the commissioner at high speeds but did not catch him.

Hunt has plead not guilty to charges of speeding in excess of 100 miles per hour in a 55 zone, careless and reckless driving, failure to stop for a blue light and siren, a stop sign violation and driving left of center.

Norris allegedly saw Hunt on July 30 driving at a high rate of speed on a rural Robeson County road near Rennett.

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Chamber names two for industry group

By Ed Miller

Members of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors took the first step Tuesday to getting Hoke County on a new path towards industrial development by making the first appointments to a newly sanctioned Industrial Development Commission.

Real estate appraiser Gerald Wright and Raeford pharmacist Tom Howell were named the Chamber's appointees during a

directors' meeting on Tuesday.

Howell will serve for a two-year term and Wright for one year.

The appointments were made in conjunction with a plan, which has received only tentative approval from the Hoke County Commission, but has been OK'd by the Raeford City Council.

According to the plan, the Chamber and the two governmental bodies would make appointments to a development commission, which would then hire an in-

dustrial recruiter.

Final approval has not been given to the plan by the county.

Some of the commissioners had said prior to the proposal, that efforts would be made to separate industrial recruiting from the Chamber.

In the past all of the county's efforts toward landing new industry here have been handled by the Chamber.

Chamber board members, along with representatives from the city,

came up with the plan now under consideration in an effort to save the Chamber's position in industrial development.

The City Council is expected to make their appointments during their November 5 meeting.

If the industrial commission functions as planned, it will be in charge of hiring an industrial developer and a secretary to assist him, according to a proposal from the Chamber.

Other duties of the proposed commission would include using funding from both the City Council and the County Commission to compensate the developer.

The secretary will be paid out of Chamber funds, says the proposal.

According to the proposal, the developer will be devoting all of his time to the acquisition and retention of industry, while the secretary will handle normal Chamber functions and activities.

Around Town

By Sam Morris

The weather has been perfect for the past few days. The temperatures have been in the 70s during the day and then dropping into the 50s for the night time. There was a little rain on Sunday afternoon, but it wasn't enough to help or hurt.

There will be a Bar-B-Q plate supper at the Gibson Cafeteria on Friday, October 12 from five to eight p.m. You can either eat at the cafeteria or plates will be served to take out. Price of the meal is \$3.50.

This supper is sponsored by the Spring Arts Festival Committee which puts on the "Hoke Heritage Hobnob" in Hoke County. This is a community project and was very successful last year.

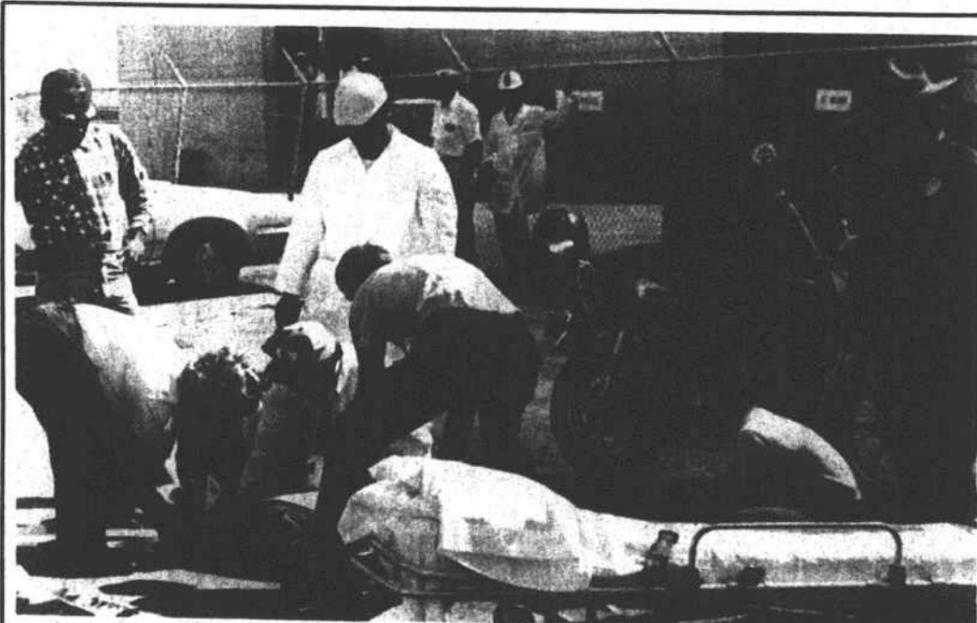
The committee feels that they can raise funds for this project with this supper and it will keep them from having to go out begging to the business firms, who are bitten too often.

So support a worthy project and get a good meal by attending this supper.

George Caddell, who lives on South Main Street, came by the office last week with some very interesting papers that he found while going through some old things that had belonged to his father.

The first items I picked out of the old papers was a small card. The card was the Registration Certificate for the draft of World War I. It was made out to William Lee Caddell of Route 3, Raeford, Hoke County, N.C. It was dated Sept. 12, 1918. The card was signed by J.D. McGougan, registrar for the local board of Hoke County.

There were two certificates for Rural Teachers from the State Board of Public Instruction made (See AROUND, page 2A)



Bad day for a bike ride

A man was injured and transported to Moore County Memorial Hospital Tuesday after his motorcycle hit a car that had just finished making a "U" turn in the middle of the road. A car driven by Georgia resident Roderick Bierstedt made the turn in front of the House of Raeford at 12:59 p.m. Bierstedt was driving a 1984 Chevrolet, according

to Police Chief Leonard Wiggins. A 1974 Honda motorcycle was driven by Archie Fairley of Raeford. After Fairley struck the car, his bike veered off and struck another car in a parking lot of the House of Raeford, said Wiggins. Police estimates show only about \$100 damage to each car and about \$300 damage to the bike, Wiggins said.

Photo by Pam Frederick

Hoke Auto closing after 52 years

By Ed Miller

After 52 years of serving the people of Raeford, Hoke County and surrounding areas, Hoke Automobile Company is closing its doors.

"I'm tired of the headache. I can get out now and be to the good," Hoke Auto owner Younger Snead Jr. said Monday.

"I have watched too many of my friends stay in the business too long," he said.

Currently Snead says he is selling the used cars at the 401 Bypass business at wholesale prices to

clear his lot.

All the new cars on the lot were sold to another dealer in Smithfield, he said.

Although he is going out of business, Snead hopes to sell the building and any remaining stock to another dealer.

"I am negotiating with several people to sell out," Snead said.

His hopes of selling the business before the doors have to be closed are high.

"I don't feel it (selling the business) will put anyone out of work," he said.

Snead's father, Younger Snead, started the General Motors sponsored business in 1933, said the owner.

"I have been in it since 1964," he said.

According to Snead, the sell out is going well.

"Right now, you're talking to the happiest man in Raeford," Snead said.

On a more serious note, Snead said: "I appreciate the people of Hoke County and their business over the past years."

School tests shift given eye by state

By Ed Miller

A possible move by the state to change the type of annual testing given Hoke County students could result in ruining "longitudinal data" now being gathered by school officials, members of the county Board of Education were told last week.

Currently, the state is using a form of the California Achievement Test (CAT) and have been doing so in some grades since 1978, Hoke County Associate Superintendent Dr. Ginny Hayes said.

The board received the word during a regular monthly meeting last week.

The move has not been made yet, said Hayes, adding that if another form of the CAT is chosen by the state, the data will not be as affected as it could be.

County school administrators will not know of any changes in the testing program until spring, Hayes said.

The State Annual Testing Commission re-evaluates testing programs every three years, said Hayes.

Tests are changed in accordance with current norms, she said.

One reason that the test may be changed is because of teachers.

When teachers become familiar with a test, they may start teaching it, said Hayes.

Teaching the objectives of an achievement test is good, but teaching the actual test is not, said Hayes.

Board of Education members were told there is a possibility of third, sixth and ninth graders being tested on science in the spring during annual testing.

There are "field tests" going on now in schools around the state, and if these tests determine a need for such an addition to the testing

program, they will be instituted, said Hayes.

Last year, field tests were conducted to find out whether writing tests should be included in annual testing for grades six and nine.

Those tests resulted in showing a need, and they will be included on tests for those grades this year, Hayes said.

Board members were also informed of competency tests that were given students in grade 11 last week.

According to Hayes, juniors in high school have two chances to take the test this year. One was last

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Inside Today

These new classroom facilities will soon be finished and the 16 Hoke County students attending the Missionville School will begin learning their lessons here. We take a look at this county's alternative to public education on page one of section B in today's News-Journal.