

# ... Around Town

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 Textile Week in Hoke County brought forth a resolution from the City of Raeford and the County of Hoke. The resolution was signed by Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr. and John O. Balfour, Hoke County chairman. I would like to quote the ending of the resolution: "Be it therefore resolved, that the City of Raeford and County of Hoke hereby express support of the Textile/Apparel/fibre industries. 'Crafted with Pride in America.' Buy American effort, that citizens of our community take notice of this serious problem, and that we hereby make this document a part of the record of this official body".

This means, trade at home.  
 On Saturday night, October 27 the 3rd Annual TMH Halloween Carnival will be held at Upchurch Junior High School. The Carnival will start at four o'clock in the afternoon and continue until nine o'clock. The event includes games, food and fun for all ages. Proceeds go to support the Hoke County TMH program.

The sponsor of this event include the Raeford Kiwanis Club, the Woman's Club, Jaycees and the Junior Woman's Club. Last year the event raised about \$3000. With your help, the proceeds could be higher this year.

Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr. left the following letter on my desk Monday which he received recently:

Dear Sir:  
 My name is Richard G. Jones and I thought you and fellow members of government of the town of Raeford would be interested in the enclosed copy of a

brochure of Raeford, published, I think in early 1941!

Don't know why I kept it for these many years, but just last month my family had a family reunion in Pinehurst, N.C. We lived in Sanatorium, N.C. and all attended Ashemont Grammar School and got our high school diplomas at Hoke County High. Fond memories.

My family is spread out all over the United States and we had a wonderful time.

I personally visited all of Raeford and saw a number of old buildings and some that are no longer there, but the whole trip was very nostalgic and memorable!

I would very much appreciate an early reply from you on any update info you have for comparison of this thing from nearly 44 years ago. I am somewhat of a history nut.

Thank you very much,  
 Yours truly,  
 Richard G. Jones

I can't recall Richard, but do remember Alton and Robert Jones that came to high school in Raeford. They were behind me in school. Alton finished, I believe in 1936. Mr. Jones worked at the N.C. Sanatorium. I remember seeing him many times.

The brochure is something to look at. It has pictures of the old Raeford Methodist and Raeford Baptist Churches when they were wooden. The high school was then where Turlington School is now.

I hope the Mayor will send Richard our latest brochure. People that were born and raised in Hoke, will never forget the place.

Richard now lives in Merritt Island, Fla. 32953. His street address is 880 Waikiki Drive.

Thanks Mayor, for the letter.



**Entrance to the world down-under**

Actually, this is what bad sewer lines can do to the landscape. A "sink-hole" like this one is what tipped City Manager Tom Phillips into investigating the condition of a sewer line that had to be closed off because of deterioration. According to Phillips, when a line breaks, a space is

created where the pipe used to be and water runs out of the break. When the space gets full of water, it has no place to go and runs back into the pipe carrying sand along with it. When this has happened long enough, the ground collapses from underneath and such holes are made.

## Autry, Gentry join Martin campaign team

The Jim Martin for Governor campaign has announced the formation of the Hoke County Democrats for Martin Committee to be headed by Raeford Councilman Bob Gentry and former school Superintendent Raz Autry.

In expressing his support for Republican candidate Martin, Co-chair Gentry, a Raeford City Councilman, said, "Jim Martin is a vivacious, honest man who talks about things I think will help make North Carolina a better place to live. He, like the Republican party, is more aligned with my thoughts than is the present Democrat party."

Autry, former superintendent of the Hoke County School System and county chair for Eddie Knox's gubernatorial bid, said, "As a Democrat, I chose to support Jim Martin because he is not only intelligent, but he is also compas-

sionate. He is also very educationally minded. Having been an educator for 35 years, the fact that he sees education as his #1 priority appeals very much with me."

Autry continued saying, "Jim Martin will be as fine a Governor as North Carolina has ever had."

State Democrats for Martin co-ordinator Mary Lou Smith praised Gentry and Autry saying, "Bob Gentry and Raz Autry should be commended for having the courage to forget party politics and do what they think is right - Vote for Jim Martin. With support from Democrats like these, Jim Martin can't lose."

The ocean contains about 97% of the earth's water. Available freshwater supplies -- ground-water, lakes, rivers and streams -- make up less than one percent, according to *National Wildlife* magazine.

## ...City investigating sewer woes

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By measuring what flows through one manhole, and then going a short distance down the line and measuring again, the team can find sections of the system that are taking on more water than expected, said the manager.

The city now has constant measurements of how much sewage should be contained in a length of pipe depending on how many houses or businesses is hooked into the section, he said.

Before any such inspections can begin, the city sewer system must

be broken down into subsystems, said Phillips.

The subsystems will then be tested and findings will be noted for a total system evaluation, he said.

Those subsystems that show initial problems will have indepth studies run on them first.

The two man team will also do some maintenance work on the system.

Small problems that can be corrected by the team will be dealt with on the spot and the team will make notes on problems large enough to legitimize a construction

team from the city, said Phillips.

Another problem being addressed by the manager is the possibility of faulty records of water sales.

If the records of water sales are wrong, the sewer plant may not be

treating as much extra water as previously estimated, Phillips said.

The city will be evaluating its meters in the near future to see if they are all functioning properly.

## Democratic rally on tap for Nov. 1

The Hoke County Democratic Party is inviting all registered voters to a Get-Out-The-Vote Rally which will be held at the new National Guard Armory on the US 401-bypass in Raeford on Thursday, November 1.

The event is being sponsored by

the Hoke County party to stir Democrats to cast a ballot on November 6, party Chairman Harold Gillis said.

Voters will be given an opportunity to learn more about the candidates and to enjoy good food and fellowship, Gillis said.

Admission will be free.

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