(Continued from page 1A) was 110 degrees recorded August 22, 1983.

Of course, before he started observing for the National Weather Service he drew a monthly rain chart for many years for The News-Journal. He would sign the chart "Bill Bailey"

We hate Gatlin has to give up this job and we also know that he hates to do so, because he enjoyed doing it. He has been a big help during the year informing the paper of weather records and we appreciate it very much. Thanks Gatlin for a job well done.

A date to remember: Ladies Night for the American Legion Post 20 will be held Wednesday, December 5, 1984 at Edinborough Restaurant. The affair will start at 6:30 p.m. Make your reservations

Ed Brown, who lives on W. Central Avenue, brought me an old clipping from a newspaper last week. He said he found it in his yard recently. It was about an old lady 99 years of age who lived by herself in a 7-room house. Her name was Mrs. Elizabeth Lee.

The paper was dated Tuesday morning, October 28, 1924. The name of the paper was The Huntington Herald-Dispatch. This must be either Ohio or West Virginia. Now who would have brought this clipping to Raeford or is someone here kin to Mrs. Lee?

Strange things happen, so maybe someone will see this and let me know.

The High Point Enterprise on Sunday, October 14, 1984 had an interesting feature story about the retiring of Dr. Kenneth Geddie.

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Dr. Geddie retired at age 86, after practicing medicine for 63 years. The doctor practiced in Raeford for five years from about 1923 to 1928. He was married to Irma Nesbit who lived in Raeford. She died in 1979.

Recently I mentioned Dr. Geddie in this column as being the only living Charter member of the Raeford Kiwanis Club. I would like to give you a few quotes from

"The doctor charged \$4 for an office visit. It's five times that amount now, Geddie said. The office hours were from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2-4 p.m.

" 'Before office hours, during lunch and after hours, we made a lot of home calls,' he said.

"He drove his Ford all over High Point and even to Thomasville, Denton and Asheboro.

"Saunders and Geddie had one nurse Henrianna Teague, who also kept the books. 'We paid her \$55 a month,'' Geddie said. "I do remember that."

"In the early 1930s, patients often paid doctors with a dozen eggs, a ham, a chicken or a bushel of vegetables. 'We'd take whatever we could get, and we were mighty glad to get it, too', he added, grin-

"The retired pediatrician had one last work of advice, also involving the way children are

" 'You hear a lot about people spoiling children. I don't think you can do that, You can't love 'em too much!"

Be sure to have a safe and happy Thanksgiving Day and remember why we have this holiday.





It's a bird, it's a plane ... Photo by Pam Frederick No. It's Santa Claus. While we all know that Santa usually rides in a sleigh pulled by flying reindeer, he decided to change his approach as he arrived at Raeford's Maxway Store Saturday. As Santa touched the ground, he was promptly greeted by Vincent Taylor (Moose) Myers (bottom) who had never seen a parachuting Santa before. Of course, Mose was the first in line to tell Santa that he had been a good boy all year long, except when he sneaked under the ropes put up to keep children from being landed on by the jolly elf.

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...Group members named

(Continued from page 1A) (the Industrial Commission) than anyone else," Upchurch said.

Bratcher suggested two names for the Industrial Commission but withdrew one so Balfour could take a seat.

Bratcher also agreed to take over a position on the Sandhills Mental Health Board that was vacated by Balfour.

Balfour resigned from the Mental Health Board to take the In-

dustrial Commission appointment.
A "gray area" that the County Commission wants to clear up is a question of how long terms on the industrial board should be.

The county should recommend staggered terms for the members of the board, Upchurch said.

According to Balfour, that question will be addressed at the first

meeting.
In other action during the meeting, commissioners heard a report from Accountant David McFadyen on the 1983-84 county audit.

Commissioners also discussed bidding the 1984-85 audit for three years at a time.

According to Finance Officer Davis, auditing firms lose money the first year they audit a county. Firms usually break even the second year and make money the

third year, Davis said. If the audits are bid for three years, the return bids will be lower and there will be more of them,

... Health director sought

(Continued from page 1A) While none of the board members would comment on the record, sources say a recent policy passed by the Hoke County Commission which requires department heads to live in the county is discouraging many potential applicants from trying for the posi-

There are many applicants in Cumberland County who would like to have the job but will not ask family members to leave their homes to reside in Hoke County, sources said.

Another problem which is acknowleged by Wood is many

people who are qualified statistically for the job, simply do not have the experience necessary to handle the position. The job requirements say an ap-

plicant must have two years' ex-perience in a health related field. According to Wood, persons

who have been dental hygenists and other such non-managerial positions have been applying. They are not qualified to be a health director.

There will be a public meeting of the Health Board to announce the new Health Director when one is hired, Wood said.

. IEA search continues

(Continued from page 1A) action on Oxendine's application has been delayed because he is not a county resident.

Although the applicant has been connected with the Hoke County IEA program for many years and is extremely qualified, the Board of Education will not hire him because he will not move from Pembroke, Hunt said last week.

Hunt met with Nelson last week to express his support of Oxendine, the commissioner said.

The IEA position has been va-cant since October, when former Director Earl Oxendine resigned for health reasons.

Although the county commission requires employees making more than \$15,000 to live here, currently the school board does not have a residency policy.

At present both school administrators and teachers live outside Hoke County and work here.

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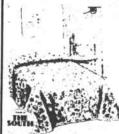
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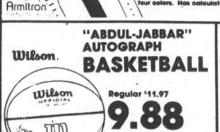


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