

... Recruiting starts

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No such proposal was made official by the City Manager or voted on by the commission members.

Also high on the agenda for the group is a proposed salary for an industrial developer.

The lowest salary paid developer in a nearby county is \$25,000 in Montgomery County, Cowan said.

According to Cowan and Phillips, there is not enough money in the present budget to pay a developer that much.

Most counties in the area pay their developers an average of 49.39% of their total budget in salaries, said Cowan.

If the Raeford-Hoke Industrial Commission pays that percentage, a developer will be making \$15,805 per year, Cowan said.

"You're not going to get a developer for that money," Phillips said.

According to Cowan, the developer in Bladen County makes \$30,648 per year, Pender County's developer makes \$28,000 and Montgomery County's developer makes \$26,600.

For the first few years the commission is in effect, a greater percentage of the total industrial commission budget may have to be put into salaries, Commissioner Frank Teal said.

Commissioners were advised by Phillips to set the salary for the developer during the next meeting after funding has been settled between the city and county.

In addition to the salary, a developer will probably have to be provided with a car, Phillips said.

Elections for officers for the newly formed commission were held during the meeting.

Although Tom Howell was absent from the meeting because of the birth of his first child, he was voted Chairman of the industrial commission by acclamation.

Frank Teal was voted as Vice-Chairman of the commission.

It was also decided in the meeting to let the county administer the Industrial Commission's budget.

Administration of independently standing and operating boards and commissions are better executed by the county because they are set up to handle them already, said Phillips.

The Sheriff's Department is an example of an independent department, said Cowan.

In other action during the meeting, commissioners voted to allow the Chamber of Commerce to go ahead and hire an executive secretary.

For the remainder of this budget year, the salary of the secretary will come out of the \$8,000 budgeted by the city for developmental purposes.

Members of the commission also voted to set regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each quarter.

To be held at City Hall, the meetings will begin at 7 p.m.



New addition

The old Aberdeen and Rockfish train depot has been given to the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce by the company. Pictured Friday are Surveyor, Leland Strother (left) and Chamber Acting Manager

Steve Parker (right) talking with A&R President Robert L. Veasey (center). At the center in the far back is A&R Executive Vice-President Mike M. Huggins.

... Around Town continued

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any profit in a parade. I have had some tell me this in years gone by. But it does bring people to the city and maybe they would return later to shop. This is just an assumption.

Anyway, there is a little kid in all of us and we all like a parade.

Red Springs had a parade last Friday and called the day, "Appreciation Day." It was to show appreciation for all the help they had received after the tornado earlier in the year.

Many people helped clean up the town and many others donated money and food. The people there

feel kindly towards their neighbors.

Someone from Hoke County that attended the parade said that the Hoke High Band was not in the parade. They were wondering why they were not asked to take part when most bands from area schools did participate.

I can't answer this, but maybe the answer can be found elsewhere in the paper. (See editorial).

The Christmas decorations on the streets of Raeford are as pretty as any that I have seen this year in other places.

The Merchants Association, the

City of Raeford and any others are to be commended for the work in getting these decorations up and lighted.

An article in this month's *National Geographic* magazine about old US-1 was very interesting. It brought back memories of the many numbers that have been on US-401. Of course US-1 was the first and still carries the same number and the same route. The travel is less because of the Interstate.

I can remember taking the census for 1940 in Raeford and on one

certain night going to the hotel and all the tourist homes to register folks enroute for the census.

There are not many tourist homes left in the United States these days, but they were the place to stay in the 1930s and 1940s. Motels have now taken over.

If you didn't see or read the article, please do so; it will bring back memories.

Have you stocked up on supplies for the football and basketball games that will be coming up in the next few weeks on TV? If not, do so!

Fire Association elects officers

In an election last week, members of the Hoke County Firemen Association voted in new officers for the year 1985.

Bobby Strother, of Pine Hill Fire Department was elected President.

North Raeford had two members elected to positions.

Johnny Baker was voted Vice-President and Elwood Baker was elected Chaplain.

Sherman Chavis was made Secretary. Chavis is from the Antioch Fire Department.

Jack Frazier, of Rockfish Fire Department was voted Treasurer.

From Puppy Creek, David Willis was elected Parliamentarian.

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... Break-ins plague county

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window in his house shot out last Wednesday.

Jacobs reported that he was in bed when a loud noise disturbed him.

Upon reaching another room in his house, Jacobs found the broken window, reports say.

Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins reported two storage shed thefts last week.

Steve Coughlin reported a .22 calibre rifle with a scope and some hunting clothes taken from his storage shed.

The total worth of the apparently stolen goods was \$195, Wiggins said.

Last Wednesday, Graham Monroe reported his storage shed broken into.

Taken from the shed was an ice chest, two boxes of tools, a battery charger and an extension cord, reports say.

The value of the items was about \$312, Wiggins said.
Last Tuesday, Linda Pilkington

reported her billfold stolen from her pocketbook.

According to Wiggins, the pocketbook was inside a filing cabinet in her classroom at Hoke High.

Along with the billfold, a tape player was reported missing from the room.

The billfold was valued at \$56, Wiggins said.

Raeford Plumbing and Heating had another battery stolen from one of their trucks during the last week of November, Wiggins said.

According to the chief, the lock on the gate was cut.

The battery was estimated at \$50, reports say.

Scientists at the University of California believe the sun may have a companion star that passes so close to the Earth every 28 million years that it could destroy all life on this planet. Don't worry. The death star isn't due until 15 million A.D.

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