



A little more to the left
Pam Frederick, in the light suit, is assisted by North Raeford Firemen Mike Cook (standing behind) and Frankie Wilson as they put out a house. Last Saturday, North Raeford Fire Department held a practice session as they returned a nearly demolished house. The burning was in rehearsal for structure fires.

Chamber starts members drive

By Ed Miller
Efforts are underway by the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce to quadruple membership by March 15.

According to Chamber Executive Secretary Beverly Pasternak, there are 88 members in the Chamber already, and there are another 300 businesses in Hoke County that have been targeted to become members.

For purposes of the membership drive and in the interest of a progressive Hoke County, the Chamber's Board of Directors commissioned a new logo.

Designed from a rough draft by Raeford's Greg Hathaway, the logo will appear on all Chamber printed material and plaques, Pasternak said.

According to a new membership fee schedule just released by the Chamber, businessmen may join the organization for as little as \$50. Individual memberships are \$35 and retiree fees are \$20, according to the schedule.

Membership fees for businesses with over 100 employees are negotiable.

Pasternak was hired by the Chamber in January to maintain office business and to eventually assist an Economic Developer when that person is hired.

She was born in Fayetteville and attended Fayetteville City Schools, she said.

She graduated from Fayetteville High School in 1966.

Pasternak has worked as a receptionist for two dentists, both in Fayetteville, she said.

She also worked in the Cumberland County Department of Social Services (DSS) and advanced to the position of Eligibility Supervisor in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program.

She has lived in Raeford for five years and is married to Andy Pasternak, who is employed with Faberge.

According to the executive



Beverly Pasternak

secretary, operating the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce, is very likable work. "It's busy and hectic, but it's never boring," she said.

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correct. This was brought to my attention last Saturday by Tommie Upchurch concerning the deer that were removed from the old Graham's Service Station. I will try again since talking with Tommie and hope the records will be straight.

When Mrs. Gene Carter, Tommie's daughter, heard that the station was sold and that the deer would be taken down she suggested to her father that they be given to the high school since they are known as the Hoke High Bucks.

Mrs. Carter went to the school officials with her suggestion and they bought the idea. They also are going to place them on a high platform so that they can be seen by everyone.

They are now working on where the deer will be placed and in the

meanwhile they are in Mr. Upchurch's warehouse as stated last week.

Now what I want to see are the Bucks on display.

Like the article on Dr. Jane Carswell, items in the daily paper bring back memories of years ago in Raeford and Hoke County. An obit in a Monday's daily paper started me to thinking about old times. It was the obit of Mrs. Sarah McFadyen Brown, who died in Florida recently and was buried here on Tuesday. She was a first cousin of Neill L. McFadyen.

Mrs. Brown was the daughter of the late Dr. Archibald McFadyen, a native of this section. Dr. McFadyen served in the mission fields in China for over 40 years.

He spent a year's furlough here in the 1920s and lived in the house on Central Avenue now occupied

by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Powell.

The children all went to Raeford High School and it is hard to think that this was over 60 years ago. Yes, newspaper items bring back memories.

Be sure to join the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce when someone comes by with a membership card. There is strength in numbers.

Maybe I should play golf in cold weather. The reason I say this is that I have been confined to the house for the past few days. When a person has been active all his life, and sick rarely, it can almost make you climb the walls by being confined.

So if you haven't had the bug or virus going around, then go take your flu shot today.

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ment costs will be, said the representative.

Accurate listings of what the schools own and what the equipment is worth will be the real value of the system to Hoke schools, Steed said.

Board Member Shirley Gibson asked if there were ways to get accurate listings of school property other than with the \$17,800 service.

If people trained as educators were taken away from their jobs to count desks, the inventory could be taken without hiring the service, Superintendent Dr. Robert Nelson said.

According to Steed, teachers currently list what is in their classes on an inventory sheet.

"I hope we never get into a situation where we have to testify under oath as to the validity of an inventory," Nelson said.

American Appraisal has already done work-ups on the Greensboro City schools, the High Point City system, Gilford County Schools and the consolidated Greenville, South Carolina school system, said Perry.

For their money, school ad-

ministrators and the Board of Education will get two books containing a property control report and an accounting control report, said Perry.

The property control report includes almost everything owned by the school system, according to Perry.

The accounting control report is what an accounting firm will need to do an audit, he said.

That report is somewhat smaller than the property control report because assets that are not depreciable are not included, Perry said.

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The state has allegedly worked out a system with the states banks that will allow anyone who gets a state check to open an account and withdraw from that account one check per month, Miller said.

"I cannot speak for Hoke, but in many banks, they are allowing one check per month at no charge," Miller said.

"We cannot afford to service accounts and not get anything out of it," United Carolina Bank Manager Bobby Conoly said.

"We've never seen where there has been an agreement between the school system and banks," Conoly said.

"They (the state) cannot say

they can make it free because of repercussions in the banking industry," said Conoly.

According to Conoly, there is a charge for maintaining an account.

Steve Parker, Manager of Southern National Bank in Raeford and Freddie Williams, Manager of Heritage Federal Savings and Loan echoed the sentiments of Conoly on the totally free checking question.

Aware of administrators' worries about the direct deposit aspect of the centralized payroll system, Miller said: "We're not trying to make the employees pay to get their money."

"We're not going to have our employees pay for this," she said.

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