



Checking debris
North Raeford volunteer fireman Ronald Wilson (left) checks the debris in a trailer which was leveled by fire Sunday morning, while Hillcrest fireman

Chris North watches as others extinguish remaining flames on the other end of the dwelling. An unidentified body was found in the area of Wilson.

Photo by Pam Frederick

... Expanded housing approved

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county's public transportation needs.

According to the grant, the county will receive \$4,500 in federal funds to be matched with \$500 in local funds for the 12-month \$5,000 study.

An advisory board of local members was also appointed during the meeting to oversee the study.

Members serving on the new board currently have transportation needs in the county and represent such groups as: Employment Security, DSS, Sandhills Community College, the Hoke County Health Department, the Children's Center, the Home Visitor Service, a taxi cab company and the Head Start program.

Schools meeting

A joint meeting with the Hoke County Board of Education and the commissioners will be held in November to discuss the financial needs for the schools.

The commissioners voted to set the session during one of their next

regularly scheduled meetings in November.

School board members, who requested the session to discuss "new major programs which may compete for county tax funds" and other items affecting school building, were given the option of either November 4 or November 18.

The meeting is not expected to last long, Balfour said.

In the request for the joint session, the school board suggested an agenda of:

- Any major new programs or projects which may "compete" for county tax funds.

- Anticipated future for Revenue Sharing.

- Long Range Facilities Plan funding proposals.

- Possibility of a bond issue for schoolhouse construction.

- Revenues from one-half cent sales tax.

Revenue Sharing is "dead", and the funding for the Long Range Facilities Plan has already been approved by the commissioners, Upchurch said.

"We already give the schools 50% of the half-cent sales tax," Balfour said.

A discussion of the bond issue for schoolhouse construction could "go all day," Upchurch said.

Other business

In other matters, the commissioners took this action:

- ✓ Appointed Ester Hollingsworth and Billy Norton to Hoke County Parks and Recreation Commission to replace Debbie Little and Ernest Goins.

- ✓ Reappointed Barbara Buie and Marshall Parks to the EMS Advisory Council for two-year terms.

- ✓ Told County Manager William Cowan to seek JTPA (Job Training Partnership Act) funds for openings in the county. JTPA will pay half of the salary for new employees if they come from the ranks of the unemployed.

- ✓ Voted to place "Welcome to Hoke County" signs on US Highway 501.

... Suspects sought for robbery

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large caliber, black mat colored, automatic pistol.

The second man kept saying: "Man, I don't want no killing," according to the report.

The men fled in a "dingy" green Ford Pinto.

Armstrong was apparently not harmed physically during the robbery.

In an unrelated incident, Deputy Sheriff Mack High arrested Kenneth Wilson of Lot 73 in the Raeford Mobile Home Park, Sunday after the officer was allegedly threatened with a butcher knife, reports say.

When High arrived at the mobile home park Sunday around noon, he allegedly found a man beating a nude woman in the yard, according to his report.

Wilson is charged with assaulting an officer and assaulting his wife Shirley Wilson.

In a still further unrelated incident, Vickie Hunt reported that her 1970 Chevrolet was missing from her driveway on Saturday morning.

The car had apparently been parked at her home around 9 p.m. the evening before.

Another car was reported stolen from 1208 Kimmerly Drive by Carrie Mae Hammons.

Hammons told sheriff's deputies, Charles G. Locklear took the 1978 white Chevrolet Nova on

October 8 for "about 20 minutes," reports show.

The car apparently had not been returned on October 19, according to the reports.

The principal's office in J.W. Turlington School was broken into on October 14 and about \$210 in stereo equipment was stolen, Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said.

The matter is still under investigation, the chief said.



... Fire cause investigated

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At 7 a.m., Brewer said he was going to bed, Blackburn's statement says.

Brewer is scheduled to appear in Hoke County District Court on October 31.

He is charged with possession with the intent to sell marijuana, records show.

Firefighters were initially told that others might have been in the trailer, but no other remains were found in the dwelling, which was leveled by the blaze.

A five-gallon can, about half full of kerosene, was found outside the dwelling, but Baker said he was unsure whether it was related to the blaze.

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ATTEND
Tuesday, Oct. 29
7 p.m.
J.W. Turlington School
A meeting to testify before the N.C. Utilities Commission on Extended Area Service between the 875 exchange and Fayetteville

Raeford Now 4,700 telephones accessible	Current Cost \$7.87/mo. 26¢/day	Accessibility Cost .0016 cents/phone availability
Raeford w/EAS 94,700 telephones accessible	Proposed Cost \$12.39/mo. 41¢/day	Accessibility Cost .00013 cents/phone available

Hoke County Tax Rate	1983	1984	1985
Increased 11%/'100 evaluation in last three years	70%/'100	75%/'100	81%/'100

Hoke County Tax Base Decreased \$4 million in last year or 80 homes worth \$60,000	'325 million	'344 million	'340 million
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Hoke Co. Taxes \$50,000 Home Increased at least \$65/year in last three years 15 cents/day increase	'360/year	'375/year	'405/year
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Proposed EAS Rate Increase
\$4.24/year or 14.8¢/day

Purpose for EAS: To make Hoke County more attractive to new residents who will increase the tax base spend money with local merchants and help meet existing needs like new schools, increased health services and expanded law enforcement.