



Employers committee

Members of an employers committee make suggestions on ways to improve the services offered by the Raeford Branch Office of the NC Employment

Security Commission during the committee's first meeting held last week at the Job Services Office in Raeford.

Employers group helping ESC

A committee of both private and public Hoke County employers is making suggestions on how to improve services offered by the local Job Service. The committee met for the first time last week at the Employment Security Office in Raeford. "The purpose of this committee is to critique office services and to make necessary suggestions on ways of improving the office to better serve employees and the community in general," Burnest Graham, manager of both the Laurinburg and Raeford Job Ser-

vices Offices, said. Graham said that an employer committee has been in existence in Laurinburg since 1980 and that the time had come for Hoke County to have a committee of its own. "We want to refine our office and make it better," he said. Members of the committee include: Molene Russell, personnel director, House of Raeford; James McGill, owner of The Total Look; Bob Gregory, personnel director, Faberge; Shirley White, personnel director, Burlington Industries;

Rhonda Holt, personnel director, City of Raeford; and Shirley Rush, personnel manager, Hoke County. John Howard, Director of Economic Development Commission, is serving in an ex officio position. "This is something we are very proud and excited about and we want it to last a long time," Graham said. "We hope that other employers will either join this committee or will have an input by making suggestions to members of the committee," Graham added.

New savings and loan to open

A new savings and loan will open its doors in Hoke County within two months, a company spokesman said Tuesday. Progressive Savings and Loan, Ltd. of Lumberton will begin operating a branch office in Raeford before March, spokesman Franklin Teal said. The opening of the Progressive branch is a result of efforts earlier this year to incorporate First Hoke Savings with Hoke County stockholders, Teal said. Stock sales fell short of the \$1.5 million needed to form First Hoke, and the merger with Progressive

was necessary in order to open the doors on the new institution. Incorporators of First Hoke have notified their stock subscribers of their recent decision to support and become part of Progressive. Teal will serve as manager of the Raeford office, and other incorporators of First Hoke will be appointed to advisory board and management positions. The establishment of the branch office is subject to the approval of Progressive shareholders and the Savings and Loan Division, North Carolina Department of Commerce.

An application for the branch approval has been filed in Raleigh. The proposed Chairman of First Hoke, R. Palmer Willcox, said more details would be announced soon regarding the location, services and opening date of the office. Progressive was established in 1978 with two branches located in Lumberton. It is a state chartered institution with deposit accounts insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (FSLIC). Raeford will be the institution's first office outside of Lumberton.

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... Schools adopt medical policy

(Continued from page 1A) number of years, the new health agreement stresses that medicines remain in their proper containers with the proper identification labels. "We have a substantial number of students at school who must take medication each day. When we run into problems, it is when kids have to take medications for an earache or something of that nature," Ellis said. After the policy was adopted by the board, Ellis said, "I just hope parents will cooperate and give us

the requested information." In other business, board members: Re-elected W.W. Cameron Jr. to serve as chairman of the board for another one year term. Cameron was elected by a 3-2 vote. Named Robert A. Wright as vice chairman for another one year term. Received for information a report that board member Shirley Gibson has been appointed to serve on the Federal Relations Network of School Boards. Heard a report that only five

county school roofs leaked during last week's heavy rainfall. Tabled a decision to acquire liability insurance for teachers from Nationwide Insurance Company and for school board members from Alexander and Alexander, Houston, Texas. Heard the results of a study conducted by RTD Associates which stated that a substantial amount of money could be saved by covering only the section of roof requiring it on the Gibson Center at Hoke County High School.

... Break-ins reported across county

(Continued from page 1A) som, Rt. 2, Raeford, was painted with spray paint while Ramsom was inside Upchurch Junior High School last Monday. Ransom apparently entered the building at 5 p.m. and discovered that it had been painted when she returned to her vehicle at 5:30 p.m. Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins reports that snap hooks and a dog collar valued at \$8.53

were allegedly stolen from Max-wam, Inc. last Monday. Arrested for the theft were Sexton Stevens, 16, and a 14-year-old youth, the chief said. A forged check was also recovered from one of the suspects, Wiggins added. Wiggins also reported that Willie Lee Murchison said his bicycle had been stolen while it was parked behind Raeford Hotel

apartments last Monday. The value of the bicycle was \$100, according to Wiggins. The chief reported that Gale Altman discovered that someone had painted messages on the walls of her basement while she was in the process of moving from her Niven Street residence. No estimation of damages has been made, the chief said.

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