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MONEY NOT AVAILABLE IN BUDGET

Board Delays Financing Industry Hunt

Hoke County commissioners voted Thursday night to establish a planning and development commission, but left hanging the matter of financing the proposed development office.

Led by Jim Fout, manager of Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. Robert Townsend, chamber president, supporters of the proposed development organization have been plugging for an early beginning of organized activity. That would include establishing a development office and hiring a full-time specialist to seek new industry and quarter-back other planning and development. Estimated first-year cost of the operation would be about \$13,000, according to Fout.

Financing of the organization has been dropped into the

lap of county commissioners, since the county obviously would be a prime beneficiary of any increase in taxable industrial property.

And there the proposal rests, because the annual budget, approved early last summer and effective in July, does not offer a source of \$13,000, particularly in that general tax revenue cannot be used for such a purpose without the people approving a tax levy specifically for the project.

It has been suggested that the county might wisely use a portion of its share of forthcoming state beer tax rebates, which will amount to some \$20,000 a year or more, to finance the project. However, no such rebate will be available until a year hence, since legal sale of beer and light wine began

here in August.

Meanwhile, the chamber is searching for a means of interim financing until the county can dip into the beer coffers. Commissioners are understandably reluctant to commit money they do not have at hand and state law forbids borrowing without a vote of the electorate.

Commissioners have in the meantime established a four-man nominating committee to select nine members for the planning and development commission. It includes Dr. Townsend, Franklin Teal of the town board, Tom McBryde of the county board, and T. B. Lester Jr., county manager.

A primary contention of the chamber of commerce is that the county is not in a favorable position to compete for new

industry, since most other counties in the state have industrial development offices and specialists who devote full time to industry hunting. Many of the offices have been in operation for a decade or more.

Fout related to commissioners the experience of Onslow and Duplin counties, both of which within the past few years have established industry-hunting offices.

Within the first year or two, both counties attracted enough new industries to increase the tax valuation far beyond the annual cost of the development operation.

Fout emphasized, too, that the office proposed here will not confine itself to hunting new industry, but will concentrate on the total development of the community and its economy.

Campaign Office Opens

United Fund headquarters has been opened in the office of Raeford Savings and Loan, and will be available for campaign workers from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily.

The campaign for this year's goal of some \$23,000 began this week and will continue through November 5. About a dozen local, state and national organizations will benefit from the campaign.

Franklin Teal and Palmer Willcox are chairmen of this year's campaign. Solicitors at the two local plants of Burlington Industries are under the direction of Sam Homegood and Lesley Allgood.

Only twice in the more than 12 years the Fund has been in operation here has the annual goal not been exceeded. In the event the goal is not reached, participating agencies will share on a pro rata basis.

United Fund officials have been high in their praise of local contributors, particularly the employees at the mill and other industries. They have urged workers in downtown business establishments and offices to give as generously as they can to keep pace with Pacific Mills contributors.

Contributions at the mill each year average better than \$5 per employe, campaign officials said.

Most employers, including the mill, will make small weekly payroll deductions to ease the burden of contributors.

Bloodmobile Here Tuesday

The Red Cross bloodmobile will make its monthly visit here Tuesday and will be at Hoke Civic Center from 11 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Quota is 125 pints, a blood program spokesman said. On its last visit, the bloodmobile collected 100 pints and a long line was waiting when the doors closed.

Methodists Plan Four-Day Revival

A fall revival meeting will begin at Raeford Methodist Church Sunday, October 30. The pastor, the Rev. R. E. L. Moser, will preach at the regular morning worship service and the Rev. A. L. Thompson, pastor of Southern Pines Methodist Church, will preach on Sunday evening and each evening through Wednesday. Services are scheduled to begin at 7:30



JANE BARNES, LEFT, AND PAM HEATH MODEL OUTFITS

Vocational Hoke Girl Scores With Wool Outfit Planned

The Vocational Department of Hoke High School is planning two technical courses to be offered in the new vocational building. These courses are open to any interested individuals 18 years of age or older.

Beginning welding will be the first course offered. This course will include electric arc welding and oxyacetylene cutting. Fayetteville Technical Institute will cooperate with the high school in offering this class.

Basic electricity will be the second course. Basic house wiring and selection and repair of electric motors will be included. The State Department of Public Instruction will provide

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Jane Barnes of Rockfish Junior 4-H club made a jumper out of yellow 100 per cent wool material given to her by the local plant of Pacific Mills. She used this jumper to enter the Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool contest. To her delight she was chosen to model her outfit in Hudson Bell's tearoom during the lunch hour.

One hundred North Carolina girls entered the Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool contest Saturday, October 22, in the auditorium of Hudson-Bell's Department Store, Raleigh. The contest is sponsored by the American Wool Council. The garments must be made by the contestant and it must be made of 100 per cent American loomed wool fabric.

Four Hoke County girls participated this year: Jane Barnes of Rockfish Junior 4-H Club entered the sub-deb division (ages 10-13); Pam Heath, Rockfish Senior 4-H Club; Gail Vanhoy, Ashley Heights club, and Gwen Anderson of Stonewall club, entered the junior division (ages 14-16). Gwen also received wool from Pacific Mills.

Florence McCaskill, West End, junior division, and Linda Kay Holmes, Bolton, senior division, will represent North Carolina at the Southern regional contest to be held in Lexington, Ky., November 18-19. The winner from this contest will participate in the national finals in Las Vegas, Nev., in January.

State directors for the event were Mrs. Ruby Miller and Miss Mary Em Lee, extension clothing specialists.

Lumber Bridge GI Is Decorated

PLEIKU, VIETNAM (AHTNC)

--For rescuing four wounded men from a minefield, Staff Sergeant Moody J. Cromatie has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal in Vietnam.

Sergeant Cromatie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moody D. Cromatie, Lumber Bridge Rt. 2, received the award for heroism as a medical section chief accompanying an artillery battalion on a mine clearing detail

near Pleiku.

Four members of the detail were wounded when an anti-personnel mine was accidentally detonated. Sergeant Cromatie hurried to the scene, and despite the fact that the field was eroded by water and overgrown by weeds and brush, he went to the wounded and began to administer aid.

Cromatie is a 1949 graduate of Oak Ridge High School.

Co-Op Meet Is Scheduled

Lumber River Electric Membership Corporation will hold its 28th annual meeting Wednesday, November 2, at the National Guard Armory in Red Springs.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a. m. and the meeting will start at 10 a. m. Rep. R. D. McMillan Jr. of Robeson County will be principal speaker.

Other features of the annual get-together will be entertainment by Homer Briarhopper and his country and western band; business reports; election of three directors; and draw for many attendance prizes.

TOPS IN COUNTY

Development Award Won By Ashemont

Will Now Compete In SADA

Ashemont, a frequent winner of community laurels, has been declared winner of first prize of \$100 in the annual community development contest in Hoke County.

Announcement of the award was made Monday night at Hoke High School, where members of the various development associations in the county gathered to chew the fat and the lean (turkey dinner) and to hear H. Clifton Blue, sage of the Sandhills who claims three counties -- Hoke, Cumberland and Moore -- as his native hearth.

Second prize went to Stonewall, which received a \$50 award, and Rockfish captured third place and \$25.

Ashemont will compete with other winners in the Sandhills Area Development Association for top prize in the four-county area.

Town judging for SADA will be conducted November 4 and civic clubs, churches and individuals with outstanding accomplishments are asked to contact Miss Josephine Hall, home demonstration agent.

Inducement prizes of \$20 were awarded Monday night to the following communities:

Stonewall -- Community having the most completed projects in 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, FFA, FHA, or other organized youth groups.

Antioch -- Community with highest percentage of families producing and conserving over 50 per cent of family food supply.

Antioch -- Highest percentage of farm families participating in soil conservation.

Rockfish -- Most home improvements (new and remodeled homes, ground beautification, new furnishings).

Wayside -- Highest percentage completing community projects.

Stonewall -- Best all-around community 4-H organization.

Allendale -- Highest percentage participating in ACP program.

Raeford -- Largest number of adult and youth recreational projects conducted during year.

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Fall Cleanup Is Suggested

Raeford Community Development Council this week reminded all citizens of Raeford and Hoke County that now is the time to begin fall cleanup.

"Unfortunately once a year is not enough for continuous beauty," a council spokesman said. "The once pretty leaves are falling to mar the yards and possibly to cause a fire if a careless match is dropped. Too, most bulbs are planted now for spring beauty, as are many early blooming plants. Use these warm pretty days to rake the leaves, and begin next spring's garden."



PETE SAWYER, RIGHT, ACCEPTS AWARD FROM PHIL DIEHL

Families In High Brackets

(Special to the News Journal)

NEW YORK -- Many Hoke County families are finding themselves in higher income brackets than ever before, thanks to the improvement in their earnings during the last few years.

Some of them, who had never been above the \$4,000 to \$7,000 bracket, have climbed a rung to the choice \$7,000 to \$10,000 level. Others, who had been in the lower bracket

for a long time, have been able to move up to the next higher position.

That has been the pattern all along the line. As a result, there are more families in the middle and upper income ranges and fewer in the lower groups than previously.

For most local residents, it has meant an increase in purchasing power because their earnings have advanced at a faster clip than the cost of living.

The changes are detailed in a copyrighted report issued by Sales Management. It shows, for every area of the country, the portion of the population that falls within each of the income divisions.

In Hoke County, according to the breakdown, some 39.9 percent of the households had net cash incomes of \$4,000 or more in the past year. This was after payment of their federal and state taxes.

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Bobby McFadyen Killed In Early Morning Wreck

Robert Ree (Bobby) McFadyen, 22, a senior at Wofford College, was killed early Friday in an automobile accident in Spartanburg, S. C., on a street at the rear of the college stadium.

McFadyen, son of Mrs. D. G. McFadyen of Raeford and the late Mr. McFadyen, was dead on arrival at a Spartanburg hospital.

He and another student, Franklin William Fairley of Kingstree, S. C., were riding in a 1967 MG sports roadster which went over an embankment and apparently landed on its top, according to Spartanburg newspaper reports.

McFadyen and Fairley, members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, reportedly had been studying for a quiz and had gone out for something to eat when the accident occurred at about 4:45 a. m.

Spartanburg police said they

were unable to determine immediately who was driving the car, or the name of the owner.

McFadyen was attending Wofford on a National Defense scholarship and was planning to enter the education field.

His mother is a teacher. Fairley is a sophomore. His condition was described as "fair."

Funeral services for McFadyen were held here Saturday afternoon at Raeford Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Cortez A. Cooper officiating. Burial was in Raeford Cemetery.

Pallbearers included Larry McPherson, Tom Cameron Jr., Jim McIlvane, Jim Carver, Crawford Thomas Jr., Billy Howell and Randy Randolph. Honorary pallbearers were 31 members of the Wofford chapter of SAE and Bill McFadyen. Surviving in addition to his mother are two sisters, Mrs. Paul Carson of Pfeiffer College and Mrs. John Rife of Red Springs, and brother, David McFadyen of Fayetteville, and a maternal grandmother, Mrs. W. W. Freeman of Raeford.



REV. A.L. THOMPSON