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ENGINEER SAYS OF WATER-SEWER DILEMMA

'Burlington Willing To Pay Its Way'

Burlington Industries, of which the local Pacific Mills plants are a subsidiary, pledged last week it wants to do its share and more in solving the town's pressing water and sewer problems.

"Burlington Industries--indeed, all industry--does not want the people to provide anything for nothing," said Ed Zane, Burlington's chief industrial engineer. "We want to pay our share, because we have a vital interest in Raeford and Hoke County."

Zane was speaking to a combined gathering of Raeford Town Board, Hoke County commissioners, Burlington leaders, and other interested citizens.

"People may have gotten the impression that your water and sewer problems are the fault of Burlington and other industries and that they are being asked to approve a \$1.3 million capital outlay to provide services to us.

"What we want to make abundantly clear is that we stand ready to shoulder our part of

the responsibility, financial or otherwise, and will help in any way we can," Zane said.

After Town Manager Ed Williams outlines the proposed improvements to the water and sewer system, citing an estimated cost of \$1.3 million, Zane commented on the plans' inclusion of an additional outfall line from Burlington's plants, expected to cost \$200,000.

Some people may be saying that they are being asked to dig up \$200,000 to support Burling-

ton Industries, which simply is not the case, Zane said.

"I would be willing to wager, without looking at the tax books, that Burlington is the largest single taxpayer in Hoke County. More than that, let me point out to you that your investment on behalf of Burlington is self-liquidating. Your projected increase in the water rate would raise Burlington's bill \$17,000 a year, which would retire the \$200,000 in bonds, at 4 per cent interest, in 20 years.

"But even further than that,

if you don't call for an \$850,000 bond issue and decide you could ask for \$650,000, we will be glad to provide the \$200,000 in advance payment of water and sewer charges, or we will lend the town the money to be repaid any way that can be worked out legally. We want the improvement, because our chances of maintaining current production, to say nothing of expanding, depends upon it. And we are perfectly willing to pay for that part of the project that concerns us, and pay in

advance if need be."

Zane said the local Burlington operation paid \$17,466.14 in taxes in 1963. In 1967, based on the same \$1.28 tax rate, its Hoke County bill will be \$63,000.

"I think that's evidence of Burlington's growth. In four years, we have more than tripled our taxable valuation. Without adequate water and sewer, I can foresee grave problems, not only for Burlington, but for the town, the school district, other industry, and in-

dividual citizens," Zane said. "We want growth in our industry, your town and county, and other industry, but we absolutely do not want anything from Raeford or Hoke County for nothing," he said.

Zane suggested that town and county commissioners see if they can get together, work out a plan, and ask Burlington what is expected of it.

"I would suggest that you try to make the water-sewer improvements self-liquidating, See BURLINGTON, Page 3

Little Clyde Says 'Bleed' For Red X

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Raeford next Tuesday, March 14, and will be at Hoke Civic Center from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Since March is Red Cross Month, Clyde E. Upchurch Jr., blood drive chairman, has called for maximum effort in the local program. This area has drawn 140 pints of blood from the Red Cross blood bank since November, date of the last bloodmobile visit, he said.

"Burlington Industries employs continue to provide about 90 per cent of local contributions and they are behind the program 100 per cent," Upchurch said.

Doug Wallace and Tommy Reaves of the Junior Chamber of Commerce are promoting the drive, Upchurch said, "and are doing a splendid job."



Town Meet Sets Up Election

Raeford Town Council adopted a 1967 election ordinance Monday night at its regular monthly meeting, setting April 15, at 12 noon, as the deadline for the filing of candidates.

Election date will be May 2. Registration books will be opened April 14, and closed April 21. New registrations will be made at the home of Mrs. Kate Covington on all days except April 15, when she will be at the Town Hall.

The board voted to purchase a motor grader which is available from the State Highway Department at a nominal price. The purchase will be made with Powell Bill funds which can be used only for construction and upkeep of streets.

*** Guess Who? *** (See Page 7)

Hoke High Bucks In State Tourney

Our Hoke High Bucks won the District 2 basketball title Friday night at Lumberton and will play in the first round of the state 3-A Tournament tonight at 9 o'clock in Durham.

Winner of 18 games and loser of only four this season, the Bucks are hoping to bring home the state championship trophy, which they missed by only three points a year ago.

The team has won its last 15 games in a row. After netting three straight wins at the beginning of the season, the Bucks dropped four in a row, losing to Rockingham, Hamlet, Stedman and Clinton, in that order, before catching fire in the late stages of the campaign.

At times, the Bucks have look great, at other times mediocre, but they have been the darling of local fans for the past two seasons.

The entire team, headed by Coach W.K. Morgan, has turned in remarkable performance this season, sometimes winning by only the necessary margin.

Hoke High cheerleaders are now collecting money, aided by Mrs. Lina Mae Prince and Fred Culbreth, to hold open house for the Bucks after the Friday night game at the Jack Tar Motel in Durham. The affair will be contingent upon a victory in tonight's game and will be staged between 10:30 and 11:30 p.m.

Board Accepts Plans For New County Jail

Construction Will Take 12 Months

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners gave final approval on plans for a new county jail at its Monday meeting.

Bids will be called for through advertisement within a few weeks and the time for opening them has been set for April 14 at 2 p. m.

M. F. Page of Echols and Sparger and Associates of Marion, Va., told the board that, "A jail is the most expensive building that can be built."

It is even costlier per square foot than a hospital, he explained, because of the construction materials needed. He said he would not disclose an estimated cost until the bids are in.

As a means of cutting expenses now and in future maintenance, the county men voted to put terrazzo floors all over the building with the exception of the kitchen. Here, the architect advised that grease spots were easier to control on tile. The men also voted to use red brick as a siding rather than try to match the blond color on the courthouse, since the Board of Education Building, in red brick, will separate the courthouse and jail.

The building will have four air conditioned rooms which will make up the office and conference quarters. There will be four cell blocks containing six cells each. Including isolation rooms, there will be a total capacity for 31 inmates. It is expected that the building will be complete from 12 to 15 months after the bids are let.

In other business, the board heard a plea from School Superintendent W. T. Gibson Jr., who asked that they consider giving Hoke County teachers See JAIL, Page 3



Mrs. Ed Murray

Mrs. Carlton Niven

Mrs. Ralph Barnhart

Band Uniform Drive Goes Over Top

Thanks to their admirers and supporters in Raeford and Hoke County, members of Hoke High School's band will have brand new uniforms in the near future. A fund-raising campaign to supply 70 uniforms for the band already has exceeded its goal and receipts are still coming in.

Led by three Raeford mothers, the campaign has been taken to every nook and cranny of the town and county, and according to the "gals," the response has been tremendous. "Not enough praise can be heaped upon the people who contributed so generously and those who worked so hard," was the

way they felt about it. The three livewire ladies who made the whole thing possible are Mrs. Ed Murray, Mrs. Carlton Niven and Mrs. Ralph Barnhart, who launched the campaign back in early February.

They set sights on \$6,000 -- enough to buy 70 uniforms at \$87.86 each.

A uniform manufacturer's representative was called in, a design was chosen, and band members were measured.

Before the tailor got back to his shop, almost, the drive was well on the way and success virtually assured.

Everybody was happy about it, too, because the band had been without formal uniforms since Jimmy James was hired as director and came here from St. Pauls three years ago.

He recruited a handful of varsity band members and set up a program of elementary school band instruction.

The first fall, the band didn't sound "professional," by any means, when it shyly played for a football game in mid-season. The following school year, it was much bigger and better, and when the 1966 football season rolled around, it was performing superbly.

But it still was without uniforms.

The band was invited to Band Day at the University of North Carolina, and Thanksgiving Day, played in the annual Carolinas Carousal at Charlotte.

It drew the highest rating and critical acclaim from the Charlotte Observer.

And the newspaper mentioned the band's unique "uniform." Each band member's outfit consisted of white shirt or blouse, black trousers or skirt, a Mexican straw hat, and a "serape" of bright material. Finally, somebody decided it See UNIFORMS, Page 3



This Is The Home Of Raeford's National Guard Unit

Raeford National Guard Company Marks 20th Anniversary Friday

The Raeford unit of North Carolina National Guard will celebrate its 20th Anniversary with a banquet Friday at 7:30 p. m. at the armory.

All retired Guardsmen from the unit, charter members of the original unit, Guardsmen presently in the unit, members of Raeford Town Council, and members of the Hoke Board of County Commissioners have been invited to join in the festivities.

On March 10, 1947, Battery "A" of the 677th AAA AW Battalion was extended federal recognition as a unit in the North Carolina National Guard and of the United States. The commanding officer was Capt. Paul Dickson, Lieutenants were Sam C. Morris and Ralph Plummer.

The enlisted strength was only 41. First sergeant was Graham M. Clark. In the 20 years since the unit was organized there have been only four. Jesse N. Gullede, who recently retired as battalion sergeant major, succeeded Clark. Clarence M. Willis, who recently became sergeant major, replaced Gullede. Herman B. Hemmingway became first sergeant when Willis was promoted.

Commanders of the Raeford Company since Dickson have been Edwin D. Newton, who succeeded Dickson July 28, 1950, and was company commander until January 7, 1962. Captain Thomas M. Macko then became company commander. Newton was promoted to major and became battalion executive officer. On December 31, 1963, John W. Jones became company

commander and Macko became battalion communications officer. Jones became battalion air officer on January 14, 1965, and Captain Daniel E. Baker, the present commander, became company commander.

The local unit has had a variety of names or designations in the 20 years since it was organized. It was Battery "A" of the 677th AAA AW Battalion until February, 1949, when it was made Battery "A" of the 130th AAA AW Battalion and joined the 30th Infantry Division.

In October, 1954, the unit and battalion were changed from artillery to tank. At that time the battalion became the 130th Tank Battalion of the 30th Infantry Division, and what had been Battery "A" became Company "A."

In April, 1959, the Raeford unit became Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 196th Armor. In 1963, the company and battalion got an old name back when it became part of headquarters company of the 2nd Battalion, 252nd Armor.

This was a sentimental satisfaction because many of the men and all the officers who organized the battery in 1947 had gone to federal service in 1940 as members of the 252nd Coast Artillery, of which Battery "F" and 1st Battalion Headquarters Company had been located in Raeford.

The history of National Guard units here actually goes back much farther than 1947. The first National Guard unit See NATIONAL GUARD, Page 9