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AT NEW SCHOOL

Town Board Says OK To Water - Sewer Tap

Emergency Measure Passed

Raeford Town Board has agreed to allow contractors hook onto water and sewer lines the new elementary school now under construction off Bethel Road.

Earlier, the town's pressing water and sewer problems indicated there was no main near the new school not already overtaxed. Moreover, consulting engineers have said that the treatment plant is so badly overloaded that it is inadvisable to add any new customers.

The school lines will connect with a six-inch main at Woolley Street and Maxwell Avenue.

"It is strictly an emergency measure," said one member of the town board. "Since whatever solution we find for our water-sewer problems cannot be implemented this year, it was absolutely necessary that we find some means of serving the school, which, it is hoped, will be ready for use in the fall."

Meanwhile, the town board has left open the possibility of calling for a \$914,000 water-sewer bond issue, but the deadline has passed for making this year's priority list for federal participation.

It is estimated that \$1.3 million is needed here for water and sewer improvements. The town presumably would be eligible for a federal grant for 30 per cent of the cost; however, a priority list is established in Raleigh for federal aid and the deadline is April 1.

In order to qualify for federal assistance, the machinery must be in motion to call a bond issue. It would be impossible at this late date to have the necessary preliminary planning done by New York bonding attorneys.

It appeared this week that local industry will cooperate fully with the town and county in solving the water-sewer needs. Both Burlington Industries and Raeford Turkey Farms, biggest water and sewer users in the town, will help out in further engineering studies of the problem.

Two weeks ago, Edward R. Zane, chairman of Burlington Industries' executive finance committee and a senior officer of the huge textile firm, appeared here and at a combined meeting of town and county officials pledged Burlington's willingness "to do its part, and more" in paying for that portion of the project concerned with the two Burlington plants here.

Proposed improvements include an additional outfall from Pacific Mills to the sewage treatment plant, a south outfall to serve the new school and other customers in the suburban southside, and vast improvement to the treatment plant.



Water And Sewer Pipes Await Installation At New School

Two Bills For Hoke Introduced

Two local bills relating to Hoke County have been introduced in the General Assembly by Rep. Neill McFadyen of the Hoke-Robeson-Scotland District.

The first relates to the appointment of assistant county tax supervisors and removes Hoke County from the list of counties exempt from a state statute which enables county commissioners to appoint assistant tax supervisors and clerical assistants to the supervisor and listing duties of such appointees.

The bill passed the House March 9, was received in the Senate March 10 and sent to the committee on counties, cities and towns.

The second bill would empower the board of county commissioners to meet in the conference room of the board of education building (which the board has been doing, anyway, for some time). The statute in question specifies that county commissioners shall meet in the county courthouses of their respective counties.

The bill also passed the House March 9, was sent to the Senate March 10, and sent to the committee on counties, cities and towns.

Meanwhile, Sen. John Henley of the Hoke-Cumberland district has introduced a bill to make East Carolina College a university within the Consolidated University of North Carolina system.

Bob Seitz Fund Is Started

Bob Seitz, former N. C. State University basketball player and for several years a popular resident of Raeford and employe of Pacific Mills, is making the news again these days.

Unlike his heyday, however, the news this time is bad.

Nick Pond, Raleigh sports-caster and teammate of Seitz, made this report at a recent meeting of the ACC Sportswriters Association:

"Bob was hospitalized with a pituitary problem about a year and a half ago. A large man anyhow (Seitz played from 1954 to 1957 at 6-11, 263 pounds) he started growing again. His head started swelling and he lost all of his hair.

"He suffered a stroke and was paralyzed. Through the efforts of Bucky Waters, West Virginia coach and another teammate of Seitz, he was put into a rehabilitation center and received radium and cobalt treatments. He responded some, and his paralysis has been half cured. But one of his feet is still enlarged and he had difficulty talking.

"He was sent home last week (Week before last at this date)," Pond continued, "but he certainly isn't a well man. Bob and his wife have an adopted child and he had not earned a pay check in more than a year. The hospital bills have piled up and we are certain he will have to undergo brain surgery in the near future.

"My whole point in telling you this," Pond said, "is that we are trying to raise some money to help pay some of the back hospital bills and to help the family in any way we can."

Seitz currently lives in Morgantown, W. Va.

The sportswriters voted to contribute \$200 to a "Bob Seitz Fund, care Reynolds Coliseum, Raleigh." Other contributions are being received at that address from throughout the state.

Meanwhile, friends of Seitz in Hoke County are rallying to

the cause. His former fellow workers at Pacific Mills are planning a collective contribution, as are people at the Catholic church, which Seitz and his family attended here.

Contributions also may be made by mail to "Friends of Bob Seitz, P. O. Box 278, Raeford."

Band Uniform Drive Soared To \$7,649.50

The Hoke High Band uniform drive soared far above its \$6,000 goal this week when several major contributions arrived after the drive was unofficially concluded.

A total of \$500 was received from Burlington Industries Foundation -- \$250 each for Raeford Worsted Plant and Pacific Mills Dyeing Plant.

Other contributors included Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ashburn, \$20; Hoke County Friendship Club, \$20; Nettie McDuffie Circle, \$5, and Everett Farrell, \$10.

That pushed proceeds up to \$7,649.50 as of Tuesday morning.

"We ran out of space on the board we were using to show how the drive was coming along," said Mrs. Ralph Barnhart, a leader in the campaign. "While we would have been able to buy 70 uniforms with \$6,000, we can do a whole lot more for the band with the extra \$1,600," she said.

The band was without formal uniforms until Mrs. Barnhart Mrs. Ed Murray and Mrs. Carlton Niven took the situation in hand.

About a month ago, they announced they would raise \$6,000 for 70 band uniforms. The model chosen by band members sells for \$87.86 each.

Within three weeks, the drive passed the goal. The leaders announced the campaign had achieved its major goal, but left the door open to people who had missed the opportunity to contribute.



Sgt. Maj. Jesse Gullledge

Lt. Col. Paul Dickson

Sergeant Major Gullledge Retires After 40 Years

When he was called for pre-induction physical in 1940 when the local National Guard unit was federalized, Sgt. Maj. Jesse Gullledge was sporting a new set of dentures.

"Let me see your teeth," the doctor said. Gullledge dutifully plucked the plates from his mouth and handed them to the physician.

That little pleasantry, plus underweight, made him "physically disqualified" to go off to war with his Raeford buddies.

The deficiencies didn't keep him out for long, however, because in August, 1942, he enlisted in the Army of the United States and later went through five battle campaigns in Europe. Friday night, Gullledge was honored on the eve of his retirement from a military career that dates back to 1927.

The occasion was the 20th anniversary of the local National Guard company's existence as a postwar outfit.

Officers and men of the unit, plus their wives and guests and former members of the unit gathered for the celebration at the local armory.

Gullledge turned out to be the center of attraction, for after company commander Capt. Danny Baker got the shindig under way, Lt. Col. Paul Dickson called Gullledge to the rostrum and read a letter of commendation.

After citing the sergeant's long military record, Dickson said:

"It is a pleasure to commend you for service over a period of almost 40 years to your state and nation in both peace and war, from the strike-torn streets of Gastonia in 1934 to the battlefields of Europe in 1944; in camps at Fort Monroe, Fort Moultrie, Fort Story, Fort Knox, Fort McClelland, Fort Stewart and Fort Bragg."

M/Sgt. Roger Dixon recounted some "tales" on Gullledge, then presented him a gift of a fishing rod and reel from men of the company.

Maj. Ed Newton presented an engraved watch, a gift from officers and men of the battalion.

Gullledge actually will retire in September on his 60th birthday. That is the earliest age any member of a reserve component may retire.

He also will retire at that time from federal service as a rural mail carrier.

He enlisted in Battery F, 252 Coast Artillery, N.C., National Guard (Raeford unit), May 2, 1924, and was discharged September 1, 1938, when he changed residence.

Church Plans Study Course

A combined home mission study course will be sponsored March 21, by the Brotherhood and the Women's Missionary Society of First Baptist Church.

Members of all church families are invited to participate in a covered dish supper at 6:30 p.m. Classes will begin in the auditorium at 7:15.

Teachers will be the Rev. and Mrs. James B. Mitchell. He is former pastor in New York City and now lives in Columbia, S. C.

Gullledge re-enlisted in Battery F January 2, 1934, was inducted into federal service September 16, 1940, and discharged September 18, 1940, for physical disqualification.

He volunteered for the Army of the United States on August 11, 1942, and later served at Fort Knox, Ky., and Fort Meade, Md. He was sent overseas to the 2nd Armored Division in

England and saw action in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe, earning the European Theater medal and five bronze battle stars. He also received the Good Conduct Medal.

Gullledge transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps on Oct.

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Negro Man Held In Shotgun Death

Preliminary hearing was held here yesterday for James Curtis McNair, 30, alias J. C. McFadyen, charged with murder in the shotgun slaying Saturday morning of his wife's uncle, Arthur McPhaul, 40.

McPhaul, from a 12-gauge shotgun blast from a house in which he was staying, was struck just below the groin and apparently severed the arteries in both legs.

McNair was bound over to the April term of Hoke Superior Court without privilege of bond. Sheriff Dave Barrington said the shooting took place at a house on Raeford Rt. 1, occupied by Flossie Harris and Annie Peguese early Saturday morning.

"McNair came to my house about 7:10 a. m. and told me he had just shot a man," Barrington said. "I went to the Harris-Peguese house and found the body lying half-in, half-out of the kitchen doorway."

The two women were not at the house, the sheriff said, but two children were in a bedroom. Testimony at yesterday's hearing indicated the shooting ended an argument which had

begun the night before between McNair and McPhaul.

The two men work on the same pulpwood crew, it was revealed, and McPhaul came home with McNair at the end of the day Friday. That night, they visited the Harris-Peguese house, with McPhaul remaining overnight. Early Saturday morning, according to testimony, McNair went to the house and when McPhaul came to the door, demanded that his (McNair's) wife come out.

After McPhaul told him several times she was not inside the house, the argument developed into the shooting, testimony indicated.

Barrington said McNair had five or six children in the car with him when he came to the sheriff's house.

"I told him to go to the jail and wait for me," the sheriff said. "When I discovered that McPhaul was dead, he was placed under arrest."

Barrington explained that McNair is known here as J. C. McFadyen, but his driver's license and other official documents use the McNair name.



ERNEST BLUE

MICHAEL BLUE

Young Brothers Drown In Pond

Two young brothers, Michael Anthony Blue, 10, and Ernest Emmett Blue, 11, drowned late Saturday afternoon in a farm pond on the Crawford Thomas place after the younger lad fell into the water and his brother attempted to rescue him.

A third youngster, not identified by officers, said the trio was trying to catch minnows with a homemade dipnet. The younger brother slipped on the steep embankment and fell into the water, he said, and both other boys tried to rescue him.

Coroner Frank Crumpler said the third lad told him that when the brothers went down, he ran several hundred yards receiving the call. The bodies were raised from about 10 feet

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McFadyen Bill Asks Increase In Jurors

A bill introduced in the General Assembly by Rep. Neill L. McFadyen asks an increase in the number of jurors who can be empaneled for term of court in Hoke County.

Clerk of Superior Court E.E. Smith requested that McFadyen ask for passage of the bill because, "Hoke County is choked where empanelment is concerned." Under the present statute, a panel of only 36 jurors can be drawn for criminal terms of court and only 24 for civil terms. Smith said that under the new court system, the allotment stands likely to be insufficient.

McFadyen asked for the numbers to be raised to 60 for each criminal or mixed term of superior court and to 48 for each civil term.

Smith noted that most other counties have heretofore been before the Legislature to have

their quotas raised.

Smith pointed out that there are many exemptions under which prospective jurors may become excused from jury service. This sometimes cuts short the number left for making up 12-man juries, he said.

In certain instances the clerk of court can, on request, excuse a drawn juror. Statute 9-19 allows him, merely because of their profession or occupation, excuse physicians, druggists, ministers of the gospel, officers or employees of a state hospital for insane, nurses, firemen, funeral directors, embalmers, printers and linotype operators, U. S. Postal clerks, rural mail carriers, locomotive engineers, radio announcers and technicians, optometrists, attorneys, all members of the National Guard and members of the Civil Air Patrol, officers of the Reserve Corps, Naval

officers and enlisted men and all other members of the armed forces in active duty.

Some other exceptions concern Hoke County very little, such as those for accredited Christian Science practitioners and readers and millers of grist mills, and telephone operators. Then there are the licensed pilots, train dispatchers, firemen, brakemen and railroad conductors, who are automatically exempt. The clerk of court can also exempt women who have children under 12 years of age who need her at home, those who are ill or who have illness in the home.

A jury list is drawn by county commissioners, who can screen out the names of those who have committed a felony and those known to be of unsound mind. They also throw out names of deceased persons and of those who have moved out of the area since the names were taken

from the tax list and put into a locked box to be kept for jury drawing. A new list is taken from the tax books every two years.

The commissioners as a body, or as individuals, cannot excuse a person who has been notified that he is to report for jury duty. The only person who can do this besides the clerk of court is the judge, who can make exceptions of the law if he deems the case worthy of such.

Smith said that under the new court system, the state will pay the juror rather than the county, as has been the case in the past.

"This is the main reason we found it important to have the number changed," he said. "If, for any reason, we had to call in more people to serve than the law authorized the state would not use them," he said.



REP. McFADYEN