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INVESTIGATION TO BEGIN MONDAY

Town Looks To Sewer Survey For Answer

BY JIM TAYLOR

An intensive investigation of Raeford's badly overtaxed sewage treatment system will begin here Monday, and when it's over a week later, engineers hope to have answers to a number of the town's pressing problems.

One answer that surely must be being sought is: Why is a treatment plant operating apparently perfectly at more than three times the capacity for which it was designed?

A layman gets lost in trying to interpret the technical and scientific aspects of sewage treatment, but it doesn't take an Einstein to determine that some of the calculations being applied to the Raeford opera-

tion just don't add up.

The treatment plant, completed in 1955, supposedly was designed to take care of normal growth of the town for the next 15 years. When it was designed, it was planned to take care of the average 35,000 population city.

There was considerable trouble when the plant was first put into operation, but after the initial difficulties were overcome, the plant began to function properly. It has operated "perfectly" for the past year, town officials say.

Yet it is operating at more than three times its capacity, according to one biological measurement of "capacity" and it seemingly is that biological overload that has everybody

frantic.

Hydraulic capacity of the plant is 1.5 million gallons a day. That means that 1.5 million gallons of untreated sewage can be purified by the plant during a 24-hour period. The local plant has an average hydraulic load of 1 million gallons a day.

But capacity is determined by still another limitation. Essentially, sewage is purified by adding air, or oxygen, to the waste, separating solids from liquids, and removing noxious substances from the remaining liquid.

That purification process occurs naturally in streams. As contaminated water flows over rocks, oxygen is naturally introduced to the water and solids

are broken down and settle as silt.

The same process is used, theoretically, in Raeford's sewage treatment plant, but is vastly accelerated. Oxygen is artificially introduced to the sewage by means of air pumps. The waste is agitated and solids are separated from liquids and removed as silt. Chemicals are used to accelerate the bacterial action which removes or destroys noxious substances from the liquid and it is discharged from the plant as almost pure water.

The demands upon a plant's ability to mechanically and chemically purify contaminated waste is termed in B.O.D. (biological oxygen demand), which is expressed in pounds.

The Raeford plant has a B.O.D. capacity of 2,800 according to engineers.

The last official count reported to the town board was 8,800 -- which meant that the plant was operating at more than three times the B.O.D. capacity for which it was designed.

The count has been far in excess of 2,800 for the past year, yet ever since the initial mechanical difficulties were overcome, the plant has given no trouble.

"You'd know it in a minute if the plant went septic," one expert said. "One of the first indications would be a severely bad odor."

Another indication soon would come from state health of-

icials. If improperly or incompletely treated waste were leaving the plant and going into Rockfish Creek, the State Stream Sanitation people would immediately set up a howl.

No such complaint has been voiced during the past year by state officials, according to Town Manager Ed Williams.

Yet the B.O.D. count, taken daily by operators of the treatment plant, has increased fairly regularly to its present level.

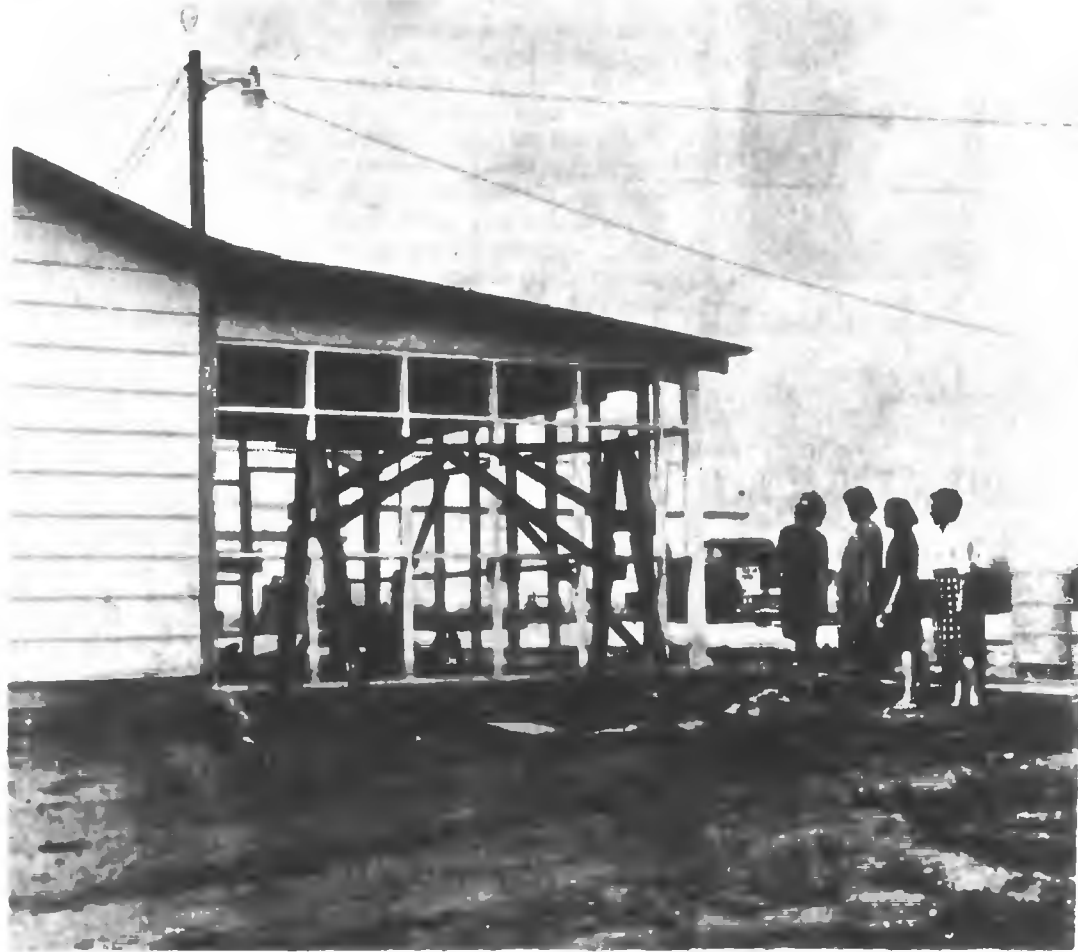
Next week's survey -- a seven-day affair to be conducted by technicians of the State Department of Health, the Town of Raeford, and a private laboratory employed for the project -- will provide three sets of data.

From samples taken at all major industrial customers each 15 minutes throughout the day, and from parallel samples taken by the three investigators, a good consensus will be available, town officials say.

The town's two biggest industrial customers are Burlington Industries' two plants here and Raeford Turkey Farms, Inc., whose processing plant uses tremendous amounts of water and produces a corresponding amount of sewage.

Both industries have been extremely cooperative in seeking to solve the town's water-sewer problems, members of the town board say.

A senior executive of Burlington Industries, Edward See SURVEY, Page 11



CONCESSIONS -- Raeford Woman's Club will have the use of a brand new concession stand at Jimmy Norris Stables when they stage their annual Raeford Horse Show on April 28 and 29. Shown looking at the permanent building are: Mrs. H. H. McLean, Mrs. Walter Coley, Mrs. Jim Best and Mrs. Charles Hostetler.

Town May Shelve Project

A badly needed street improvement project on East Prospect Avenue may have to be abandoned because several landowners won't agree to putting a sidewalk alongside the street, town officials declare.

The town proposes to put down curb and gutter and a sidewalk on either side of the street all the way from the Main Street intersection to the town limits past Robbins Heights.

"The sidewalk is badly needed because dozens of school children walk from Robbins Heights and vicinity, sometimes

right in the middle of the street," one official said.

The town has money budgeted for the project and is ready to commence work on the improvements.

Trouble arose when four or five property owners along the route objected to granting the additional easement, or right of way, the project will require.

The right-of-way will be extended to 50 feet. It presently is 40 feet.

Even if the sidewalks are not installed and the curb and gutter placed at the 40-foot li-

mits, additional easement for sloping will be required.

"There are 10 or 12 people who have not signed the easement agreement, but some of those have not been contacted," said Ed Williams, town manager. "Actually, only about six people bitterly oppose the widening of the street and the laying of sidewalk."

If the easements can be secured, the State Highway Department will advertise for bids on the project immediately, Williams said.

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Raeford Baptists To Observe 'Youth Week' At Church Here

"Youth Week" will be observed by First Baptist Church April 16-23. At close of the morning worship service, the pastor the Rev. J. M. Glenn, will deliver the church key to the "Youth Pastor" Allen Wood. Allen will conduct the evening service on April 18 and will bring the main message at that service.

"Youth Week" is an annual observance in most Baptist churches when the young people of the church are elected to serve various church offices during that week. That gives the youth an insight into the business and functions of the church, and help develop them in their Christian growth, church officials say. The young people elect their officers, and then the church in conference ratifies those elected.

Other church officers to serve with Allen Wood are: Steve Duncan, Sunday School Superintendent; Johnny Hotel, Training Union director; Barbara Watson, president of Woman's Missionary Union; Joe Dupree, Jr., president of the Men's Brotherhood; Bill Senter,

chairman of ushers; Pam English, music director; and Carolyn Douglas, pianist.

The young men and boys of the church will meet Tuesday night with the regular Brotherhood meeting at 8:30 and will present a "youth program" under leadership of Linwood Huffman, counselor for the boy's Royal Ambassador chapter. Next Wednesday night, the young people will conduct the regular mid-week prayer service, pre-

senting a playlet at that time.

On Sunday, April 23, the young people will teach the Sunday School Lesson and Training Union programs, and will lead both morning and evening worship services. Special guests have been invited as speakers for morning and evening worship services on Sunday the 23rd. A group from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, will be guest speakers.

The Senior High Choir, composed of Baptist church members in Hoke County High School, will sing for all services during "Youth Week." The choir usually sings for the evening services. It is directed by Mrs. Paul Burnett and Mrs. Frank Crumpler, assisted by Charles Hottel and C. D. Bounds.

Allen Wood was elected "Youth Pastor" by a vote among the young people. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wood Jr., of East Prospect Avenue, the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wood Sr., of Rockfish and his maternal grand-



ALLEN WOOD

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Special Term Of Court To Begin Here May 8

Civil Cases Are Heard With Juries C.P. Kinlaw Will Not Seek Town Board Reelection

Board Will Draw Jury Monday

The first Hoke District Court civil term jury session is being held here this week with Judge Coy E. Brewer of Fayetteville presiding.

Cases scheduled to come to trial are Carolyn Marie Maxwell versus Lester Floyd Dawson; Pauline Faulk versus James C. Lentz; A. M. Tarleton and Dorothy Tarleton versus M. K. Sessoms, D/B/A Raeford Plumbing and Heating Co.; Postal Finance Co. of Iowa versus James Harris; Commercial Credit Equipment Co. versus James Porter; David Henderson versus Lena Locklear Henderson; Lewis Edward Lipscombe versus James Harris, Ruby Lee Carlisle versus Noah Carlisle.

The jury list drawn for the session includes: Mrs. Boyd B. Gasque, Julia D. Cole, Mrs. Henry Cobb, Mrs. Douglas McPhaul, Mrs. Robert P. Baker, V. C. Posey, R. C. Andrews, Mrs. K. C. McNair, James Ray, Mrs. Donald J. Floyd, Sarah S. Culbreth, Mrs. Lavern Mayes, Wayne K. Jennings, Mrs. Parnell Locklear, James E. Williamson, Walter Locklear, Mrs. W. L. Upchurch, James C. Lentz, Mrs. H. P. Walters, Lewis Oldham, Mrs. Bennie Kelly, Mrs. J. D. Buoyner, Mrs. Irvin Currie, Artemus McRae, Ives Henderson, Louise Cameron, Clara Mae Moore, Mrs. Charles A. Hostetler, Mrs. W. L. Monroe, Gerald Barbour, Mrs. Vance Wiggins, Carol Brown, Mrs. J. H. Wright and Chester Beasley.

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"I have served six years," Kinlaw said, "and I need to get away from some of my outside responsibilities for a couple of years."

"I have not lost interest in the town, and I would encourage others to run," Kinlaw said. "It has been a pleasure to work with the board members and I won't say I will not run again at some later date."

With the deadline for filing coming up at Saturday noon, it appeared that a last-minute replacement for Kinlaw will have to be recruited for the

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ticket. But all other members have indicated that they will run.

Mayor H. R. McLean announced a week ago that he will run again for a two-year term, having served six years as mayor.

Town Commissioner J. D. McMillian said yesterday he has decided to seek reelection. "I need to devote less of my time away from my business, but I feel very strongly about the town," McMillian said. "Therefore I will be a candidate for reelection."

Incumbent commissioner J. K. McNeill filed Tuesday. He said he had been asked to continue to serve and help solve some of the problems the town is involved in at present. He also said he is vitally interested

in the industrial development of the area and hopes to help bring that project to the forefront.

Franklin Teal, manager of Raeford Savings and Loan and a freshman member of the board, said he plans to file for reelection before the deadline.

"I have served only two years," Teal said, "and we have so much unfinished business which I would like to follow through."

The fifth member of the board, Attorney Palmer Willcox, was not immediately available for comment Wednesday morning, being tied up with district court.

Indications are that he, too, will seek another term on the board.

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Junius Parker Locklear, Lumberton, speeding 65 mph in 55 zone, \$10 and costs.

Fred Edward Bristow, Lumberton, speeding 65 mph in 55 zone, \$10 and costs.

Neil J. Blue, Raeford, reckless driving, \$75 and costs. James Earl Hammonds, Rt. 2 Red Springs, no operator's license, no pros.

Sandy Hunt, Red Springs Rt. 1, reckless driving, \$50 and costs; hit and run, 501 pros.

Herman Wall, Four Oaks, Rt. 2 Red Springs, no operator's license, no pros.

Homer Cummings, Lumberton, possessing and transporting liquor, 12 months or \$300 fine and probation for two years.

James Arthur Maynor, also B-way Maynor, Red Springs, assault with deadly weapon and larceny of \$200, six months, and

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