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Sewage Disposal Plant

Expansion Work Could Start In Feb.

The Town of Raeford expects to receive a \$42,000 federal grant by Feb. 1 which will round out the extra \$162,000 needed to proceed with plans for necessary expansion work at the Sewage Disposal Plant.

Town Manager John Gaddy said that an appeal for help had been filed with a governmental agency when it was learned that the lowest contract bid turned in was considerably more than the funds previously raised for the project. The agency had returned an answer stating that if \$120,000 of the sum was raised locally, the remaining \$42,000 would be forthcoming as a grant.

After all other prospective sources had been exhausted, Burlington Industries answered an SOS with an offer to prepay \$120,000 for water and sewer services. The \$162,000 combined with the \$700,000 raised by way of a bond referendum and a \$300,000 government loan, means that a contract can be signed with the lowest bidder.

More than two years ago, it was determined by the town's engineers that the disposal plant, now about five years old, was far from adequate. An extensive study was made after residents in the area continued to complain about odor.

Engineers who recently completed a county-wide water and sewer study noted, with emphasis, that a public

sewage disposal system is as necessary for the proper growth of a community as its water system. Water supply and sewage should be considered as a unit with regards to both health and area development.

Without proper disposal, it can create intolerable nuisance, spread disease, and reduce property values, the engineers pointed out.

Approximately 1,100 customers are served by the Town of Raeford's sewage system. Service is offered to essentially all of the residents.

The domestic sewage accounts for 350,000 gallons per day or only 27 per cent of the sewage flow. Burlington Industries' dye plant and Raeford Turkey Farms contribute 945,000 gallons per day, or the remaining 73 per cent of the flow. These figures are findings of a recent detailed engineering study conducted to determine recommendations for relieving the overload sewage treatment plant.

The capacity of the expanded plant will be 2.4 million gallons per day and 7,500 pounds biological oxygen demand per day.

Also included in the pending sewage project is a 24-inch outfall sewer which will be routed north of town through Silver City and will intercept the flow from the Burlington Mills.

Burlington Sales-Earnings Up For Quarter

New York, N.Y., January 21, 1969 - Burlington Industries, Inc., today reported consolidated net sales of \$438,178,000 for its first fiscal 1969 quarter, an increase of 12% over sales of \$391,770,000 for the period last year.

Net earnings for the quarter, which ended December 28, 1968, were \$20,785,000, or 80 cents per share on 25,980,000 shares outstanding at December 28. For the comparable quarter last year, earnings were \$20,032,000 or 79 cents per share on 25,322,000 shares outstanding.

The federal income tax surcharge reduced earnings for the quarter by approximately 7 cents per share. The surcharge was not applied to the Company's first quarter a year ago.

Charles F. Myers, Jr., chairman and chief executive of the diversified textile firm, noted that the domestic economy and textile sales have generally remained at a high level, despite the tax surcharge and higher money rates.

The Board of Directors of Burlington Industries, meeting in New York today, declared a regular quarterly dividend of 35 cents per share, payable March 1 to shareholders of record at the close of business February 7, 1969.

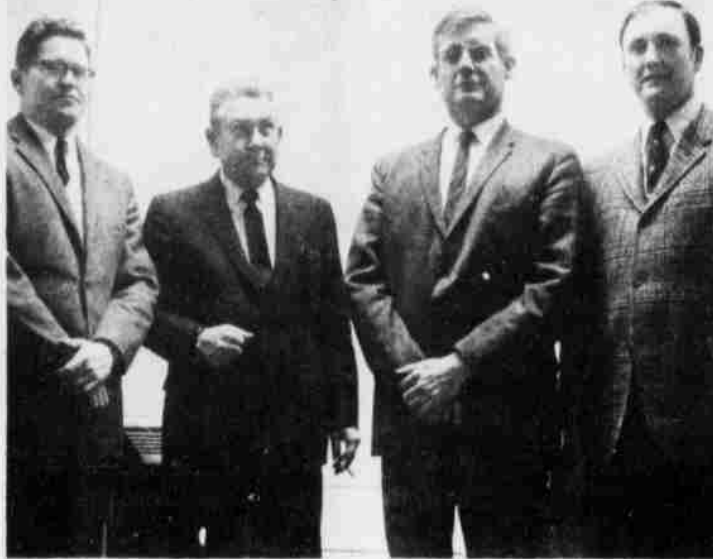
Representative McFadyen And Doings In Raleigh

Rep. Neill McFadyen of Raeford will go to bat, if necessary, to keep any additional tax off cigarettes, he indicated Monday after spending his first 1969 full week in Raleigh as a veteran member of the legislature and hearing numerous proposals for raising new money.

In order to raise funds to meet expected requests which would swell the state budget, a new tax must be levied somewhere. A cigarette tax has been mentioned for an extra source of income.

McFadyen said that he doesn't like the suggestion on the premise that it would reduce income for the tobacco farmer. "Tobacco requires more hand labor and is expensive and increasingly difficult to produce profitably," he said. "Additional cost added to the final product would take away from the farm income." He pointed out, in further argument, that an increase in the taxes on cigarettes would not produce enough revenue to satisfy the rising demands for money reflected in the new budget.

Other proposed ways of raising the necessary funds include, additional levy on alcoholic beverages, a crown tax on soft drinks, or an additional sales tax added to the existing 3 per cent now on all retail merchandise sold in the state.



SANDBURR BOOSTERS - This group of men spearheaded the organization of a Sandburr Club for Hoke County boosters of the Sandhills Community College Athletic Association. At a meeting last Thursday, Sam Homewood, third from left, was elected chairman of the new organization. Others shown are, left to right, Lawrence McNeill, Jr. member of the SCC Faculty Athletic Club, Paul Dickson, Hoke County member of the college's Board of Trustees, and at right, Jim Reid, athletic director. A membership drive is already underway.

Sandburr Club Organized In Hoke

Sam Homewood has been named chairman of the newly formed Hoke County Sandburr Club. The club is to be made up of Hoke County citizens interested in helping to support an athletic program at Sandhills Community College at Southern Pines.

Homewood, production manager at Burlington Worested Plant here, was named chairman last Thursday when a key group of local men met at a luncheon hosted by The News-Journal at the Family Restaurant.

Paul Dickson, publisher of The News-Journal, and a member of the board of trustees of the college, welcomed the Raeford men and three representatives from the college.

Jim Reid, athletic program director at SCC, said that the school has fine outdoor facilities but no funds with which to carry on competitive games of basketball, soccer, baseball, tennis and track.

Plans were made for a Hoke County drive for memberships to begin immediately. It will come to a climax Feb. 15. On that date, at a basketball game to be played that night, a check from the Sandburr Club will be presented to the school.

Larry McNeill, a Hoke County and member of the faculty athletic council, pointed out that by order of the State Department of Community Colleges SCC is there to directly serve both Hoke and Moore counties, specifically. Classes are taught in these two counties, only.

"Hoke County citizens are fortunate in that they receive many benefits but bear no tax burden in connection with the college," McNeill pointed out. Of the \$1 million annual budget, Moore County pays \$250,000 and the state pays \$750,000.

There were 28 students enrolled in the college from Hoke last spring. Statistics also show that there were 75 persons attending adult education classes from the county and 77 enrolled in adult basic education at West Hoke and South Hoke schools.

The total does not include the adult education enrollment during the fall quarter or those taking courses there now. It does not include the reading class taught each Tuesday night at the Hoke Library or the classes for food personnel being taught each Tuesday night.

The total does not include the Leonard Training School classes in Water Training, Psychology for Adolescents, Human Relations, and Institutional Housekeeping.

Arthur Bryant, chairman of the faculty athletic council also joined in the discussion.

Local men attending the projection luncheon, besides Dickson, were, Clyde Upchurch Jr., J.H. Austin, Benny McLeod, Frank Teal, Doc Ivey, Sam C. Morris, C.D. Bounds, Raz Autry and Homewood.

Four Cases Tried As

Superior Court Gets Underway

Superior Court Criminal session got under way here Monday morning and by Tuesday shortly after the noon hour, one man had been convicted and committed to prison for 18 months and another had been ordered to fork up \$3,000 or go to jail for five years.

Johnny Spencer of Hoke County, charged with driving drunk and with driving while his operator's license was suspended, was sentenced by Judge William Y. Bickett to six months on the charge of careless and reckless driving and 12 months for driving after his operators license had been revoked.

Witnesses, including Highway Trooper J. D. Robinson, testified that Spencer entered a rural paved road near Rockfish at such a speed that he tilted on two wheels before recovering control of the car. After he drove down the road a short distance, he "skidded" into another driveway, the patrolman said. It was further stated on the stand that Spencer stopped the car, jumped out and started to run. Through light from the patrol car they saw him fall, then jump up and dash towards the woods.

Spencer denied through his attorney,

Phil Diehl, that he was the man the patrolman, and a friend riding with the trooper, saw. Ownership of the car being driven carelessly and recklessly was not brought out in testimony.

Roderick Graham, Ft. Bragg, charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill (not resulting in death) was handed a five year sentence which was suspended for five years on condition that he pay through the office of the Clerk of Superior Court, \$3,000 for the benefit of James Peguese. He was also ordered to pay costs of court.

Freddie Revels Jr., Raeford Rt. 2, charged with speeding 80 miles an hour in a 60 mile zone, and careless and reckless driving, received a six months sentence suspended for one year on payment of \$100 and costs. He was ordered to remain on probation for three years.

George Marion, Red Springs, charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, was remanded to District Court for compliance with judgment. The former sentence was six months suspended for one year, and loss of operator's license for one year.

Study Reveals Stock Law Very Confusing

A condition exists in Hoke County which few people are aware. There is no law which demands that livestock must be kept off the highway and out of the confines of property of other people.

Since law enforcement officers have experienced considerable trouble with straying swine and cattle, Sheriff Dave Barrington brought the annoying problem before the county commissioners at their last meeting. The commissioners agreed to file a request for Rep. Neill McFadyen to present a bill before the legislature this year which would provide Hoke with a stock law.

The representative's first move was to do some research, a procedure necessary before any bill can be properly and confidently brought before the General Assembly. "If this thing is not done right, it could cost someone a lot of money before he could prove he was not guilty," McFadyen said.

Many local persons thought Hoke County was already covered by such a statute. It is among the few counties in North Carolina which are not.

There was a time when farmers all over the state branded their stock or marked them in some permanent manner which would label them their own. They were then left to run at large. As far as law is concerned, the practice could still be in

force in Hoke County because of a non-existent law against it.

That fact was brought to light a few years ago when an owner was brought into court for letting his stock run at will and eat from his neighbors' fields. The defendant was acquitted when it was disclosed by his attorney that although most of North Carolina is covered by a stock law which confines farm animals behind fences, Hoke County is not included.

In this county, according to an existing ancient law, the crops should be fenced in rather than the animals.

When North Carolina, and as a matter of fact, the United States, was in its infancy, a law was passed which demanded that farmers fence in their corn and other crops luscious to the taste buds of the four-legged animal. This law still could be enforced in all counties which have not caused a stock law to be passed. Local farmers, nevertheless, have preferred to keep their livestock behind fences because of the dangers they may encounter.

The old law states that a fence, five-feet high, should be provided around crops "in counties and district where there is no stock law."

Cumberland and Robeson counties, at the time, asked to be exempted from the five-foot requirement. An amendment was passed allowing the two counties to use a structure only 4½ feet high. Hoke was, at the time, a part of these two counties.

Chapter 68-24 of the existing stock law states that "any person may take up livestock running at large within any district covered by the stock law, and impound same. And such impounder may demand \$1 for each animal taken up and 50 cents for each animal for every day the stock is kept impounded - and may retain with right to use under proper care until all legal changes for impounding said stock and for damage caused by same are paid, the damages to be ascertained by two disinterested freeholders."

The succeeding clause stated that, "the impounder shall immediately inform the owner if he is known and if owner for two days willfully refuses or neglects to redeem his stock, then the impounder, after 10 days written notice posted in three places in township, stating place, day and hour of sale, shall sell at public auction. He shall then apply proceeds to expenses entailed and turn over balance to the owner, if known or to the county commissioners for school funds."

There are also provisions to protect the owner from having stock impounded unlawfully to force the impounder to feed and water the stock, etc.

There is more to getting a law passed by act of legislature than meets the eye. McFadyen says that he will gather as much information on the issue as possible and will make a report to the county commissioners before a final bill is drawn.

Deadline For Tax Listing February 1st

Saturday is the last day for Hoke residents to list taxes without being charged a penalty. T. B. Lester, Hoke County tax supervisor, reminded this week.

There are still a large number of persons who have not listed but, "we can get them all if they will come on in," he said. Those in Raeford Township will only be able to list until noon since the courthouse will be closed Saturday afternoon.

If more taxpayers would go to their list taker in the morning, they would have a shorter waiting period, the supervisor pointed out. Afternoons are always overrun and mornings are slack.

There is a tax list taker in every township. Farmers who have a great deal of real and property should try to make an appointment with the lister.

Property to be listed includes buildings and improvements, including dwellings, land, animals, including stock and poultry of all types, automobiles, and other motor vehicles.

For 1969

W. J. McQueen Is Hoke's First Traffic Fatality

Hoke County's first fatality of the year occurred in a one-car accident around 6:30 p. m., Saturday.

Willie J. McQueen, 44, of Rt. 3 Red Springs, was killed when the car in which he was riding alone ran off a rural paved road near Duffy Station. Highway Trooper Joe Stanley said that the car was

travelling at a high rate of speed when the driver lost control, ran off the left side of the highway flew through the air and hit a tree about 10 feet from the ground.

McQueen was pinned in the wreckage for some three hours, the patrolman said, and he died while rescuers from both Red Springs and Raeford were at work.

Store Entered

Dundarrach Trading Company at Dundarrach was entered by force Sunday night and several hundred dollars worth of merchandise was taken.

The Hoke County Sheriff's Department is investigating the burglary but no arrest have been made as yet.



IT LITERALLY FLEW - Willie McQueen, 44-year-old Negro, died in this automobile after losing control as he rounded a curve at high speed. The car flew through the air and hit the trunk of a tree some 10 feet from the ground before coming to a stop on its top. The accident occurred Saturday night.