

County Commissioners Asked To Fund Summer Recreation Program

The county government was asked Monday by members of the United Fund budget committee to assume financial responsibility for the Hoke County recreation program.

Donald D. Abernethy, Ed Murray and Sam C. Morris appeared before the board at the commissioner's regular meeting to make the request.

"We don't feel that recreation is a charity," Morris told the commissioners. "There were more than 1,000 children who took part in the recreation program last summer, he said.

Last year the recreation program requested \$5,000 from United Fund but could only be given \$4,500, Morris said. This year the request for recreation totals \$6,183.

Abernethy explained that the total United Fund goal is only about \$20,000. "If you take \$6,000 out for recreation,

you've taken a good chunk right there," he said. "If the United Fund could be relieved of that responsibility, it could have a better chance of providing 100 per cent funding for the other agencies."

Murray explained that economic conditions here have already created an adverse situation for the charity drive.

The budget committee said that they had delayed starting this year's United Fund until some decision could be reached on the recreation funds.

"This program is vital as far as our young people are concerned," Morris said.

No action was taken on the request at the meeting. The commissioners noted that another sales tax referendum would be held after the first of the year. Part of the money will be earmarked for land fills if the issue passes, they said. However, part of the tax could also be used for

recreation, Chairman T.C. Jones said. Recreation funds cannot be considered until the next budget is set, the commissioners agreed.

Representatives of Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Corporation, June Isley and Dudley Stanton, gave a presentation on microfilming equipment to be used in storing county records. In a film, they showed how several counties have used microfilm to modernize service and storage for legal documents such as deeds. Such a system would cost the county about \$13,000 Isley told the commissioners. No action was taken by the commissioners.

The commissioners accepted the resignations from the board of directors of the Southeastern Economic Development Commission of Phil Diehl and J.H. Austin. Tom McBryde and Dan McGougan were appointed to the board.

A letter from Mrs. Grace H. Andrews of the library service board was read at the meeting requesting that the old bookmobile be put up for bids or otherwise disposed of. The library board also gave approval to a one cent sales tax.

A petition from West Hoke Fire District was approved by the commissioners, who also approved a request to add the road through Harmony Heights mobile home park to the state road system in order for school buses to enter the park.

A request from the Chamber of Commerce to erect platforms on the Courthouse lawn for choir concerts at Christmas was approved.

The commissioners heard reports from the tax collector, home economics agent, farm agent and county sheriff.

Tax collections are slightly less than those of a year ago, the tax report

indicated. A total of 23.97 per cent of this year's levy has been collected, amounting to \$22,228.18. Last September, 25.66 per cent, or \$26,835.56 had been collected.

The home agent announced plans for 4-H Week and showed photos of the moderate-cost home being constructed outside Raeford as part of a project by North Carolina State School of Architecture.

The farm agent reported that the price on feeder cattle is better than expected in light of the feed shortage. Rye crops and small grain have been damaged by the drought, he said.

The sheriff reported that the growth in the use by industries of security guards, who are paid considerably higher salaries than are county law enforcement officers, will be a drain on the sheriff's department this year.

Upton Daniels has been hired as a jailer for the third shift and Robert Graham, who has been the jailer, will replace Deputy Charlie Proctor, who resigned.

The commissioners approved a request from the sheriff to use an \$1100 salary difference between Proctor's salary and that of the newly-hired jailer to raise salaries for the other four deputies.

The sheriff also told the commissioners that the county had lost more than \$3,000 during the last four years on fees not been paid from other counties that should have been paid Hoke County for serving criminal process papers to persons inside this county.

Before closing, Jones announced a joint meeting of the city and county governments with the Highway Commissioner Charles Dawkins today at 2 p.m.

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Around Town

By SAM MORRIS

A couple of weeks ago we returned to the office and found a note on the desk which stated that Daniel Johnson (Pig Monroe) had stopped by to see us. Daniel is a brother of Mrs. W.W. McLean and was reared in Hoke County and attended school here. He now lives in Miami Springs, Fla. and works for a telephone company. In a telephone conversation the day he left for Florida, he asked about many of the men we attended high school with and wanted to talk a little about the cabin. We are sorry to have missed him, but did enjoy talking with him on the phone.

Smith McInnis relates to us that someone called his home the other night and inquired about a robbery. He says his mother-in-law told them she knew nothing about a robbery. The caller told her he had seen an ad in The News-Journal where Smith wanted to buy a shotgun and they thought someone had broken into his home.

So you see that advertising in The News-Journal pays.

Eli Shankle was by the office last week but we couldn't get him to talk about the affairs of the day. He did say that the beaver had departed from the water hole on his farm. Eli doesn't know whether Dexter got him or he got tired of playing with the dog. So this is the conclusion to this story. We wonder what Eli will come up with next time.

The group of men that have asked me to write about Dick Neeley's trip will have to see him personally to get the information. We noticed that Mrs. Neeley was on the trip and we are not going to get the women against us. We did talk to Dick and he has some wild tales. See him and find out.

The books will be open Saturday for registration of voters. If you haven't registered be sure to do so. After the May primary we heard of many people who could not vote because they had moved from one side of town to the other, or from one part of the county to another. So if you have moved in the past two years be sure to find out where you vote and go register. An advertisement in this issue of the paper lists the polling places and the registrars. The books will be open until October 24. Don't wait until the last day. Go and register NOW!

Plan to eat out before the Homecoming Game Oct. 16 at the big Booster Club barbecue at the high school cafeteria.

Plates of barbecue, candied yams, slaw and hush puppies will be \$1.50. Take out service will be available. Dinner will be served from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Raeford will meet Hamlet in the homecoming match at 8 p.m.

Woman Hurt In Wreck

A woman from Red Springs was seriously injured Saturday night in a three-car accident on N.C. 211 near the Hoke and Robeson County line.

Mrs. Frances Singleton Buie, 50, was taken to Southeastern General Hospital, where she is in serious condition.

Drivers of the other two cars were not injured. They are Charles Lee, 19, of Red Springs and Curtis Rich, 16, of Red Springs.

The wreck occurred about 8:20 p.m. Trooper E.W. Coen, who investigated the accident with Trooper K.W. Weston, said



DENNIS STEWART

New Finance Office Opens

Raeford gained a new business Oct. 1 with the opening of Safeway Finance Company office in the hotel building.

Dennis Stewart, of Smithfield, is manager of the new office. Stewart is married and will be moving with his wife to Raeford soon.

Other members of the staff are Mrs. Carolyn Dean and Mrs. Mary Stone.

Tom Stringer, district vice-president, said that Safeway is expanding its North Carolina business with seven offices already opened in the state.

"We are very pleased with the reception we have received in Raeford thus far," he said. "We are here to serve Raeford and the surrounding area."

Educators To Meet

The first convention of District No. 10 of the North Carolina Association of Educators will be held at Lumberton High School, Lumberton, October 13. The NCAE is the new organization for educators formed by the merger of the NCEA and NCTA. The convention will be one of a series of 15 such meetings this fall. About 1500 members are expected to attend. Schools will be closed that day.

Featured during the General Session of the day-long convention will be a panel on "The New Organization-New Concepts," featuring Jerry Paschal, NCAE President; Mrs. Ruth Jones, NCAE President-Elect; Dr. A.C. Dawson, NCAE Executive Secretary; E.B. Palmer, NCAE Associate Executive Secretary; J. Worth Carter, NCAE District Director; and Gene Causby, Associate Director, Division of Human Relations, State Department of Public Instruction.

Young W. Howard, Principal, Long Hill Elementary School, Fayetteville, NCAE District President, will preside at the General Session in Lumberton High School Auditorium.

District No. 10 includes the counties of Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, and Robeson.

In addition to the main program, the six NCAE district divisions will hold sessions. The divisions are: Classroom Teachers, Community Colleges, Directors of Instruction, Principals, Retired School Personnel, and Superintendents.

Hoke Firemen Honored At Dinner; McGeachy Outlines State's Needs



VISITING THE FIREMEN - A dinner honoring Hoke County's volunteer firemen was sponsored Tuesday night by the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce, the local financial agencies and the insurance companies as part of Fire Prevention Week. Guest speaker at the dinner was State Senator Hec McGeachy (third from left). With him (left to right) Julian Barnes of the Hoke County Firemen's Association and the Rockfish Fire Department; State Representative Neill McFalyen and Palmer Wilcox, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

County Receives \$89,240 School Grant

An \$89,240 grant has been approved for Hoke County schools under the emergency school assistance act, county superintendent D.D. Abernethy announced Monday.

He was notified Friday that the grant had been approved by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. On Monday, the county received the first payment of \$23,000.

The grant will be used to help eliminate racial segregation and discrimination by contributing to the payment of new or expanded activities, Abernethy said.

Plans include the hiring of several more

teachers and teachers aides to help raise the level of achievement of minority groups; to renovate library facilities and construct portable classrooms and to establish a fund to provide home economics supplies to needy students.

The plans must be approved by an advisory committee from the county before they can be put into effect, Abernethy explained. This will be done sometime during the next 30 days, he said.

When the county applied for the grant, these goals were listed:

To assist more high school students to enroll in courses consistent with their interests and abilities; to decrease the number of students who don't finish high school; to improve the attitude of students and increase the understanding and support of parents; to improve the academic performance of educational deprived students; to increase the efficiency of teachers in use of new instructional material, educational media, para - professional and guidance personnel; and to help children who are apprehensive or who feel uncomfortable in a new school environment to adjust satisfactorily to their new school.



COLLISION - A three-car accident Saturday night past Antioch near the county line on N.C. 211 left the driver of one of the automobiles seriously injured. An investigation of the accident by the Highway Patrol is still in progress.

State Senator Hec McGeachy, in a speech at the Hoke County Firemen's Association dinner here Tuesday night, said North Carolina needs a "dollar stretcher" but predicted that there will be no increases in taxes.

"There will, in my opinion, be no increase in taxes. There will be an increase in the needs of the people. The problem - how can we meet them? Which needs will come first?"

"For example, our prisons are in deplorable condition. Improvement will cost a lot of money for land - buildings - more personnel - better programs of rehabilitation.

"Our mental health facilities must be improved. We desperately need more personnel to help those who can't help themselves.

"I feel that we must have a statewide kindergarten program and more pay for those in education.

"We need more parks and recreation areas. We need more roads, more hospitals, more doctors, more nurses, more of so many things.

"In other words, we will need a 'dollar stretcher.'"

It costs almost four billion dollars to operate the state government for a biennium, he said.

McGeachy was guest speaker at a dinner to honor firemen and their wives sponsored by the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce, the local financial institutions and the insurance agencies. It was held at the W.T. Gibson School.

McGeachy also told them the State Senate and House and the congressional districts would have to be redistricted again.

He urged citizens to take part in their own government.

"I am greatly concerned over the great gap between government and the people," he said. "Please get to know your legislature. Visit and talk to your Representative. After all, it's your government. It needs your interest, your support.

"Your free representative government will continue ... Your democracy will remain strong ... You will remain free ... only if all the people take part in their government and realize their responsibility for their free government."

County firemen are observing Fire Prevention Week Oct. 4 - 10.

A display of equipment from the Raeford, North Raeford, Hillcrest, Rockfish and Puppy Creek fire departments will be held Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of J.W. McLaughlin School.

A Fire Prevention parade is scheduled for Main Street at 1:30 Saturday.

Adult Ed Offered

Adult basic education classes are being held at four Hoke County schools by Sandhills Community College.

The free classes, open to men and women 18 years or older, are held from 7 to 10 in the evening. They meet at South Hoke School on Monday and Thursday and at West Hoke, Scullock and Upchurch on Tuesday and Thursday.

Students may join the classes at any time.

Clerk Class To Start

A clerk general class, sponsored by the Manpower Development Training Act, will begin Oct. 26 in the MDTA Classroom on Elwood Ave.

Interviews for prospective students will be held in the classroom Oct. 20 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mrs. Alfred Leach will instruct the class.