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RAEFORD, HOKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

#### **Around Town**

By SAM C. MORRIS

The Club Championship will be played Saturday and Sunday, August 12 and 13 at the Arabia Golf Course according to an announcement by Raz Autry, tournament chairman. Tee off time will be from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost will be \$3.00 and all awards will be trophies. Raz

August 10th if you are going to play.

So if you are a member at Arabia and like tournament golf get in touch with Raz Autry.

Last week the Raeford Fire Department was called out and it was a false alarm. I can't understand why anyone would call and say something is on fire and disturb the entire group of volunteer firemen who are called out enough anyway. This is not a joking matter and someone could get in serious trouble if caught.

Crawford Thomas, fire chief, also stated that firemen couldn't get to the scene because of the sightseers following the fire truck. This is also against the law and could get someone in trouble. So if you must go to every fire wait until the firemen have arrived. You cannot be of any help and you could get in the way

The firemen are doing a good job and the pay is for free, so give them a free hand to do their work.

Every year Long's Bait and Tackle Shop puts on a fishing contest and gives prizes to the winners. The winners for this year were announced last week and are as follows: Bass, 9 lbs. 10 ozs. - Joe Holt.

Jack, 3 lbs. 15 ozs. - Clyde Upchurch,

Bream, 24 ozs. - Mabel Riley Robin, 23 ozs. - Lee Moss. Crappie, 11 ozs. - Lonnie Hendrix. Congratulations to all these fishermen.

The Democrats finally found a running mate for Senator George McGovern and can now get down to a hard campaign. They have had the headlines for the past couple of weeks and I believe

Republicans enjoyed every minute of it. The Republicans will have a convention in a couple of weeks but it should be quiet unless the hippies get out

#### **Vets Hold Cook-Out**

Chapter 17 of the Disabled American Veterans will hold a cook - out at the lot of Bargain Motors next Monday night, Aug. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Commander Jake Gurley urges all members and other disabled veterans to attend.

The Raeford City Council accepted a

bid for paving and resurfacing more than 6,000 feet of city streets at their regular monthly meeting Monday night.

The low bid of \$23,212.88 came from

Lee Paving Co., a firm from Sanford, N.

C. Another bid was also received on the project from Crowell Construction Co. in Lumberton.

four Raeford str ets, new paving of two additional streets and installation of a

curb and gutter on one street.

from Saunders to Forrest.

underway soon.

The project will entail resurfacing of

The sections to be resurfaced are East

Edinborough, from Jackson to the cemetery; Central Avenue, from Magnolia

to the railroad; Sixth Avenue, from

Saunders to Forrest; and Grant Avenue,

Lumber Plant Street, from Magnolia to

A 30-inch curb and gutter will be

road projects is expected to be

The council also held two public hearings on annexations of property to

the city, with no objections to either. The

hearings concerned Burlington Industries

and the Bethel Road apartment building owned by Joe McLeod. Both annexations

were requested by the owners.

The council also accepted six bids for

the sale of some surplus equipment

belonging to the city.

Two Ford dumptrucks, one a 1959 model and the other a 1963 meodel were

sold to Ed Liebers from Traveler Systems along with a 1954 garbage packer. The bids on the dumptrucks were for \$79.10

and \$63.10. The garbage packer brought a high bid of \$376.10.

installed on East Edinborough Avenue, from Crawford to Jackson. The area to be serviced by the project covers approximately 2,800 linear feet. City manager John Gaddy said work

New paving projects are slated for cLean, from Prospect to Seventh and

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 1972

# Commissioners Amend Budget To Supplement Ambulance Service

### Man Arrested On Rape Charge

A 21-year-old Hoke County man was arrested for the rape of a young Raeford woman last Wednesday afternoon.

Joint investigations by the Hoke Sheriff's Dept. and the Raeford City Police led to the arrest of Junior Lee Washington, Rt. 1, Red Springs, on a kidnapping charge and two counts of rape.

Mrs. Patricia H. Adams, 22, 716 Harris Ave., told authorities that a young man had come to her house Tuesday morning and questioned her about some landscaping of her property. She said he asked her when her husband would be home so they could discuss it further.

She told authorities that the man came back the next morning and discussed the landscaping again and then asked her for a glass of water. She said the man accepted the glass of water from her while he was outside her front door and then allegedly pushed his way into the house and drew a knife on her and raped

It is alleged that he then forced her at knifepoint to drive him about five miles out of town and again raped her

The location of the second assault was reported to be off U. S. 401 South, near the Scotland County line.

Arrest of Washington was made at his home about 1 p.m. after Mrs. Adams told authorities the type of car he had been

Mrs. Adams said she cooperated with the man because she was afraid he might harm her or ner two children who were in the house at the time the alleged incident

Washington is being held in the Hoke County Jail without privilege of bond pending preliminary hearing on Sept. 1 in District Court. He faces additional charges of breaking, entering and larceny in the incident.

Raeford Police Chief James E. Lamont said this was the first reported incident of rape to occur in the city.

#### League Meets

The Raeford Merchants bowling league will meet at 8 p.m. tonight, Thursday, Aug. 10, at the Hoke Civic Center.

Road Paving Bid Approved

City To Begin Six Projects

Sold to Highway 64 Auto Sales and Salvage from Wake Forest were an old

Case tractor for \$32.07 and a bush-hog

The council passed a motion to request permission from the State Highway

Commission to plant some low flowering shrubs on the median strip on Main Street. Mrs. Evelyn Manning, chairman of

appeared before the council Monday night to request the measure. Funds for

purchase of the plants were provided by

to make application for a Federal grant from the Economic Development Assn.

for help in the water works improvement

project was also approved by the City

A motion authorizing the City Manager

Governor's Beautification Project,

D-7 bulldozer for \$1,255.

the Raeford Jaycees.

Aberdeen Sand and Gravel purchased a



SECOND BLAZE - Volunteer firemen help control flames during the second jure-up of the glue flour mill section of the Upchurch Milling Co. Tuesday afternoon.

## Fire Guts Section Of Upchurch Mill

Fire broke out in the Upchurch Milling Co. twice Tuesday and caused extensive damage in the glue flour mill, a three floor section of the building located off Main Street.

Possible cause of the blaze was attributed to lightning striking the building, according to Tom Cameron of Upchurch Milling. He said light ing had

Discussing the project with the council was Richard Moore from Moore, Gardner

and Assoc., from Asheboro, the Raeford

city engineers. Funds will also be requested from the state from the Clean

Water Bond issue, passed by a general state-wide vote in the May primary

the council on behalf of the North Raeford Fire District about their concern

over the annexation of Burlington Industries. Diehl informed the council of

possible problems arising from the annexation, since Burlington formerly belonged to the North Raeford Fire

District and paid taxes to the district. No

definite action was taken by the council.

September meeting from the 5th to the 11th due to the Labor Day holiday.

The council also agreed to change the

Raeford attorney Phil Diehl spoke to

times recently and that it had been lightning early Tuesday morning when the fire began at 5 a.m.

The section of the mill that burned was used to grind and sift a low grade wheat flour for industrial purposes. Cameron said the equipment that was destroyed was "a very minor part of the operation

and it was a total loss."

Cameron said Upchurch "had considered taking that part of the mill out" and that the glue flour mill would probably not be reconstructed. He did not know what would be done with the section of the hulding tradition. section of the building itself, which was

still standing.

He said the firm did not yet have an estimate of damages.

The first call came into the Raeford Fire Dept. from the Charlotte Observer delivery man, after he spotted flames in the building while making his rounds about 5 a.m. Call were relayed to North Raeford and Hillcrest Fire Departments, and within minutes a large turnout of volunteer firemen were at the scene of

Flames were controlled within about an hour, reported assistant Fire Chief Neil McDonald, but the building was still smouldering at mid-morning and small flames were still breaking out.

The second major break-out occurred about 2:15 Tuesday afternoon, when flames could again be observed shooting high out of the same section of the building. One truck and volunteers from the Raeford Fire Dept. had remained on the scene since early that morning, helping to control the flames, but when the second major flare-up occurred, the sirens again blew in the Raeford and North Raeford Districts and additional See FIRE, Page 13

### Road Paving Project OK'd

The North Carolina State Highway Commission has allocated Hoke County more than \$14,000 for one secondary road construction project, it was announced this week.

The project will involve the paving of

nearly a mile of SR 1108, a road in the Antioch section of the county. The part which will be graded and paved stretches from Hender's Road to the Burlington Road. SR 1108 is known as the R. Newton Road.

Approval of the project was voted at the regular August meeting of the Highway Commission held in Hendersonville.

#### Black-Out Caused By Trouble In Line

The 25 minute power black-out in Raeford and Hoke County Tuesday afternoon was due to line trouble in the Red Springs substation, according to 1 d Chappell, representative of Carolina Power and Light Company.

Power went out at 12:43 p.m. and was restored at 1:08. There was some speculation that the black-out was somehow related to the fire at the

somehow related to the fire at the Upchurch Milling Co. which continued throughout Tuesday, but Chappell said the causes were roughly the same as those that caused the black-out a few weeks

Commissioners voted to amend the 1972-73 fiscal year budget to increase the amount of money appropriated the ambulance service in Hoke County. The figure was raised from \$1,500 to \$3,500.

A request for financial assistance was presented the commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Monday morning by Danny Morrison, operator of Morrison's Ambulance Service, who told the commissioners he is having trouble collecting bills from the services he provides.
Out of 32 trips made last month, he

told the board, only two fares were collected. He said he would like to sell the business to the county and operate it for a salary. "You'd be surprised how many people just don't pay their bills," Morrison remarked. "I've taken people as far away as Duke Hospital and never collected fares from them."

Chairman of the board T.C. Jones said

the county is "not in a position to buy out the company, but we want to he"

we can figure out a way to do it."

County manager T.B. Lester point out that if the revenue sharing bill now under consideration in the U.S. Senate is passed, additional funds will be opened up to supplement the ambulance service, but until then, the county has limited funds to work with.

Commissioner Ralph Barnhart pointed

out that state law requires the county to provide an ambulance service, so the board had no alternative but to help as much as it could.

Morrison requested an additional

\$5,000 in supplementary funds from the county, but all that was available was an additional \$3,500. The commissioners also amended the

The commissioners also amended the budget to increase the salaries for the Budget dist taket and the food stamp digibility, specialist. Also added to the budget was a fund for operating the County Highway Office Building on Donaldson Ave. The building had formerly been run by the State Highway Dept., but had been recently turned over to the county, Included in the \$5,000 to the county. Included in the \$5,000 fund is maintenance, electricity, water, fuel, supplies, insurance and installation of a heater and air conditioner. A low bid from Raeford Heating and Plumbing for installation of the heating and air conditioning units was also approved Monday.

Amendments to the budget will also

provide \$1,000 for painting of the cell block in the county jail and \$2,500 for installation of new doors in the courthouse and additional repairs.

Julian Barnes from the Hoke County Farm Bureau also appeared before the commissioners to request the board to approve a resolution concerning revaluation of farm lands in the county. The resolution, which the Farm Bureau hopes to present to the state legislature for adoption as a law calls for "objective analysis of the classification, appraisal, valuation, assessment and taxation of farmland... to prevent the forced conversion of farmland to other uses."

Barnes said the present method of

taxing farmland, which is based on the value of its highest and best use or sales value, will force the selling of productive farmland against the wishes of the

He expressed concern that taxes "were being raised out of reach." He said the farm lobbyists will make a big push to get the resolution through in 1973, and wanted the county to back the

Chairman Jones pointed out that the

### Food Stamps Reach 460 Families; More In Hoke Believed Eligible

In its' first month of operation in Hoke County, the food stamp program has already reached some 460 families, and a total of 580 are expected to be certified by the end of the second month.

Food stamp supervisor Roger W. Dixon said the number now receiving aid through food stamps already represents 200 more families than were receiving surplus food before the stamp program began on July 1. Dixon said the requirements for eligibility for stamps are "far less stringent. Under the surplus food

program only the real poverty families were eligible for help." Dixon feels that at least a couple hundred more Hoke families are eligible for the stamps. "We're not reaching everyone that we can right now. Many

income at all they would not be eligible, but this is not the case. Many families with two or three children and only one person working can be certified for the

Dixon said persons wishing to determine if they are eligible should call the food stamp office for an appointment. "So far." he said, "only 36 households have been denied stamps because of excess income."

The Department of Social Services has

been working on certifying families for the stamps since the beginning of May,

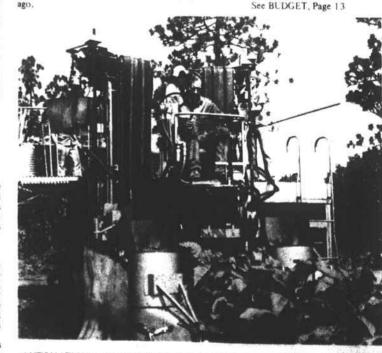
although the actual sale did not begin until July 1. The total amount paid out in stamps during the first month of the program

was \$44,187, which reached 1,940 persons in the county. The amount paid by the recipients for the stamps was \$14,547.25. The difference between the two figures represented "bonus" coupons totaling \$29,639.75.
The "bonus" paid out to families

receiving the stamps is made up by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The program does not cost the county anything and they get a one cent sales tax on the money received in payment for the stamps. The program was made possible by the Federal Food Stamp Act of 1964, which was set up to give extra buying power to low - income families.

Stamps may be used for all food items except imported.

except imported goods. Exceptions to See STAMPS, Page 13



AUTOMATION -- Robert Strother harvests his tobacco crop with the help of a new matic harvester. The farm is located in the Quewhiffle section of the county.