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NEW FLAG - Woodmen of the World Bobby Conoly (left) and Carson Davis (center) present a United States flag to the high school at half time of the Jacksonville game Friday. Athletic director John Pecora accepts for Hoke High.

It Costs More To Bus Kids

Like everything else, the cost of transporting children to school has increased. Figures recently released by

-- COMMISSIONERS ---

Continued from page 1 so that the office could be kept open at all hours, she said.

Presently, the daytime magistrate uses an office in the courthouse, which is closed when the courthouse is locked. The other magistrates are located in the jail, she said, which is improper. Magistrates' offices should not be a part of any law enforcement agency, she told the board.

The board discussed several possible offices, hus delayed any decision.

Other Business

In the meeting that lasted until mid-afternoon, the commissioners appropriated \$28,592.93 for the purchase of landfill equipment, certified Stonewall fire department personnel for death benefits, and authorized the expenditure of \$150 from the county development budget to match a \$500 grant from Lumber River Council of Government for a senior citizens' craft course.

They also appointed Ralph Barnhart to the health board, replacing T.C. Jones, who retired and named Sheriff Dave Barrington to the Lumber River Criminal Justice Planning Region Policy Board. A deputy, to be selected by Barrington, was also approved.

The board agreed to pay expenses for two teenagers to attend the Youth Advisory Board convention for the N.C. Department of Administration in February and accepted a request calling for the paving of SR 1465 in Sunset Park. They appointed William Niven to investigate energy conservation in the

county and report to the board. The board also discussed a letter from the state Department of Corrections asking that the county pay expenses of prisoners committed to the state prisons for safekeeping as they awaited appeals convictions. The commissioners deferred action on the request until they consult with the Institute of Local

the Division of Transportation of the State Education Agency show that North Carolina taxpayers spent \$43.21 on each child transported to school during the 1973-74 school year. That's \$7.92 more to transport each child than was spent during the 1972-73 school year.

Of the children who attended school in 1973-74, 69.2% rode the bus, over 5% more than last year. The total number of students transported increased from 702,957 during 1972-73

to 706,560 during 1973.74. The average school bus carried 65 pupils per day, as compared with 66 last year and 67 the two years before. It made 1.6 trips per day, traveling an average of 42.4 miles each day. Fach bus traveled two miles more each day during the 1973-74 school year than it did during the second second second second second second traveled two miles more each day did during the previous year, representing a total annual mileage increase of over 865,000 miles. There were 10,813 buses operated during 1973.74, over 200 more than the

efore. These buses made a total of 17.741 bus trips each school day

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photocells, use of lights at night has been sewerly curtailed Autry said, but Allen Edwards, principal at Hoke High stressed that additional personnel are

being used for security. However, Autry said despite problems being experienced by other gas users, at least he anticipates no problems from the gas company. Only one building, the Hoke High building, is heated with natural gas and Autry said he had been assured that N.C. Natural Gas would continue to supply the school. The other buildings are heated with fuel oil.

---YOUTHS---

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weekend pass from the Richard T Fountain Training School at the time of his arrest Locklear is being held in the Hoke County jail in lieu of \$5,000 bond. Another 15 year old juvenile, also charged with the Hunt breakin, was placed on probation Friday after a hearing before Judge Dupree.

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city budget to hire a dog warden or acquire a truck

The council also approved a building proposal by Paul Rose at the city airport. The plans for an office. classroom and maintenance building had been approved earlier by the airport committee.

A local ordinance to permit right turns on a red light was discussed and the idea discarded when Gaddy reported that the state attorney general had ruled such laws to be illegal.

The council also called for bids to repair the roof of the municipal building and declared as surplus equipment a 1968 Ford, an Elgin sweeper, a sewer machine a two-wheel trailer and a set of two-way radios.

---LAY OFFS---Continued from page 1 estimated 650,000 turkeys grown in Hoke County. In 1973, there were 125,000 and Young said he expected the figure for 1974 to be between 75,000 and 100,000 birds. These are all breeding flocks, he said.



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