

Officials Eye Community Development Act

By Laurie Telfair

Neither the city nor the county officials have any plans to try for a piece of the federal pie through the Community Development Act of 1974, although they indicate an interest in the program for next year.

While many of the nearby cities and counties have been going through the involved process of citizens meetings and community studies to submit an application for part of the \$12 million in discretionary funds to be awarded to North Carolina, few of Hoke residents appeared to be aware of the act.

When a public meeting on housing was held in Raeford recently, Aubrey Jones, community planner for the Department of Natural and Economic Resources, urged citizens to make sure

However, McNeill was in favor of the community study required in the act. "The process itself in making the application is what we've tried to sell to other towns," he said. "The citizen's part and developing a program are something that should be done even if you never get any money from it."

Raeford's consulting engineers,

Moore Gardner Associates, submitted a proposal to do a study for the city, with a cost of about \$7-10,000. The idea was tabled by the city council for lack of money.

However, after attending the meeting, city councilman Benny McLeod said he felt that the council will probably want to look into the matter.

Hoke Farmers Are Slow To Designate Leaf Crop

Few of Hoke County's tobacco growers have selected markets for this year's crop, agriculture officials said Friday.

Only 50 of the 325 growers in the county have designated so far, Tom Burgess, Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service manager, said. The deadline for designating a market is April 4.

However, Burgess said the slow response was typical.

"A lot of farmers aren't going to designate until they have their lease and transfers complete," he said.

There was no undesignated tobacco grown in the county last year and ASCS officials said they don't expect any this year.

Undesignated leaf does not qualify for federal price supports, up eight cents this year to 93 cents a pound.

All flue-cured tobacco growers must designate the number of pounds they will sell at each warehouse within a 100 mile radius of their county seat.

A proposed second designation period would begin about two weeks after the marketing season opens to allow farmers to change warehouses if they are dissatisfied with the services.

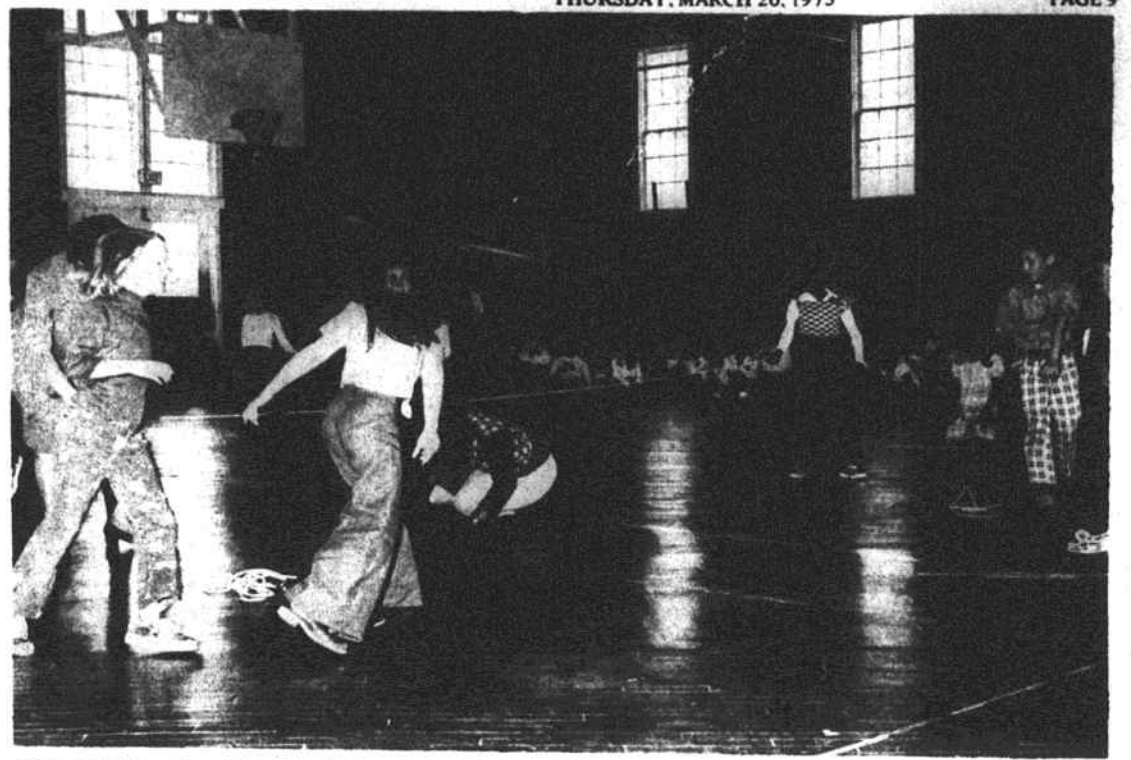
There has been little activity so far in the cotton program either, Burgess said, although producers have until April 11 to release acreage or request additional acres.

Burgess predicted that cotton acreage in the county would drop this year from 10,200 to about 5,500.

Farmers who do not plan to plant their allotment should release the acreage to the county committee to protect their future allotment, Burgess said.

He said a few farmers have come in to release cotton acreage and there have been a few requests for additional acreage.

Burgess said that it appeared that soybeans would take up most of the acreage not planted in cotton.



ROPE TRICK - Second graders from Raeford Elementary (shown here) performed a series of movements with ropes at Monday's Physical Education Clinic for grades K-3. The clinic was planned under the guidance of Loria S. White, P.E. Coordinator.

Background

their city's and county's applications were in.

However, city and county officials both say that there is little point in applying.

"The word we get is that there are already \$94 million worth of applications for \$12 million to pass out," Mayor John K. McNeill said. "What the program is, is an answer to the block grants that were cut out three or four years ago. I think it's going to take three or four years of experience with HUD to work it all out."

T.B. Lester, county manager, said that the county commissioners had discussed the act briefly with David E. Bartlett, director of planning for the regional council of governments (COG).

"Frankly, we discussed it with the regional people and they say there is no money available this year, especially for a small county," Lester said. "But in the next two years, they say the money may go the other way."

Lester pointed out that applying for the program was involved.

"You have to make a survey and all. It's too late to do anything for this year, but I think we ought to make this survey in time to apply for next year," Lester said.

Housing is the key provision of the act, according to McNeill. A government bulletin lists the primary objective as "the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low and moderate income."

Covered in the program is funding for community development, assisted housing, mortgage credit assistance, comprehensive planning, rural housing, mobile home construction and safety standards, consumer home mortgage assistance and miscellaneous.

The new legislation ends funding for programs for open space, urban beautification, historic preservation, public facility loans, water and sewer and neighborhood facilities grants, urban renewal model cities supplemental grants and rehabilitation loans.

Lester, McNeill and Ralph Barnhart, chairman of the county commissioners, all agreed that any community study undertaken ought to be a joint one.

Barnhart said it was his opinion that the act applied mainly to the city, anyway.

"There is little likelihood that anything is going to build out in a rural area," he said. "We aren't in the water and sewer business like the town is. We've just never talked about housing because we don't have the utilities."

McNeill, who in his capacity as community developer for the Department of Natural and Economic Resources, encourages cities to apply for the act, said "This bill is strongly housing oriented and that's another reason why I didn't push it. I didn't think the board wanted to get that involved."

Farm Items

By W. S. Young & Phil Ricks
County Agricultural Agents

men to step forward and save the day. Wednesday, April 16 - 1:00 P.M.

Dates To Remember

Nematode Workshop - Tuesday, March 25 - Hedgepeth Warehouse, Lumberton, N.C. 9:30 - 12:00 Noon - Bring your samples.
State Beekeepers Meeting - Sandhills Community College - April 12, Fayetteville
Fat Stock Show -

Farmers are reminded that they must comply with the Wholesale Meat Act passed in 1967. The law also states that any meat offered for sale must be processed under State or Federal meat inspection programs. A farmer may kill and process meat at home for his use and tenant use but cannot legally sell this meat either in carcass or processed form unless it is inspected.

Deaths And Funerals

Malburn Edge

Funeral services for Malburn Edge were conducted at 4 p.m. Saturday at Phillip Presbyterian Church. Rev. John Ropp officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Edge, 56, died last Thursday at Moore Memorial Hospital. He was superintendent of the water department of the City of Raeford.

Pallbearers were J.C. Barrington, Vance Wiggins, Billy Barefoot, Bill Sellars, Lacy Morrissey, Gregory Harris, Isaac Jackson and Chester Beasley.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Harvey Young of Raeford, and a brother, Cronzie Edge of Fayetteville.

Mamie C. Purcell

Funeral services were held Friday for Mrs. Mamie C. Purcell at Montpelier Presbyterian Church. Rev. Howard Whitehurst officiated and burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Purcell, 79, died March 12. Surviving are a son, William W. Purcell, Jr., of Orangeburg, S.C.; a daughter, Miss Katherine Purcell of Wagram; a sister, Mrs. M.E. Walters of Raeford; and two grandchildren.

John L. Woods

Funeral arrangements for John L. Woods of Hope Mills will be announced by Buie Funeral Home.

Mrs. Nancy J.W. Hardister

Funeral services for Mrs. Nancy Jane Williams Hardister were held Wednesday at the Powell Funeral Home Chapel in Southern Pines with Dr. W.C. Neill officiating. Graveside services were held later that afternoon at the Fairview Cemetery in Albemarle.

Mrs. Hardister, 97, died Monday. She is survived by a son, Hoke Hardister of Aberdeen; five daughters, Mrs. L.P. Billingsley of Hamlet, Miss Hattie Thompson of Raeford, Mrs. J.T.

Cox, Mrs. Ben Harward and Mrs. Ray Presley of Albemarle; two stepdaughters, Mrs. J.F. Hill of Albemarle and Mrs. L.A. McKenney of Charlotte; a sister, Mrs. Charles Hinson of Norwood; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Angus Thompson

Funeral services were scheduled at 2 P.M. Wednesday for Angus Thompson at the chapel of Crumplers Funeral Home. Rev. Dewey Herring officiated and Rayham Cemetery is the site of burial.

Thompson, 48, died Sunday. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Betty Cole Thompson; three sons, Spec. 4 John W. Thompson, U.S. Army, Germany, and Marcus and Angus Greg Thompson, of the home; four daughters, Mrs. Judy Tigen, of Oxford, N.C., Miss Amy Thompson of Rochester, N.Y., and Miss Cynthia Thompson and Miss Lisa Thompson, both of the home; one stepson, Jerry Hyatt of Wagram; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Theresa Strickland of Clinton; a brother, Dalton Thompson of Rowland; a sister, Mrs. Illa Evans of Raeford; and three grandchildren.

Bernice A. Haywood

Funeral services for Bernice A. Haywood of Jacksonville were held Wednesday in Jacksonville with the Rev. Jack Connell officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Jacksonville.

Haywood was born in Raeford and had lived in Jacksonville since 1945. Before his retirement, he worked at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice Haywood; a son, William A. Haywood of Jacksonville; four sisters, Mrs. Myrtle H. West and Mrs. Ina Jones of Asheboro, Mrs. Gertrude Kane of Homosassa, Fla. and Mrs. R.F. Mustin of Walkertown; one granddaughter.

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