the city gives the \$10,000 promised

in this year's budget.
In other business, the board voted unanimously to allocate \$3,200 from the contingency fund as required matching funds toward the planning and land use grant, terming the expenditure the "backbone of the planning board". The amount awarded from the grant is \$4,800.

Contracts on the school bids announced last week received the unanimous approval of the board.

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Local funding for the proposed construction was put at \$303,169, with a \$17,830 contingency fund. Fees will add another \$4,000, and the total bond issue was put at \$325,000 \$325,000.

The board mulled a request from Sandhills Community College for space in the county office building when it is vacated but deferred any decision.

Sandhills is seeking space for use by two furniture classes and also an adult basic education class scheduled

Barnhart told the group it was unlikely the space would be available before Oct. 1, but promised to give them a decision early this week.

Recreation co-chairman Mrs. Milo Postel appeared and stressed a need for acquiring a full time recreation director soon, but the board said the funds have not come through yet, although already approved, and "we can't look until we have the money

Mrs. Postel also outlined the need for purchasing a five acre tract northeast of the Robbins Heights playground, and told the board the commission has already set aside \$12,000 of their budget for the purchase.

The board made no formal recommendation on the matter, as commissioner Tom McBryde suggested "Offer \$5,000, and start from there".

The board gave the go - ahead for the recreation commission to take over the responsibility for the lights at the tennis courts after Barnhart requested the commission check and see their liability coverage is adequate.

The motion to approve the transfer of responsibility was carried

unanimously.

A proposal to place a "housing agent" within the extension agent's office under a grant with the

#### --BICENTENNIAL-

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unable to address the crowd.

Groundbreaking of the library followed the courthouse ceremony with Chamber of Commerce president Dick Lovette calling it "a giant step" and thanking the local Bicentennial committee for making it a reality

County commissioner James A Hunt, city councilman Benny McLeod, and librarian Helen Page turned the first shovels of dirt as flashbulbs popped and the crowd applauded.

To represent the patrons of the library, a group of children helped with small shovels in the groundbreaking to more applause.

Vice-chairman of the library board of trustees Mrs. J.L. McNeill thanked building fund treasurer R.B. Lewis for his "diligent efforts." and called it a "wonderful day."

"We look forward to the future with confidence," she said. Trumpeteer David Dombkowski

played the national anthem to conclude the groundbreaking as guests mingled among the crowd.

About 150 guests were entertained at a luncheon sponsored by the Raeford Woman's Club and Junior Woman's Club held later at the

#### -AROUND TOWN--

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and jail. This is just a guess so it you

know, let us know.

The sheriff collected taxes at that time and he was Edgar Hall, father of Josephine Hall, Mrs. Archie Byrne and Mrs. Eubanks, all of Raeford.

The Bicentennial celebration last Friday was in my opinion a big success. The weather was perfect and everyone seemed to get into the spirit of the day. The planning committee must be congratulated for everything went off in fine fashion and was on time.

When Dick Ellis, Bicentennial State Director, said that this was the largest project undertaken by any county in the state, as a Hoke Countain you had to feel proud. Hoke is next to the smallest county in the state, but in my over 50 years here a project doesn't get too large

for our people.

The library will be a monument to

all for many years to come. So mark down for Hoke County history the date, August 8, 1975.

I hope that the July rain chart will be in the paper this week. It seems that Robert Gatlin was in Europe for the past two weeks and couldn't get chart in before he left. So may be he has caught up on his sleep and got his Eastern Standard Time back into is body and will bring in the chart.

cooperation of N.C. A & T University at Greensboro was outlined to the board.

The position would be completely funded for two years at no cost to the county. The agent would give personal assistance to low - income families in home improvement problems and act as a liaison with lending agencies, the board was told.

The board agreed to postpone any action on the matter until a later

A plan to keep the landfill open all day Saturday was approved after county manager T.B. Lester said Clyde Leach, sanitation franchise holder, reported hours should be extended, or else more containers will have to be purchased.

The plan will go into effect Sept. I on a trial basis, the board decided, taking the view it would be cheaper than buying more containers.

In other business, the board approved salary schedules unchanged from last year for the Sandhills Mental Health program, and okayed a trip to the conference for safety officers Agu. 13 · 15 for civil preparedness coordinator Bill Niven

Commissioners also approved re-appointments to the library board and representatives on the Sandhill regional library board as J. Eli Shankle and Mrs. J.L. McNeill, Mrs. Charles Hostetler as alternate.

The commissioners studied the needs of the Tylertown Fire Department presented by Fireman's Association liaison Elwood Baker but took no formal action.

Baker told the board the membership of the fire department was split on the proposed merger with Hillcrest Fire District and no official vote was taken.
Equipment problems plaguing the

department were outlined by Baker, who told the board he doubted a 1953 pumper truck would pass state inspection on pressure ratings. The department also needs a siren and communication link-up with the sheriff's office, Barnhart noted.

The board accepted a petition from residents to extend the West Hoke Fire District to four miles, a step toward acquiring FmHA financing for equipment. A public hearing on the issue will be scheduled

The board refused a request from Marci and Elaine Ares for a waiver of an \$11 penalty for late listing of taxes after taking the view "ignorance is no excuse".

The Ares, a military couple, were out of the country when the tax listings are required to be filed, the board was told.

# Veterans Corner

Q - I used the specially adapted housing grant when it was \$12,500. This grant has now been raised to \$25,000. Am I entitled to the difference on another house?

A - No. This is a one - time

benefit for eligible veterans.

Q - I am a son of a veteran who died of service - connected causes. I received dependency and indemnity compensation after age 18 while attending college until I married. I am now 20 and divorced. Will benefits be restored since I am still attending school?

A - Yes. DIC payments for eligible children may be paid between the ages of 18 and 23, while enrolled in a VA - sponsored school, Benefits are terminated when the child marries. Since Jan. 1, 1975, benefits may be restored if the marriage is terminated due to death or divorce.

### --GADDY--

Continued from page 1 said, ruling out the possibility of an earlier trial in Favetteville.

"I can't envision holding any trial in Fayetteville," the attorney

The next term of Superior Court here is scheduled for November, although defendants now under indictment may request an early

trial in Cumberland County Diehl denied speculation Gaddy may offer to step down as city manager pending the outcome of the trial, but said Gaddy is certainly willing to go along with whatever action they (the

city council) wish. There was no official word from the council Tuesday following the announcement, but indications are the council will call a special session to decide Gaddy's status in his duties as city manager for the

immediate future. Almost immediately following the grand jury's action speculation arose on whether Gaddy will be allowed to remain in his post while under indictment, or be placed on suspension by the city council. Councilman Graham Clark said Tuesday he had no reaction until

he knew more about it. "I haven't talked to anybody all day and this is the first I heard, I

heard about it, but not directly until just now," he said. Clark said he felt no official statement should be made before councilmen have a chance to study the charges.

"I think we'll have to sit down and get together," Clark observed. Councilmen Sam C. Morris and Benny McLeod conferred late in the afternoon after studying copies of the indictments. Morris said he was exploring various options open to the council, but gave no indication of what action may be taken in a final decision.

Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr., said he had "no comment of any kind" to make in response to questions, and the mayor said as far as he knew the next meeting of the council is Sept. 8.

Barefoot, who could not be reached for comment, was accused by Gaddy in June of charging the city for parts for his car and concealing the work by listing it as maintenance on a water department truck.

Gaddy said at the time garage supervisor David Scull uncovered evidence that \$87 worth of parts was diverted to Barefoot's car.

Scull, who went to work for the city in February, resigned last

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"How dull the leaves look," my wife remarked. Then the sun rays who remarked. Then the sun rays shone on the leaves and the mystery was solved. "Look!" she exclaimed. "See how they glow when the sun shines through them!"

Beauty of spirit and deed is often found in the world; but the feeding of the hungry evines referebreach.

of the hungry, giving refreshment to the thirsty, offering hospitality to a stranger, helping to clothe those in need, comforting the ill or imprisoned -- all these acts take on a special, selfless beauty when the light of Christ's love shines through them.

PRAYER: Father, I do try to live in the spirit of Your Son, but sometimes my motives are mixed. Help me to let Christ's light shine through my life and actions so that people may know that it is through Him that light comes. Amen.

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