

VOTING TIME - A Raeford citizen casts her ballot for her chosen five at one of the precincts Tuesday, Election Day. Turnout was generally light.

Plea To County Board

Health Center Asks Expansion

County commissioners heard an appeal from public health officials for funding to enlarge the health center on Central Avenue and were notified of a tight deadline approaching to apply for community development funds during their regular monthly meeting Monday.

The request for enlargements to the health building came from acting director Susan McKenzie and Walter Coley, chairman of the county board of health, who claimed the patient load has doubled in the past two years and the existing facilities have become cramped.

"It's very embarrassing for patients to have to sit in the backless gowns out in the hallway", Mrs. McKenzie said.

She told the board patients now must use an X-ray room to undress and the sole examining room is so small the physicians have complained.

"We are doubling up on office space, and there is no privacy for interviews. Patients are being seen for VD counseling and there is someone else using the room, too", she said.

A sketch of the proposed enlargement was shown and board of commissioners chairman Ralph Barnhart estimated the expense in the \$40,000 - 50,000 range.

Mrs. McKenzie suggested using revenue sharing funds for the project and the board deferred making any decision immediately.

John Lynch, senior planner with the N.C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources, along with housing specialist Aubrey Jones, briefed the board on possible uses for community development funds from the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program and warned commissioners they will have to make a decision within a week if they want to apply.

"The deadline for the application is Jan. 15, but you have to get your application in to the clearing house by Dec. 15", Lynch said.

Lynch said the federal government had given localities very short notice this year, and that as recently as last Friday notice was received that a pre-application form would be required. Lynch told the board he couldn't make any guarantees about getting approval, but suggested a joint application with the city of Raeford would stand a better chance than the county submitting one alone.

"Top money on a joint application, around \$500,000 for the county and \$100,000 for Raeford", he said.

The funds are designed for economic and recreational

development to reach low and moderate income persons and some \$15 million will be distributed to rural areas within the state this year, Lynch said.

"You need to get started immediately," he said. "It will need about three weeks to do the application and you must hold a minimum of two public hearings."

Commissioner John Balfour linked the health department request for new construction with the HUD list of eligible projects and Lynch speculated it might be considered eligible if it was a "neighborhood thing."

The board made no decision at the meeting and agreed to contact Raeford mayor John K. McNeill, Jr., an employee of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

The board unanimously approved a motion from commissioner Tom McBryde to hire Willie Featherstone as housing agent to work under the county extension agent.

The job was created under a grant administered by A & T University and the agent's salary is funded for a period of two years. The appointment was made effective Nov. 1.

Featherstone, a native of Arkansas, holds a B.S. degree in agricultural economics from the University of Arkansas and served in the Army at Ft. Bragg for the past three years.

Featherstone told the commissioners that he would be relocating to the county from Fayetteville.

In other business, the board backed off from a request to erect fencing at the civil preparedness office parking lot off W. Prospect Ave. which would keep traffic from using it as thru shortcut.

All members expressed concern about possible liability to the county in the event of a vehicle hitting the fence.

"We got to keep it on county property," McBryde warned.

Action on the request was postponed pending further study of where the fence would be placed.

The board unanimously passed a motion from commissioner John Balfour to formally adopt the

plumbing, heating, and air conditioning ordinance drafted last month.

The new ordinance, which will require applications for work to be done and sets a schedule of fees for inspection of completed work, is to become effective Jan. 1, 1976.

Inspector Jack Ellis told the board that none of the contractors has made any complaint about the ordinance since plans were announced for its implementation.

Commissioners agreed to advertise the new ordinance "as many times as necessary" to inform the public.

The board unanimously approved a motion from McBryde to accept a \$3,000 bid for the Rockfish community house and its land from Hadley - Peoples Manufacturing Co. of Siler City. The motion contains a provision to reserve the money from the sale and earmark it for future use for the Rockfish community.

The \$3,000 bid was the lone offer received at a public auction held last Tuesday.

On a motion from Balfour, the board unanimously agreed to pay \$679.09 as the county's share toward the Region N nutrition program which feeds senior citizens free lunches. The program, operating from the old Masonic lodge on North Main Extension, began earlier this year and is aimed at low income persons.

McBryde agreed to serve on the Region N Manpower Committee after Barnhart, Balfour, and commissioner James Hunt all claimed they each were already members of some committee arm of the council.

The commissioners approved a request from the Veterans Service office for additional help during the months of November, December and January. No exact cost was given.

A request for an office chair, at a cost of about \$67, for inspector Jack Ellis also was okayed unanimously.

The board okayed a request from Tommy Wilkerson in the tax listing office for approval to use the existing land use schedule for farm valuation purposes.

Wilkerson explained a recent change by the state legislature made it necessary to formally adopt the same schedule already in use.

Rockfish News

By Mrs. A. A. McInnis

The W.M.U. Groups of Tabernacle Church met Monday. The Bible Study Group at the home of Mrs. Henry Fowler, Monday a.m., and the Mission In Action Group Monday night with Mrs. Guy Berry of Raeford.

The usual services were held at Pittman Grove Church Sunday.

Galatia Church had a Family Night supper at the church Sunday night. After supper Dr. Albert G. Edwards of Raleigh spoke on stewardship.

Mrs. Johnny Allen and daughter, Teresa, spent the weekend with her daughters, Shirley and Sandra of Charleston, S.C.

Mrs. A.W. Wood and her grandson Donald Wood spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Craig Wood and daughter Deborah of Thomasville.

Mrs. N.J. Ritter spent the past weekend with her son - in - law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Long of Gallup Acres, Fayetteville.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Koonce spent the past weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Koonce and sons Lacy III and Thomas of Lumberton.

Mrs. Will Hair, Mrs. Floyd Monroe, Mrs. Marshall Newton and Mrs. A.A. Ray spent several days, fishing at Long Beach last week and caught a lot of fine fish.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Monroe and his mother, Mrs. Floyd Monroe were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Monroe of Southern Pines last Sunday and they also visited Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Monroe and son Bryan of McCain.

Dinner guests of O.G. Berry and his father, Alfred Berry last Sunday were, Mrs. Harold Currie and daughter, Peggy Cecil and son William Rex Currie of Blue Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sojka and daughter Kelli, and Harrison Berry of Fayetteville and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Berry and daughter Paula Kay of Raeford also visited their father Alfred Berry Sunday p.m. and his local guests were Melissa and Jamie Berry, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Berry.

Mrs. B.B. Bostic and some of her friends went to Roanoke, Va., last Saturday and came back Sunday. Along the way up there the scenery was beautiful and they enjoyed the trip very much.

Mrs. Wallace McLean of Raeford visited Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wood Sunday p.m. and spent Sunday night with them, returning home Monday.

Thomas McInnis and his mother left last Thursday for Charlotte, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Hare and family until Sunday and got home about 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Long visited his brother - in - law George Dees, a patient at Cape Fear Valley Hospital, Sunday night.

Guests of Mrs. Nelia Brock and Mr. and Mrs. June Rogers and sons Keith and Craig last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. William Brock and daughter, Pam, of Fayetteville and her nephew Paul Brock of Miami, Fla.

After attending services at Tabernacle Church Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Bundy had Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Bundy as their dinner guests.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Caddell of Raeford last Saturday were, their grandson, Michael Sharp and Miss Juanita Bland of Longwood and Homer Quick and son Ray Quick of Montrose. Miss Bland and Michael Sharp are to be married in December.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. McInnis of Fayetteville visited his mother and his brother Thomas McInnis Sunday p.m.

Larry and Joan Hayes spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hayes of Bladenboro. They had come for the children Friday and brought them home Sunday and spent the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Emmons.

The community extends sympathy to Mrs. George Dees and children in the death of their husband and father, George Dees who passed away at Cape Fear Valley Hospital Tuesday a.m. after a short illness.

Burial was in Raeford Cemetery. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ottie Mae Dees; six sons, Lynn B. Dees, Bruce D. Dees, Elbert Dees, Melvin Dees, George Dees, Jr., all of Rockfish, and Harold Dees of Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.; one daughter, Mrs. Etta Mae Barnes of Rockfish; one brother, William D. Dees of Florida; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Bunce and Mrs. Christian Sherman, both of Fayetteville; 24 grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Mrs. Nannie Wickline is still in St. Joseph Hospital, where she has been for several weeks. We are proud to report she is improving nicely.

Mrs. David Freeman and son, Davy, visited Miss Ida Graves and family Sunday afternoon.

Bill and Sharon Harris had company from Sanford, N.C. Sunday afternoon. They were Rip and Bonnie VanWinkle and boys, Jinnie and Scottie.

Boyd Orick will be returning from school in Oklahoma this week. He is stationed at Pope AFB.

12 members were present for the W.M.U. meeting held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Willard Singletary. The program was about the Philippines.

Mr. and Mrs. William (Sam) McClanahan were pleased by Steve's return from Canada after all these years. Steve is seeking employment in the Fayetteville area.

Deaths And Funerals

George D. Dees

George Dewey Dees, 74, died Tuesday morning. Funeral services were scheduled for 3 P.M. Wednesday at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Rockfish with Rev. Carl Strickland officiating.

Burial was in Raeford Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ottie Mae Dees; six sons, Lynn B. Dees, Bruce D. Dees, Elbert Dees, Melvin Dees, George Dees, Jr., all of Rockfish, and Harold Dees of Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.; one daughter, Mrs. Etta Mae Barnes of Rockfish; one brother, William D. Dees of Florida; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Bunce and Mrs. Christian Sherman, both of Fayetteville; 24 grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Farm Items

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About 80% of the United States has hard water. It is costing consumers 6.3 billion dollars annually, according to the Water Quality Research Council. Hard water damage costs each affected household \$37 more each year for soaps, detergents and similar items; \$55 extra in plumbing repairs and replacements and \$29 in replacement of sheets, linens and other washables worn out sooner than necessary. Added annual fuel costs caused by hard

water amount to about \$18. There is a great need for research in this field, so costs can be cut.

The last General Assembly established a Land Policy Council and charged it with the responsibility of the formulation of policy and the development of a land classification system. This council has performed a part of its job and now has a first draft of a land policy ready for review. This is a time to know what is included in the policy and is a time to suggest changes. Once the policy is set it must be followed and is hard to get amended. Interested people can get a copy by writing Land Policy Council Staff, 116 West Jones Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27603.

Fall of the year is a good time to do some planning on your farm. First, you should look for failure you made in weed control in your crops. Learn the type of weeds and record what field they are located in. Next, look at all areas where crops did not produce. Take soil samples and nematode samples to determine the limiting factor. Find out the proper methods of control and be ready before you plant again.

Study any leasing arrangement you might have now and make improvements in them whenever it is possible. These management tools can sometimes increase your profit from your enterprises.

Church Sing

Nov. 9

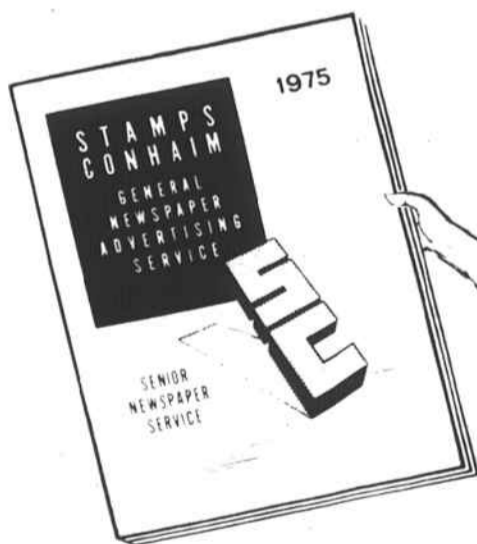
A "Pickin' and Singin'" session will be held at Sandy Grove United Methodist Church Sunday, Nov. 9 beginning at 7 P.M.

The public is invited to join in the hymns singing.

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Stonewall Report

By Miss Ida Graves

Ephesus Baptist Church held its Halloween Social Friday night for the parents and children of the community. There were about 60 to 70 attending. Prizes were given for the prettiest and the spookiest costume and there were a lot of tough decisions made that night. There were games for the little ones and the older ones. Candy, cookies, and punch was served. Everyone enjoyed the fun and fellowship together. The social was hosted by Rev. and Mrs. Willard Singletary and Mrs. Deloris Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Martin of Asheboro visited Mrs. Martin's parents Rev. and Mrs. Willard Singletary Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellis spent Saturday at Southport fishing.

Death Said A Suicide

Authorities have ruled out foul play in the death of a Timberland woman found dead at her home last Wednesday and termed the woman an apparent suicide victim.

Grace Calloway, 62, of Rt. 3, Box 43, Raeford, was found dead on the floor of her home about three miles west of Raeford by her husband and son when they returned home shortly before 5:30 P.M., Sheriff D.M. Barrington said.

Barrington said the woman was lying in a bedroom with a .22 caliber, seven shot pistol near the body. A note was found, the contents of which were not disclosed.

Barrington said the body was ordered sent to the state medical examiner in Chapel Hill after permission to move the body was received, since no medical examiner or coroner was available within the county.

"At this time, we believe she died from an apparently self-inflicted pistol wound", Barrington said. The wound was in the left chest. The gun found near the body belonged to the victim, Barrington said.

Mrs. Calloway, a retired textile worker, was the wife of Robie Calloway and had two children.

