

City Council Backs Off

Airport Plan Still Up In Air

The city council backed off for the second time from a proposal to increase the powers of the airport committee after airport committee chairman Joe Rackley outlined the idea to the council at their regular meeting Monday night.

"We can have all sorts of authority, but if we have no way of funding, we're no better off", Rackley told the council.

Rackley said he and other committee members had doubts about the city's position on future investment in the airport, particularly in land acquisition.

"You've got to have the land to go ahead with any major development. The question at this stage is if the city is interested in further investment," he said.

Rackley cited the \$16,000 earmarked in the budget for the airport, but reminded the councilmen the sum was being held to match a federal grant, if the grant is approved. He said some 22 acres of land is needed for future growth and the purchase is recommended in the overall airport plan. The land is appraised at about \$19,000.

Airport committeeman William Poole urged action and suggested the county commissioners should be approached about contributing financially to the airport.

Councilman Sam C. Morris discouraged making any immediate decision, citing "turmoil" within the city hall.

"We don't have a city manager. We don't have an airport manager."

The rest of the council agreed to table the matter until a later date.

On a motion from Crawford Thomas, Jr., the council voted to jointly apply for community development funds with the county after some discussion of possible projects.

Urban renewal to improve the downtown area, a senior citizens recreation center, and sewage improvements in the North Raeford area were mentioned.

The deadline for submitting the application is Dec. 15, the council was told.

J.H. (Buddy) Blue, Jr., Chamber of Commerce manager, urged the council to consider a push for obtaining extended area telephone service within the county, and Blue

asked for a decision from them at their next meeting in December.

Blue claimed now was the best time for such a petition from subscribers here, as a recent change in the utilities commission regulations eliminated the requirement that Fayetteville subscribers must also approve the change.

Blue also pleaded for funds from the city for this year's downtown Christmas lights and by unanimous vote \$1,200 was okayed for the plan.

After some confusion over costs, the council discussed the current Title X drainage project without reaching any decision on getting an easement from J.B. McLeod to run pipe across private property near the high school stadium.

Councilman Graham Clark originally said the additional cost would be about \$4,000 but Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr., and Morris rechecked an engineering report and determined the cost to be near \$20,000.

Councilman Benny McLeod, McLeod's son, told the board that he felt an easement could not be given without some guarantee the ditch would be filled in.

The council debated a request from Burlington Industries, which

was outlined by acting city manager Bill Sellars, to use the landfill on Sundays and then agreed to delay any decision.

County manager, T.B. Lester, Jr., reportedly was against the idea, the council was told.

The council unanimously adopted a recommendation from the planning board and refused to approve a lift station on water and sewer connections for the Mount Sinai subdivision planned in Oakdale Estates.

The plan approved by the council's action will make the sewer line gravity flow to the city's fallout line at the entrance to the treatment plant.

The council directed Sellars to check on a request for installation of three street lights at a cost of \$385 for the Holly Park area, which was submitted by builder Julian H. Wright.

A request from the housing authority for the city secretarial staff to do typing of correspondence was unanimously approved by the council. The motion was termed to be on a temporary basis.

The council unanimously voted to request from the state highway department that a stop light be placed at the Central Ave. and Stewart St. intersection.

Community Calendar

Thursday, November 6, 1975. The Kiwanis Club will meet at 6:30 P.M. at the Civic Center.

Friday, November 7, & Saturday, November 8, 1975. The Sandhills Senior Citizens Craft Show and Sale will be held at the Southern Pines Armory. Friday 11-7 & Saturday 9-4.

Monday, November 10, 1975. The Lions Club will meet at 6:30 P.M. at the Civic Center.

Tuesday, November 11, 1975. The Chaminade Music Club will meet at 7:45 P.M. at the Raeford Presbyterian Church.



CHRISTMAS SEAL SINGERS - These six youngsters, students at Episcopal Day School in Southern Pines, entertained during the fall board of directors meeting yesterday which kicked off the 1975 Christmas seal campaign for the Mid-State Lung Association.

Mid-State Board Plans Campaign

The fall Board of Directors meeting and the Christmas Seal Campaign Kick-off of the Mid-State Lung Association was held at McCain Hospital Nov. 5.

Members of the board of directors from Hoke County are Mrs. Bobby Burns McNeill, Raeford; Mrs. Crawford L. Thomas, Jr., Raeford; Dr. H.D. Ireland, McCain and Mrs. Nancy Marley, McCain.

The highlight of the meeting was the six children from the Episcopal Day School of Southern Pines who sang Christmas music for the group.

Mrs. Joseph P. Marley, President of the Mid-State Lung Association presided. Reports were given by Mrs. Patricia Richmond, Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Jane Knight, Program Director and Mrs. Marley, Chariman of the Horse and Pet Show. Mrs. Marley stated that approximately \$700.00 was raised at "The Heritage" near Whispering Pines on May 3rd at the Junior Horse and Pet Show. All proceeds from the show were for the benefit of the Mid-State Lung Association. This money is being used for medical research and education for emphysema and other lung diseases.

Grand Jury Indicts 18

The grand jury found eighteen indictments to be true bills when they met Monday, including four murder charges stemming from three homicides.

Those found to be true bills were: Lavinia Bullard, murder; Ether Henderson, murder; Edward Cummings, breaking and entering and larceny; Leon Willis, breaking and entering and larceny; Elizabeth Willis, breaking and entering and larceny; Glenda Ann McLean, murder; Ernest Perry, escape; James Jackson, breaking and entering and larceny; Earl Bullard, breaking and entering and larceny; Lacy Locklear, receiving.

Ricky T. Horton, escape; Bud Henry Pirkle, manufacturing marijuana; John Edward Alford, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury; Benjie Allen Stephens, murder; Gunmery E. Barnhill, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill; Frances Brigman, common law robbery; John Leach, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill; and Terry Caulder, larceny.

Two indictments were returned as not true bills because of lack of evidence.



CAMPBELL CHORALE - The Campbell College Chorale will perform in concert at the First Baptist Church Nov. 9 at 7:30 P.M. The choir has grown to include 44 singers under the direction of Dr. Robert Piper. The public is invited to attend the concert.



HOME COMING QUEEN CANDIDATE - Miss Joanne Hottel is among 26 coeds vying for the crown of 1975 Homecoming queen at Atlantic Christian College. Sponsored by the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, the senior is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Hottel of Raeford.

Ex-Local Girl Finalist In National Pageant



Mary Virginia (Ginny) Thompson, a former Raeford resident now living in Shelby, is one of five finalists in the 1976 Miss Teenage America candidate-at-large competition and will appear on the telecast of the pageant Nov. 15 over the NBC network.

Miss Thompson, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thompson. He was office manager of the Burlington Worsted plant from 1960-65.

The Shelby High School student won an all-expense paid trip for herself and her chaperone to the national contest scheduled Nov. 15 in Tulsa, Okla. Over \$22,000 in scholarships will be awarded at this year's pageant and the winner will receive a \$10,000 scholarship and other prizes.

The candidate-at-large competition is a preliminary for girls who live where there is no local pageant. Judging is based on scores on a written test, individual accomplishments and special achievements, poise, and appearance.

Miss Thompson, an A honor roll student, is active in the Shelby Presbyterian Church and an award winning swimmer.

SCS Activities

F.O. Clark District Conservationist

Under an agreement by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Census Bureau, many rural tracts once called farms no longer qualify for that description. But rather a tract of land qualifies as a farm, or whether it is simply a part of the countryside, conservation assistance from the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in controlling erosion is still available, it was disclosed by Jesse L. Hicks of Raleigh, who heads the federal conservation agency in North Carolina.

"In fact, such assistance is available both in cities and towns, suburbs, and the traditional farming area," Hicks emphasized. "At the present time, we are providing technical assistance through local and state and water conservation districts to everything from schoolyards to farms with thousands of acres."

The new definition of a farm specifies "any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products are sold in a year."

The old definition, adopted in the 1950's listed a farm as any place under ten acres with annual sales of \$250 or more or any place over ten acres selling \$50 or more.

The new definition will be used in evaluating the 1974 Farm Census, and is expected to sharply cut the number of farms reported in the United States. All programs of the U.S. Department of Agriculture are available to everyone without regard to race, creed, color, sex or national origin.

Burlington Strives To Save Energy

Burlington Industries has accelerated its energy conservation effort as a means of combatting rising energy costs and scarcity of some fuels, according to Burlington vice-president George E. Norman, Jr.

"Burlington's total energy costs for the 1975 fiscal year increased nearly 90 percent over the figure for 1972, only three years ago. The forecast for fiscal 1976 is for more of the same -- a further increase. Our goal is a more aggressive conservation program, coupled with research to seek technological ways to reduce the use of energy," he said.

The Burlington effort coincides with North Carolina's Energy Conservation Week November 2-8.

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THE ATTIC is a bargain store where coats sell for \$5, men's shirts for 75¢, or skirts for 50¢.

THE ATTIC is a thrift shop where curtains sell for \$2, vases for 50¢, or toys for 10¢.

THE ATTIC is a store sponsored by the Raeford Women's Clubs and is open Saturdays 9-5 at its new location next door to The News Journal.

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