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there is an area highly populated that has no sewage at all", Sarah Leach, county planning board secretary, said. Shawtown and North Raeford were suggested as priorities for this request.

A day care center for the young, elderly, and disabled, recreational development along Rockfish Creek, removal of condemned building code enforcement were also voiced.

Kay Thomas, wife of city councilman Crawford Thomas, Jr., appealed for better health care

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found lodged within a main cable in the 650 foot tower located about two miles west of Shannon.

"We think it was some hunter, we really don't know when it was shot, what put us off the air was water getting into the cable," Curtis said.

"We have no reason to believe it was anything but an accident," he said.

Curtis confirmed that the station, which has been using the new tower only a few weeks, has gotten a few complaints since the power was increased to 100,000 watts.

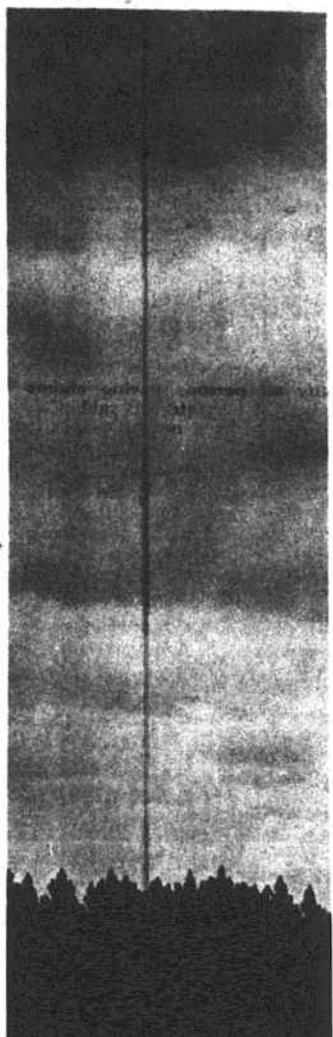
"We have had a few calls about interfering with WYYD in Raleigh, but it's not us, it's their sets. Of course, right around the tower site, we would block out WYYD", he said.

The FBI was notified shortly after the damage discovered, but Curtis said Monday that there was no longer any suspicion of any sabotage attempt.

"There are a lot better ways to do that than this," he said.

WSTS, which broadcasts all-gospel 24 hours a day, will begin broadcasting in stereo next month.

Steel re-inforcements to protect the cable will be installed at the tower, Curtis said.



TOWER HIT - Damage was put at \$10,500 to the WSTS-FM transmitter in Hoke County after rifle shots hit a cable and knocked the station off the air.

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services but was told the plan would not be eligible unless it was part of a community center first aid station.

"It should be one of our busiest and most progressive concerns", she said.

"What are the honest chances for getting anything for recreation?", school superintendent G. Raz Autry asked.

"To be honest, I have no idea, Dougherty responded.

Autry argued that the final decision should be based on the highest priority of need, but parks and recreation commission member J.H. (Buddy) Blue Jr., claimed Robeson County received a million dollars last year for recreation purposes.

Disagreement arose over Dougherty's explanation that the federal requirements stipulate any project approved under this program must be geared to 10,000 or less persons to be considered a "community" venture.

One man in the audience claimed that to meet this requirement, a center for disabled and handicapped could not serve the entire county.

"You could build more than one", Dougherty said.

"That's a pretty inefficient way of doing things", the man said.

"I couldn't agree with you more", Dougherty said.

Lovette claimed more information was needed.

"I don't want to get hung up on whether a recreation center will serve 17,000 or 10,000 people. We could be turned down on some technicality. We need more information on disqualifying factors. We need some clarification", he said.

"Let's not kid ourselves, you've got to stay within the guidelines. They might tell you something, but you know the people who will go over this application will be looking for the guidelines", Autry argued.

"Could we use it to buy Upchurch mill and tear it down?", Mrs. Pate asked, drawing laughter.

"Let's get somebody here from Lumberton who got the million dollars to tell us how they did it", Bill Howell said.

Raeford mayor John K. McNeill, Jr., told the group that the city and county could have applied separately, but the decision was made to make a joint application because it stood a better chance of success, he claimed.

Dougherty backed up McNeill's contention, saying to exclude the county would exclude a large number of poverty level persons which are counted closely in the final decision to approve the grant.

"I'm wondering whether we should have more specific proposals", Warren Pate said near the close of the hearing.

"I'm really at a loss as to the guidelines, and it may be the more specific we are, the more success we could get", he said.

Deadline for submitting the application is Dec. 15 and another hearing is set for next Monday night in the courtroom to hear more proposals from citizens.

State Notes Gains

The Hoke County schools were commended for substantial gains on achievement testing of Title I students during the FY school year, according to Department of Public Instruction in a recent letter.

Cited were an average gain of 28 percentile points in language and 25 points in math performance as measured on the TOBE Test.

Howard E. Reinhardt, area supervisor for compensatory education, said the annual evaluation report was very well written and concise and termed the test results for the six month period as "impressive".

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