

OFFICE LAYOUT - County commissioners discussed a request from Social Services director Benjamin Niblock for another wall to be put up within the county office building to control traffic from the waiting area. No decision was made at the meeting and some criticism was voiced that it was too early to consider any changes in the layout since the building was brand new.



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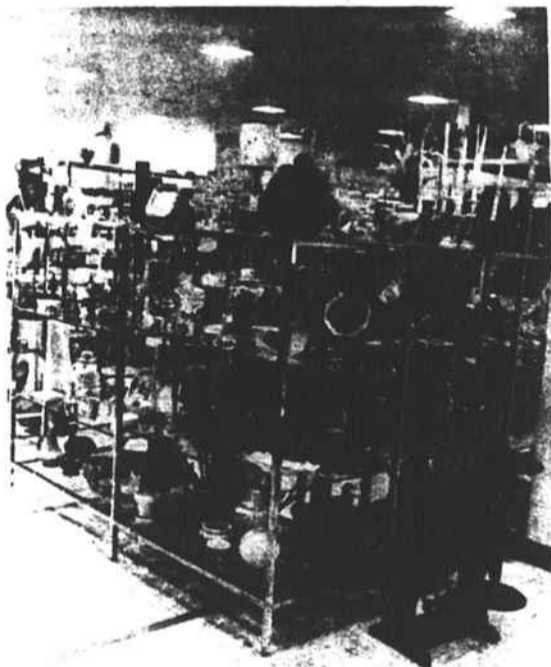


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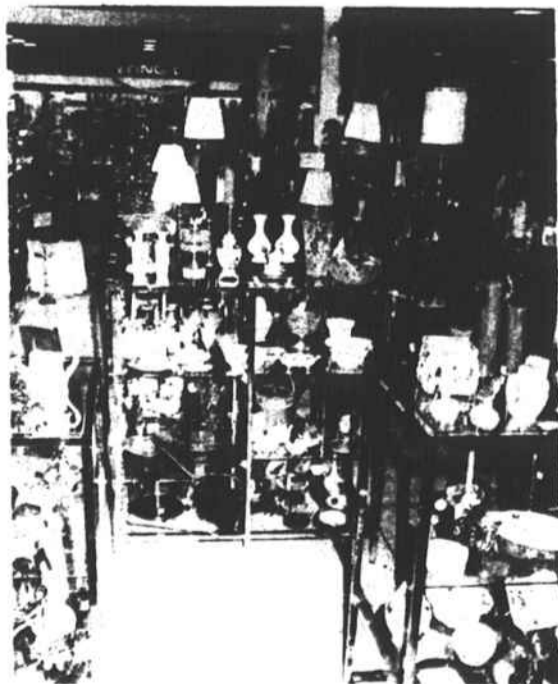
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Letter Fuels Airport Feud

The long smoldering feud about operations at the Raeford Municipal Airport erupted again at the regular meeting of the airport committee Wednesday night when an angry letter by Paul Rose was read to committee members.

Rose, owner of Rose Aviation, expressed through a letter read by one of his employees, Joel Lancaster, that he felt the lease that he was now under was not being observed by the other operator, Gene Thacker, to the extent that he (Rose) was observing his.

Rose listed several points in his letter comparing his lease to Gene Thacker's, owner of Raeford Aviation, and claimed he was at a disadvantage. He said various improvements were made at his own expense and expressed that he was in no way in competition with Thacker.

Rose said that he was proud of his lease and that he had intentions of complying with it.

He said that the FAA said that the airport could be operated as long as both fixed base operators cooperated. He presented seven points and in many instances charged that there was a lack of cooperation.

He warned he would take it on his own to get action, and threatened to "go to Congress" if needed.

Though all committee members heard the letter read, committeemen Benny McLeod and Ed Brown and acting city manager Bill Sellars left shortly after the meeting. McLeod and Sellars reportedly had to attend a recreation commission

meeting.

Committee Chairman Joe Rackley asked for comments and committeeman William Moses asked about the status of Thacker's lease.

Rackley referred to it as the "same old grind".

Committeeman William Poole said that the committee has been lenient with Thacker concerning a new lease that has not been signed.

"I don't think there is any question that we've been lenient with the man," he said.

"He's not going to sign the lease until the hangar is moved and I don't blame him," said Moses.

The hangar in question is jointly owned by Poole and Tom Cameron and is on the property that is to be leased by Thacker. The city earlier agreed to help move the hangar if Thacker signed the lease.

"Thacker is sitting there now. All he has to do is sign a letter of intent every two years, and he has to do nothing," said Rackley.

"We had to offer Thacker something in return for his lease. There has been a contribution made to the Raeford community by Thacker," Rackley said.

"Thacker has said that he's not going to sign the lease until the area is acceptable and the hangar is moved. The land is not suitable," continued Rackley.

Some committeemen were disgruntled with Rose's letter.

"As far as I'm concerned, he's trying to create a bad situation" said Rackley.

"If we hadn't fought for the airport, he (Rose) wouldn't be out there now," said Moses.

"I'm for moving the hangar and see what he'll do," he said.

"Let's do what we're going to do and move the hangar," said Poole.

"If he doesn't sign the lease, we'll get him," said Moses.

"His lease is ready," he added.

"We're going to know where it (hangar) is going before we move it. We've got to put it in the right place. We need to figure out where the T-hangars of the future are going to be," said Poole.

Poole claimed that the master plan had to be revised for grant purposes, and that the hangar should be placed where a future construction would be placed.

"While we do the master plan, let's do one for the future," he said.

"I'd hate to think we'd be talking about this lease a year from now," said committeeman Gene Carter.

"I don't think it would be fair to tear it down and leave us out in the weather," said Poole.

"I think he (Thacker) will sign the lease, but I don't think he'll comply with it," he added.

"We'll have to pacify him as much as we can until he signs the lease," said Rackley.

In other committee business, members decided to change the regular meeting to the last Tuesday of each month.

Members also decided to revamp the present plan for the airport federal grant that is hoped for and discussed on what basis they would ask the city council for money in the annual budget.

"We need to take a position to ask the city to go ahead and buy additional land and if we get federal funds, we could reimburse them," said Poole.

"We need to prepare a request for monies requesting how much money we want made available," said Rackley.

Boy Scouts Plan Drive

A Boy Scout rally and School Night is planned for Nov. 24 to acquaint boys aged eight to thirteen with Scouting and give them a chance to join, county chairman Gene Carter announced.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m. next Monday, Raeford Elementary, Scurlock, West Hoke and South Hoke Schools will have a Scouting representative on hand to take new members. Each boy who wishes to join a troop is asked to bring his parents to the school.

During the day, flyers will be handed out at the schools to inform boys about opportunities in Scouting.

Each troop will take as many new members as they can, Carter said, and new troops and packs may be organized if there is a large turnout.

For more information, contact Carter at the Bank of Raeford.

College News

Charles Eugene Davis, Jr., of Raeford, is one of seventeen East Carolina University students inducted into the campus chapter of Phi Sigma Pi.

Davis is the son of Charles E. Davis, 306 N. Jackson St.

Mary Margaret Sawyer, a junior majoring in mathematics, and Susan Croft, a freshman math major, are members of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Women's Glee Club.

Miss Sawyer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter S. Sawyer, Rt. 3, Raeford, and Miss Croft is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lee Croft, Rt. 7, Aberdeen.

Alan Inman and Jim Weaver, both of Raeford, are among 14 members of Pembroke State University's Criminal Justice Club who toured Washington, D.C., last week.

Faculty sponsor for the trip was Dr. Frank Schmallegger.

Bottle Drive 21st

The Raeford Foursquare Church is holding a bottle drive to raise funds for the church and anyone wishing to donate bottles is asked to call the church at 875-5173 on Friday, Nov. 21.

Bottles may be dropped off at the church, or pickup will be arranged.

Dividend Declared

Another regular 23 cents per share quarterly dividend has been declared by the Board of Directors of North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation.

The dividend, to be paid on December 15 to stockholders of record December 1, was announced by Frank Barragan, Jr., president.

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Greenville, South Carolina spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.P. Johnson and Mrs. Mary McNeill.

Dinner guests of Mrs. John Covington on Saturday were Mrs. Jack Williams of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Jon Evans, Allison and Susan of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maxwell, Jimmy, Sally Lyn and Mary Monroe of Dunderach, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Covington, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Covington and Bubba of Fayetteville, Robert Monroe Hall of Washington and Colon Ammons.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Moore of Fayetteville spent awhile Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Sumner and Misses Lib and Lois Sumner and Mrs. Henry Crawford.

The women of The Rex Presbyterian Church held their regular monthly meeting Wednesday night. Mrs. Jimmy Shaw, president, was in charge of the program.

Mrs. Jimmy Shaw was presented an Honorary Life Membership of Women of the Church. The introductory remarks were given by Mrs. B.F. Shaw. Miss Alene Shaw presented the Citation. Jimmy Shaw, elder of the church pinned the pin on Mrs. Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. George Caddell visited their sisters, Lib and Lois Sumner and Mrs. Henry K. Crawford, Friday night.

Mrs. E.G. Wickline was able to come home from St. Joseph's Hospital on Friday. She is getting along nicely but is still in bed.

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Lumber Bridge News

By Lib Sumner

Mrs. Tim Nance of Siler City spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Chason. Everyone was glad to see her as she attended Sunday School at the Baptist Church.

Mrs. W. H. Schell and Mrs. Virginia Bounds of Red Springs spent Saturday with M/Sgt. and Mrs. Billy Schell, Debbie Lyn and Billie Sue in Goldsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Williford of Fayetteville visited her mother, Mrs. A.F. Tolar, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Clifton spent Sunday night, Nov. 9, in Charlotte with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Webb and his sister, Mrs. Allie Keeter then traveled through Tennessee and Kentucky and visited Mr. and Mrs. Angus Shaw in Cincinnati. While there, Mrs. Clifton's cousin Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Ott of Red Lion, Pennsylvania, stopped for a visit on their way to South America.

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