

Moore Fire District Asks To Cross Over

A plan to create a new rural fire district for the northwestern edge of the county by joining up with a portion of Moore County was proposed to the county commissioners Monday by Joe Adams, Moore County fire marshal.

Adams told the board the Crestline Fire Department, which serves the area east of Aberdeen, could extend its area into Hoke County as far west as the Ashley Heights community, taking up the corridor along Hwy 211 which

presently is not in any fire district. "The southern boundary of this new Crestline area would also reach to the northern boundary of your Pine Hill Fire District", Adams said. Adams explained that Moore County units are organized

somewhat differently. "We have a different type set-up. We're called service districts, we're set up after public hearings. The fire insurance district is not necessarily the same as the service district, as you have adopted this system of both", Adams said.

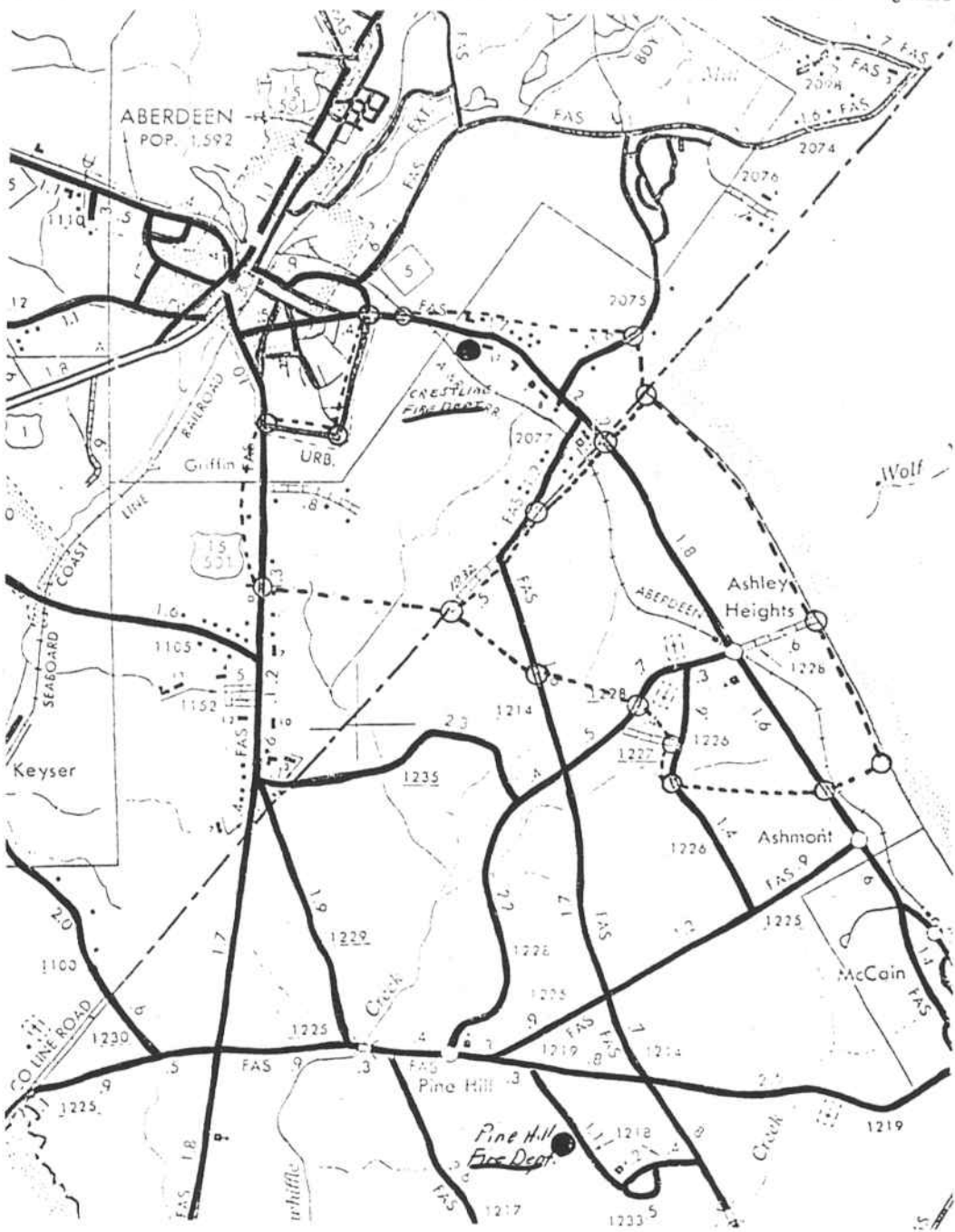
Adams said the budget of the new department would probably be set up according to property valuations, and told the board a ten cent tax levy would be agreeable.

"Although it is not required, we have established a board of directors", he said. He suggested three directors from Moore County and three from Hoke make up the board.

"Their aim is to get a tanker and sophisticated radio equipment. Their tanker is on the pumper", Adams continued.

Commissioners agreed they had no opposition to a petition from the residents to be affected. 15 per cent of the residents in the area are required to sign.

The new district would be designed for a four mile response area, according to Adams.



County Asked For Council On Women

The county was urged to create a local Council on Women to focus on the needs of women, according to Mrs. Clara Bryant, regional coordinator of the Council on the Status of Women.

Mrs. Bryant appeared before the county commissioners at their monthly meeting Monday and explained she would be working full-time within the region assisting localities in setting up councils.

"Robeson, and 19 other counties have formed councils on women", she said. Mrs. Bryant said men may serve as members as well.

"We need to bring about necessary changes so women can be identified. As a group, we're not women's lib. We're only concerned with women's needs. We try to set up programs to meet these needs", she said.

"The women outnumber the men voter registration", she said. Commissioners took no action on the matter Monday.

Accent On Agriculture

Danger of Complacency

President Ford mentioned during a recent speech, "No city, no state or no family can constantly spend more than it takes in." The same holds true for an industry.

Agriculture is being bombarded from all sides. Legislators from metropolitan constituencies and professional bureaucrats who have a limited knowledge of the agricultural sector are constantly devising new methods of increasing the cost of doing business. As an example, revisions in the Workman's Compensation Law could double or possibly triple premium costs. Time and one-half wages for agricultural workers and elimination of piece rates as a mode of payment are more examples. OSHA regulations, pesticide restrictions and increasing labor work rules are only further examples of the same syndrome.

It may be that those engaged in other businesses or professions feel the pinch of regulation as keenly as does the farmer. The question of whether the farmer is going to continue in the way of free enterprise, using his own initiative and ability for good management is a very important question. Anyone who does not think this is an important question needs to go back and study his history and discover just how quickly, in the past, nations have come to desperate food shortages and hunger when those nations began to regiment their farmers.

Rising costs of doing business plague many businesses today. However, farmers, unlike other businessmen, cannot pass these costs of operation on to the consumer. As a result, profits in agriculture continue to decline.

It's that decreasing net income in spite of record investments in land, equipment and supplies that's creating the bind that worries many agricultural leaders. That's the kind of situation that leads to bankruptcy.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, FEB. 5
 Kiwanis 6:30 at Civic Center
 License Bureau 9 AM - 5 PM
 Wayside Home Extension Club 10:00 AM
 Raeford Morning Club 9:30 AM
 Program, Raeford Elem. School
 4-H Achievement
 MONDAY, FEB. 9
 Lions Club 6:30 at Civic Center
 Music Club 7:45 PM
 TUESDAY, FEB. 10
 North Lake Home Extension Club 9:00 AM
 3-H Home Extension Club 7:30 PM
 Antioch Home Extension Club 2:30 PM

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man for the job but history is beginning to rank him among the "greats".

EIGHTH DISTRICT -- While Congressman Bill Hefner will likely get by the Democrat primary in August without opposition he is assured of opposition from the Republicans this fall. Former State Rep. Gilbert L. Boger of Davie County has announced his candidacy and rumor has it that former Congressman Earl Ruth, now serving as governor of Samoa is considering returning to the States for a comeback try for the old seat he held for six years before losing to Hefner in 1974.

SALARY RAISES -- While the outlook is pretty grim, teachers and state employees will likely receive a small raise during the special session of the General Assembly in

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discipline, learning the basic, and trying to teach a child to become a complete and better person so they can be prepared to face the outside world."

Turlington's activities in the community have been connected with young people. During the years of 1945-49, and prior to the war, he was scoutmaster of the Kiwanis Scout troop.

For some ten years or so he filmed every football game played by the Hoke High Bucks as he served as the unofficial audio-visual director of Hoke County schools prior to it being a full-time position.

Until last fall, he was in charge of all textbooks purchased and handled the storage of them. He was known as the textbook clerk.

As a member of the North Carolina Association of Educators he participated in various professional meetings and workshops.

As a member and director of the Raeford Kiwanis Club, he published a monthly news bulletin about Kiwanis activities for many years. Another award given at the program was the Best Program Award which went to Carson Davis, Sr.

Many members received attendance awards. Marion Gatlin received a pin for 32 years of perfect attendance. Julius Jordan received a 23 year pin, and J.H. Austin received a 22 year pin.

A 13 year pin was awarded to Harold Gillis. Avery Connell received a 12 year pin, and Frank Crumpler and Bill Moses were awarded ten year pins.

Jim Attaway, Joe Jenkins, and Neill McDonald received nine year pins, and Bill Lancaster was given a five year pin.

Ernest Sutton and Clyde Upchurch were awarded four year pins and William Niven and William Poole received three year pins.

Lawrence Bounds, Bernard Bray, Vardell Hedgpeth, and Younger Snead were given two year pins, and Julian King and Gene Carter received a one year pin.

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interview room," Barrington said.

The sheriff suggested knocking a hole in the wall separating the booking room and the interrogation room, which is located within the main cellblock area, and this would permit free access to the room.

"The patrolmen offered to do the work if we'd furnish the materials," Balfour told the group. Barrington said the wall was built to jail specifications, with 18 inch solid concrete.

In other matters, the board received a report from the county planning board endorsing a state contract for \$8,000 which would develop a zoning ordinance, but agreed to table any decision until the next budget comes up.

The contract, which would require \$3,200 in local matching funds, is offered by the Department of Natural and Economic Resources for 15 months, and would provide planning and management assistance with subdivision regulations, as well as drawing up an ordinance.

The board unanimously okayed a \$406.95 payment out of the contingency fund to pay for the yearly audit, and also authorized \$25 for the tax supervisor and health department supervisor to attend a workshop in Lumberton.

County manager T.B. Lester also received approval to attend a manager's seminar at the Institute of Government Feb. 10-13.

A request from Department of Social Services Director Benjamin Niblock to promote Mary F. Conoly to supervisory status was okayed unanimously. The new position will raise the monthly salary to \$739, Niblock said.

William Bridgman, executive director of Sandhills regional library system, appeared and explained to the board salary costs would be rising due to the new minimum wage law.

Bridgman said some workers making \$2.07 and \$2.10 per hour were raised to \$2.20 last month when the new minimum took effect, which will add about \$250 more to the current budget.

Bridgman also requested the county take over the library bookkeeping, a plan which he said works well in other counties. Head librarian Mrs. Lee Cameron currently does the work.

Bridgman also requested the board name a replacement for the late J.A. Webb, who served as the county's representative on the library board of trustees. Neil McPhatter, new commissioner, was appointed to the slot by the board.

Civil preparedness coordinator William T. Niven was authorized an additional \$150 in his budget after he explained he would need to attend two more training conferences, including one in Knoxville, Tenn., before the fiscal year was up.

The board agreed to fund a trip to Raleigh in March for two students to attend the state conference of The Youth Advisory Council. Cost for each delegate was described as \$26.

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