

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The weather is just like fall and should remain this way for the remainder of the week. The days are sunny but not too hot and the nights are right for sleeping with the thermometer dropping into the 50s.

The rains have stopped since the nine inches that came with David last week. The forecast is for zero amount of rain.

Perfect weather for golf and football.

The Hoke High Bucks travel to Pine Forest this Friday night after coming off with an impressive win over South View at the local stadium last Friday night. This should be a tough one for the Bucks' and we all hope they can keep up the winning way.

Pine Forest defeated Sanderson of Raleigh last Friday night.

The News-Journal is publishing a special section on September 20 on the Grand Opening of The Bank of Raeford. The advertising department has tried to reach everyone and give them a chance to be in this section but as will usually happen, someone is missed. So if you would like to be in this section please call today (Thursday) so you can be included.

We will make up and print the section on Friday, Sept. 14, so please let us know right away if you have been missed.

We are not trying to sell you, just giving you an opportunity if you want to be in the section.

Walter Coley was by the office last week and wanted to know who told me the drug store in the shopping center was closed on Labor Day. I told him it was mentioned as being closed when we were commenting on who was open or closed. Walter said that it was open and we regret the information we had was not true but since the article came out after the Labor Day holiday I don't believe that it hurt business any that day.

Harvey Warlick, operator and owner of the local Hoke Exchange, was a winner at the Senior Golf tournament held at Burlington over the weekend. This is according to a write-up in a daily paper and appeared in the Monday's edition.

Warlick was by the office Monday and said he didn't know he had won because his scoring for the two-days wasn't as good as a champion would shoot.

The score will not appear in this column but I am sure Harvey will be glad to tell you about it if you will go out to the Hoke Exchange on the Laurinburg Highway.

Ernest Campbell was by the office Monday and was showing me a little book that his grandfather, John Black, kept his records in for his blacksmith shop. The dates in the book were for the year 1904. According to Ernest the shop was located on the lot across the Red Springs highway from the A & P store. The shop must have been next to the old McLean Campbell home. This is where Mrs. Charlie Baker now lives.

Of course most of the prices wouldn't mean much to us today but for shoeing a mule (4 feet) the price was \$1.00. You couldn't buy a second-hand shoe today for a dollar, much less four of them and have them put on a horse or mule. Then the price of milk wasn't \$1.12 a half gallon.

Time marches on.

The following letter is self-explanatory:

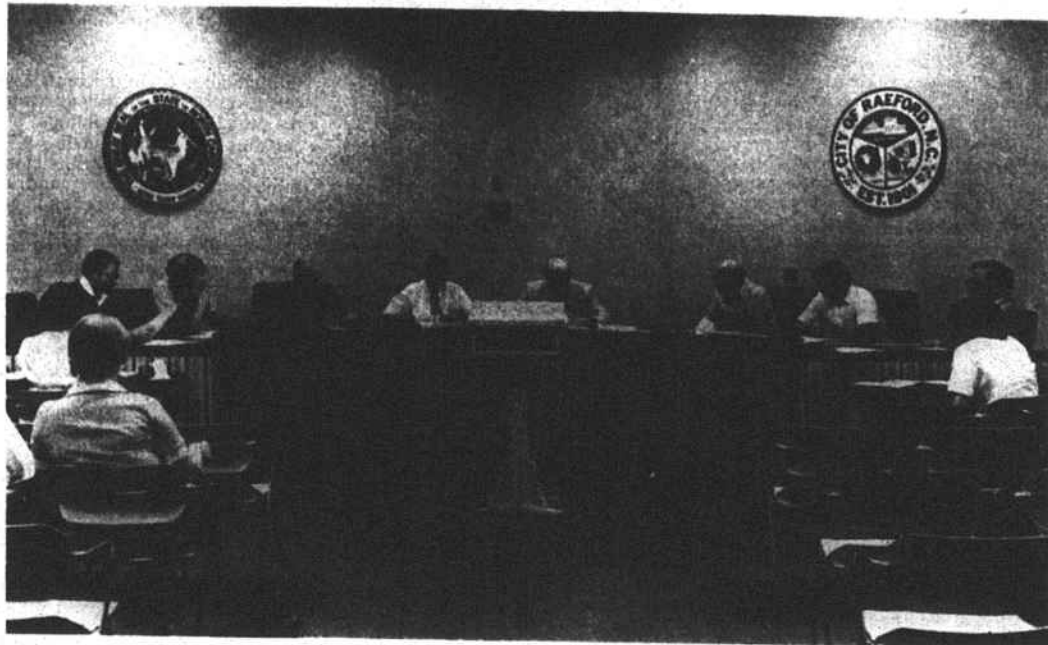
Dear Sam:

We, the members of the board of directors, of the American Lung Association of North Carolina, Mid-State Region, would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Hoke County for their support to our Flea Market and Bake Sale this past Saturday. As a direct result of your generosity we raised \$800.00 to be used to combat

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Joint Meeting On Downtown Restoration Set

Council Acts On Sewage Plan, Gas



COUNCIL CHAMBER DECORATIONS -- Recently acquired large-size replicas of the seals of the State of North Carolina and City of Raeford hang behind Raeford city officials in the City Council chamber of City Hall. The picture was taken during Monday night's regular meeting of the City Council for September. L-R -- Councilmen Vardell Hedgpeth, Jr., Bob Gentry and Sam Morris, City Manager Ron Matthews, Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr., Councilmen Graham Clark and Benny McLeod, and City Attorney Palmer Willcox.

Budget Stretched To Limit

Board Approves Teachers

In its September session Monday night the Hoke County Board of Education approved assignments of six teachers, three teacher aides and a secretary, and addressed a variety of issues ranging from fuel conservation to services for the handicapped.

Approved for teacher positions were Georgia K. Garner, mathematics, Upchurch; Dallas R. Allen, English and history, Turlington; Queen E. Hollingsworth, interim librarian, South Hoke; Donna M. Bullock, art, gifted exceptional children, all schools; Joyce Simpson, fifth grade subjects, Turlington; and Ernest Cantrell, teacher/coach replacing the recently resigned Steven Dubis at Hoke High.

Aides assigned were Willie M. Artis and Shirley Harrington, exceptional children program, Upchurch; and Kimberly Oxendine, primary reading, South Hoke.

Approved as secretary at Hoke High was Camilla McNeill.

Schools Superintendent G. Raz Autry, after reporting that all had gone well the first day of school despite the stormy weather, again asked the board for instructions as to how and when to pay the annual teacher supplements. There seems to be some problem in finding the necessary funds with which to pay the supplements this year.

At First Official Meeting

Industry Authority Officers Elected

The members of Hoke County's newest governmental unit were sworn into office, then held their first official meeting Thursday night in the Courthouse Annex.

Named the Hoke County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority, it is composed of seven members appointed by the county commissioners last month.

The agenda followed at this first meeting was one of, first, an orientation to the purpose of the Authority's establishment; second, discussion of its responsibilities and functions; and third, the election of officers from the appointed membership and other officials at the nomination and vote of the Authority under its initially elected chairman.

After County Attorney Duncan McFadyen had read aloud the bylaws of the Authority and the bylaws had been adopted by the Authority in session, under Roberts' Rules of Order procedures the officers were elected to one-year terms as follows:

Chairman, Robert L. Gibson, Rt. 1, Red Springs; vice chairman, Marie C. Brown, Raeford; treasurer, Charles Davis, Hoke

County finance officer; secretary, James Martin, county manager; and assistant secretary, Alita Lopez the county manager's secretary.

The purpose of the Hoke County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority is threefold. According to the bylaws of the Authority, it will: Aid in the "financing of industrial and manufacturing facilities for the purpose of alleviating unemployment or raising below-average manufacturing wages by financing industrial and manufacturing facilities which provide job opportunities or pay better wages than those prevalent in the area, but only where there is direct or indirect favorable impact on employment commensurate with the size and cost of the facilities;" Aid in "financing pollution control facilities for industry in connection with manufacturing and industrial facilities and for public utilities, but only where there is an improvement in the degree of prevention or control of pollution commensurate with the size and cost of the facilities."

Conduct "any and all other activities as shall from time to time be found to be appropriate in

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The Raeford City Council adopted on the first of two required readings a proposed city ordinance providing for a franchise for 20 more years with North Carolina Natural Gas Corp. to provide gas to Raeford customers.

The ordinance, however, would permit either the town or the gas company to reconsider the contract every five years to determine whether changes had occurred that affected the fuel situation.

The ordinance will receive the final reading at the council's regular meeting of Oct. 1. The ordinance would renew the original franchise which was granted June 3, 1957. NCNG has been delivering gas under this franchise since October 1959.

In other business, on a suggestion by Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr., a meeting was scheduled at 8 p.m. that day on restoration of the downtown area and establishment of a multipurpose development center.

CENTER

The center would provide Sandhills Community College and Fayetteville Technical Institute substations for adults' classes other than night sessions; a place for training workers in whatever skills

Hoke County needs; a 1,800-seat auditorium with a stage and a place for a movie projector; senior citizens' areas, a day care center; and spaces for exhibits and possibly for a market for farmers. The center was suggested by the mayor August 28 during a joint dinner meeting of the City Council and the Board of Hoke County Commissioners. Guest participants included Earl Fowler, manager of the Raeford-Hoke County Chamber of Commerce.

No official action has been taken on the mayor's idea. McNeill suggested Monday night a joint meeting on this and downtown restoration be held, with the property owners especially, and the board of county commissioners, city council, downtown merchants and Chamber of Commerce representatives participating.

City Manager Ron Matthews suggested the joint meeting be held the date of the regular City Council meeting for October because the council's agenda apparently will be light for that meeting.

The council could meet at 7 p.m., a half hour earlier than usual, consequently, and the joint meeting could follow at 8, since the town business anticipated for the agenda could be taken care of in about an hour, he said.

REVISION

The City Council also Monday night authorized action toward revision of the town's 20 Facility Plan for wastewater treatment, necessary because Faberge, Inc., plant replaced Summerfield Industries.

City Manager Ron Matthews explained that where Summerfield was pitting 1.8 million gallons of wastewater daily into the town sewage system, Faberge was contributing 200,000 gallons daily.

Summerfield, a textile plant, closed Feb. 6, 1978, and Faberge, a manufacturer of deodorants, lotions, and other scent products, opened last fall in the former Summerfield buildings.

Technically, the council adopted a resolution authorizing Matthews and Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr., to execute engineering contracts with engineers Moore, Gardner & Associates, Inc., of Asheboro to prepare a revised plan. The two city officials also are authorized by the resolution to execute applications for federal Environmental Protection Agency and state grants for the project.

The grants would be \$17,286 from the federal and \$2,881 from the state agencies, and the town would pay \$2,881. Matthews explained that the town would pay only if the grants were issued.

PICKUP

In other action, the council awarded Raeford Auto Co. the contract to provide the town with a half-ton pickup truck at a cost of \$5,093, not including the state sales tax.

Carr Toyota, Inc., submitted a bid for \$4,688.94, but the city manager noted on the bid list sheet the color was wrong and the wheel base was smaller than the town specifications called for.

The only other bid had been submitted by Hoke Auto, to provide the truck for \$5,100, including the state sales tax.

The council authorized advertising of bids on providing the town with a new garbage truck for the residential areas.

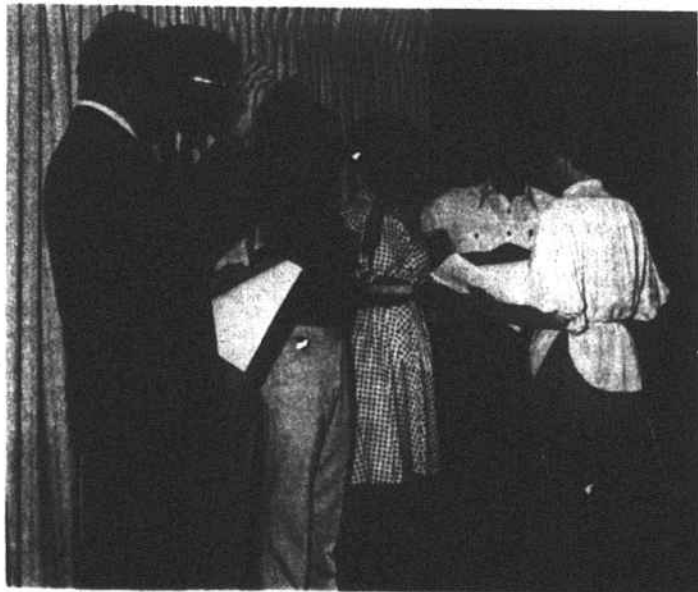
A called meeting of the council with the City Planning Board was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Sept. 18 to discuss proposed rezoning for property of Wyatt Upchurch across the road from the radio station; and the opening of a street for Buddy Blue.

The council adopted a motion to schedule a public sale of city equipment for Oct. 13 starting at 10 a.m. at the City Garage, and allowing the county administration

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Bloodmobile Here Monday

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Raeford Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Raeford United Methodist Church. The blood program workers are aiming mainly at downtown Raeford for donations on this occasion.



TAKING OATH -- Clerk of Court Juanita Edmund (right) administers oath of office to members of Hoke County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority on September 6 here. In photo, L-R, are Ralph Barnhart, Walter Blue, Robert Gibson (chairman), Marie Brown, and Henry Dial. Not in photo are members Ken McNeill and Robert Gatlin.