RAEFORD, HOKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

\$8 PER YEAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1979

Around Town

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

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. 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 depart-ment 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 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 Mon-

day 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 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-handed 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-ex-

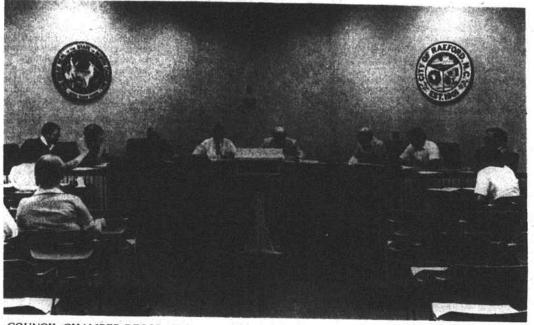
planatory: Dear Sam:

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.

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.

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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

downtown area and establishment of a multipurpose development

CENTER

The center would provide Sand-hills Community College and Fay-etteville Technical Institute sub-stations 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 in-cluded Earl Fowler, manager of the Raeford - Hoke County Chamber of

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 repre-

sentatives participating.

City Manager Ron Matthews suggested the joint meeting be held 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

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 In-

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

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.

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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

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 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.

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 conservation to services for the handicapped.

Approved for teacher positions were Georgia K. Garner, mathe-matics, 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 reteacher/coach replacing the re-cently resigned Steven Dubis at

Hoke High.

Aides assigned were Willie M.

Artis and Shirley Harrington, exceptional children program, Up-church; 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.

Autry is asking for a \$200 supplement for each teacher eligible to receive it. It is the board's decision to make, and that decision was not made, or not announced, at Monday's meeting.

Teacher aides, however, will get their \$200 each in November. according to Autry. Aides' sup-plements are paid directly from state money.

The N.C. General Assembly recently enacted a salary schedule for aides, but prescribed only \$5,100 a year for them. Hoke had some who were already making more than that. Autry said all aides now start at \$478 per month, whereas in the past it was \$450. The 1979 supplement for aides applies, though, only to those who will have been in the

will have been in the system for a full year in November.

In the matter of fuel conservation and cost effectiveness, a project is being considered by the board to convert at least the four schools in the city from oil to natural gas heating systems. This is based on heating systems. Inis is based on gas being less expensive than oil at the present time. Cost of the conversion was given by Autry as \$35,000. North Carolina has ad-vised that the current difference in cost of the fuels is expected to remain as it is for at least the next five years.

Board member Bill Cameron asked what about using a gas - and oil combination system so that we can use whichever fuel is the cheaper and more available at a

After some discussion, the board elected to continue with the present oil - burning setup at least for a while, because of the expense of switching over and the consensus that "no one can accurately predict

the future anyway."

There was discussion of the necessity for installing graded access ramps for the handicapped at J.W. Turlington, Upchurch, and other places where access is not other places where access is not easy for them. Autry said the cost of building the ramps will be approximately \$15,000.

"We were already talking about money we don't even have, and now we're adding another \$15,000 to it.

"But this (installing the ramps) is something we must do." he said, explaining that Public Law 94142 requires it.

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he said, "the North Carolina General Assembly has made into a requirement, stating that "all schools must make everything as accessible to the handicapped as it is to other students."

"In six years as your superin-tendent." Autry said to the board. 'I have asked you on only one

occasion to amend the budget. I usually try to stay within whatever budget I am given. But this looks like another occasion."
Chairman Riley M. Jordan asked

Autry if any lateral transfers of money from other, perhaps less important, budgeted items could be effected. Autry said, "Not now. All the items as they stand are firm and escential in the stand are firm." and essential, in my view. The 'rob Peter to pay Paul' technique does not seem workable at this point."

Autry said the emergency fund normally maintained at \$100,000 is now down to only some \$50,000. That fund must be maintained, he said, for such things as boiler repairs in case of a blowout, and other unexpected crises that have a way of coming up.

The board voted four to one to

offer the "principal's house" on Harris Avenue at auction sale on the courthouse steps as soon as the attorney can make the arrange-ments. The one "no" vote was cast by Bill Cameron, who said he thinks this is not the "best way to dispose of the property." Cameron said he feels a fair market price for the house will not be obtained at an auction sale with the school board as the seller.

At this meeting was one executive session during which the news media representative present had to

At First Official Meeting

Industry Authority Officers Elected

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 commis-sioners 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 many officers from the appointed mem-bership and other officials at the nomination and vote of the Authority under its initially elected chair-

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 Ro-berts' Rules of Order procedures the officers were elected to one-year terms as follows: Chairman, Robert L. Gibson.

1. Red Springs; vice chairman. Marie C. Brown, Raeford; treasurer. Charles Davis, Hoke

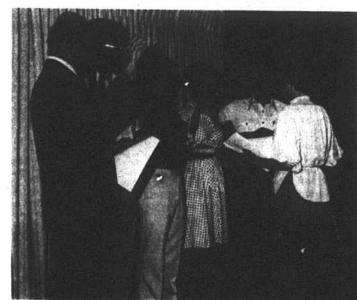
James Martin, county manager; and assistant secretary, Alita Lopez

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 manu-facturing facilities for the purpose of alleviating unemployment or raising below-average manufactur-ing 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 improvement or control of collution 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 (See INDUSTRY, page 14)



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 Gallin.