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project for low - income Hoke County people.

The date of the regular meeting

The board of commissioners

Authority, which will have county-wide jurisdiction and nine, instead

of the present five minutes. The nine would consist of five appointed by the Raeford City Council and

the others by the Board of County

Commissioners from among people

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#### **Commissioners To Act Sept. 2 On Resolution**

## **Hoke Housing For Low-income Discussed**



\*\*\*\*\*\* The Hoke County commissioners Monday night postponed till Sep-tember 2 taking action on a resolution on the proposed housing Southern National Making Changes

### Miller To Southern Pines; Parker Here

The weather over the weekend was just perfect. If it would stay this way it would suit me fine, but the forecast is for the temperature

to rise by this coming weekend. I don't know how much it rained around here over the weekend, but they had six inches Friday after-

• One reporter stated Saturday morning that it was lightning so fast Friday night that it was cutting off many automatic lights at Vir ginia Beach. Yes, from the sound of the thunder, it was an electrical storm to behold.

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When Mrs. Agnes Mae Johnson Campbell gave me the letter that an in last week's column, it ilashed through my mind as to what our grandfathers would have thought of the idea of the county loaning money. J. Worthy Johnson, the first chairman of Hoke County Commissioners, was the grand-father of Agnes Mae and Sam J. Cameron, another member of the first board of Commissioners, was my grandfather. The other com-missioner was J.A. McPhaul of the intioch section of the county. I agree with Agnes Mae 100% and believe that the old gentlemen would have also

would have also.

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The conventions are over, so maybe the cablevision will stay on for awhile. Conventions and the cablevision going off seem to run hand in hand. Now that the convention is over.

maybe the re-runs will leave and the new shows will start for the season.

Of course we will have to look and hear the debates between President Jimmy Carter and Ron-ald Reagan and also between the candidates for Vice-President. Maybe we will learn something, but one thing for sure, we will hear a sushel of promises. How many will ve remembered after November, is easy for most people to count on their fingers. (one hand).

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Football season is just around the corner. The local Bucks will be playing in about two weeks and the pros are in exhibition games already this season.

It seems that before one season is over, another is upon us. Baseball still has a month or so to go, but, the football season will be under-

way in just two weeks. I guess with the number of people in the country now and plenty of money, that almost any sport will draw, whether in or out of Gene Miller, city executive of-ficer of Southern National Bank in Raeford since August 1978, will join the staff of Southern National's Southern Pines office September 15

as administrative officer. He will be succeeded at the Raeford office by Stephen B. Parker, promoted to city executive officer here effective September 1. Parker has been branch manager of the Hope Mills office since October 1976.

The announcements of the changes were made Tuesday by Southern National.

Each man has the title of assistant vice president.

Parker joined Southern National in Fayetteville in 1967 as collection manager. He was made manager of the Spring Lake office in August 1969 and was promoted to assistant cashier and manager of the Hope Mills office in December of that same year

same year. In April 1973 he was promoted to assistant vice president and trans-ferred to the Fayetteville main office where he worked until October 1976.

Parker is a former member of the Cape Fear Jaycees, and has served Cape rear Jaycees, and has served as secretary and treasurer. He has served as chairman of the Explorer Division of the Boy Scouts of America in Cumberland County. He served as chairman of the United Way, Hope Mills Division, in 1978 and 1979, and is a member of the Hore Mills Lince Club of the Hope Mills Lions Club.

A Fayetteville native, Parker has an associate degree in business management from Lafayette Col-lege. He is married to the former Terri Lea Hess, also of Fayetteville, and they have two children. Miller has been with Southern National since 1972 when he joined the Management Training Pro-gram in Lumberton.

gram in Lumberton.

He became Lumberton branch collection manager in 1972 and transferred in 1973 to Clinton as an assistant loan officer and installment loan manager. He became a loan officer in 1975, was promoted to assistant vice president in June 1976 and was promoted to city executive officer of the Raeford office in August 1978.

Active in civic affairs, Miller is a past charter president and member of the Board of Directors of the Sampson Civitan Club. He served as fund - raising chairman of the Multiple Sclerosis Drive in Clinton in 1977.

He is presently serving as a member and director of the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Hoke County U.S. Savings Bond Pro-gram, member of the Raeford

Man Charged With Failing To Report

# Arrest Made In Aug. 8 Fatality bert Felton McAuthur. Jr., Rt. 1, Box 192, Lumber e, was arrested Monday ing at his home on a charge of to report the August 8 nt in which a pedestrian was

Gone Miller

Raeford Boy Scouts Program and a

member of the Awards Committee

for the Hoke County ASCS office.

chian State University with a B.S.

degree in Political Science and is a 1973 graduate of the National

Miller is a graduate of Appala-

Kiwanis

Club, treasurer of the

Herbert Felton McAuthur, Jr., 24. of Rt. 1. Box 192. Lumber Bridge, was arrested Monday morning at his home on a charge of failing to report the August 8 accident in which a pedestrian was



Stephen B. Parker Installment Credit School at the University of Oklahoma. In 1979,

he graduated from the Graduate School of Consumer Banking at the University of Virginia.

and they have two children.

Minshew said McAuthur posted \$200 bond for his appearance for trial in District Court September 4. He said McAuthur is charged with failing to report an accident in-

Raeford, was killed about 10:15 p.m. when he was struck by a car as he was walking on Vass Road north

hitting Flowers.

#### **Two Resign From Raeford** Police Force

Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins announced Tuesday the resignations of two officers.

He said Detective John J. Neill, on the force since 1973, resigned effected August 7 "for personal reasons" quoting Mc-Neill's letter

Miller is married to the former Martha K. Simms of Laurinburg,

living outside the city area. The present Authority has jurisdiction within 10 miles of the Raeford city limits and has five members, all residents of the city

area. The change in jurisdiction and membership is subject to approval of a joint resolution by the City Council and Board of County Commissioners. The authority to establish this

kind of jurisdiction is provided in a State General Statutes amendment enacted in this summer's session of

The other resolution, whose wording is to be changed, and an agreement of cooperation with the State Indian Housing Commission are necessary for the county - city housing project to obtain a preliminary grant of \$40,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, John

Bullard of the Indian Housing Commission, informed the com-missioners Monday night. The resolution to be changed asks Bullard to work with the county to build up to 200 units for low - income people in Hoke income people in Hoke County.

Commissioner Danny DeVane suggested the commissioners "hold on adoption of the resolution since the county is working with the city on the project and suggested a few changes in its wording. Martin said that if the board of

commissioners approves the resolution as written it would "pre-empt" the proposed expanded Raeford Housing Authority. He suggested the wording be changed to ask Bullard to work with the appointed Housing Authority to build up to 200 housing units in Hoke County. Bullard earlier in the discussion explained that with a resolution from the county board the federal agency (HUD) could enter into a preliminary loan contract, which would provide \$400 per unit for the 100 units tentatively planned. Bullard said the approval by the commissioners of the cooperative agreement could wait till the building sites have been selected. He said the application is already in HUD's hands and is being held up only for approval of the resolution. and this must be filed by Sep-tember 30. Bullard informed the commis-sion that three possible building

**On Earl Hendrix's Farm** 

**Fire Destroys Three Tobacco Barns** 

Fire early Thursday destroyed three curing barns containing about 10,000 pounds of tobacco. and damaged a grain silo conveyor system and a two - ton truck loaded with cured tobacco, on the farm of Earl Hendrix about four miles southwest of Raeford.

Up to abut 30 firemen from the

Raeford, North Raeford, and West Hoke fire departments fought the blaze Hendrix jumped into the burning

truck and drove it out of the remains of the shelter whose burning roof had collapsed on it, a witness said. He and others pulled the burning tobacco off the truck in



an effort to save some of it.

Hendrix said the damage would be close to \$50,000 and it was not covered by insurance. He said the approximately 10,000 pounds of tobacco destroyed amounted to about one per cent of his total crop. Hendrix had about 125 acres producing tobacco this season. The destroyed tobacco was worth \$1.45 per pound. Hendrix added.

Speaking of the other damage, said it will cost \$12,000 to \$15,000 alone to put the grain elevator together. "It's one of those things that

volving a fatality. Elbert Flowers, 58, of Rt.

of Raeford about 100 yards from his home, Stanley has reported. Minshew said that the sub-

sequent investigation found no evidence of any violation other than failing to report the accident against McAurthur. The officer said McAurthur apparently made every effort to prevent his car from

season. . . .

The teachers went back to school Wednesday and I hope this cool weather will prevail even if the forecast is for warmer weather later in the week.

The students don't go until after Labor Day, which should be of some relief to school authorities who do the best they can to satisfy everyone, and most of the time they can't satisfy anyone. So while we in air conditioned

buildings work and forget about the heat, remember the schools are not, air conditioned. The cost of units makes it almost prohibited. but the cost of energy stops it cold.

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The Raeford Kiwanis Club will sponsor a softball tournament later the month, according to an mouncement by President Var-dell Hedgpeth. Watch this paper for complete details when they are formulated.

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As you have already read I was in Virginia over the weekend. Mary Alice and I visited our daughter at Virginia Beach from Friday until (See AROUND TOWN, page 14)

Tobacco barns after the fire [Staff photos by Bill Lindau]

happens." he said of the fire. "You've got to keep going." He said they've got to get things cleaned up "to get ready to start again." The he drove his truck away, resuming his work.

The three barns destroyed were among 13 on that farm, and two others are on another tract owned and operated by Hendrix and his family

The tobacco destroyed was within a day or so of being completely cured for the market.

North Raeford Fire Chief George Baker said a fallen 220-volt power line delayed the start of the fight to put out the blaze five to 10 minutes till the power could be cut off. Once the firemen could start they had the blaze out in a short time. Baker said.

He said the fire started in the middle barn of the three buildings and he didn't know the cause.

The fire was discovered and reported by an unidentified woman who saw it as she was driving by the farm. Baker said.

Besides tobacco, Hendrix and his Besides tobacco, Hendrix and his sons grow other field crops, in-cluding corn, soybeans, and cucumbers, and raise hogs. Hendrix got the cleaning up started and called his electrical contractor to replace the damaged parts of the electrical system and

parts of the electrical system and restore power soon after the fire was put out.

Policeman Weaver Patterson resigned effective August 15 to join the Hoke County Sheriff's Depart-ment, Wiggins said. He said Pat-terson had first served about a year as a dispatcher for the police department, then became a police-man last November 9.

#### Church's Centennial Celebration

The 100th anniversary of Ephesus Baptist Church will be celebrated Sunday, starting with services at 11 a.m.

Dinner on the grounds will follow, then special singing will be held with the Choraleers participating.

At least three former pastors of the church are expected to attend, and all former members as well as friends of the church are invited by the present members and pastor, the Rev. Clifton Canipe, to attend.

The present pastor will preach and conduct the morning service.

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#### Lake To Speak **Here Monday**

1. Beverly Lake, Jr. the Republi-1. Beverly Lake, Jr. the Republi-can nominee for governor in the November general election, will speak in Raeford Monday night at a public barbecued-chicken supper at the National Guard Armory

The Hoke County Republican Party is sponsoring the dinner rally. The dinner is free of charge and

there also will be live music.