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**By County Commissioners** 

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Around Town BY SAM C. MORRIS

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The weather is still nice fall weather, but the rains still haven't e to this section of the state The pine trees in my yard are dying because of the lack of water. When I mentioned this to someone this week, they said that trees were dying all over the state. Also someone stated that ponds were at the lowest stage they had ever seen. I believe someone on TV said that we were eight inches below normal for the year in rainfall. I think this was in the Raleigh area. What it is here in Hoke County I don't know, but it is below normal. Maybe the lows in the western section of the country will bring tain, before this is published.

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Jim Turlington was in the office Monday and was showing me a ticket to the N.C. Symphony program that will be here on Thursday, October 15. The ticket shows the place of the program as being at Hoke High Gym. This is NOT CORRECT.

The program will be held at the Upchurch Junior High School on the date mentioned. Thursday, Oct. 15 at 8:00 p.m. So if you have tickets for Hoke

High Gym, you must use them at Upchurch. If you don't have tickets, you can still get them. Contact Mrs. Allan Edwards or Jim Turlington.

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The fourth annual Battery "F" reunion held at Wrightsville Beach last weekend was a success like all the others. The weather was perfect except that Saturday morning was a luttle chilly.

There were several at this occasion that had not attended before and they all said they would be back next year. The time and place will be announced later after the committee has made the final arrangements. I would say that it would be either the first or second week in October. so mark your calendar.

If you don't want to believe me about the good time you would have, then just contact anyone that has attended.

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The city council election has turned into a race. Friday, before the filing deadline was up, three new names appeared, along with the five old members of the board. This is good for the election and the city. People should take an interest in the affairs of their city. It could also bring forth some issues that might be left under the carpet, because if you don't have a race, very few even vote, much less inquire about or question on what is going on in city hall. May the best candidates win.

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Water System Feasibility Study Set

**\$8 PER YEAR** 

\* By Raeford Council

## **City Beer Sales Ban Dropped**

**8 File For City Council Seats** 

The Raeford City Council Mon-day night repealed the city's 1966 ordinance prohibiting sales of beer and wine on Sundays for offpremises consumption, awarded contracts to bidders on the wastewater system improvements pro-ject, and granted Shawtown citizens' request to provide city water to their community. The council voted 4-0 to end the

Sunday beer and wine sales ban after no organized opposition was expressed and it was pointed out that the Hoke County commissioners' repeal of the county Sun-day ban allowed licensed stores close to the city limits to sell the

beverages on Sundays. Councilman Vardell Hedgpeth was unable to attend the Monday was unable to attenu un night regular monthly meeting.

enacted after a majority of the county's voters in a public referen-

dum approved legalizing sales of beer and wine. The county commissioners established the Sunday sales ban in 1971. Several weeks ago the county commissioners by a 4-1 vote repealed the ban after speakers pointed out the ban was unfair to stores licensed to sell but lacking state brown-bagging li-censes, which allowed Sanday off-premises beer and wine sales. everal Hoke County businesses which meet the state requirements of dining accommodations were permitted to sell beer and wine on Sundays under state adays under state law, exempting them from the county ordi-

On the waste-water system pro-ject, the council repeated their action of September 28, adopting a resolution awarding the general contract to Sun State Contractors, Inc., of Dunn, and the electrical contract to Steele Electric, Inc., of

Monroe. The companies were the low biddlers for the respective contractors: Sun State's bid was \$621,441, and Steele's \$163,429.

Before adopting the resolution, the councilmen formally rescinded the September 28 action.

The procedure was necessary because of a state technicality. The low bids and other costs of the project were found to be \$45,000 project were noting to be SEC,000 more than the total funds bud-geted; consequently, the council decided the city should apply for \$22,500 in additional State Clean Water Bond funds, and authorize \$22,500 for local matching funds from the city's canital measure

from the city's capital reserve. The state previously had approved a \$90,000 Clean Water Bonds grant to help pay for the project.

The project's total cost including the general and electrical con-tracts', is \$945,000.

ection with financing the In co project, the council approved on second and final reading a motion to issue \$58,000 in city sanitary sewer bonds, which will be offered for sale through the State Local Government Commission.

The \$58,000 will be added to the \$32,000 in city funds previously reserved for the local share of the

The federal Economic Development Administration has approved a grant of \$720,000 for the project. The council approved the Shaw-town request and authorized ex-tending a two-inch water line to ending a two-inch water line to erve the 20 families concerned. The families have expressed will-ingness to pay for the materials, with the city providing the labor. Each resident served will pay the normal tanon for and the materials. normal tap-on fee, and the water bills would be at the out-of-town

the old County Office Building on

West Elwood Avenue opposite the post office, from the Lester Build-

The elections board is occupying

the space formerly used by the Hoke County office of the State

The Hoke County commissioners Monday authorized a study be made to determine whether a water system would be feasible for all or part of the county.

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The county isn't obligated to pay anything for the study if the commissioners decide to end the project before funds are committed commiss or a county bond referendum is set. Officially, the commissioners

adopted a motion authorizing County Manager James Martin to make an agreement with Koonce, Noble & Associates. Inc., of Lumberton, a firm of consulting engieers, to make the study.

The contractor is to report to the commissioners the study's findings before applying for federal funds to help finance whatever work the study shows is needed. If the study shows a system is needed for all or apply to the U.S. Farmers Home Administration for the federal money. The discussions indicated that the county's share would be sought through a bond issue. subject to majority approving vote in a special referendum.

Lacy Koonce of the engineering firm, in a letter to Martin describing the study proposal, also writes the firm "would recommend that the county give some thought to making funds available for test wells should the feasibility report show that ground water is the most economical source of water supply.

### WASTE BINS

The commissioners also during their meeting, which was their regular monthly session, adopted a motion by a 4-1 vote to lease five waste bins larger than the current in use on outdoor sites throughout the county.

The action was taken after County Health Department Ad-ministrator Lloyd Horne described, quoting from a written report, the advantages and disadvantages of using larger bins in the place of the present.

He said the five larger bins would eliminate 20 to 22 of the smaller type. The four commissioners decided, with Commissioner Mabel Riley, casting the "no" vote." to lease the larger bins for use on a trial basis.

The larger bins which will be leased have a capacity of 25 cubic yards each. Horne's figures show the lease cost is \$95 per month.

There are no costs for site preparation or lease. The report also listed figures for a 40-yard container, which rents for \$115 per month. Site preparation costs run \$4.000 to \$6.000 per year, and site lease is \$100 per year.

The smaller bins have capacities of four, six and eight cubic yards, with most of the approximately 140 now in use having the six-vard capacity. The smaller bins currently are located on 58 sites throughout the county.

Four of the sites will be converted to accommodate the larger containers. The collection of the trash from

Eight candidates are running for the five seats on the Raeford City Council, including the five in-cumbents, but Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr., is the only candidate for his office.

The filing deadline was Friday at noon. The candidates who filed for



Mayor Unopposed For Re-election

Hoke County's rate of unemploy ment dropped to 8.4 per cent in August from July's rate of 9.7 per cent, the State Employment Security Commission report issued last week shows.

In August, 640 of the county's labor force of 7,610 people were unemployed, compared with 760

the council with the Hoke County Board of Elections are Graham Clark, Sam Morris, Bob Gentry. Vardell Hedgpeth Ir., and Benny McLeod, all incumbent council-men; and Earl McDuffie. Bobby Carter, and Thomas J. (Joe) Up-

The elections will be held No-

vember 3, for two-year terms for the councilman and the mayor. McLeod is running for his sixth term. Gentry for his third regular. Morris for his fifth. Clark his seventh. Hedgpeth his third, and McNeill his seventh.

The County Board of Elections changed offices Monday, moving to

## Employment Security Commission. **Hoke County Unemployment Rate Drops**

Employment Security Commis-The rate in August 1980 was 8 per cent, with 610 unemployed of a total of 7,580. In August the unemployment

rate, compared with the previous month, decreased in \$1 of North Carolina's 100 counties, according to figures released today by the

SOIL. Statewide the unemployment rate for August was 5.7 per cent, down from July's 6.1 per cent. The national unadjusted rate in August was 7.2 per cent, slightly less than

.3 percent in July. Franklin County experienced the August rate of 2.2 per cent.

Among the seven standard metropolitan statistical areas, unemployment decreased in six Unemployment in the Raleigh-Durham area decreased from 4.6 per cent to 4.3 per cent in August.

Decreases in other areas of the state were: Fayetteville from 9.9 per cent to 8.7 per cent; Wilm-ington from 7.6 per cent to 7.0 per cent; Greensboro-Winston Salem-High Point from 5.8 per cent to 5.6 per cent; Asheville from 5.9 per cent to 5.4 per cent; Charlotte-Gastonia from 4.8 per cent to 4.7

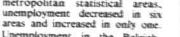
Of the SMSAs, unemployment increased only in Burlington which recorded a substantial rise from 6.1 per cent in July to 7.8 per cent in August.

The number of counties with employment rates at or below 4. per cent in August increased from six to seven to include Alexander at 3.7 per cent, Cabarrus at 3.4 per cent, Dare at 2.2 percent, Orange at 4.0 per cent, Polk at 3.5 per cent, Union at 3.9 per cent and Wake at 4.0 per cent.

highest rate of unemployment in the state. With a rate of 10.2 per cent, it was the only county to exceed 10 per cent in August in con-

trast to July when seven countries exceeded that percentage. Dure County's unemployment rate was again the state's lowest with an

# ner cent.



One of the best things that the fall season brings forth is all the homecomings and in-gatherings that are held at most of the churches in the county. You don't only get a good meal, but you aid the church too.

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Now I am not the biggest Bar-B-Q eater because this food is too strong for my stomach. I could eat it every week, but the blood pressure would go over the top. What I like about these events is the fellowship with folks that maybe you haven't seen for a year OF 50

So for a good meal, a worthy cause and for the best in fellowship. check the homecomings and ingatherings in the paper each week nd then attend.

Hope to see you there.

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An article I read the other day about how all the play off games of baseball would interfere with soap operas and many prime time programs stated that it would upset nany kids and ladies. You know I liew. agree with the writer and e this will have the ladies and kids screaming at ball players that strike and cause this conflict. Let's wait and see?

At the proclamation signing: L-R -- Ashwell Ho McNeill. Jr., and Horace Stogner. [Staff photo.] on signing: L-R -- Ashwell Harward, Mayor John K.

## Textile Week Proclaimed

Raeford Mayor John K. McNeill Jr., Monday formally proclaimed the week of October 19 North Carolina Textile Week in Raeford.

Ashwell Harward and Horace Stogner. Raeford industry representatives coordinating the obvance, attended the signing of the proclamation in the City Council chambers in City Hall. Harward is manager of employment and com-munity relations for the Burlington Menswear plants here, and Sto is managr of the Tex-Elastic Corp. plant in Raeford.

The text of the mayor's proclamation follows.

It is appropriate that we recog-nize the substantial economic and social contributions of the textile industry in our comm We recognize that the North

Carolina textile industry provides directly over 250,000 jobs and some 52 billion in annual payroll, and indirectly generates thousands of

other jobs and millions of dollars in payroll through related industries, which depend heavily upon textiles.

It is a fact that textiles provide 1.900 jobs and annual payroll of \$20,000,000 in Raeford and Hoke County.

It is in the best interests of our community, county, and state that we maintain a healthy dynamic textile industry.

Therefore, I, John K. McNeill, Jr., Mayor of the City of Raeford. proclaim the week of October 19-25, 1981 as North Carolina Textile Week in Raeford, and claim the week of October respectfully request that we take advantage of this occasion to learn more about the textile industry. out the textile industry. the many activities that will be offered during this period.

Witness my signature and the Seal of the City of Raeford, this 5th day of October, 1981. John K. McNeill, Jr., Mayor

## School Board Hires 3

The Hoke County Board of Education Monday night accepted County School Supt. Raz Autry's recommendations that three people be employed, approved continuing holding the monthly board meet ings on the first Tuesday. heard a financial report from Don Steed. county school system business manager

The regular meeting for October was held on the day formerly designated - the first Monday but after Autry brought the matter up, the board members decided to old the regular meeting on the first Tuesday

7 p.m. after the Eastern Standard Time schedule is resumed on

## Driver To Get Hearing Oct. 21 accident happened about 10 p.m. September 19 in Aberdeen. The officer said Sessoms was

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said.

The driver of the car involved in a traffic accident that took the life of Richard A. Sessoms, 32, of ns, 32, ef Raeford, is scheduled to appear in Moore County District Court October 21 for a hearing on a ch of death by motor vehicle filed inst her. 365

Aberdeen Assistant Police Chief William Dean reported after Sessoms died September 25 that Sharon Jeanette Maness, 22, of Fayetteville was charged. The

October 25. The board meetings have been starting at 7:30 p.m. during the Daylight Savings Time period, which starts on the last mday in April.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 3 and will start at 7 p.m.

The people named in the superintendent's recommendation employment are Chavis Eugene Adams, to fill a vacancy in the maintenance department: Howard Barkley, to driver education, filling the vacancy left by David Locklear. who has returned to Robeson County; and Elizabeth Michael, as interim teacher at J.W. Turlington School, for Mrs. Carl M. Nye, granted a maternity leave

driving a motorcycle north on U.S.

l and Maness was turning across the northbound lane when the

right front tire. Sessoms was

rcycle struck the car near the

wn 36 feet by the impact. Dean

Maness is free under \$5,000

bond for appearance at the hear-

the bins and hauling it to the landfill is done by a contractor. Mrs. Riley objected to replacing the smaller with the larger bins because she said savings would be for the contractor, indicating she'd favor the change of the county was in the waste business and, consequently, would benefit from the change. DeVane and John Balfour, chairman of the board of county commissioners, replied, however that the contractor would get no

savings from the arrangments. Horne told the commissioners at the start of his presentation that the main advantages of using larger bins would be saving money in the long run by reducing the number of sites and containers; and it is the easiest way for government to enter the operation, with small numbers of containers and smaller main tenance.

One disadvantage, he said, may be that people may object to driving an extra three to four miles to sites of the larger dumps. The extra distance would be created by the reduction in the number of sites.

Other disadvantages listed in the report are: initial conversion costs; higher replacement cost if re placement is needed; and the system is easier to abuse with dumping of prohibited items.

Other advantages of the larger

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