

Water

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would be about \$9 and \$3 per 1,000 gallons. For the average domestic user, he said, that would be \$15 to \$18 per month for the average 5,000 gallons a month he uses, a bill Upchurch called "pretty high."

Koonce advised the commissioners to find out how the county's people feel about a countywide water system but first the commissioners should decide which plan or combination of the four plans they want. The county also must file an engineering report, then a pre-application for the project. Then the FmHA will tell the county "what to do," regarding the project.

Upchurch pointed out that people think the bond money should come from their taxes, and this they are naturally opposed to. He added that a water system is self-supporting, an idea which is hard to get across to people.

The commissioners were advised to let the people know, among other things, how much the project will cost and how much the individual's tap-on charge will be, in asking them to state their feelings about a system.

Upchurch said the system would be for industrial and other as well as domestic consumers.

Upchurch and Koonce at the end of the report and discussion were invited to discuss the subject further at the commissioners' regular meeting for January (which is scheduled for January 4), and the company men accepted. They gave the commissioners written descriptions of the four plans, and the commissioners will study them prior to the January 4 meeting. The water project discussion is scheduled for 2 p.m. that day.

Upchurch said the most expensive plan would provide a water treatment plant with a 4 million gallon capacity, no water would be impounded (as in a surface reservoir), and would be for Rockfish and Nicholson creeks. The plan also provides for subsystems: Raeford Airport-Wayside; Rockfish-Sandy Grove; Antioch, Bowmore, and McCain. These were among the principal details of the plan.

Under the least expensive plan, the county would not have its own water source but would buy from Rockfish and Raeford, have a 12-inch loop around Raeford, and an elevated tank at the airport.

The two other plans varied from these two in the facilities that would be provided. One, for example, lacked the expensive subsystems sketched for McCain, Bowmore and Dundarrach, with the McCain system Upchurch describing as the least cost - effective.

Koonce explained to a reporter after the meeting that the information was provided the commissioners more for study than anything else, indicating nothing definite was in the plans.

OLD ARMORY

The commissioners were informed by letter that the County Parks and Recreation Commission is interested in being involved in the decision on the future use of the present National Guard Armory. The building, on East Central Avenue, will revert to county control after the new armory now under construction on Teal Drive at U.S. 401 bypass is ready for use.

The letter, written by Cecil Bond, recreation commission chairman, says the commission can visualize many possible uses for the old building, "with limited renovations."

Bond wrote that the commission feel the building could be maintained for local civic functions as well as for Parks and Recreation programs. He suggested that the commissioners consider the old Lumberton armory, which was turned over to the Lumberton recreation commission and is now known as the Bill Sapp Recreation Center. He wrote that the situation in Lumberton is very similar to Hoke County's, in that the armory is centrally located and had adjoining athletic fields.

Balfour told the commissioners the letter would be made a matter of record. No other action was taken on the information.

OTHER BUSINESS

The commissioners also during their meeting, the regular session for December, reappointed to new terms on the County Health Board four present members.

They are Dennis Russell, to a term expiring January 1, 1984; and Anthony Oxendine, Dr. Ramnik Zota and J.D. McAllister, to terms expiring January 1, 1985.

The commissioners also decided to cancel their mid-month meeting for this month, scheduled for the night of December 21.



Norse Tradition

Swedish legend says that the Norse god Thor rode a goat. To this day, Swedish people traditionally use Swedish straw goats wearing red ribbons, to line the festive table.

Hoke Schools' Cultural Arts Events Listed

The following calendar of Hoke County school's cultural arts activities was announced last week. It lists events scheduled for the rest of December.

December 9 -- J.W. Turlington School Chorus Concert, Jane Davis, director, J.W. Turlington School, 10 a.m.

December 9 -- Drama Workshop with Students, Upchurch Jr. High School, 12:30-4:15 p.m., Carolyn Custard, teacher, Ted Cougle, drama consultant, State Dept. of Public Instruction.

December 10 -- West Hoke School Chorus Concert, Betsy Floyd, director, West Hoke School, 1 p.m.

December 10 -- J.W. Turlington School Chorus Concert, Turlington School, 7 p.m.

December 11 -- Music Boosters' Christmas fruit delivered to Hoke High School Band Room.

December 12 -- Hoke High School Band Performance, Jimmy James director, and Raeford Christmas Parade, 2 p.m.

December 15 -- South Hoke School Chorus Concert, Betsy Floyd, director, South Hoke School, 10 a.m.

December 15 -- Upchurch Jr. High School Chorus and Choral Ensemble Concert, and Drama Club presentation: "The Spirit of Christmas," Anne Freeze, choral director, Carolyn Custard, drama director, 7:00 p.m.

December 17 -- Scurlock School Chorus Concert, Doris Austin, Director, Scurlock School, 10 a.m.

December 17 -- Hoke High School Chorus and Chorale Concert, Linda Huff, director, Hoke High School gym, 7:30 p.m. (\$1 admission charge.)

Literacy Council Drive Successful

Hoke Reading/Literacy Council expressed appreciation to the citizens of this county who supported the "\$5 for Literacy" drive.

Donated to date is \$1,170 with more pledged.

Mrs. Ruth Ansley, chairman of the board of directors, and Mrs. Mina Townsend, chairman of Budget/Ways & Means, expressed

special thanks to Mrs. Nellie Flowers for chairing this drive and to those volunteers who worked with her. Special thanks also goes to Mr. and Mrs. John McPhaul for the use of the old Marks store.

The announcement stated that literacy is a people service and that people, as well as money, are needed to maximize the efforts. "Our real hope now," said

St. Elizabeth's Church Gets Pastor

The Rev. Thomas J. Sanford was installed November 30 as pastor of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church of Raeford and the Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd, a new one, which is at Hope Mills.

The service was held at Hope Mills Presbyterian Church where the congregation of the new church will be meeting.

The installation Mass was celebrated by Bishop F. Joseph Goodman, head of the Diocese of Raleigh. Others participating were the Rev. Richard Phillips, deacon of St. Patrick's Church of Fayetteville, and the Rev. David Fitzgerald. The lector was Ted Brown.

Presentations of the Good Shepherd parish's seal and the ket to St. Elizabeth's were made by William McKibbin for Good Shepherd and Leo Salzer of Raeford for St. Elizabeth's.

The holy oils were presented by the Rev. Thomas P. Hadden, rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral. Others participating included Danielle

Nicholson, minister of music; James McCarty and Robert Deberon, ministers of hospitality; and George Golden, Alex Vendetti, Mark McCarty and Rodney Miller, altar servers.

Mills, Winnie Golden and the social committee were in charge.

Father Sanford succeeds the Rev. Paul Strassle as pastor of St. Elizabeth's. Father Strassle announced last month he was retiring from his duties because of the condition of his health.

After Mass, a reception was held at Christ Episcopal Church in Hope

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Fuel Pay Applications Deadline Is Friday

The Hoke County Department of Social Services today reminded residents of Hoke County that applications will end Friday, December 11, for the program designed to provide assistance with heating bills. The program will be

limited to a one-time payment.

Over 1,100 applications have been received and it is anticipated 90% will be eligible for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program. Once all applications are

received statewide, a schedule of payments will be established based on heating type and region of the state. Checks will be mailed on February 5. Even though applicants will be anxious about the assistance, they are asked not to call the department because, unfortunately, staff members will not have information about payments.

Elderly individuals who cannot come in to apply are asked to call 875-8725 and let the department know of their problem.

December 11 will be the last day for applications.

4-H Corner

Hoke County 4-H'ers were busy putting finishing touches on their 4-H record books last week.

The participation in records was great this year and all 4-H'ers are to be commended on turning in their records.

We extend a big welcome to the new 4-H Horse Club. They have had an informational meeting, a leaders workshop and enrolled members on December 8. There are a number of adults who have agreed to work with the group as leaders and have attended one or more of the meetings. They are Larry and Becky Williams, Charlotte Williams, Frances Harris, Johnny Baker, Henry Maxwell, Ann Ross, Brigitta Wilde, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Stanton, Jimmy Trum, Clarence English, Doyle Hopper, and Sandy Ramey. Other adults have also pledged their help and support.

The club is open to all youth 9-19 years old who are interested in horses. Adults are also encouraged to get involved. More information can be obtained by contacting any of the adults listed or by calling the 4-H office at 875-2162.

We would like to extend a big welcome to the new club in Rockfish. The Rockfish 4-H Club organized Friday, December 4, and met again on December 6 to elect officers. Jim Culp and Mrs. Sandra Drotar are the volunteer leaders of the group.

CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues



CRIME -- I heard a man speaking over television, a few nights ago, say that murder had decreased. Maybe so, but it is hard to believe.

Capital Punishment, while still on the law books in North Carolina, appears to have gone the way of the ole gray mare!

We cringe at the thought of putting a person to death. But what about the innocent people who have been killed for no valid reason at all?

A few weeks ago two officers, Edmond N. Cannon of Charlotte and Dennie Enevold, 33, of Henderson, were killed in the line of duty. A third officer was shot.

With capital punishment having been all but set aside, we think that Governor Hunt, the judges and solicitors should let it be known that they are ready to follow the law in its application in the spirit in which it was passed.

Nothing less than justice in the courts will bring killings to a halt.

I know of a man who killed a person in cold blooded murder a few years ago and is now out in society again.

Many murders have been committed years ago and the convicted murderers are behind bars, still appealing. The courts need to move faster and see that justice is not delayed beyond reason.

PEACE -- Some may want war, but an overwhelming majority of the people want peace.

President Reagan and Secretary Haig surely must want peace as well as the rest of us, but in recent days they have talked more about building up our defense than about peace.

We believe that if they would calm the talk about materials of war and talk peace, it might well be more productive for a peaceful world. We want a solid defense system, which we believe we have, but at every opportunity we should try to calm the fears that Russia and other nations have about the United States. They are no doubt, as greatly concerned about war as we are.

We believe it would be well worthwhile for Reagan and Brezhnev to sit down and calmly discuss their feelings and come to a better understanding. Haig and his opposite in Russia should do the same thing.

It would be good if the U.S. and Russia could escort each other as to their military preparations.

We were at one time as concerned with Germany as we are today with Russia. The U.S. has all the land it needs, and so does Russia. If both nations could "beat their arms into plowshares" what a great thing it would be!

HISTORY -- The late William Jennings Bryan, three times the Presidential nominee of the Demo-

cratic Party -- in 1897, 1900, and 1908, and three times defeated, was a great advocate of peace. Bryan said: "I want to know whether the mothers of this land have no higher ambition for their sons than to raise them up to send them across the seas to fight the ideas of freedom in a foreign land..."

"When Napoleon emerged victorious from Marengo, from Ulm and from Austerlitz, he thought himself the child of destiny, but destiny was not revealed until Blucher's forces joined the army of Wellington and the vanquished Corsican began his melancholy march towards St. Helena."

Yes, peace is an elusive ideal. It slipped away following World War I and again after World War II.

In the Vietnam war it never came within grasp of the American Army, and many American soldiers never came near to the elusive dream.

Wars have made many people great in history. George Washington for one, who led his army to victory after seven years of battling the British.

The Civil War in America made soldiers great. General Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson are reverently remembered, even though they did not win the war.

In many ways men and women have marched ahead with civilization. But when it comes to war, we seem not to have moved ahead when we think of the awesome weapons of war which can wipe out a country today.

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