

Chamber Updated On Waste Moratorium

The Raeford-Hoke County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors at the board's breakfast meeting December 8 heard Raeford city officials describe the current status of the industrial sewer-system moratorium placed on the city. The city officials came on the invitation of the chamber board for that purpose. They included Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr., City Councilmen Bennie McLeod, Vardell Hedgpeth and Joe Upchurch, City Manager Ron

Matthews, and city engineers Hi Marziano and Evan Miner of Moore, Gardner & Associates of Asheboro. The moratorium, imposed by the federal Environmental Agency and The State, prevents new industries from locating in the city area, and current industries in the city area from expanding, thus adding to the volume of material being dumped into the sewer system. The city engineers informed the audience that the city has

been under the moratorium for approximately three years and during this time, the city has been working very closely with the local industries, as well as the North Carolina state officials, to correct and have the moratorium lifted. Various amounts of monies have been spent by local industries and the city to correct this situation. Recently, the city has entered into a contract for approxi-

mately \$1 million dollars in major improvements at the wastewater treatment plant. It was pointed out, though, that even though this was being done, that additional work must be done by industrial users during this period of construction in order to meet the state's requirements. It was further pointed out that Faberge and Burlington Industries have put in place certain improvements and have provided the city with time schedules and plans for

further improvements that should bring them into compliance by the time the city has its improvements in place. The chamber board after listening to the discussion and asking questions concerning the matter informed the mayor and city officials that it unanimously encouraged the city to take the necessary steps, whatever they might be, to bring the city sewer plant into compliance with the state requirements in order to

get the industrial moratorium lifted. They further stated that they would unanimously support these decisions, whatever they might be. The chamber people who attended included Tom Howell, president; Earl Fowler, executive vice president; and board members Cecil Bond, Bill Moses, Jimmy Wood, L.S. Brock, Jr., Ivery McNair, Palmer Willcox, Clyde Upchurch, and Steve Parker.

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About 5,000 See Raeford Christmas Parade

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

I don't believe any day could be any worse than Monday turned out to be. The damp, cold weather wasn't even made for ducks. I guess what made it seem so bad was that the cold weather over the weekend had kept most folks inside and this included me. After a day of being inside, you need to get out and get a touch of the fresh air and maybe a little sunshine. Of course, a little recreation wouldn't hurt.

If the cold weather continues and this dampness, then maybe I should go out to the golf course anyway, before I become stir crazy. I know that a golf ball would skid across the ice on hole #2 and this would make me feel better.

Maybe with only a few days left before Christmas, I should forget about the weather and get in the mood for Christmas. So after a good night's sleep, that is what I will do.

The Christmas parade last Saturday was a successful event, according to all reports. The estimated crowd that lined Main Street was 5000. There were approximately 55 units in the parade, and this did not come by just writing letters to the stores and organizations that participated. Someone did some work.

The Raeford Merchants Association is to be commended on this project and it just goes to show what can happen when enough people will pull together to get something done.

I don't know who the committee was composed of or will not seek them out, but I will say that it is good to see the merchants of Raeford working together. This could be only the start to make the slogan "Shop First in Raeford" come true.

Keep up the good work!

The "Share the Christmas" project of the Raeford Woman's Club is going over with a bang. There have been more than 80 families turned in that need help. These will be screened and then aid in one way or another will be given to them.

Sarah Leach, Chairman of this project, said that besides food, clothing and toys that over \$700 had been donated by Monday of this week. The club is still at the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 2 and 5 p.m. On Saturday, they are at the library from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

If you have not made a donation to this worthwhile project, do so today.

If you cannot get by the library then mail your donations to "Share the Christmas," P.O. Box 550, Raeford, N.C. 28376.

The following letter is from Frank H. Jeter, Jr. of Raleigh, who is a wheel in the N.C. Soil and Water Conservation Dept. Frank, at one time was a reporter for the Fayetteville Observer and published (See AROUND TOWN, Page 16)

Prosecutor Testified In Murder Trial

Assistant District Attorney Jean Powell, the regular prosecutor for the state in the Hoke County District and Superior criminal courts, was a state's witness in the trial of Anson A. Maynard, who was convicted Thursday in Cumberland County Superior Court of first-degree murder.

Maynard was sentenced Friday to death for killing Steven Henry, 20, on June 13.

Miss Powell testified that Henry had agreed to tell the court regarding Maynard's role in alleged possession of stolen goods. Maynard was living on Rt. 2, Raeford, in Hoke County, when he was arrested on the charge.

Maynard pleaded innocent to the murder charge. Henry was found in the Cape Fear River. He had been shot twice in the head and beaten on the head. Henry also had been stabbed several times so his body would sink after it was thrown into the river, the court was told.

Maynard was found guilty by a jury Thursday, and the next day the jury recommended Maynard be sentenced to death.

The trial judge, Maurice Braswell, scheduled the execution for January 1, but death sentences are appealed automatically to the State Supreme Court.

This automatically cancels the date as it takes several weeks for an appeal to be prepared and presented to the Supreme Court.

The jury took about 30 minutes of deliberating Thursday to decide Maynard was guilty of first-degree murder and about three hours Friday to decide to recommend the death sentence.

94 Years Old

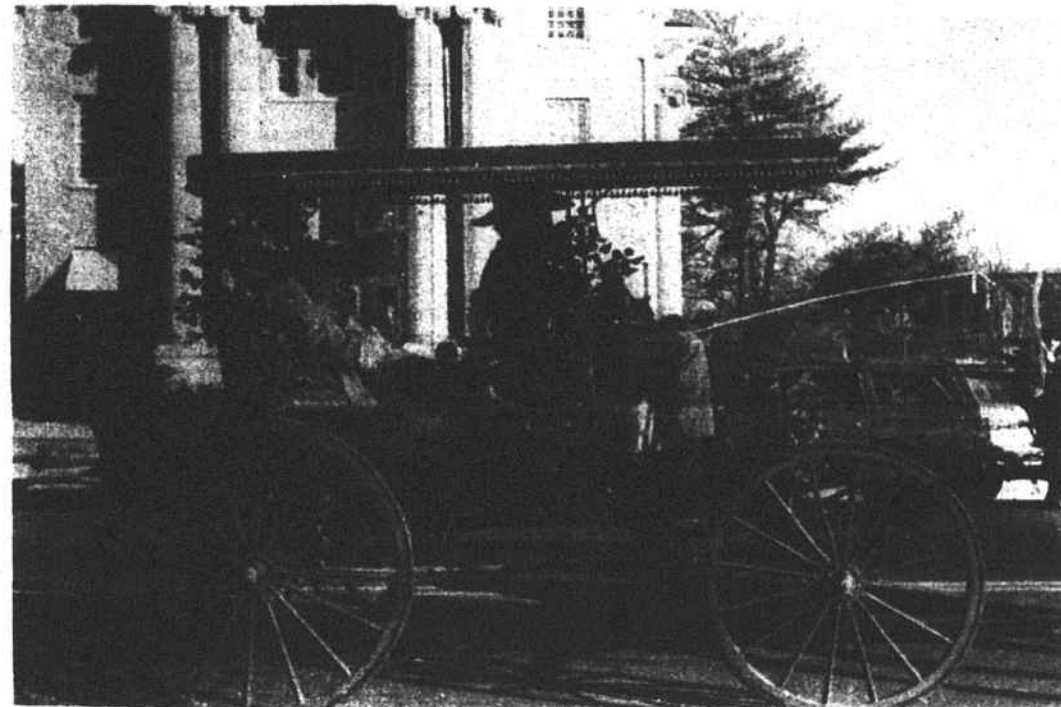
Search Under Way For Missing Man

A 94-year-old Hoke man last seen at home on the Vass Road at bedtime Saturday night, had not been found up to late Tuesday afternoon despite intensive searching.

The News-Journal learned at press time that the body of William Hollingsworth was found off the highway near Webb's Tire Service north of Raeford. Complete details will be printed next week.

The Hoke County Sheriff's Department reported the man is William Hollingsworth, who had been living at the home of his daughter, Mrs. K.C. McNair of Rt. 1, Raeford, on Vass Road.

Mrs. McNair notified the Sheriff's Department at 7 a.m. Sunday her father was missing. She told an officer she discovered between 2 and 4 a.m. Sunday that



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Photo by Pam Frederick

Fired As Dog Warden November 23

Board To Hear Hales's Appeal

The Hoke County Advisory Personnel Board for the county's Personnel Policy will hold a hearing at 3:30 p.m. Thursday on William Hales's appeal from his firing November 23 from his job as county dog warden.

No reason or reasons were given for the firing, done by Hales's superior, Lloyd Horne, Hoke County Department of Health administrator.

County Manager James Martin said Tuesday afternoon that, because the dismissal has been appealed, he didn't think it was appropriate at this time to give the reasons for the dismissal. He pointed out that, among other things, Hales's rights are involved.

He added he had no concurrence with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss the reasons for the firing.

Under the county policy, Martin will have to make the final decision on whether the firing be left standing or Hales be rehired. This decision, the policy provides, must be made within three working days after the county manager receives a written recommendation and report of the findings from the Advisory Board.

Martin said this means he should get the board's statements Monday but since there are only two working days next week because of the Christmas holidays, it may be the last week of December before his decision is made. The county policy says the decision must be based solely on the record of the hearing.

The board has 10 days from the time the notice of appeal is received from the employee to hear the

appeal and issue a recommendation. Martin said the notice of appeal was received by him December 7.

The members of the Advisory Board are Hugh Lowe, chairman, Theresa McBryde, Harry Williamson, Robert Taylor, and Carnell McLaurin. The members are appointed by the county commissioners.

The board must issue to the employee and the county manager in writing the statement of its findings.

Martin said he and Duncan McFadyen, the county attorney, would attend the meeting.

No criminal charges are pending. McFadyen said Monday morning but added that he couldn't comment on a report published Monday morning that the SBI had been investigating.

It was reported the investigation had been requested by Assistant District Attorney Jean Powell, the regular state's prosecutor for Hoke County's District and Superior criminal courts, and that she made the request after consulting with Hales's superiors.

Hales started work as county dog

(See WARDEN, Page 16)

Laurinburg Couple Seeking Owner Of Dog

Mrs. Lacey E. Winters, Jr., of Laurinburg has a purebred Irish setter that she wants to find the owner of.

She said whoever lost the dog can reach her at her Laurinburg telephone number, 276-8625.

Mrs. Winters said she and her husband saw the dog and another,

a Doberman Pinscher, off Turnpike Road Tuesday afternoon. She said the setter crawled into the back of their pickup truck while they were trying to reach the Doberman but the Doberman, trailing chain, ran off. The Doberman is light tan, she said.

She said the setter is at her home.

About 5,000 men, women and children Saturday saw the first full-dress Christmas parade held in Raeford since 1971, lining the streets along the parade route running south via North Main Street from the J.W. Turlington School Assembly area to Edenborough shopping center where it ended.

The guests of honor in the parade were Santa Claus and Mrs. Santa Claus. After the parade ended, they went to Santa House in the railroad depot where Santa received each of many children to hear the wishes for what the youngster wanted him to bring him or her for Christmas.

Twelve floats were in the parade and were among the units representing 55 different organizations. John Howard, chairman of the Raeford Merchants Association Parade Committee called the floats "superb."

In the judging, members of the Raeford Junior Woman's Club decided the Raeford Kiwanis Club entry was the best of the floats. The club's parade preparations were headed by Dale Teal, who was chairman of the float committee.

Named second was the float of the special students of the Hoke County schools. Rhenda Cameron is coordinator of the programs for special children.

The judges picked the float of Boy Scout Troop 404 of Raeford, whose Scout master is Julian Butler, for third place.

In the Christmas window display contest, the winner was Theresa's, Raeford Animal Clinic's indoor display placed second, and J's Varier Store was third. Members of the Junior Woman's Club also judged the display on the morning of the parade.

Speaking of the parade, Howard said Monday "The participation and creativity by the community was outstanding."

He called the large crowd which turned out "very fine".

The weather, sunny and cold; he said was perfect for the parade.

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The News-Journal office will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas day for the holidays next week but no change will be made in the press time and deadlines for turning in news and advertising material for publication that week.

The office also will be closed New Year's Day.