



Explaining The Program -- Engineer Hiram J. Marziano (standing) explains to members of the Raeford City Council the details of a state-mandated sewage pre-treatment program. Although the program may cost the city \$12,000 in unbudgeted funds, officials hope it will add strength to present municipal ordinances and help open the door for future industrial development. Councilmen Joe Upchurch (seated left) and Robert Gentry, (left of center) along with City Manager Ron Matthews (center) and Mayor John K. McNeill Jr. (right) listen attentively to the proposal. Councilmen Graham Clark, Benny McLeod and City Attorney Palmer Willcox attended the meeting but are not pictured.

Sewage Plan OK'd

Will Mean Tighter Enforcement For Industries

A program to put enforcement "teeth" in the Raeford sewage pre-treatment ordinance was given unanimous approval Monday night by members of the City Council.

Council members authorized the expenditure of up to \$12,000 to pay for the state-mandated program.

Asheboro engineering firm Moore Gardner and Associates will be developing the pre-treatment plan, which will provide strict guidelines for existing and future industries and will govern the type of materials that can be dumped into the municipal sewage system.

The program must be completed by January 1.

Presently the city has an ordinance covering pre-treatment, however, the legal enforceability of the law has recently come under fire from one local industry, who is being made to comply.

Under the new plan, penalties will be levied against non-complying industries, and if standards are not met, then customers can be cut off of the system. Moore Gardner Engineer Hiram J. Marziano said Monday during the regular monthly council meeting.

Raeford is among 118 other North Carolina municipalities being required to develop the pre-

treatment programs.

Approximately 83% of the sewage treated at the Raeford plant comes from industrial users, Marziano said, adding that all of the industries, except one, have complying pre-treatment facilities.

Presently the House of Raeford turkey processing plant is attempting to meet city guidelines installing a grease trap.

The facility has been targeted by the State Department of Natural Resources and Community Development (NRCD) as not meeting the required discharge standards.

If the proposed grease trap treatment does not bring the turkey plant into compliance, then the House of Raeford might be forced to construct a complete pre-treatment facility.

The plant is currently being charged a penalty of \$5,000 per month until the standards are met.

If the city does not bring its discharge into Rockfish Creek in compliance with the state regulations by November 1, NRCD could levy fines against the municipality of up to \$25,000 per month.

Reagan Changes May Not Help

Marziano noted that the ap-

parent recent relaxation of federal environmental regulations by the Reagan Administration probably will not affect the city's treatment problems.

The administration announced Monday that it is relaxing the present interpretation of the Clean Water Act and allowing some municipalities to increase the amount of organic pollutants dumped into rivers and coastal waters.

The revisions apparently will affect those cities that dump into the Mississippi Valley rivers, Marziano said.

Changes also are governed by the quality of the water in the discharge rivers, he said.

If the quality of water in Rockfish Creek is not harmed by the city releasing more pollutants, then the changes in regulations could have an effect on Raeford, Marziano said.

Guideline changes are so new that probably officials in Raleigh are not familiar with them, Marziano added.

"We'll just have to wait and see. It may mean a relaxation for Raeford, and it could give some industries a break," he said.

"It doesn't matter what the changes might be, Raeford will still be required to have a pre-treatment (See SEWER page 16)

Fayetteville Man, 33, Bound Over For Rape Of 15-year-old Here

A 33-year-old Fayetteville man was bound over to Hoke County Superior Court Friday by Judge Joseph E. Dupree of District Court after probable cause was found for a charge of first degree rape against the defendant.

Robert Earl Middleton of 6586 Vineyard Dr. is being held in jail under \$50,000 bond on the rape charge and \$25,000 bond for Moore County authorities on a breaking - and - entering charge there. Hoke County Sheriff David Barrington said.

He said Middleton had been

sought on the Moore charge for five years when he was arrested July 29 in Cumberland County on the rape charge, Barrington said.

Barrington said Middleton is accused of forcing a 15-year-old girl to submit to sex relations by threatening her with a knife. He said the offense allegedly occurred about 8:30 a.m. June 30 in woods near Davis Bridge.

The investigation report gave these other details.

The child was riding home with her mother from a dental appointment. When they got to the Short

Stop at Davis Bridge, the girl was allowed to get out of the car at the store to get a soft drink and told her mother she would walk the rest of the way -- about a mile and a half-home.

It was while she was walking home that a man came out of the woods, grabbed her, dragged her into the woods, and raped her at knife point, the report says.

The warrant charging rape was served on Middleton August 2.

Judge Dupree bound Middleton over for the grand jury action.

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

As this column is being written after 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon the temperature is 90 degrees. Sunday afternoon the reading on the thermometer was over 90 degrees. Someone came in the office Monday afternoon about one-thirty and said that it was 94 degrees outside.

The nights are cool, but this is getting back to summer days. We also need rain and who would have thought so several weeks ago.

I don't like the ice, snow and extremely cold weather of winter, but an early fall would be nice.

Last week I stated that I could stand to be corrected about the Eisenhower jacket that was in the old Masonic picture that ran in the paper several weeks ago. This has come to pass.

This week a man from Southern Pines called the office and told Pam Frederick that the picture was taken at the Southern Pines Masonic Lodge 484 on January 4, 1943. So this would make the jacket worn by the Army officer an Eisenhower jacket.

The gentleman also said that he could identify several people in the picture, but in a week or so would send all the information on who is in the picture.

I don't know who the man from Southern Pines is, but would appreciate him clearing up the mystery.

The date of this week's paper is September 16, 1982 and it should bring back memories to many people in Hoke County. It was on that date 42 years ago that two units of the North Carolina National Guard were mobilized for Federal Service. We were called out (See AROUND TOWN, page 16)



Giving The Governor A Hand -- City of Raeford Street Department crews spent Monday cleaning up the major streets in the city as part of Governor James B. Hunt Jr.'s cleanup North Carolina week. More than one truck load of trash was collected by six city workers. Here on North Carolina Highway 20, Street Supervisor Thomas Carpenter (right), Eddie Robinson (left) and Amos McNeill (center) load collected trash on a city truck. Other Hoke County residents are encouraged to participate in the program and help clean up county neighborhoods.

Fish Fry Sizzlin Sat.

The Raeford Shrine Club's annual benefit Fish Fry will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Edenborough Shopping Center.

The proceeds will be used to help support the Shriner's hospitals for crippled and burned children.

Since 1922, Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children have served children in North America. These hospitals provide outstanding care to children who have orthopedic problems or who have been severely burned. Both inpatient and outpatient care are given to children from infancy to the 18th birthday regardless of race, religion, or relationship to a Shriner.

There is no charge for any of the care or services provided by a

Shrine Hospital. Admission is based on medical and financial need. For orthopedic cases, there should be a reasonable possibility that the patient would benefit from treatment and that treatment at another facility would place an undue financial burden on the patient's family. The Burns Institute accept children who have been burned and need immediate care and children needing plastic reconstructive or restorative surgery and rehabilitation as a result of burn injuries.

All Services are paid for by the Shriners. Operating funds are supplied by the Shriner's Hospitals for Crippled Children Endowment (See FISH page 16)

Pupils Moved To Make Room

Overcrowding in county schools and growing numbers of pupils have forced members of the Hoke County Board of Education to OK a transfer of 23 elementary students last week.

The board voted unanimously to approve the transfer of the students, who attend grades ranging from kindergarten to fourth, from Scurlock School to John W. McLauchlin Elementary.

All of the students live in the St. James Hill area, which will now be part of the McLauchlin school district.

School Superintendent G. Raz Autry had proposed transferring the St. James Hill students to West Hoke Elementary and moving 45 other pupils living in Shawtown to McLauchlin, however, the suggestion was rejected by the board.

"If the transfers aren't made, we will be busting open," Autry said, noting that schools could live with the overcrowding this year

but the problem will be worse by the 1983-84 school year.

Board members had decided to table the transfers, but decided to make the change after two St. James Hill parents spoke in favor of moving the students to McLauchlin.

The parents, who said they had spoken with others in the community, pointed out that McLauchlin was closer to St. James Hill than either Scurlock or West Hoke.

Hoke County has been dubbed by the state board of education as being among 17 school districts in North Carolina that will grow in the coming decade, Autry said.

By 1986, county schools are expected to increase by 4.5% and early enrollment figures show that about 40 more students are attending this year than did during the previous school year.

Most classes in the Scurlock School are over the recommended

enrollments, Autry said.

Teacher Evaluations Passed

In other business the board voted unanimously to pass a new evaluation program for teachers.

Under the plan, teachers would be allowed to have some input into the program before and after the evaluation, Autry said.

"The plan is not designed to fire teachers, but to help them improve," Autry said.

The evaluation program for Hoke County is a modified version of one which was mandated by the state board, the superintendent said.

Evaluations will be conducted by the school principals or a designee.

Snow Days Policy Adopted

This year if county schools are closed for one day because of inclement weather, the missed day will be made up on the following

(See PUPILS page 16)

Child Rape Case On Tap

Testimony is expected to begin Monday in the trial of a 24-year-old Hoke County man charged with the first degree rape of his six-year-old daughter.

The state's case against Bobby Louis Green, of Rt. 2, Box 496 Raeford, is first on the docket to be aired during the one week term of Superior Court before 16th Superior Court Circuit Judge Samuel E. Britt.

The incident allegedly occurred on May 11 and was reported to the Hoke County Sheriff's Department after the child was admitted to Cape Fear Valley Hospital where she apparently underwent surgery.

Green has been in jail since his arrest on the day of the incident, Hoke County Sheriff David Barrington said.

Testimony is also expected to be heard in the trial of a Cumberland County man accused of killing a local man during a 1981 domestic squabble.

Tommy McEachern, 34, of Fayetteville, is also scheduled for trial Monday on charges that he shot Willie Dixon Jr., 30, after an argument erupted in the early morning hours of December 22 at the Harmony Heights Mobile Home Park.

Dixon had apparently been shot in the chest when sheriff's deputies arrived. He died prior to being transported to a hospital.

The other 14 cases slated for trial during the one-week term have charges varying from drug violations to speeding.

Two Pembroke men accused of killing another Robeson County man during a May bar fight are on the docket for arraignment.

Lacy D. Lowery, 22, and Perry Wayne Lowery, 25, are scheduled to be arraigned before Judge Britt on Thursday on charges that they shot Terry Wayne Locklear, 25, in the back at Brady's Club on N.C. Highway 211.

The incident allegedly stemmed from an argument that occurred two years earlier.

Also on the calendar for civil action Thursday is a suit against the City of Raeford.

The suit stems from an accident which occurred on August 11, 1981, after a tractor trailer truck ran into a truck driven by a city employee, who was allegedly stopped in the road.

According to the suit, Norman Richard Bowers, who was driving the tractor trailer truck owned by Crook Motor Co. of Stanly County, ran into Roger Purcell in a 1976 Chevrolet truck which was stopped on North Carolina Highway 20 near Vega Street.

Purcell was blocking the road, the suit alleges.

Crook is asking to recover losses of \$6,000 and a wrecker fee of \$250.

However, the city has filed a counter suit, claiming \$13,000 in damages because Bowers ran into the back of Purcell.

A motion in the case is expected to be heard Thursday.



A Different Perspective -- This Raeford cat spent some time recently trying to get varying views of his surroundings. He seemed satisfied with this perspective, and remained in the pose long enough to have his picture taken.