



County engineer David Upchurch explains countywide water plan to council members during Monday's meeting.

# Missing Parents Sought By DSS

Hoke County Department of Social Services (DSS) workers are cracking down on absent parents in an effort to stem the flow of tax dollars needed to support dependent children.

During the last fiscal year, the crackdown program netted county taxpayers over \$17,000, and DSS is averaging more than \$20,000 per month in gross collections, program coordinator Roxana Maynor said.

When the program started here in 1978, monthly returns averaged around \$1,300. The monthly figure this year for August was more than \$3,100.

Because of the use of computers with ties to the drivers license registration bureau, as well as federal and other state connections, the local DSS has been able to trace runaway parents as far as Germany, Mrs. Maynor said.

Most of the cases are handled out of court or through civil action, although DSS has the option of using the criminal courts to secure support payments from the absent parent, she said.

Under the present system, most of the clients are reported out of the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program.

The program helps to recover a portion of the federal, state and local funds spent to provide monthly payments to families with dependent children.

In North Carolina over \$21.5 million was recovered during the last fiscal year, which was up more than \$5 million over the funds collected during the previous year.

All recipients of AFDC, whose eligibility is based on a parent being absent from the home, must assign to the state all rights to child support.

DSS then collects the support money from the missing parent to offset the AFDC payments.

The program is also available to low-income families who make too much to qualify for AFDC.

Currently in Hoke County, the program has about 1,052 cases of which more than half are AFDC families, Mrs. Maynor said.

DSS spent over \$38,000 last year to recover more than \$234,000,

which gave the local agency a rate of return of about \$6 for every \$1 spent.

The state average is \$2.04, Mrs. Maynor said.

Despite the good returns, the county is still behind almost \$600,000, she added.

Support payments collected for AFDC children are divided by all three levels of government based on the percentage they pay for the AFDC program.

During 1981-82, state and county governments in North Carolina received 16% of the support payments collected through the program. The federal government's share was 68%.

The federal government requires that the Child Support Enforcement program be administered in all counties. The North Carolina Department of Human Resources, which is responsible for its administration in the state, gives counties the option of administering the program with financial incentives or having the state operate it.

The state currently operates the program in 28 counties, while it is

locally administered in the remaining 72 counties, including Hoke.

Federal funds cover about 70% of the administrative costs involved.

During the 1981-82 fiscal year, the North Carolina Child Support Enforcement program located over 22,000 absent parents through its nationwide parent-locator system and established almost 12,000 support payments.

"In addition to reducing the tax burden for welfare costs, the Child Support Enforcement program has the social benefits of strengthening parent-child relationships, establishing paternity for children born out of wedlock, and increasing parents' sense of responsibility for their children," Human Resources secretary Dr. Sarah T. Morrow said.

"This is an excellent example of productivity in state government -- an innovative program that is saving tax dollars and providing support and assistance to children and families in North Carolina," she said.

## Woman Sought

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Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and has an agent of the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) at their disposal to investigate the case.

Although league spokesman James Peterkin Jr. noted that the city did not have the personnel of the sophisticated equipment needed to investigate the case, Willcox said the local department, through its affiliation with the federal and state agencies, was using the best equipment available in the process.

"I didn't come here to put the blame on anyone. I am here for more effective law enforcement for city residents," Peterkin said.

Police Chief Leonard Wiggins is doing a good job but is limited by his lack of manpower and equipment, he said.

"The McCray case is a delicate case and it will take more expertise to solve," the former Hoke County Deputy Sheriff said.

The case should not remain unsolved, he added.

Peterkin said he had a petition signed by 2,497 city and county

residents requesting that more be done about the investigation.

However, Peterkin did not present the petition to the council and took it with him when he and other supporters left City Hall following the 10-minute address.

The group did not ask for a response to the request, but Mayor John K. McNeill noted that he felt a response was in order.

The mayor and other council members present at the meeting indicated that they supported Miss Powell's findings and Willcox's opinion.

Mrs. McCray disappeared August 1 around 11 p.m.

Her mother, Mrs. Annie Butler of Raeford, had been talking to her on the telephone apparently just before she disappeared.

Mrs. McCray did not seem upset at the time, Mrs. Butler said.

The missing woman, who was separated from her husband, lived with her three children on E. Prospect Avenue before her disappearance.

## County Approves DSS Hiring

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work with County Manager James Martin on the matter of the moving of the Rockfish Community Building to a new site. The committee is authorized to negotiate, in coordination with the Rockfish Community, the moving of the building, which the county has purchased on the seller's condition it be moved to another site.

The committee among other matters is to decide whether the building's two chimneys be removed before the building is moved and that one chimney be built on it after the moving; whether the building be moved as it is, with its two chimneys.

### APPOINTMENT

The commissioners reappointed Harless Wright to a new five-year

term on the Housing Authority, to run to October 1, 1987.

### ORDINANCES, LIBRARY

The commissioners decided to hold a work session to review copies of proposed zoning and subdivision ordinances. The date was not set at Monday's meeting. Action on request made by the Hoke County Public Library Board of Trustees to increase a halftime staff position to a fulltime position was delayed till commissioners could meet with Bill Briggman, director of the Sandhills Regional Library, on the request.

The board asked the increase to fulltime for Nancy Morgan because, the trustees said in a letter to the county manager, "The services we provide to the public require more time than we are able to accomplish" with a staff of three

fulltime and one halftime members.

The expansion to fulltime for the position requested would require an addition of \$3,400 in salary for the remaining nine months of the fiscal year.

### TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT

The commissioners granted Ann Pate permission to employ a temporary replacement for herself in the Hoke County Department of Parks and Recreation. Mrs. Pate is director of the department and requested the employment of the replacement from December 13 till March 31, 1983, when Mrs. Pate will be on maternity leave.

### RESIGNATION

The commissioners adopted a motion accepting with regret the resignation of L. Banks Wanna-

maker as assistant agent with the Hoke County Agricultural Extension Service. Wannamaker's letter of resignation, addressed to the county manager, says the resignation will be effective October 29 and that Wannamaker is leaving to take the opportunity to go into his family's feed and farming business at St. Matthews, S.C.

Wannamaker joined the Hoke County staff last January 18.

The commissioners adopted a motion made by DeVane requesting the Extension Service to wait before arranging for Wannamaker's successor till commissioners discussed with the staff the possibility of combing Wannamaker's duties with those of another member of the staff. The other assistant farm agent is Richard Melton, the livestock agent.

## Health Board Eyes Garbage Ordinance

A proposed Hoke County ordinance governing disposal of garbage and other solid waste is being studied by the members of the County Board of Health and is scheduled to come up for action at the board's November meeting.

A public hearing also may be held to get comments about the proposal from operators of mobile home parks, businesses which have commercial garbage and trash to dispose of, and other people who would be affected by the ordinance. If the health board approves the ordinance, it will be sent with a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to adopt it.

County Health Department Director Lloyd Horne, whose staff drew up the proposal, told the board members at their meeting of September 28 that the proposed ordinance is an "effort to strengthen" the ordinance originally adopted in 1971 and revised in 1975.

He said explaining the designing of the new proposal that an enforcement tool governing solid-waste disposal is needed.

The proposal governs use of the landfill -- including a prohibition against dumping of hazardous wastes -- public roadside trash containers, dumping on private and public property other than at the designated sites, and safety.

The last section of the proposal contains the following penalties for violation of any of the regulations,

which would constitute a misdemeanor: a fine of not more than \$50 or imprisonment of not more than 30 days.

Horne suggested that the first part of the next board meeting be set as a public hearing. He distributed copies of the proposal to the members of the board to study before the next meeting, whose date is to be set.

The cost of the containers is in addition to the cost of preparing the sites, which also would include renting or buying the land for them.

Discussing the proposal, he said that between animals at the dump sites and solid waste the health director has two big problems.

He added, however, that he has received assurances of help from the Sheriff's Department; officers will watch for roving dogs, and for people dumping outside the containers.

Regarding the containers, he said the department is going to phase to the larger -- 40 cubic yard -- containers, from the 25 and 27 1/2 yard bins and that he doesn't want to buy any more small containers. He said that with 40-yard containers the number of sites in the county could be reduced to 10 to 12. The cost of the large container is about \$1,000, he said, while the smaller ones cost about \$500 each, if many of them are bought.

He said that use of the larger containers and fewer of them would

increase the distances people have to travel to a dumping site, which will create the possibility of people dumping wherever it is convenient, an anticipated problem with the larger containers.

Horne also pointed out that some women and old people find it physically impossible to toss bags of garbage and trash into the 40-yard container because of the container's height.

He pointed, however, to the system used in Mississippi; two 40-yard containers and a platform to make it easy for people to drop their trash into them are at each site; and a worker keeps the site clean.

County Commissioner Mabel Riley, a member of the health board, said the county needs an ordinance to prevent people from dumping at random, on private or public property other than the established sites.

The board also was told the public needs to know that there is a

place at the landfill for old furniture, refrigerators, mattresses, and similar bulky material that is not perishable.

In reference to safety, the proposal would prohibit children age 15 or younger, or pets from being allowed outside a vehicle at the landfill. This prohibition is listed under "Responsibilities of Users" of the landfill.

Sarah Leach, chairman of the board, presided over the meeting.



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## Around Town

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interested in their outcome than in football.

It seems that many people in this area stayed up late last week to see the Braves play on the West Coast. Anyway they won the division title and did it by winning away from home, so now you will have to stay up and watch more baseball for a couple of weeks.

The Hoke County Music Booster Club will have its annual dinner at the Gibson Cafeteria, Friday, October 22 from five p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from music directors or the Music Booster Club member for only \$3.50.

This has become a highlight for a good meal in Hoke County and it is also for a good cause. The proceeds go to help the music programs in all the schools and we have been proud of the fine showings of all our bands, chorale and glee clubs over many years. Let's keep the record going and give our support by attending the dinner.

Mark Friday, October 22 on your calendar now!

HOEY, not Hay. Mistakes will happen and easily after 40 or 50 years.

Don't forget that the General Election is only a month off and many important seats are up for grabs. If you plan to be out of the city on Tuesday, November 2, then go by the Board of Elections office and get an absentee ballot and vote.

If you don't vote then be silent at the jobs your elected officials do!

The Old Battery "F" reunion held last weekend at Wrightsville Beach was a success in all respects. There were 28 of the members present and most of them had their wives and this made for a fine crowd at the banquet on Saturday night.

There were two members present for the first time and they hadn't been seen by many of the people since the early forties. So it was a pleasure to meet their wives and recall what had happened to them over the years.

Of course the others had been going for the past five years, but it seems that stories become longer and more interesting as the years roll by.

The weather was perfect and to all who missed this year, just wait for the letter and information announcing the Sixth Annual Reunion.

I hope to see you there!

### Parade Slated Sat.

A parade will be held in downtown Raeford Saturday climaxing Hoke County's observance of National Fire Prevention Week, which opened Sunday.

The parade will start at 2 p.m. Firemen and fire-fighting equipment of the county's volunteer departments will participate with other groups.

### August Retail Sales Were Up From 1981

Gross retail sales were up from last year's figures for Hoke County merchants during August, a report recently released by the North Carolina Department of Revenue showed.

Sales during August reached more than \$3.9 million, which was up almost \$300,000 over cash register receipts during the same period in 1981.

The August figures were, however, lower than the \$4.1 million in gross sales recorded in July of this year.

During 1981, Hoke merchants recorded sales of \$3.6 million in August.

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