



City Animal Warden John Riley with truck. The box has openings front and rear for ventilation.

Raeferd Pays On Pound

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Matthews said.

The city owns the land the pound is built on, and the county owns the pound.

The animal control program outside the city limits is handled by County Animal Warden William Hales, who is in the County Health Department, and John Riley does the same for the city, working in the Police Department.

But they cooperate closely, Riley said. He said that, when he has a day off, Hales handles the city calls for him, as well as the county calls, and when Hales is off, he handles the county calls for Hales as well as doing the city job. Hales works in the County Health Department, and Riley the City Police Department. The city works closely with Horne in running the pound.

Hales and Riley work together in keeping the pound clean and checking the animals daily. Between them, by arranging their schedules, they check the animals seven days a week.

Also, any sick or injured animal they find in responding to calls they bring to the Raeferd Animal Clinic for treatment before they take it to the pound. Matthews added that when Riley knows the owner of a dog he picks up he will take the dog home directly instead of putting it in the pound, then notifying the owner. This saves the owner the cost of \$10 for picking up the dog and \$2.50 per day for boarding to get his dog. The charges are the same for reclaiming cats.

The city with its leash law for dogs requires every dog have a license. The license costs the owner \$2.50 per year. The dog also must be vaccinated against rabies and show a tag to that effect. State law requires all dogs be vaccinated against rabies.

The county has no dog license requirement as such but dogs must be listed with other personal property. The taxes, itemized separately but included in the total tax bill, are \$1 for each male and \$2 for each female. Elizabeth Livingston, county tax collector, said.

Besides sharing the costs of maintenance and repairs, the county's expenses for the animal control program include Hales's salary (\$9,921 a year), and the cost of maintaining the truck Hales uses in picking up animals.

Last year, the county also had the expense of buying a new truck. The replacement was necessary because the truck Hales was using was damaged in an accident. The county's costs also include the cost of the feed for the animals impounded. The county alone pays for the feed.

The city this year is spending \$12,262.44 in connection with the dog pound and its animal control program. This includes \$11,404.05 in salary with fringe benefits, \$570.46 for gasoline, \$43 for maintenance and repairs, and \$244.93 to pay for miscellaneous expenses. City Manager Ron Matthews reported this week.

Since 1979, he said, the city has spent \$60,914.20 for these purposes, including \$6,018 in 1980 to buy a new truck for picking up stray animals. In 1980, also the city spent \$20,432.44 total, including \$830.10 in maintenance and repairs, \$790.44 for gasoline, \$11,727.29 in salary with fringe benefits, and \$1,066.61 for miscellaneous expenses.

City spending in connection with the animal program and pound were less than 1980's in other years because no purchase of a new truck was necessary. In 1981, they were \$12,072.61 for salary and fringe benefits, \$772.66 for maintenance

and repairs, \$541.37 for miscellaneous, and \$873.96 for gasoline, making a total of \$14,260.60 for the year. The 1979 spending consisted of \$1,425.11 for gasoline, \$10,134.44 for salary and fringe benefits, \$384.32 for maintenance and repairs, and \$3,867.76 for miscellaneous. The city figures were prepared by City Finance Officer Helen Huffman.

Of all the dogs impounded, the proportion is four picked up by the county to every one picked up by the city warden. Riley said the city gets 25 or more calls every month to pick up dogs, and sometimes all three pens at the pound are filled.

The city's leash law was adopted in 1975.

Exactly how much county money goes into the county's animal control program can't be determined because much of it aside from the warden's pay and the veterinarian's expenses (drugs and travel) is contained in the item listed as office supplies for the health department as a whole.

Horne said the office supplies budget was cut by \$2,000 for this year. The salary of the warden (\$9,921) and the amount for the veterinarian (\$1,150) remained the same as for 1981-82.

Regarding a new dog pound, he said he obtained figures from counties comparable in size and income to Hoke, and this is how the \$27,000 estimate was arrived at. Person County, however, built one for \$20,000, he said, by using high school and technical college student labor for doing some of the building work.

Horne added that the Hoke pound would have to be relocated eventually, when apartments planned for the Adams Street-East Prospective Avenue area near the Raeferd Fire Department station are built. He pointed out the barking of the dogs in the pound across the creek would be objectionable to tenants.

Asked about separating animals in the pound, he said that, for a few days at a time the size of the population prevents ideal separation. He said female dogs in heat are separated from the other dogs, and then the large females in heat are separated from the small females in heat.

But separation by sex and sizes is about as far as they can go now, he added. He said that separating the contagiously ill from the healthy is a problem because when a dog comes to the pound the warden cannot always tell immediately whether the dog has distemper or a contagious type of mange; in a couple of weeks distemper can destroy healthy dogs, particularly young ones.

The presence of the veterinarian on the grim duty of putting dogs to sleep does have its benefits, however, in that at times the veterinarian notices something in a dog that a layman wouldn't see and gives the warden advice on handling the dog. Once, he said, the veterinarian saw a puppy otherwise healthy with the pad of one of its paws cut. So he sewed up the cut, and the puppy was given to a young boy who wanted it.

As for the sad duty of putting a dog to sleep, this is done by injecting a drug that causes death instantly.

The County Health Department pays all the expenses for this and also for all food the animals get, as well as sharing in the costs of maintenance with the city.

County Clears Audit Hurdle

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At the end of the year, the county had fund balance of \$2.2 million of which \$1.5 million "available for future appropriations."

"The county is in good shape compared to other counties and the unappropriated fund balance of \$1.5 million is fairly strong," Baker said.

The reserve fund will be needed when federal revenue sharing funds are eliminated, DeVane said.

"You never know when we are not going to be able to collect taxes," Balfour added.

Hoke county taxpayers paid over \$2.2 million in ad valorem taxes and \$340,000 in local option sales and intangible taxes.

Beer and wine taxes contributed over \$64,000 and ABC revenue put \$55,000 into the local coffers.

The county also earned \$225,591 in investment earnings," the audit shows.

It cost \$344,335 to operate the sheriff's office during the last year and \$62,589 in jail expenses. Both operations generated approximately \$40,000.

Fire protection cost the county \$84,569 and \$60,443 went to the ambulance squad.

Parking Ordinance Muled

In still further business the commission is considering a parking ordinance for the area surrounding the county Health De-

partment on Central Avenue.

Health Director Lloyd P. Horne noted in a October 5 letter to the commission that employees from the House of Raeferd are parking in the area around the department.

"It is unfair to the taxpayers of this county (especially considering that we had over 20,000 visits to this facility) that they have to park in other areas and walk to this facility because of this problem," Horne said in the letter.

County Attorney Duncan B. McFadyen is instructed to draw an ordinance which will give the department the right to haul away vehicles of parking violators.

The matter will be considered at

the next commission meeting.

License Days Increased

After November 1, Hoke County residents will be able to obtain driver's licenses two days a week instead of one, DeVane announced.

The driver's license bureau which has been open only on Thursday each week, will now be open on Wednesday and Thursday, DeVane said.

Two examiners will be on duty on Thursday.

In still further action, the commission agreed to paint the Health Department, the Courthouse Annex and the old Raeferd Auto body shop historic tan.

Downtown Store Moving To Center

One major store is scheduled to open in Raeferd-Hoke Village Shopping Center on U.S. 401 south November 15, two others are due to open December 1, and another business may move in some time later.

Spokesmen for the general contractor and developer reported separately that Sky City will open a department store in November, and a Food Town supermarket and a Revco discount drug store will open December 1.

Sky City will have a store covering about 42,000 square feet, Food Town about 21,000, and Revco about 8,500, reported Robin Dial, vice president in charge of development for Edens & McTeer, Inc., of Columbia, S.C., the developer corporation. Robins gave the information in reply to questions asked by *The News-Journal* in a telephone call to Columbia.

Reports heard here say Cato's, a women's retail clothing business,

will move into a 3,600-square-foot store in the new shopping center.

But Ashley Johnson, in charge of real estate and construction for the Cato's chain, told *The News-Journal* in reply to a question that plans for any move have not been finalized. He said Cato's was conferring with the developer. Cato's downtown Raeferd store is one of the 350 Cato's operated in 18 states.

Johnson was contacted in the company's main office in Charlotte by telephone by the reporter.

The shopping center is being established on 401 bypass at Cole Avenue Extension and consists of one long, continuous building. The center also has a large parking area.

Bulldozing of the site, marking the start of construction, began shortly after June 1. The cost of construction is about \$1.5 million. The tract on which the center is located covers a total of 7.9 acres.

School Bookkeeping Improved This Year

Accounting methods used for Hoke County Board of Education funds improved during the last fiscal year, and board financial officers seem to be updating financial procedures, a recent audit of the school monies showed.

During the year, which ended on June 30, the school system took in approximately \$8.1 million and spent \$75,806 less, the audit shows.

Instructional services cost taxpayers almost \$5.6 million, of which only \$846,367 came from local funds.

The majority of last year's budget was paid from state funds.

The state paid \$4.1 million towards instructional programs and \$5.6 million of the entire budget.

One area of improvement noted by auditors Pittard and Perry Inc. was in the school food service program.

The program took in approximately \$1.07 million with expenditures of \$1.04 million.

School dietitians maintained an overall 48.72% food cost average for the county with West Hoke having the lowest cost at 42.92% and Hoke High the worst with a 55.23%.

Hoke High had the largest budget of all the schools with receipts of \$113,990 and expenses of \$108,322.

The schools' athletic program generated the most income, taking in over \$35,000.

Plant sales from Hoke High's greenhouse generated more than \$3,900 for the school's coffers.

The auto mechanics program took in over \$6,500, and school clubs raised more than \$9,700.

Upchurch Junior High had the second largest special fund budget collecting over \$50,000 and spending about \$1,000 more.

In general collections, the audit shows that Upchurch took in over \$35,000. Those funds included money raised for the TMH Carnival last year.

Hefner Here Friday



Congressman Hefner

A "Get to Know Bill Hefner" rally for Eighth District Congressman Hefner of Kannapolis will be held Friday at 8 p.m. at the MacDonald Gymnasium of Hoke County High School.

A reception honoring Hefner will be held from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

The Singing Americans gospel group will perform also. Hefner is a former gospel singer.

Attending with Hefner, a Democrat running for reelection November 2, will be David Parnell, the Democratic nominee for the state Senate; and Danny DeVane of Raeferd, and Pete Hasty, Democratic nominees for the state House of Representatives.



Lazy Afternoon -- This week's brief cold snap may cut short future fall afternoons fishing on Drowning Creek. This photo was taken recently near Wagram in Hoke County.

Around Town

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Many of them live elsewhere, but still call Hoke County home when you mention National Guard or Army.

The North Carolina State Fair is now in progress and from reports over 100,000 were in attendance last Saturday. This event along with the college football games on Saturday makes the traffic problem around Raleigh about at an unworkable project.

We feel that the Highway Patrol should be commended for the way the traffic is moved at this time of year during these two events.

We attended the Carolina - State football game in Chapel Hill last Saturday and it was amazing at the

speed we were able to return to Raeferd, considering the 50,000 plus fans, that were in attendance at the game. Of course I will say that it seems to me that drivers are more polite and want to assist in any way to get all cars on the highways after a game.

So let's all say thanks to a job well done by the Highway Patrol.

When you talk about crowds just think of the fans that have attended the first five games of the World Series. There have been over 50,000 at each game and this totals up the over a quarter of a million people.

We don't know what the price of the tickets are for the series, but at \$5.00 this amounts up to a lot of money.

Yes, sports are big business!

Magistrate's Court

The following Hoke County magistrates' judgments were issued last week.

Bobby Jean Ray, Raeferd, worthless check, \$22.09 restitution to Edinborough Pharmacy, and costs.

Brenda Craycraft, Rt. 1, Box 275, Raeferd, worthless check, \$8.81 restitution to Home Food Market, and costs.

Alberta Floyd, Rt. 2, Raeferd, worthless check, \$10.64 restitution to Edinborough Pharmacy, and costs.

Otis Percell Broadus, Spring Lake, speeding 57 in a 45 zone, \$10 and costs.

Bernard Bridges, Raeferd, failing to drive on the right, costs.

Blake Allen Rising, Matthews, N.C., speeding 65 in a 55 zone, \$5 and costs.

Sharon Lynn Harris, Fayetteville, speeding 70 in a 55 zone, and failing to comply with license restriction, to wear corrective lenses, \$25 and costs.

Sara Johnson, Raeferd, failing to stop at a stop sign, costs.

Charles Linburg Pulp, Jr., Rockingham, failing to stop at a stop

sign, costs.

Charles David McQuage, Rt. 2, Raeferd, speeding 70 in a 55 zone, \$10 and costs.

Wayne McMillan, Rt. 4, Red Springs, speeding 69 in a 55 zone, \$10 and costs.

David Ronald McKoy, Fayetteville, speeding 50 in a 35 zone, \$10 and costs.

Ward Nicholas Manning, Jr., Sanford, speeding 65 in a 55 zone, \$5 and costs.

Susan Vernon Mitchell Taylor, Ft. Bragg, speeding 65 in a 55 zone, \$10 and costs.

Hubert J. Smith, Ft. Bragg, no valid operator's license, and expired inspection certificate, \$25 and costs.

Denzil Hildreth Walker, Rt. 5, Asheboro, speeding 65 in a 55 zone, \$5 and costs.

Barbara Tinker, Fayetteville, expired inspection certificate, costs.

Valencia Parker, Rt. 3, Raeferd, worthless check, \$20 restitution to The Party Shoppe, and costs.

Gerry Baird Wood, Raeferd, speeding 50 in a 35 zone, \$10 and costs.

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