Editorials

Share Your Christmas

Hoke County residents came through once again to help members of the Women's Club of Raeford make the Share Your Christmas program a success.

This year club members raised over \$900 and a room full of clothing, fruit, toys and books to brighten Christmases for at least 140 Hoke County families.

The club received a big helping hand from several local churches, the residents at Sand Hills Youth Center and the Raeford Kiwanis Club.

Share Your Christmas is a good example how diverse organizations and individuals can work together for one united cause and bring happiness to many county residents who might have otherwise passed the holiday without celebration.

In the paraphrased words of the project's chairman Kay Thomas, the joy of the holiday season showed not only on the faces of the recipients of Share Your Christmas, but also on the faces of those who devoted their time and efforts to make the project a success.

After all the giving is done Wednesday, Share Your Christmas will shut down for another year, but Hoke County residents will continue to be called on to support other worthwhile causes in the coming months.

And in many cases residents will give, not knowing where their donations go, but only because they have been asked, and told "it's for a good cause."

Generally, all of these splinter causes are worthy of contributions, however, the good rendered by them may not acheive the effect of a united effort.

An urban ministry could be established which would tie together the efforts of all groups in the county and put collections under one umbrella to best serve the needs of the Hoke County community on a year around basis.

We encourage local fund raisers, churches and clubs to put aside differences and consider establishing a united Hoke County charity.

In this holiday season, it might be good to take note from the lesson of success provided by Share Your Christmas.

And for the project's sponsors who worked together to make it a success, they have the satisfaction of knowing that it was a job well done.

Merry Christmas.

For future discharges

Faberge should be congratulated for their efforts to be a part of the Hoke County community during their four years here.

In the last few months, Faberge completed work on a \$150,000 sewage pre-treatment facility which should lessen the burden that has been placed on the Raeford sewer plant and could help open the door to further industrial expansion in Hoke County.

During the past years, several industries have expressed an interest in locating in Hoke-County, but have been discouraged because sewer was not available.

Although the city facility is large enough to serve a municipality of more than 30,000 people, Raeford has been operating its sewer plant beyond its capacity because of heavy industrial users.

City officials are making an effort to meet all state mandated regulations and to bring its effluent dumped into Rockfish Creek within federal guidelines.

Almost \$1 million in state, federal and local money was spent on improvements to the treatment facility.

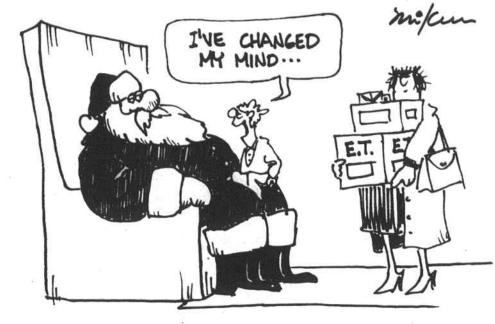
Despite the efforts and the money spent, members of the Raeford City Council will be faced with another tough decision during their January meeting.

During that meeting, council members are slated to consider a first draft of a new tougher pre-treatment ordinance, as well as sanctions against the House of Raeford for non-compliance with the present city ordinance.

The council has been delaying action since July on the turkey processing plant's failure to meet pre-treatment regulations.

Although efforts have been made by the firm and the city to correct the discharge problem, Raeford could be faced with fines up to \$10,000 per day from the state for non-compliance and could be faced with a further delay in the county's industrial development if council members make the wrong decision.

A deadline for the House of Raeford has been drawn for January l, and we encourage council members not to back down their previously firm position.



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the job she is doing.

Cecil B. Pierson, Sr

Helping the animals

Editor, The News-Journal

Letters To The Editor

Christmas message

Dear Editor.

The News-Journal is a truly great journalistic report of current events for our county. It has kept me up to date on all current and important news of church and civic activities.

I would like to express my thanks to all concerned this Christmas and encourage all to attend Christmas services to thank God, the reason for the Holiday we are about to enjoy. As I prepare for Midnight

Christmas Mass, may all of you have a Blessed Christmas. Father Paul Strassle

Help appreciated

To the editor:

On behalf of the Raeford Merchants Association, we wish to express our thanks to those who whared with us in the 1982 Christmas Parade.

First and foremost, we appreciate those who attended for their kind remarks and their support

We sincerely believe that Raeford and Hoke County have a lot to be proud of in being able to offer the convenience and opportunity of this type of annual activity for the benefit of our neighboring communities and ourselves.

Secondly, our thanks goes out to all who participated in or helped with the organization of the

parade. We are especially proud of the assistance we received from the Chamber of Commerce, from the city and county governments, Hoke County schools, and the church, civic, scout and professional groups in the community.

In addition, we want to recognize the City of Raeford Police Department, the local National Guard Unit, the volunteer fire units and the Hoke County Rescue Squad for their helpfulness and cooperation.

Yours very truly, Michael Smith President Raeford Merchants Association-John Howard Parade Chairman

1 am sure that other veterans and No, my best friends couldn't leave me, I'll fight back this gnawing their dependents feel as I do about fear.

> I am lonely now, but I am sure my masters soon I'll see

Maybe all the others will be forsaken here, yes, the others but not me.

*Her owner never did come back, but Gretchen and her puppies were rehabilitated and are waiting for someone at the Michigan Humane Society Detroit Shelter

Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear Editor:

Maybe young people who've known nothing but inflationary times think everything is normal, but I'm having trouble adjusting.

For example, I saw an ad by a big city department store that said Save \$50 On Your Christmas Tree.

\$10 Christmas tree that used to cost \$2.50 and even less if you had an ax.

regularly-priced \$250 tree, 71/2 feet tall, had been reduced to "only \$200."

Or take cars. One company advertises on TV that its car is "the lowest-priced in its field," whereas it seems to me it ought to say "the least high-priced." Or take Governorships. A can-

didate for Governor in New York and one in Texas together spent over \$27 million trying to get elected and both got beat. Obviously they both had trouble

adjusting to inflation, although personally I can't see how all 50 Governorships put together could be worth \$27 million, which is more than half a million apiece, an inflationary price regardless of what state you live in.

According to Washington, in-flation has fallen to around 5 or 6%, but those figures are having trouble getting out of the government's computer and trickling down to the rest of the country, as anybody knows if he's bought groceries lately or gone to a

It's a Small World by Bill Lindes

The road to embarrassments as well as hell is paved with good intentions.

For examples, all in the spirit of good will and courtesy, I advised my mother-in-law (Chubby Sanders) one day as she and her husband Herbert were preparing to ride away from home: "Well, have a good time." a good time."

She pretended, however, she hadn't heard that.

It was the right thing but the wrong time. She was going to a funeral.

Then I gave well wishes to a lady the other day: "Hope everything comes out all right." What made this wrong was she was heading for surgery. The meaning, of course, was, "I hope everything was suc-cessful."

The boner with the new bride

"Did everything come off all right?" I asked a lady who'd been married three days before and whom I hadn't seen since before the wedding.

My meaning was: "Did the ceremony and reception go well?' That's a polite, rhetorical question, of course. The questioner really isn't asking whether the ceremony and reception and gifts were beautiful or whether they were complete disasters. Even if the questioner suspects things didn't go hunky-dory, he/she just doesn't ask that question with the intent of getting serious information about the matter. (But I'll have to check with Miss Manners about this).

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The Pilot of Southern Pines ran this ad for a business there in its December 15 edition: "We had these turkeys left over

from Thanksgiving...We have ten-tatively named them Quasimodo & Ichabod ... Price is Negotiable ... No reasonable Offer Will Be Refused....They May Be Inspected at:

The only pictures on the ad are of two men. I recognized one of them as Russell Powell, the owner of the store. The other man I didn't recognize.

This is the kind of ad that the owner is well known around Moore County for. Another ad he ran once bore his picture and the words: "Would you buy a used car' from this man?" I've forgotten what he was advertising, but I think it also was the same music store.

His standard Cht 'mas ad also used to read (what else?) "Bah, humbug ...

He used to run a Sweet Old Boy Contest every year in the form of an ad which the voter could clip and mail to him.

He also is the conductor of the Pinedene Symphony Orchestra, the mayor of Pinedene, and president of Pinedene Community College. He once refused to allow a Holiday magazine photographer to take a picture of his orchestra until the musicians tuned their instruments. The orchestra, incidentally, plays country music among other types and rides in the back of a pickup truck, in regular working clothes (like jeans and overalls and the like) in the annual Fourth of July Parade through Aberdeen.

Pinedene, incidentally, isn't an incorporated town but is the southern section of Southern Pines. There is no Pinedene Community College, but Powell was invited to a conference of presidents of North Carolina community colleges and technical institutes. The invitation was extended by Dr. Raymond Stone, president of Sandhills Community College (which, as everyone around here knows, is real), with tongue in cheek. Powell once was asked to be a speaker at a meeting. When his turn came he was introduced properly, and he got up and announced he was going to talk about his sex life. A silence induced by shock settled immediately on the audience.

As Christmas rapidly ap-roaches, we at the Hoke/Raeford Humane Society would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped us in our efforts this past year. With your help we've been able to help cut down on the pet over-

population. We've also brought to light the poor conditions of our local pound and, because of your caring and interest in this, conditions have improved somewhat and we look forward with confidence now that a new pound will be built. But

there is still so much to be done. Won't you please take time to read the following poeth sent to us from the Michigan Humane Society?

And, remember: a great Christmas gift this year could be a donation for our new pound. It will make you feel good and will do wonders for the poor animals who have to spend perhaps their last Christmas in the dog pound.

Thank you again for your past help and your continuing support,

and Merry Christmas! Sheryl McGinnis, Director Hoke/Raeford Humane Socie-

Rt. 4, Box 410-C, Raeford. Telephone 875-3283

I'm sitting in this metal cage - today is Christmas eve.

I know that this is not a dream but still cannot believe.

In the time that I have been here, I've seen pain and terror in each face

Dogs brought in with splintered limbs, kittens sprayed with mace. There's a black lab in the corner,

nicest dog that's here by far, Rumor has it that this gentle dog

How can you save \$50 on one

The ad explained that the store's

hospital or had his car repaired or

Perhaps the city and other industries can learn from the example provided by Faberge.

Officials there have decided that complying with the laws of the community make good sense.

As a bonus, Faberge officials have also discovered that valuable waste materials, which were being lost, are now being recovered at a savings for the company.

The industrial growth of Hoke County could hinge on council's decisions.



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Hand for Hazel

Dear Editor,

Hazel Niven is really doing a grand job with the Social Events for The News-Journal.

I look forward to the paper now to keep up on what all my friends in Raeford are doing.

It is like a visit from home when I read Hazel's pages.

I hope she will keep up the good work. She is doing a great job. Rebecca Bridges Tolar

Pat on the back

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my appreciation for the fine Veterans Service Officer that Hoke County

Mrs. Patricia Propst not only does her job as Veteran Service Officer but she goes beyond the normal duties of her job to extend to veterans like myself the courtesies that we need. She understands what we have been through and what we have to face each day.

Hoke County is indeed fortunate to have such a person as Mrs. Propst doing a job for her

was tossed from a moving car. There is a shepherd across the aisle with bones showing thru his coat And he wears a scar caused by a chain that was embedded in his throat.

Frightened creatures sheltered here are waiting for a friend,

A kindly smile, a treat, a pat, someone with love to lend

I am in here with my puppies and we are clean, warm and fed I heard them say we had been

abandoned and without them we'd be dead.

But my masters would not do that we've been friends for many a



"Tell Santa I only want three things for Christmas... aisles one, three, and five!"

a leaky faucet fixed or, if he's a lobbyist, bought a politician.

Yours faithfully, J.A.

Letters Policy

Letters to the editor are encouraged and welcomed. Writers should keep letters as short as possible. Names, addresses and telephone numbers should be included and all letters must be signed. Names will be printed, however, other information will be kept confidential. We reserve the right to edit letters for good taste and brevity, letters should be received by The Journal by 5 p.m. on the Monday of the publication week.

After a dramatic pause, Powell declared: "It gives me great pleasure." Then he sat down.

I don't know how it is now, but his store used to be a favorite place for anybody who likes to play an instrument and sing to drop into, even on Sundays, and take part in an informal jam session.

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