

# ...DSS Frustrations

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These 55 families are not the only ones that will probably have to do without food stamps.

The forms must be filled out every month, and if they aren't turned in on time, then those clients will be in the "same boat" as the first 55, Witherspoon said.

"We could say the clients are to blame because they don't send the forms in on time, but that would not be fair," Witherspoon said.

"We have to realize where the clients stand and what their capabilities are in regard to filling out these forms," Witherspoon added.

One of the major problems clients seem to have is in filling out the forms.

"There is a tremendous amount of assistance needed by some clients in filling out these forms," Witherspoon said.

According to Witherspoon, the

program is costing more to operate and requires more time and personnel than DSS has to spare.

"Right now my people are working nights and weekends because of the doubled amount of processing that has to be done," Witherspoon said.

At Monday's DSS Board of Directors meeting, Witherspoon estimated that his seven-person staff would have to be increased by four to effectively handle the new program.

The new federal regulation is in theory supposed to reduce food stamp fraud and other errors that may be in the program, Witherspoon said.

"The forms are supposed to help us eliminate food stamp fraud, but whether it will be a real question," Witherspoon said.

The new program almost completely knocks out the face to face interviews.

"With the interview, it is at

times easier to tell if a client is being truthful," Witherspoon said.

It is hard to see a person squirm, fidget or hesitate when answering a questionnaire, Witherspoon added.

But as one of the test areas, the food stamp clients will have to fill out and send in these forms if they are to continue getting their benefits.

Clients must fill out these forms, detailing their monthly bills, medical expenses, child care costs, monthly income and other personal items.

All this information must be accurate or the process starts all over again, Witherspoon said.

"If a form is not filled out properly, we have to send it back to the client and then reprocess it again," Witherspoon said.

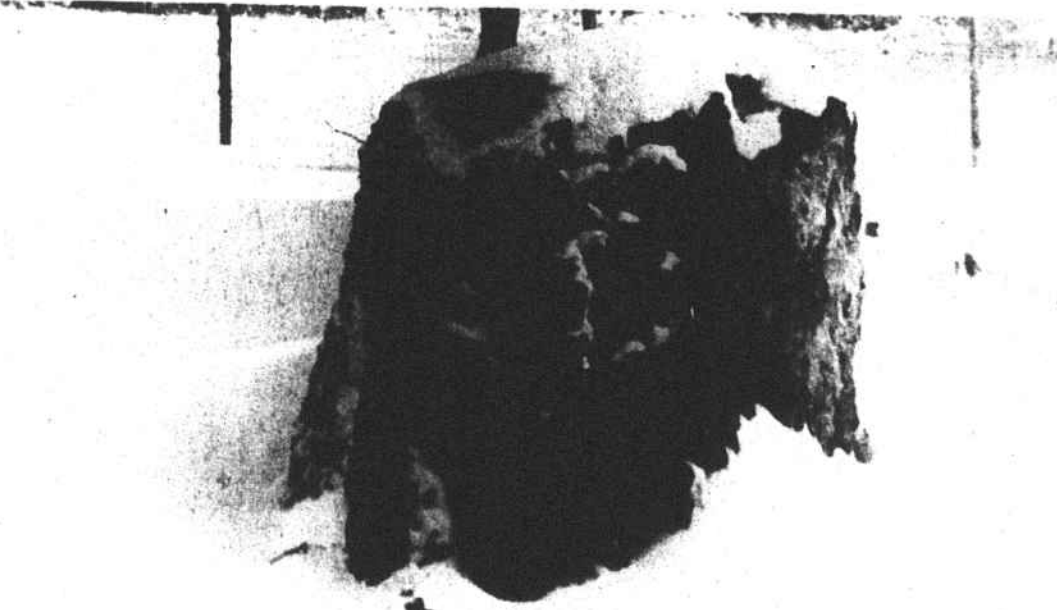
"This is a misdirected federal policy at this point in time," Witherspoon said.

"It is the worst problem I've faced since I have been in the Department," Witherspoon added.



**Snowy calamity.**

Some may have enjoyed all the snow but others caught the brunt of the trouble that it can cause. In this case an overloaded awning collapsed causing damage to one of the downtown stores.



## Snow, beautiful snow

Last week's sudden snow storm blanketed the county leaving approximately six inches of the white stuff but by mid-morning Friday the beauty of the snow had turned to beastly slush!

# Around Town

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outstanding job in getting the roads passable in the county and city. Thanks to all of you for a job well done.

The Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by the Hoke County Ministerial Association will be held Sunday morning at 5:40 a.m. on the front steps of the Raeford Presbyterian Church.

Don't forget that after the service coffee and doughnuts will be served in the church's fellowship hall by the Senior High Fellowship.

So set your clocks and be in attendance.

Have you purchased your tickets to the circus? If not, then do so at once. The Franzen Bros. Circus will give two performances on Friday at Armory Park. The time of the shows will be at 6 & 8 p.m.

The circus is sponsored by the Raeford Kiwanis Club and all proceeds will go to the Children's Center.

So for a big evening and to help a worthy cause go to the circus, Friday.

Do you see Red? Well if you look at the finals of the NCAA Basketball tournament you will have a chance to see that color. Houston, Louisville, N.C. State and Georgia all have red as their school colors. So, the players, cheerleaders and maybe most of the fans will be dressed in red in one fashion or another.

Houston and Louisville were picked to go to the final four, but N.C. State and Georgia have been called all kind of names by sports-writers and each game they won was called an upset, so of course, since they play one another Saturday what will the writers say about the winner.

Of course they will be the under-

dog against either Houston or Louisville but this will be their usual position and should be to their liking.

As stated here last week I get a lot of ribbing when the Tar Heels lose, but I will be pulling for N.C. State Saturday and if they win will wear, if the weather is suitable, a red coat to church on Easter Sunday. (Take note - Baker & Gatlin).

So come on you Tar Heel fans, let's help State bring the cup to North Carolina for the second year in a row.

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**COME AND SEE**  
 John 1:37-42 gives the account of two men who, having heard that Jesus was the "Lamb of God," began to follow Him. After they asked where He lived Jesus invited them to COME AND SEE. They stayed with Him that day, hearing and seeing for themselves. Andrew, one of the two, then went and found his own brother, Simon Peter, and told him, "we have found the Messiah." Then verse 42 says "...and he brought him to Jesus."  
 This scene from the Scriptures is a brief summary of the desire, purpose, and mission of the Evangelical Methodist Church -- to bring others to Jesus. We too, like Phillip, believe and receive Jesus as the Redeemer, Deliverer, Healer, Saviour -- Christ! We invite you to "come" worship with us "and see what this same Jesus is doing today. You will discover that Christ still cleanses the soul of sin, comforts the broken-hearted, heals the sick, answers prayer for all needs, as ALL the Gospel (Good News) is preached.  
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Sunday School	10:00
Sunday Worship	11:00
Sunday Evening	7:30
Wed. Evening	7:30

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
 Prior to its regularly scheduled meeting, Hoke County will conduct a Public Hearing, April 18, 1983, at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex Building, Raeford, North Carolina. The purpose of this Hearing is to obtain citizen comments on Hoke County's 1983 Community Development Block Grant Application.

The application requests \$542,500 Community Development - Community Revitalization funds. The "Tyler Town" area has been selected as the target area. \$453,000 will be used in the target area for the construction of a water distribution system, elevated tank, a booster pump station and administration of the grant. The application also contains a request for \$89,500 in Community Development funds to be used for local option activities. Local option funds will be used for the construction of facilities at two parks located in the City of Raeford and the Rockfish community.

At the regularly scheduled meeting, the agenda calls for the Hoke County Board of Commissioners to consider the formal authorization to submit the Community Development Block Grant Application to the Division of Community Assistance, North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development for funding consideration.

**EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**  
 Individuals interested in seeking employment with the Hoke County Health Department or the Hoke County Department of Social Services need to be placed on a register of eligible applicants through a testing/evaluation procedure conducted by the North Carolina Office of State Personnel. Individuals must be on a register for a particular position to be interviewed and considered for employment when a vacancy occurs.

**PRESENT VACANCIES:**  
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