



**Spending time on the tracks**  
 Work crews fell into step at the railroad tracks on Main Street Tuesday to begin repairing rough railroad crossings that have been drawing complaints from city residents. At the July City Council meeting, City Manager Ron Matthews informed the members that representatives from the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad met with city engineers and the crossings would be repaired within 30 days. True to their word, crew members were beginning work on replacing the timbers Tuesday.

## ... Around Town

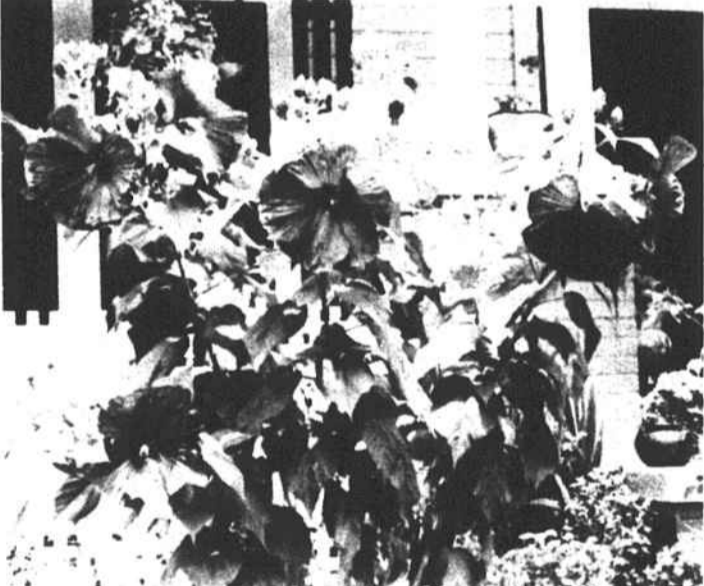
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 my imagination. It should be of interest to many in Hoke County. Greetings,  
 It is indeed a pleasure to say hello and stuff to the Hoke County Journal again.  
 In regards to my subscription to *The News-Journal* I want to subscribe to it again. I am a Senior Citizen, and last year it cost me only six dollars and something; however, it has gone up and this is the very first time that I have been able to afford to subscribe to it.  
 I am enclosing my personal check for \$10.00. Colonel Paul Dickson and Colonel Samuel Mor-

ris know me. I am the same Bill Williamson of Laurinburg and Hamlet. I am spending the summer here. You can live here cheaper than Laurinburg or Hamlet.  
 I see an awful lot of cars here from Raeford, but at the age of 68; then I see very few that I know. I went with the Battery F to camp during the year 1938. I was the Bugler, and I can call over 100 of them by their names within 2 hours. I did it and gave the names to the Methodist preacher from Raeford as he conducted our church meeting a few years ago.  
 I see that Miss Josephine Hall and I are 3rd cousins. The late

Sheriff Hall's grandfather and my late father's grandfather were brothers.  
 I will write to you all again about September 6th, because we will have our "Scotch Tiger Reunion" Saturday, September 17th. Luther Jackson, Jr., Raymond Gray, Sidney Williford and Paul Livingston are all Scotch Tigers.  
 I saw Mrs. William L. Lennon, from Lumberton, just a few weeks ago. I can remember her when she was Elizabeth (Lib) McBryde, the most beautiful young lady of Raeford.  
 Well, I will give you a break and close.  
 Sincerely,  
 Bill Williamson

## ... Burglary Charged

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 Sheriff's reports show that someone had apparently attempted to pry open a door under Davis's carport. Some damage was done to the door, but nothing was missing. Slashed tires and burned vehicles were also reported to the sheriff's office this week.  
 Sandra Leach reported that someone had attempted to burn her car.  
 Reports show that straw had been placed in the seat of Leach's car and had apparently been set on fire.  
 The car's interior was burned, reports show.  
 An investigation into the matter is continuing at this time, reports indicate.  
 Marvin Shaw of Rt. 5 Raeford reported that someone had cut his tires while he was at an "adult club" near Jones Hill.  
 According to the reports, Shaw left his car at the club and walked to his brother's house. When he returned his tires had been cut.



**Blooming perfection**  
 Even with temperatures reaching the 100° mark, this hibiscus remains healthy. Standing in the direct sunlight all day should take its toll even on plants, but instead this flower seems to grow more beautiful.

# DSS Slices Cheese Allotments

By Sherry Matthews

Although more butter and cheese will be distributed to Hoke County residents in September, quantities will be sharply cut in order to meet the demands.  
 Department of Social Services (DSS) board members decided at Monday's regular meeting that only food stamp recipients and Aid To Families With Dependent Children (AFDC) clients should receive the September agriculture products given away by the Reagan Administration.  
 Individual portions will also be cut, so more people could be served.  
 Board members also asked that DSS Director, Ken Witherspoon, "cut" back the number of pounds of butter and cheese distributed to each household.  
 In May, thousands of pounds of butter and cheese were given to Hoke residents, but the demand outlasted the supply by about two days.  
 At Monday's meeting, board members decided to try to "avoid" that same situation in September.  
 Over 12,000 pounds of butter and cheese have been allocated to Hoke County and will be distributed to food stamp and AFDC clients.  
 According to Witherspoon, some 1,400 households will be eligible for the products.  
 "With the amounts being cut by the board, I believe there will be enough to go around this time," Witherspoon said.  
 According to Jean Holland,

board vice-chairman, many people want far "too much" butter and cheese.  
 People were trading or giving the cheese away, and that is not fair to those who really needed the products, Holland said.  
 "A lot of people really need it, and it should be given to those who can prove their need," Holland said.  
 With only food stamp and AFDC clients receiving the products this time, the proof of need will be less difficult, Witherspoon said.  
 In an unrelated matter, Witherspoon informed the board that the food stamp monthly reporting system, although suspended until October, was still causing problems.  
 "It is still a grave situation," Witherspoon said.  
 In July alone, 181 cases are set to be re-determined while 450 cases are scheduled for review in August.  
 According to Witherspoon, these figures do not include the over 150 clients who were carried over from June or who need to be seen in August.  
 "There is just too many people to see and not enough time to see them all," Witherspoon said.  
 "We just can't stop daily requests to get the overflow taken care of," Witherspoon added.  
 Although Hoke DSS has been temporarily relieved of monthly reporting responsibilities, problems have not vanished entirely.  
 "We are still getting phone calls

and complaints because we are not getting to clients fast enough," Witherspoon said.  
 Since the program was implemented in March, hundreds of Hoke residents have been clogged in the endless paperwork that staff members have been unable to complete on time.  
 More and more residents were left waiting for services, as clients mounted and time slipped away.  
 With the temporary suspension, Witherspoon had hoped to get things back on track, but that apparently has not happened.  
 "It is still a grave situation," Witherspoon said.  
 "We would need two additional eligibility specialists to get back to normal by September," Witherspoon added.  
 In further board matters, Witherspoon informed the three members present at Monday's meeting that AFDC fraud had been detected in at least five cases.  
 Over \$4,000 in AFDC and Medicaid benefits were illegally obtained in five cases, Witherspoon said.  
 "A significant number of these cases show potential for being involved with food stamp fraud as well," Witherspoon said.  
 The board asked that Witherspoon take the necessary steps to collect the money and check for possible food stamp fraud.  
 Members also elected new officers for a year term.  
 Jean Holland was elected as chairman of the DSS board and Mary Seaford was named to the vice-chairman seat.

## ... Zoning On Agenda

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some protection at some level," Perry said.  
 Perry sent the commissioners a "variety" of information on different types of zoning and had "drawn up" mobile home zoning plans when the issue was abandoned.  
 "To my knowledge, nothing has been done since November," Perry said.  
 Zoning plans have been in the works for over three years now, but because of apparent "political heat" nothing concrete has been decided.  
 Countywide zoning, along with other planning ordinances, were worked on by commissioners in 1977, but the matter was dropped after an apparent heated public hearing.  
 In 1979, the commissioners again considered developing a zoning plan for the county which proved futile.  
 "Nobody likes zoning," Balfour said.

"People don't want zoning ordinances until someone builds a hog parlor or slaughter house next door, then they look to county officials to do something," Perry said.  
 "People need to realize that there is more to zoning than what they think," Perry added.  
 The general public believes zoning is "stifling" and refuse to see the good it can do, Perry said.  
 "Zoning controls growth and protects the public," Perry added.  
 "Without some sort of zoning plan, a county will wind up with helter skelter growth," Perry said.  
 "To have orderly growth in Hoke County, I believe we need a zoning ordinance of some sort," Balfour said.  
 People just don't realize how important it can be, Balfour said, adding that he had heard both the pros and cons of the issue.  
 "People never need this sort of thing until a situation arises in their own neighborhood," Perry said.  
 "It is hard to justify zoning ordinances to these people until those times occur," Perry added.

"I don't know how the other commissioners feel because we have not discussed it lately, but I think we will have to look at zoning again in the near future," Balfour said.  
 Today nearly half of the North Carolina Counties have some sort of zoning laws, a spokesman from the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill said.

## ... Hunt Jailed

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 bad check charges of more than \$3,000.  
 Hunt has been ordered by Hoke District Court Judge Joseph Dupree to seek a psychiatric appointment as a condition of his probation in Hoke County.  
 Other conditions of Hunt's numerous suspended sentences calls for the commissioner to refrain from issuing any worthless checks during his probation period.  
 At press time, no additional worthless check charges or arrest warrants have been issued against the commissioner.

## White Awarded Medal

Marine Lance Cpl. Alton R. White Jr., son of Sandra K. and Alton R. White Sr. of 405 E. Donaldson Ave., Raeford, was awarded the Good Conduct Medal.  
 The Good Conduct Medal signifies faithful and obedient service during a three-year period.  
 To earn it, enlisted Marines must achieve and maintain an unblemished conduct record for the entire period.  
 White is currently serving with Fleet Marine Force, Norfolk, Va.  
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