

... Matthews Resigns Post

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 lifted and the Raeford Housing Authority has been established and now has tenants moving into its units.
 He and his family will "regret" leaving behind the "many" friends they have made since his arrival in July 1978, Matthews said.
 Prior to coming to Raeford, Matthews served as the Director of Redevelopment for the City of Goldsboro.
 While here, the city manager served as the chairman of the 1983 United Way campaign. Matthews is also an active member of the Raeford Kiwanis Club and the Raeford Methodist Church.
 In other business during Monday's regular council meeting, the city held its final public hearing on the addition of lighting to the McLaughlin Park tennis courts.
 In September, members of the Hoke County Tennis Association appealed to the councilman to ap-

prove the additional lighting for the courts, and supported that appeal with \$1,000 in donations.
 The city will have to pay some \$5,500 to have the courts lighted, but most councilmen agreed it would be "money well spent."
 Although no city residents showed up for the public hearing, Mayor McNeill declared that the money be taken from the city's revenue sharing budget to be spent for the tennis court lighting.
 In other business, the council took action on these matters:
 --Extended the city's water and sewer line to meet property owned by David Draughon. About 415 feet of line was out of the city limits. Draughon is expected to construct a convenient mart on that site.
 --Voted to allow Fred Holland an easement to run a water line across city property to city owned Well 16 to serve his house. Councilmen were told that Holland's



Ron Matthews

well had apparently run dry.
 --Agreed to rotate the central depository to United Carolina Bank.
 --Agreed to ride in the Veteran's Day Parade on November 11 and the Christmas Parade December 3.
 --Appointed Kay Thomas to fill Betty Morgan's unexpired term on the Raeford Housing Authority.

... Pound Costs Mulled

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 \$2,618 in local monies that will be used in the Health Department budget for an addressograph card-writer.
 The total cost will be \$6,545 with Jobs Bill funds picking up \$3,927 of the tab.
 Commissioners also approved \$13,112 in Crisis Intervention Funds that will assist households who are facing immediate heating needs.
 The federal funds, approved Monday, are unrelated to the Low Income Energy Assistance Funds which are distributed in February on a one time basis.

None of the \$13,000 comes from local funds.
 The county board also authorized the addition of State Road 1482, near the Shawtown area, to be forwarded to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) for "their paving consideration."
 Eight homes and one church are situated on the road. Residents are only asking that the road be added to the state system for maintenance purposes.
 Commissioners also approved a request by Hoke Emergency Medical Services (EMS) coor-

dinator Bill Niven to add O.B. kit cost to a patient's bill if that patient uses the kit.
 Niven requested that an O.B. charge of \$10 be added to the bill.
 "If they use it, it is only fair for them to have to pay for it," County Manager Martin said.
 According to Martin, only those who actually deliver while in the ambulance would need the kits.
 In an earlier breakfast meeting, the county board and the Board of Education both appointed the 21-member School Blue Ribbon Study Committee that was set up to examine the conditions of the schools.

Low Income Energy Assistance Has Doubled In Hoke County

By Sherry Matthews
 Applications for the Hoke Department of Social Services (DSS) Low Income Energy Assistance Program have doubled over last year's figures in less than "half the time," according to Hoke DSS Director Ken Witherspoon.
 Witherspoon gave the new figures to the DSS board during last Monday's afternoon meeting.
 The energy assistance applications have reached a new peak, Witherspoon said.
 Since the first applications were taken October 17, 892 county residents have applied for the one-time \$160 check that will be distributed in February for heating

and electrical costs.
 "I think we may be reaching more of those people who really need this assistance," Witherspoon said.
 During last year's application period, 1143 residents applied with 80% being eligible for the monies.
 Based on the statistics already calculated for this year, Witherspoon said he was expecting some 1,250 to 1,300 applications by the November 30 deadline.
 "If things continue like this, we will have that many applying," Witherspoon said.
 "I think we are getting pretty close to reaching those who are in need," Witherspoon added. "I don't think there will be many that

have been missed this year," Witherspoon said.
 In other business, Witherspoon said that the Hoke DSS staff had received the "second lowest" food stamp error rate within the 17 county region.
 "It was a good report period," Witherspoon said.
 "Considering all the troubles we have had in the food stamp program, we are pleased," Witherspoon added.
 "This is the first reporting period that reflects our efforts to improve. Maybe we are beginning to show the results of our attempts to reduce the food stamp error rate," Witherspoon said.
 "We were pretty pleased."

Wreck Kills Resident

A Raeford woman was killed last Friday morning when the car she was driving was struck by another vehicle that had crossed the center lane, a spokesman for the state highway patrol said Monday.
 Friday's accident brings the county traffic fatality toll to five for the year.
 Ada Mae Baker of Raeford was killed when her 1976 Toyota was struck by a 1972 Ford that crossed into the path of the Baker vehicle, Scotland County Highway Patrolman E.T. Workman said Monday.
 The 1972 Ford was traveling West on North Carolina Highway 211.
 Workman was at the scene because Hoke Highway Patrolmen were apparently not on duty when the accident occurred sometime

around 8:15 a.m.
 The driver of the Ford, Jannie Lee Blue, also of Raeford, was charged with driving left of center and death by vehicle, Workman said.
 Baker apparently died while in route to Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville.

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MAYOR				
McNEILL	217	228	36	481
CITY COUNCIL				
CLARK	181	207	30	418
GENTRY	191	197	40	428
HEDGPETH	198	186	31	415
LEACH	59	43	8	110
McDUFFIE	148	142	34	324
McLEOD	202	216	36	454
UPCHURCH	199	218	38	455

Unofficial Results Of Raeford Races

...Incumbents Win City Race

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"I was surprised. I thought I had a chance to win," McDuffie said Wednesday morning.
 "I am not sorry I ran. They need some more opposition. Maybe I'll do better next time," he added.
 McNeill has been serving 30 years in city government, and will take his seat for the eighth term as mayor.
 There were a few write-in ballots cast, but the incumbent mayor still received 481 votes.
 Five voters wrote in Neill Senter's name. One vote was cast for Clayton Bouyer, two for Buddy Blue and one for Ralph Barnhart.
 There were a scattering of write-ins for council candidates.
 The balloting becomes official Thursday morning after the city canvas, Poole said.
 All of the newly elected incumbents will be sworn-in at the regular December council meeting.

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