

...County housing holds

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fiscal years 1986 and 1987 to "continue state assistance previously provided to local governments under the Clean Water Bond program," according to the memorandum.

Residents protest

A group of five county residents, led by Hosea Baldwin, appeared before the commission to voice complaints about new methods used for paving county roads.

According to Baldwin, State Highway 1003, in the Stonewall Community, "is the roughest I've seen."

Baldwin said the road has been paved by pouring a sheet of asphalt on the old surface and covering the sheet with loose gravel.

Windshields have been broken and paint has been knocked off cars because of the paving, said Baldwin.

"It's a problem," the man said. Even traveling slowly on the road does not help, he said.

Balfour told the group that he has lost two windshields to the road's gravel.

In response to the group, members of the commission voted to write a letter to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) and to forward with the letter petitions collected by Baldwin containing 350 names of area residents dissatisfied with the paving.

The petitions are valid, said McFayden.

Education funded

Commissioners also voted to give the Hoke County Board of Education a requested \$15,000 in funds to pay for the use of classrooms at Hoke County High School for a satellite of Sandhill Community College.

The money will be paid out on a monthly basis like all other county funding given the Board of Education, according to the motion.

During budget negotiations in June, commissioners agreed to fund the Board of Education one-twelfth of its' budget every month.

The additional \$15,000 will be paid the same way.

For the first payment made on the additional money, twice the

monthly amount to be paid from then on will be sent to catch up payments, said Cowan.

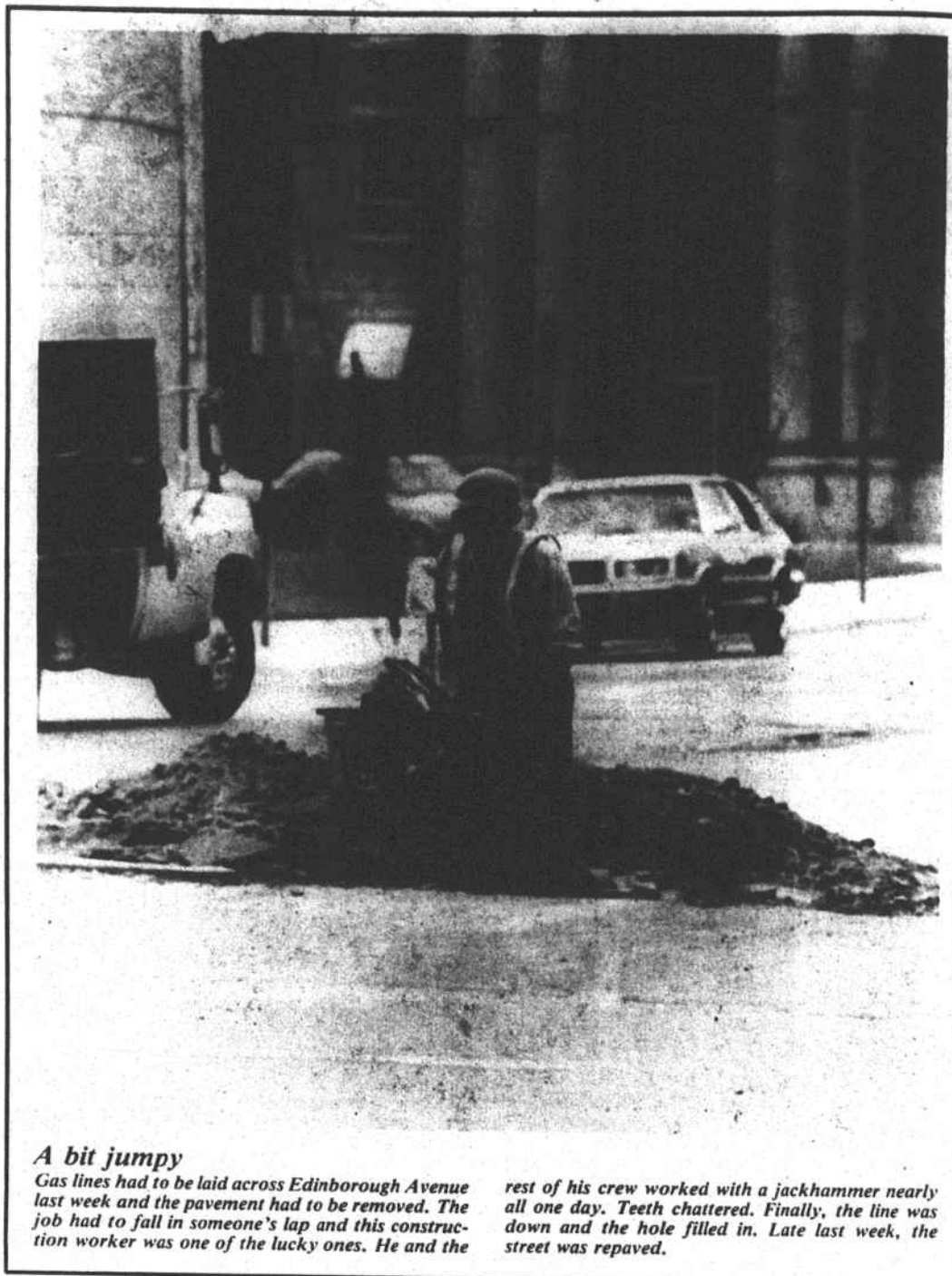
Other action

Commissioners also:
*Accepted as information a denial, by the state, of a request of a county resident to post speed limit signs in the Harmony Heights Subdivision. At July 1 commission meeting, a resident from the community asked that the limits be posted. J.A. Clendenin, Division Traffic Engineer for the DOT told Cowan in a letter that since the roads are "unimproved" there can be no signs posted.

*Reappointed Henry Dial, Ken McNeill and Ralph Barnhart to six year terms to the Hoke County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority.

*Appointed Jan Smith, Bill Archer, Debbie Little and Elenor Ransom to the Hoke County Parks and Recreation Commission.

*Appointed Grace Daramus, Josephine Hall, Willie McPhaul, Buena Melvin, Mabel Riley and James Albert Hunt to the Region N Aging Advisory Council.



A bit jumpy

Gas lines had to be laid across Edinborough Avenue last week and the pavement had to be removed. The job had to fall in someone's lap and this construction worker was one of the lucky ones. He and the

rest of his crew worked with a jackhammer nearly all one day. Teeth chattered. Finally, the line was down and the hole filled in. Late last week, the street was repaved.

...Main Street closing

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The recently created Economic Development Commission has given strength to the area in that it performs a specialized service never offered in Raeford and Hoke County before, Howard said.

There has never been a centralized data collection center for industrial research before the institution of the Economic Development Commission, he said.

Industry and businesses have seldom if ever been offered the "organizational support" that can now be given them by the commission.

Howard pointed out the "quasi-

governmental role" and its advantages to the economic cause.

With direction from all branches of local government and input from the private sector via the Chamber of Commerce, Howard is better able to see the needs of the area and better able to set his goals and goals for the city and county, he said.

Upon completing the presentation, Howard asked that he be allowed to update councilmen on a quarterly basis.

Members of the council accepted the offer.

"You should get together with officials from Raleigh and give this

talk again, word for word," Mayor McNeill told Howard.

"That's the type of thing that further sells the community," said the Mayor.

Other motions

In other action, councilmen voted to pay \$40,582 for a new backhoe for city construction.

Awarded the bid was North Carolina Equipment Company of Fayetteville.

Councilmen also:
*Appointed Thomas Summers to the Housing Board of Appeals.
*Appointed Jimmy McPhaul to the Raeford Housing Authority.

Poster contest to be held

All persons aged five through 17 years are invited to enter a poster contest sponsored by the North Carolina Turkey Festival Committee.

The contest theme is "what is a parade."

Posters may be drawn with any type ink or markers and can be decorated with paper mache or just about anything else the artist likes.

Posters must be at least 9 by 11 inches.

Use your imaginations, sponsors of the contest say.

Posters will be judged on originality, neatness, and how closely participants follow the theme.

The entry deadline is Friday, September 6, 1985 at 4 p.m. Posters will be brought to the Hoke County Public Library.

Contestants must include their name, age, school and telephone numbers on the back of the poster.

Labels for poster fronts will be provided by the festival committee.

Posters will be judged in four categories, kindergarten through fourth grades, fifth and sixth grades, seventh and eighth grades and ninth through twelfth grades.

First, second and third places will be awarded in all categories

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with honorable mentions also in each group.

First prize winners will participate in the Turkey Festival Parade on September 18.

Winners who place will receive ribbons and honorable mentions will be awarded certificates.

Judging will be on September 7. For more information, call Patty Falgiano at the Plantry at 875-8629.

...Board of Education upheld

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found some fault with the Board of Education.

Beaty said that board members should have given more consideration to the fact that Baker acknowledged she had interpersonal problems.

The judge also found that

hostility could have been created by Baker's supervisor, West Hoke Principal Milton H. Williams, in that he directed problems with the teacher be brought to him instead of her.

The principal should have also kept better records of the problems

occurring with Baker during the 1982-83 school year.

The judge said Board of Education members should have placed more weight on Baker's "excellent teaching record."

The woman was awarded the "Teacher of the Year" award in 1983.

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