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U.S. Congressman Bill Hefner fields questions during a town meeting last Wednesday in the Hoke Courthouse.

Money focus of Hefner meeting here

By June Lancaster
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About 50 Hoke County residents attended an old-fashioned town meeting held by Democratic Rep. W.G. (Bill) Hefner last Wednesday in the courthouse.

Hefner has represented the Eighth Congressional District, which includes Hoke County, since 1982.

The congressman fielded questions on a variety of subjects including the federal budget, defense spending, social issues and the Middle East.

On the budget, Hefner said he thinks Congress is serious about

wanting to balance the budget. He said, "I would like to balance the budget." Hefner said he knows the American people are interested in a balanced budget but don't realize how difficult it is to do that.

"The first thing you'd have to do," Hefner said, "is to cut the military drastically."

Hefner serves on the defense sub-committee and said, "I vote strongly for defense. We have a responsibility to defend the country."

Hefner said 30 per cent of the federal budget is for defense but no military installation or equipment is carried as equity for budget purposes.

A member of the audience said, "Cut everything but defense."

Hefner said the problem becomes, "What can be cut?"

"I wish I had a solution to solve the deficit," said Hefner.

Hefner condemned this administration's handling of the budget. He said, "This administration has accumulated more debt than was accumulated by all the presidents from George Washington to Jimmy Carter."

Asked where he stands on line-item veto power for the president, Hefner said, "There's an awful lot of room for an awful lot of mischief if you give a president line-item veto power."

Questioned about the possibility of reinstating the draft, Hefner said there is no sentiment in the Congress for doing that. He further said he himself would support conscription.

Jimmy Morrissey, president of the Hoke County chapter of the NAACP asked Hefner whether he supported the District of Columbia statehood bill.

Hefner said, "I've got to hear a lot of argument to vote for two senators for D.C."

Hefner received several questions on social issues and welfare-related concerns.

In response to the question, "What is being done for handicapped people?" Hefner said, "I have supported legislation against discrimination of the handicapped."

Hefner added, "This Congress and administration seems to be cutting funding for the handicapped."

On the matter of medical care for the elderly, Hefner said, "I've always supported catastrophic insurance." He did say, however, "I don't believe in cradle to grave welfare."

Hefner is critical of the President's handling of the Persian Gulf crisis. He said the House voted a non-binding resolution to wait 60

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Around Town

By Sam Morris

The weather has finally cooled off, but don't turn off the air conditioner, because we may still have hot weather in September. The rain Monday was needed and as one farmer stated Monday afternoon, the soybeans were taking it in, drop by drop.

The forecast for the remainder of the week is for the temperature to be in the 80s during the day and dropping down into the 60s at night. Now this is just fine for the opening of the high school and college football season.

A reminder for members of the Constitutional Bicentennial Committee of Hoke. The September meeting will be held the second Monday in September at the office of the chairman, Glenn Langdon. The office is located on the Aberdeen cutoff. The change in date is due to the Labor Day holiday.

Mark your calendar, Monday, Sept. 14 at 5 p.m.

Also, get your plans made for the upcoming N.C. Turkey Festival here in Hoke County. The event will start Thursday, September 17 with Governor Jim Martin as the guest speaker.

The schedule of events will be published soon, so cut out the schedule and support this event.

Last week an item in this column was about the close call Jimmy Conoly and his grandson, Ricky Jones had with an alligator at Lake Waccamaw. From all reports Joe Upchurch on a trip to Charleston, S.C. last week was able to secure

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Boxer to be grand marshal



James "Bonecrusher" Smith

"Bonecrusher" Smith is to be Grand Marshal of the Third Annual Turkey Festival Parade on Thursday, September 17. He is to attend events on the first day of the Festival and will be driven in a special car from Joseph's Roadster Limousine Service by Joseph Smith of Fayetteville.

Former WBA Heavyweight Champ, James Smith now lives in the Anderson Creek community in Harnett county. He owns a mobile home park and moving company near Sanford, and has retired from boxing.

Arts, crafts festival feature

By Pat Allen Wilson

Artisans and craftsmen from this county, other parts of the state, and even from out of state will be showing and selling their works during the North Carolina Turkey Festival in Raeford.

During last year's festival, 80 booths were filled and Teresa Marion, chairman of the arts and crafts committee, said last month that she expects that many participants this year.

The booths will be set up on Main Street on Saturday,

September 19, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

In addition to displaying their works, artists will also be competing among themselves for awards. Each participant will select three to five items for judging to be done by Appalachian State University professor Mary Prather, who teaches ceramics; and Martha Smith, a high school art teacher at Sylva.

There will be cash prizes of \$150, \$200 and a purchase award of \$300.

Among the displays will be oil

paintings by Jimmy James, former band director at Hoke County High School.

Faye Kicklighter, who created Faye's Arts and Crafts out of her Raeford home workshop, will be displaying for the first time during this year's festival. Among her items will be colorful wooden, hand-painted turkeys.

Marion and her committee of Denise Wallace, Eleanor Gentry and Ingrid Madden invite festival goers to make visits to the arts and crafts booths part of their itinerary.



Convocation Speakers

Hoke County School Superintendent Dr. Bob Nelson with Ruth Curtis, region four teacher of the year (left) and Cynthia Zeger, North Carolina teacher of the year.

Teachers encouraged

By June Lancaster
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The North Carolina Teacher of the Year, Cynthia Zeger of Salisbury, inspired the faculty, staff and administrators of the Hoke County School system in a motivational speech at their annual education convocation last week.

Zeger told her audience, "Educators hold the future of America in their hands."

She reminded school system employees that when school started on Monday they had, "180 (See EDUCATION, page 16)

Rep. DeVane reviews legislative session

By June Lancaster
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After an unusually long session of the General Assembly, Rep. Danny DeVane is glad to be back in Hoke County.

In an interview this week, DeVane responded to some questions of local interest.

Asked about the \$40,500 in pork barrel funds received in Hoke County this year, DeVane said that was about average for small counties.

Asked specifically about the \$7,500 appropriated for central communications system equipment that the county had hoped would amount to \$25,000, DeVane said the county was lucky to get what it did.

He said it might not be a popular thing for him to say, but central communications should probably have been an outright appropriation

by the city and county.

He said pork barrel funds had been cut back the last two years and there is a lot of talk about cutting pork barrel out completely.

Concerning efforts to re-establish a satellite community college program in Hoke County, DeVane said it will take a lot of community support.

He said Robert Bone, legislative liaison between the Department of Community Colleges and the General Assembly are working on the matter.

On the local level, DeVane said there needs to be a meeting of the minds between the county and the higher education board. "Local officials," he said, "have to set the goals and chart the course."

DeVane responded to questions on the anticipated split in Hoke County's judicial district by saying next year's short session of the General Assembly will look at it



Rep. Danny DeVane

Controversial

Work session held on ordinances

By June Lancaster
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In a work session Monday night Hoke County commissioners studied two proposed ordinances, one concerning junkyards and the other, private roads. Both have aroused a lot of interest in the county.

About 35 citizens attended the meeting but were not given an opportunity to speak. Commission chairman Wyatt Upchurch reminded the audience a public hearing on the proposed junkyard ordinance is already set for September 21 at 7 p.m.

The junkyard ordinance is designed to regulate the operation and maintenance of new and existing junkyards and "automobile graveyards" in the unincorporated areas of Hoke County.

Under the ordinance it will be unlawful to begin operation of a junkyard within 300 feet of the

centerline of any public road, within one-half mile of any school or within a residential area.

Junkyards would have to be entirely surrounded by an eight foot high fence.

Inspections of junkyards and "automobile graveyards" would be conducted twice a year by the Hoke County Health Department to ensure compliance.

The same prohibitions and requirements will exist for already established businesses. They would have twelve months from the effective date of the ordinance to comply.

Commissioner Tom Howell raised a question about pre-existing businesses which might not be able to totally comply with the ordinance because of property limitations. He said, "I can't see putting someone out of business because of property limitations." (See COMMISSIONERS, page 16)

'Strut Your Stuffin' Friday

Friday, September 4, is the official Wear Your Turkey T-Shirt Day in Raeford and Hoke County. Citizens are encouraged to wear their 1987 blue shirts with the "Strut Your Stuffin'" logo to show support for the upcoming North Carolina Turkey Festival.

You'll be in distinguished company while wearing your shirt of patriotic colors. Priscilla Carson, on a 4-H trip to Washington D.C., presented Senator Terry Sanford with a 'Strut Your Stuffin' T-shirt. Representative Bill Hefner was also given one at an open meeting he held here on August 26.

The shirts are printed in red, white and blue in conjunction with the 200th birthday of the signing of the Constitution, celebrated on September 17, the day the turkey festival opens.

Shirts are available at Festival headquarters in the Depot. Sizes are available for children from X small to Large and in adult sizes from Small to XX Large. The price is \$6.

T-shirts will be appropriate attire on businesses and schools, at work and play. Expect to see blue shirts everywhere.

The following Friday, spectators at the Turkey Bowl at Hoke High are asked to wear their shirts to support the Bucks and to show their Festival enthusiasm as Tom Suiter visits. Suiter will be featuring the Turkey Bowl as his WRAL-TV, Channel 5 "Game of the Week."

It should be noted that the following businesses have bought T-shirts for their employees: Barbee's Pharmacy, Edinborough Restaurant, Lakeside Seafood, Southern National Bank and United Carolina Bank.

We're looking for trees
American poet Alfred Joyce Kilmer wrote in his poem entitled "Trees":
"I think that I shall never see
A poem as lovely as a tree."
Hoke County is blessed with a variety of trees. They provide beauty, shade, shelter, are a source of revenue for some, and even add beauty to the area.
If you have a tree to sell, please call or write to:
The News-Journal, P.O. Box 1000, Raeford, N.C. 28583. We'd like to know more about it. Call or write at 974-2111, ask for Ken or Pat.