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## Project costs \$1.2 million

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Engineers have modified their proposal for Phase I improvements to the wastewater treatment plant much to the relief of Raeford City Council.

At last week's council meeting council members looked at a preliminary report from the engineering consulting firm of Black and Veatch which recommended Phase I improvements to be completed by September 1989 which would cost \$3,700,000.

On Monday night, council heard

Black and Veatch representative Hiram Marziano say some changes had been made in that report and that the estimated cost of Phase I improvements would be \$1.2 million.

Under the new recommendations, the first phase of improvements would include the installation of two primary clarifiers, a primary sludge pumping station, modification to the influent pumping station, a sludge belt press and accessories and a grit chamber.

Marziano said including the grit (see PLANT, page 2a)

## Industrial park study still on

By Ken MacDonald  
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The Hoke County Economic Development Commission, faced with deciding whether to stop work on a feasibility study to select and build an industrial park in Hoke County or continuing on to completion, decided to stay the course at a meeting last Thursday night.

The problem with the process began when Economic Development Director John Howard resigned to take another job halfway through the three phases of the work. The EDC had been using a 1985 Economic Development Administration \$25,000 matching grant to fund the project and the county had been counting Howard's salary as the county's match. When he resigned the federal money could not be spent as long as the county had no way

to spend its match.

Thursday night, after discussing options, the board decided to hire someone to complete the work Howard began.

The sites under consideration consist of a ten acre tract and a 40 acre tract of land. The EDC has completed phase one which provided it with a large book detailing possibilities for action and including two possible sites, and a master plan. Phase two, which will now begin, involves soil borings and other investigative techniques to develop a site plan. And phase three, which is partially completed, will provide other marketing tools.

The commission is not releasing the location of its preferred site saying it would endanger the deal, but acknowledges it would include the new industry considering locating here, one that would employ 300 people.

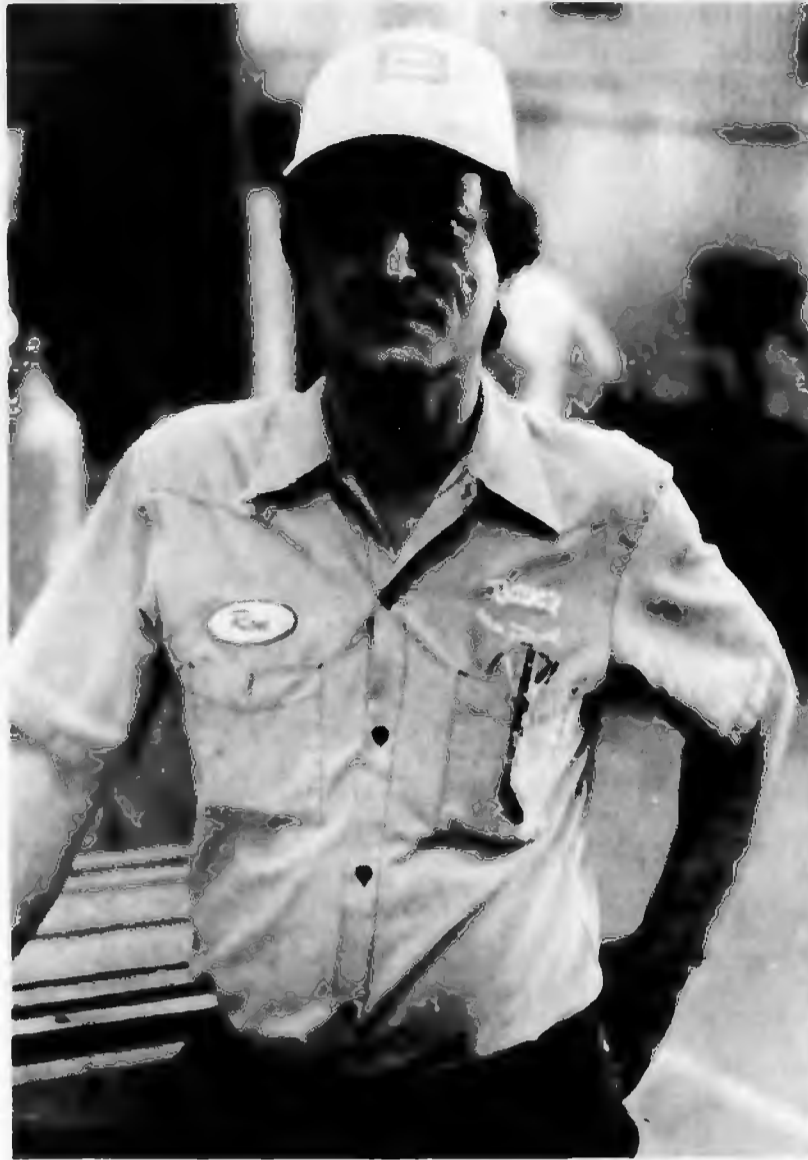
## Break-in ring broken

On Tuesday Raeford police were in the process of charging a 17 year old male in connection with 11 or 12 different cases of larceny which have occurred over the last two years, according to Police Chief V. L. Wiggins.

The cases include several vehicle

larcenies, attempted larcenies, several home break-ins, one first degree burglary and some school break-ins.

"We are hopeful this will cut down on the number of break-ins and car thefts we have experienced lately," Wiggins said.



### On the job

Vietnam-era veteran Ron Seiger now works at Basic Fabricators, a small industry on the Hoke-Moore line. After being unemployed, Seiger is learning new skills through the "On the Job Training" program of the Employment Security Commission.

## Veterans helped on the job this month

By Ken MacDonald  
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"Hell yes, we can make it," is engraved in the concrete greeting visitors of Basic Fabricators, is what might be best described as a small industry on the Moore/Hoke Counties line. The cocky slogan is example of the straightforwardness of those who operate the business of making things - anything.

Manufacturing Manager Lynn Baker is equally straightforward in talking about his latest approach to finding qualified workers. He has discovered the Jobs Partnership Training Act program (JPTA)

On the Job Training (OJT), a federally funded program administered in part through State Employment Security Commission offices. The program allows employers to train eligible people and have half the cost of their salaries paid by the government.

Baker knows the program first hand because at one point, it gave him a chance to change careers. After serving ten years in the Army, during which time he was stationed in Japan, Okinawa, Thailand, and Panama, Baker worked as a welder for six years before taking part in OJT at L.B. (see VETERANS, page 10a)

## Blazes are fought here

Tuesday morning's rain in Hoke County offered some welcome relief to county firemen who have been kept busy over the last week responding to grass and woods fires throughout the county.

Last Friday there was a woods fire in the Puppy Creek fire district.

On Saturday there were two grass fires, one in Rockfish and one near West Hoke School. Also on Saturday, a fire which started in a field behind L and S Auto Service on Highway 211 West, spread to the garage area and burned three cars.

On Sunday there were woods fires in Antioch and Stonewall. There was also a grass fire Sunday afternoon behind West Hoke Fire Station and a brush fire on SR 1142.

## Cummings on trial again

The trial of Edward Lee Cummings, accused of first degree murder in the death of 15 year-old Teresa Puryear, started Monday in New Hanover County Superior Court.

Assistant District Attorney Jean Powell in Wilmington to prosecute the case said Tuesday night five jurors had been seated. She said the prosecution had examined and passed another seven jurors who were being questioned by the defendant's attorney.

Wednesday was a state holiday for Veteran's Day so court was recessed Tuesday afternoon until (see CUMMINGS, page 7a)

## Local doctor changes jobs

By Ken MacDonald  
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Raeford's medical community is about to undergo significant changes as Dr. Riley M. Jordan, family practice physician here for 35 years, plans to "change directions" in his work.

Jordan is accepting a job with the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Fayetteville, but says he will be in town some each week. His practice will be turned over to "associates." He says all of the details of the change haven't been worked out, but an announcement will be forthcoming once a plan is complete. "I'd like to emphasize that my priority is making arrangements for the medical care of my patients," he said. And he added, "there will be a practice" in his current building at 116 Campus Avenue.

Jordan, who grew up in Hoke County, returned after school and began work with Dr. Robert A. Matheson. After a year, he went out on his own and over the years has worked with a number of physicians, including Dr. William Barry, Dr. Harry McLean, and Dr. Robert Townsend. He has practiced alone since 1976. Currently he and Dr. Ramnik Zota have offices in the same building but operate separate practices. Jordan says he has been seeing sometimes 60 patients a day six days a week, while being on-call after hours, and remaining one of few physicians who make house calls.

Anthony Branch, director of the

V.A. Medical Center says Jordan, who has worked one day a week there doing medical workups on veterans before admission, has proven an asset, and will now work part time until he decides to move into a full-time slot. "He's a very dynamic, capable person," Branch said, "and we're excited about his



Dr. Riley M. Jordan

joining our team. We feel he's the kind of person who can be one of the enhancers of our medical care," he said. Branch said Jordan and other physicians are being added to staff an 88,000 square foot clinical addition to the medical center.

## Students prepare for writing test

By June Lancaster  
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Upchurch eighth-graders have been sharpening their pencils and their wits for the past several weeks in preparation for the N. C. Writing Test which was administered Tuesday.

The students this year were under a lot of pressure because they have a reputation to live up to. Last year's Upchurch eighth-graders placed second in the state in both the number of perfect scores and passing scores on the writing test.

Instead of being intimidated by that record, the teachers and students at Upchurch have looked on it as a challenge.

Steve Chason, chairman of the eighth-grade language arts department at Upchurch says, "We expect to equal or surpass last year's scores."

In the two years the writing test has been administered to eighth-graders, the Upchurch faculty has developed a process of teaching

writing which is paying off.

Last year 8.9 per cent of the Upchurch eighth-graders received a perfect score of 4.0. (2.0 and above is passing). In the region 2.4 per cent received perfect scores. In the state 2 per cent of eighth-graders scored 4.0.

The language arts teachers are (see STUDENTS, page 2a)

## Joblessness drops here

Hoke County's unemployment rate in September was the lowest it has been for two years, according to figures released recently by the North Carolina Employment Security Commission (ESC). September's unemployment rate was 4.6 per cent.

The unemployment rate had been going down steadily all year (see JOBLESS, page 10a)



### Faberge meets goal

Faberge Personnel Director Bob Gregory (center left) presents Willie Featherstone president of the United Way board of directors (center right) with a check for \$16,000 after the company reached its goal for contributing to United Way. Also pictured are Faberge

Manager of Distribution, Bill Meadors (left) and George King, United Way campaign chairman. 99.5 percent of Faberge's 640 employees pledged support. United Way has now collected \$25,000 toward its \$40,000 goal.

## Aerial spraying threatened

Roy Wood, a member of the N. C. Pesticide Advisory Board, was in Raleigh last week when the board heard a petition presented by Chatham County officials seeking to place restrictions on aerial pesticide spraying in the state.

Wood said the petition came as the result of a 1982 incident in Chatham County involving aerial spraying. According to published reports, the petition said residents near an area sprayed with herbicides by Boise-Cascade Corp. were made ill and their livestock

killed by fumes which drifted into their yards.

Wood said the incident involved forestry spraying and was "a very minor incident."

He said the petition asks that aerial sprayers be required to give residents 72 hours advance notice when spraying is to be done.

Wood said that might work in forestry spraying where it is known well in advance that spraying will be done. However, he thinks row crops such as soybeans, tobacco and cotton which is what he

primarily sprays should be excluded from the requirement. He says he often doesn't know until the actual day of spraying that conditions are right for spraying to be done.

Another part of the petition had to do with buffer zones. Wood says that would be very restrictive. He says the buffer zone requirement and the advance notice would make it almost impossible to operate an aerial spraying business in the state. (see SPRAY, page 2a)

## Around Town

By Sam Morris

The weather was cooler last weekend, but it warmed up Sunday and Monday. The temperatures were in the 70s both days. We didn't have any rain so it was nice outdoors and many folks raked lawns.

The forecast is for rain Tuesday and Wednesday morning and then for a cold front to move in on Wednesday. We could get temperatures below freezing on Wednesday night. The high for Wednesday is forecast for readings in the 40s. Then it is going to get warmer for the weekend with the thermometer giving readings in the 60s.

We're hoping for some rain, because it really is needed.

Tickets are now on sale for the 4th Annual Mullet Roast to be held at the Hoke Civic Center on Friday, December 4 starting at 6:30 p.m. You can purchase these tickets at the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce office in

the Depot Building.

A large crowd will be on hand and only 150 tickets were printed to assure everyone of a place to sit down, so if you are planning to attend, you had better purchase your ticket now.

Another event that will be held in December is the Raeford Kiwanis Club annual Pancake Supper. Due to some conflicts it will be held the third Thursday in December this year.

The affair will be at the W.T. Gibson school cafeteria on Thursday night, December 17. Serving will be from five o'clock to eight and you get all you can eat for only \$3.

The pancakes are always good but the fellowship is worth more than the meal. Also you are helping the Kiwanians with their many worthwhile projects.

We will not complain about the (see AROUND, page 10a)