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Board considers landfill, straw

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners is considering restricting use of the city/county landfill by those who don't live in the county. The board voted unanimously to have County Attorney Duncan McFadyen draw up an ordinance that would forbid non-residents to use the landfill. Concern about the issue was raised in a letter to the board of commissioners from City Clerk Betty Smith on behalf of City Manager Tom Phillips. The city operates the landfill while the county owns it. In discussing the matter, the commissioners indicated some people from other counties, particularly Cumberland County, have been traveling to Hoke County because of tipping fees charged in their own counties. There is expected to be a provision for out of town con-

tractors working on behalf of Hoke citizens, allowing them to use the landfill with written permission from a Hoke resident. In other action, the board adopted an ordinance requiring those who purchase pine straw to keep records of their transactions. The ordinance is an attempt to curb the theft of straw from area farms for use in nurseries, florists, and other commercial operations. It was modeled after a Moore County ordinance. The ordinance requires those who purchase straw to record the quantity purchased, the amount paid, the name of the seller, and his license number. Sellers must also provide two forms of identification. The books must be kept by the buyer and displayed on request to any law enforcement officer.

Board says no to health job

Hoke County Commissioners Monday night voted 3-2 against a request by Health Director Bobby Rogers to approve the hiring of a social worker for the Health Department.

The social worker would have provided care coordination services to pregnant women and children under two who became eligible for medical care under an expanded Medicaid program which went into effect October 1.

Monday night's appearance by Rogers was the second time this month he has taken his request to the commissioners. At the November 2 meeting commissioners told Rogers to get the endorsement of the Health Department board before they would act on his request.

In a letter to commissioners,

Rogers said the Board of Health met on November 9 and voted unanimously to make the request.

Although the social worker's salary would have been largely reimbursed by the state and federal governments, commissioners were still concerned the program would have proved costly to the county.

Rogers contends the program, designed to reduce the infant mortality rate, would be cost effective in the long run because "anytime you have a healthy baby it's much better for everybody."

In a recent interview Rogers said of the expanded Medicaid program, "This is a breakthrough that I think is quite significant because never before have the federal and state governments paid for this kind of service."

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Residency policy debated by board

By June Lancaster
News-Journal Staff Writer

A policy which would require key personnel in the Hoke County School system to reside in the county was considered by the Board of Education at its November 10 meeting but no action was taken. The meeting was attended by several administrators and other school employees.

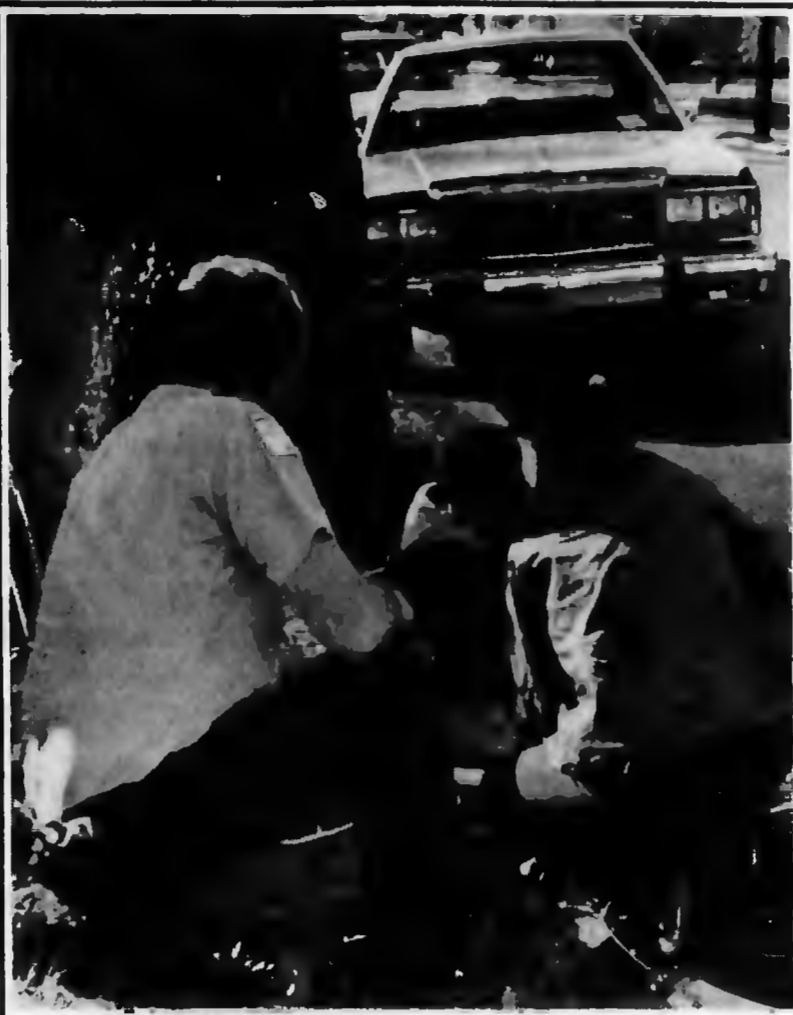
The first draft of the proposed policy states that principals, head coaches of major varsity sports, directors of band and/or chorus and supervisory and administrative personnel in the central office would be required to live in Hoke County.

Whether or not the draft should be expanded to include assistant principals was discussed. At least two board members think it should.

The draft included a grandfather clause which would permit persons holding a position in one of the above categories at the time of policy adoption and not living in Hoke County to continue to reside outside the county.

If a person in one of the above categories were to move out of the county after adoption of the policy he could appeal to the board for an exemption. Exemptions could also be granted to applicants for one of

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Pedestrian hit

8 year-old Cedrick McNair, a student at McLauchlin School is comforted by rescue personnel after he darted into the path of a car driven by Joyce Brown of Raeford and was hit. The accident occurred at the intersection of E. Central and S. Highland last Thursday afternoon. McNair sustained minor injuries and no charges were filed. Sgt. Steve Coughlin of the Raeford Police Department said children should be reminded to cross at Central and Stewart where there is a crossing guard from 2:30-3 p.m.

Rest home fire drills pay off

By June Lancaster
News-Journal Staff Writer

The frequent and thorough fire drills practiced at the Open Arms Rest Home paid off on Friday morning when a fire broke out in a

housekeeper Annette Bratcher heard the smoke alarm. Upon investigation she discovered a smoke-filled room where a mattress had burned.

Bratcher quickly alerted the



Mattress fire

This mattress caught fire as a result of a resident smoking in his room at the Open Arms Rest Home last Friday morning. Quick action by rest home employees prevented serious damage.

resident's bedroom.

It was just after 8 a.m. and most of the residents were at breakfast in the dining room when

supervisor-in-charge Pearl Ferguson who called the fire station. Meanwhile, Ann Davis, another supervisor, and Mackie Locklear of the maintenance staff quickly doused the flames and threw the mattress out of the window.

Firemen and rescue personnel quickly converged on the building. However, all that had to be done was to bring in fans to rid the room of smoke.

Just the day before the fire, the rest home staff had practiced one of their periodic fire drills. (see FIRE, page 2a)

Holiday changes released

The City of Raeford has announced that all city offices will be closed November 26 and 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be no garbage pickup either day. The landfill will be closed Thanksgiving but will re-open the 27th.

All News-Journal deadlines for next week's paper will be one day earlier than usual.

School Board debates middle school issue

By June Lancaster
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A decision made two years ago by the Hoke County Board of Education to adopt a middle school plan of grade organization in 1988 is running into some problems because of uncertainties about finances and facilities.

At a work session two weeks ago the board discussed the middle school organization with the two principals most involved in the restructuring.

Emma Mims of Turlington Elementary School and Allen Edwards of Upchurch Junior High School are the principals whose schools will undergo the most dramatic changes when the middle school plan is implemented.

The plan calls for the approximately 1200 students in grades six, seven and eight to be assigned to either Turlington or Upchurch which will become middle schools with programs as identical as possible.

Currently Turlington has all the fifth and sixth graders in the county and Upchurch all the seventh and eighth graders. Under the new plan, fifth graders will be assigned to the four elementary schools in the county, McLauchlin, Scurlock, South Hoke and West Hoke.

In order to accommodate the fifth graders, the elementary schools will have classroom additions financed by the successful 1986 school bond vote. Construction on those projects is expected to begin by the end of this year.

Turlington School will have some remodeling to offices and restrooms. That work is expected to be done during the summer vacation.

The extensive classroom additions planned for Upchurch have been put on hold. The board decided to delay the additions and other remodeling planned for Upchurch when it was learned Hoke County schools were placed high on the priority list for critical needs funding.

The board believes Hoke County will get a substantial amount of money—maybe enough to build a new school which could house all the middle school students—but will not know until April at the earliest how much money that will be.

The uncertainties involving money and space are not the only challenges facing the school board. The question of how to assign students to the two schools was debated. Various methods, rang-

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17 year old charged in area break-ins

Michael Lamont Buie, 17, of Rt. 1, Red Springs has been arrested in connection with a series of break-ins and larcenies over the last year. Charges have been preferred against Buie by both the Raeford Police Department and the Hoke County Sheriff's Department.

Raeford Police have charged Buie with three counts of breaking and entering and larceny; one count of first degree burglary; five counts of felonious larceny; two counts of felony breaking and entering; two counts of breaking and entering a motor vehicle; four counts of misdemeanor larceny and one count of injury to personal property.

In addition, Buie has been charged by the Hoke County Sheriff's Department with break-

ing and entering and larceny in connection with a break-in at Upchurch Junior High School on November 6. Also arrested in that case was Herman Lamont Douglas, 19, of Rt. 3, Raeford.

Buie was also charged by the sheriff's department with two counts of breaking and entering a motor vehicle and larceny, and one count of larceny.

Police Chief V. L. Wiggins said, "We hope it will slow down some of the breaking and entering and vehicle larcenies we've experienced recently."

Wiggins said police have recovered some of the merchandise taken in the break-ins.

Buie is in Hoke County jail under bond.

Around Town

By Sam Morris

Once again we had perfect weather for the weekend. The temperatures were in the low 70s and there wasn't any rain to dampen outdoor activities. It is a little warm for November, but most folks I talk to like this kind of weather. Of course we shouldn't expect it to stay this way too long.

The forecast is for rain on Tuesday and maybe on Wednesday morning and then it should get somewhat cooler, but not cold. Anyway we can use the rain because the water table is low for this time of year after the dry weather in October.

The News-Journal will be printed on Tuesday next week because of the Thanksgiving holiday. This has always been the custom so as to give all employees the holiday. Also the post office will be closed and by coming out a day early most subscribers in the county will receive their paper before the holiday.

So this action will mean that the schedule for all ads, news and columns will move up a day. In most instances this hasn't worked any hardship on folks when they know ahead of time. So get your ads and news in early for next week's paper.

The Thanksgiving Eve Com-

munity Service will be held in the Raeford Presbyterian Church on Wednesday starting at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Max Evington, pastor of the First Baptist Church will bring the message this year.

So make your plans now to attend. If you have friends and relatives who are visiting you, bring them along. This is what Thanksgiving is meant to be—thanking God for what He has done for us during the past year.

Have you bought your ticket for the 4th Annual Mullet Roast that will be held at the Hoke Civic Center? It will be held on Friday night, December 4 starting at 6:30 p.m. If you haven't purchased a ticket, go by the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce and pick up one today. It may be too late since only 150 will be sold.

Also don't forget the date of the Raeford Kiwanis Club Annual Pancake Supper. It will be held on Thursday night, December 17 at the Gibson School Cafeteria. Serving will begin at five o'clock.

The Street Department and Garbage Collection Department of the City of Raeford should be commended for the super work they do

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United Way check

Burlington employee James O. Cunningham presents a check for \$19,300 to Willie Featherstone, president of the United Way board of directors, on behalf of the two Burlington Industries Plants, Burlington Menswear Dyeing Plant and the Burlington Raeford Plant. Pictured left to right are Curtis McLean,

Mamie Leggett, Sue Flynt, Featherstone, Lib Webb, Laretha Payton, Linda Hinson, Cunningham and United Way Campaign Chairman George King. The campaign continues until December 1. Individuals who wish to make a contribution may call George King at 875-3731.