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Recommendation would shorten wait for mobile homes

When Hoke's zoning law went into effect October 1, mobile home salesmen raised an alarm.

Due to the zoning process, the waiting period to put a single-wide trailer on a lot in most parts of the county would be so long, they said, it would put them out of business.

But if county commissioners approve a Plan-

ning and Development Commission recommendation, those who want to put a trailer on most land in Hoke County won't have to wait as long as some feared.

In most parts of the county—those zoned RA-20 and RMF-15 — people who want to set up a trailer will have to get a conditional use permit. That means they will have to alert all their prospective neighbors and get a hearing before the Planning and Development Commission.

If the PDC decides — after hearing comments from neighbors — to let the trailer go in, the land owner gets a conditional use permit.

But the PDC meets only once a month; that can drag out the process for getting a mobile home too long — up to six to eight weeks — for

it to be feasible for trailer salesmen, David Horne, of Andy Anderson Mobile Homes, said at Thursday night's PDC meeting.

"I can't get funded for such a house until it's set up in the field," Horne said. He said he can't afford to let a trailer sit on his lot that long.

"The house could be sitting on our lot for six (See MOBILE HOMES, page 9)

City Council to decide Turlington's future

Hosed off

A Rockfish fireman appears all but drowned by water from fire hoses during competition Saturday sponsored by the Hoke Firefighters Association. Actually, his job was to direct blindfolded teammates to the tub in which he was standing; the team that filled it with water first won. Rockfish firemen won three of the four events, defeating Puppy Creek, N. Raeford and Hillcrest departments. More photos, page 8.

HELP Center gets manager

With a part-time manager for its downtown center, the Hoke Emergency Liaison Program now has its feet firmly on the ground.

Surveying items ranged about the HELP center's floor, newly-hired manager Nora Cockburn can't find enough places to put all the things that have been donated

"As you can see," she says, "there's no lack of donations."

HELP sells the second-hand goods much like a Goodwill store, and can arrange gifts of items to tide a family over in an emergency, such as when its home burns down.

A native of Columbia, South Carolina, Cockburn moved to Racford 10 years ago. She worked at Heritage Savings and Loan, which was bought out by First Citizens' Bank.

Cockburn started her new job at the HELP center Thursday.

"I worked volunteer all summer and when I was approached about this job, I wasn't sure if this was something I

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Neighbors' opposition fails to sway PDC aeford's city council will face the controversial future of Turlington school at its next meeting—the day before most of the councilmen go up for re-election.

Despite solid opposition from 25 or 30 of the school's neighbors, Hoke County's plan to use the campus as space for offices, recreation and the community college was approved Thursday night 4-2 in city council chambers by the Planning and Development Commission; the PDC's recommendation for a conditional use permit means the request goes before City Council November 4.

Middle school students and teachers now at Turlington on W. Prospect Avenue will move to the new West Hoke Middle School (farther west on the same road) over winter break. Then the county, hard pressed for social services office space in another building, gets possession of the school from the School Board.

PDC member Keith Jackson moved to approve only Sandhills Community College going onto Turlington campus — a move that would appear to satisfy the crowd in the council chamber but his motion died without a second.

PDC member Marcia Snow then moved to approve the county's request.

"It's for the city to determine how these buildings are to be used," she said. "These are decisions for the city to make."

Theodore Jackson seconded; only Vice Chairman Andy Gibson and Keith Jackson voted against. Chairman Ann Pate was out of town.

The county proposes to use Turlington buildings for Cooperative Extension and Veterans' Service offices: to use the gymnasium and rooms underneath it for a "passive" recreation program and Parks and Recreation offices; and to use the rest of the campus to house Sandhills Community College's Hoke County campus.

Citizens protested having a recreation program in their neighborhood; the City's zoning director said there may not be enough parking.

County Manager Barry Reed, who brought the request before the PDC, said the county's recreation program "won't be anything like what we have when we get the gym."

He said the gym would be used for passive recreation; that is, folks could come to the gym and play basketball, shuffleboard or table tennis on their own without having to join a league.

The gym would be supervised by county employees, he said; users would have to pay a fee and get an identification card to use the gym.

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That still sounded too much like the purpose the gym already serves to some neighbors.

"If you was to move the recreation department down to the gymnasium, would it still be the nuisance that it's been for the last six or seven years?" asked one resident.

Residents said youths already come into the neighborhood to use the gym at night, making noise outside and keeping neighbors awake.

"We don't think the utilization is going to be overly great." Reed said. "But it's a real need."

This is Hoke County's only chance to get a recreation center, Reed said; the county is too poor to build one.

"If we can't use this for this purpose, we'll never have one," he said.

Other citizens worried about parking problems. They said on nights the auditorium is in use, people park throughout the neighborhood, sometimes even blocking driveways.

Raeford attorney Bill Moses cited a more general worry.

"Most of the people here tonight are concerned about a change in the zoning...because we don't know what's going to be in there in the future," said Moses, who has relatives in the neighborhood.

If Turlington is used as a community college only. Moses said, the city would not have to grant a conditional use permit.

Reed disagreed. In the eyes of the city zoning law, either Sandhills or county office space would require a conditional use permit, he said.

Moses' recommendation that Turlington be used only for Sandhills Community College received applause from the school's neighbors; the idea also got an endorsement from Mary Archie McNeill, director of the Hoke County

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by all of us.

who have followed the event. By the

time this paper goes to press the out-

come on Judge Thomas will be known

will be the losers of this affair? Only

time will tell. One thing we can all learn

from this is that sexual harassment is

now up in the forefront and most people

had better be careful of what they say

and do around employees in the work

go through another hearing of this kind

in the years to come. If this type of

hearing goes on, it will be hard to get

qualified people to accept appointments.

of cotton that is in fields and other places

Last week I wrote about the amount

Let's hope that we will never have to

Who will be the winners and who



Finishing touch Kay Thomas, a HELP organizer, puts finishing touches on a cabinet in the Main Street store.

Man, woman charged in beating of 2-year old

A two-year old child was taken from her mother after she and her boyfriend were charged with child abuse Saturday. Pamela Sue Boquist, 25, of North Lake Drive was charged with misdemeanor child abuse.

According to the warrant for her arrest, Boquistallegedly exposed her baby to a risk of injury by allowing the child to live in a home with Boquist's abusive boyfriend.

After arriving at Boquist's home on a call to check the condition of the baby, Deputy David Smith found the child had scars on its backside and legs, according to his crime report.

Smith described the condition of the Boquist house as so bad it was "unbelievable."

Jame, Earl Locklear, 25, of Shannon, was charged with assault on a child under age 12. His arrest warrant charged he beat the baby about the face, rear end and legs with his hands and a belt.

Locklear has a long criminal history, said Det. Danny Wilson.

Hoke woman charged with knifing man

A Hoke County woman was charged Saturday evening in the knifing of a

Patricia Campbell, 22, was charged with assault, said James Murdock, Raeford's chief of police.

She allegedly cut Curtis Tarrance, no known address, with a kitchen knife in an apartment at 154 Yadkin Trail.

Hoke man

reports burglar A Hoke County man reported he

found a burglar in his home Thursday. Clyde Cooper, of U.S. 401 South, reported he heard someone in his house Thursday night, according to a sheriff's

When Cooper stepped into his hallway to investigate, the burglar fled. (See CRIME, page 9)

Around Town

By Sam C. Morris

The weather over the weekend was nice. The temperatures were in the 70s during the day and the early morning rain Saturday ceased before noon. It was cold Monday morning with the low around 40 degrees. After the sun came up it was nice during the day. As this is being written Monday night most of the TV weathermen are calling for rain Tuesday and Wednesday.

The forecast for Thursday through Saturday calls for the temperatures to be in the low 70s and high 60s during the day and for the lows to be in the low 50s and high 40s. I believe that the weekend will be dry. Just nice fall weather.

It seems that the Judge Clarence Thomas and Anita Hill appearances before the Senate Judiciary Committee have taken the top rating on TV. The baseball and football games over the weekend had to play second fiddle to the thic ring cocus in Washington cral people told me Monday that they stayed

up until after 2 a.m. Monday to see the end of the procedure. Besides Judge Thomas and Ms. Hill some of the Senators on the panel have

come under the observation by the people

around the local gins. The cotton is still there and the gins are running around the clock to try and eatch up. It is hard to do

when you see 4 to 6 cotton pickers in a field, loading trailers to go to the gins. Many years ago as I walked to school around this time of year the roads around the gins were backed up with wagons loaded with cotton. There were not 15 to

18 bales like trailers today, but one or (See AROUND, page 8)