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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 pro-

spective 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)



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 Raeford 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 (See HELP, page 9)

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, Boquist allegedly 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."

James 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 man.

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 report.

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 hearing circus in Washington. Several 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

who have followed the event. By the time this paper goes to press the outcome on Judge Thomas will be known by all of us.

Who will be the winners and who 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 place.

Let's hope that we will never have to 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.

Last week I wrote about the amount of cotton that is in fields and other places around the local gins. The cotton is still there and the gins are running around the clock to try and catch 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)



Finishing touch

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