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additional water tank and additional wells, he said. A planned cylindrical elevated water tank behind West Hoke Middle School adds 1.4 million gallons to the city's water supply. Additional water supply will come from six new well sites, of which the city budgeted to build two this year, McNeill said.

More gallons, however, equate to more water flowing through smaller antiquated pipes, so the project calls for improving water flow throughout the city with an upgraded water main, McNeill said.

The city plans to connect its increasing number of water users to a wider water main that stretches down Palmer Street and connects to the current main feeder at South Main Street. The main line will spoke feed to additional users, McNeill said.

"It will improve flow and stability

all over town," McNeill said.

Also included for future funds is the city's water treatment plant. Future waste water treatment funds include \$1.3 million to renovate the facility on Dickson Street.

The current waste water treatment system pumps three million gallons per day, but will increase by another million.

"We're working toward four million gallons permitted at the plant," McNeill said.

Although the city approved the sale of \$3.9 million in bonds, it initially plans to sell \$3.1 million and hold the remainder in reserve for any unforeseen emergencies, McNeill said. The city has seven years to sell the remaining \$800,000.

City water users will continue to pay some of the lowest water rates in the area — \$1 per 1,000 gallons — despite the improvements, McNeill said.

Murder

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love you," he uttered his last words to her. A few hours later Nations lay dead in Robbins Heights after an unknown killer shot him several times.

After over two years of waiting — wondering — Ethel Nations will possibly find the answers surrounding the death of her 18-year-old son.

After telling his mother goodbye, Nations left their home in Scurlock to visit some friends in Robbins Heights. While he and a group of friends stood outside, a person wearing a football helmet and white clothing approached the group and started shooting at Nations, Locklear said.

Witnesses reported the suspect shot Nations twice, knocking him down, and then stood over him and shot him

several more times.

Police and rescue squad members responded, but pronounced Nations dead on the scene.

Since then the police department diligently worked to find the suspect responsible, Police Chief Mack High said.

"A lot of work went into this case — a couple of year's worth," he said.

After following several leads, Locklear said the investigation recently started coming together. Although the department posted a reward in March for any information leading to the suspects' arrest, none of the leads came as a result of the reward, Locklear said.

George and Jeremy Beatty remain in jail under a \$150,000 and \$75,000 bond respectively.

Liquor

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ing about the requirements, application process, and investigation criteria.

That process includes an investigation of the owner and the establishment, criminal and background checks, an inspection and approval by the local government. The entire process takes an average of three to four weeks, Ivey said.

But local restaurant owners like Rodney Watkins, new owner of the Old Mill restaurant on Johnson Mill Road, face possibly even greater challenges than ABC and ALE investigators.

Many like Watkins must now find ways to boost profits and customer

numbers through the sale of alcohol without losing their current clientele.

Determined to find a compromise between maintaining a friendly family atmosphere and catering to those customers who want a drink with their dinner, Watkins said he plans to convert his upstairs banquet room into a sports bar. That way he can increase his profits an estimated 20 percent by selling alcohol upstairs away from his dining room customers, he said.

Watkins, who plans to attend tomorrow's meeting, said he anxiously awaited the end of Hoke's "dry" status and said the application process is worth the wait.

"We've waited this long, 30 more days won't hurt," he said. "It's a long drawn out process with a lot of expense involved, but once it all gets

Dial

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been violated — not if, but why."

The recent order prohibits Dial and his family from conducting any business inside the building.

Despite the closure, Dial said he will not give up trying to find away to save his livelihood and protect his rights.

"I'm still working on it," he said. "Things are looking up. All I can do is wait and see until it gets to court."

Until then, Dial continues to look for an attorney to take his case. Dial's former attorney, Mark Jernigan, dropped the case after last week's hearing.

Dial said he plans to meet with another attorney today.

He will appear in court June 11 for allegedly resisting officers the night they served him with the temporary restraining order.

Laptop

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In order to get the program off the ground, Moss said the board must survey students, parents and teachers to see if an interest exists in the program. Surveys sent out today will help them gauge the response.

If the surveys come back positive, a few fifth grade classes will be selected to pilot the program with parent consent. Students will be grouped in classrooms with teachers specially trained to use laptops to enhance basic skills. The computers, Moss said, would enhance, not replace the teachers or classroom work.

If parents pan the idea, Moss said they will drop the plan for now.

Senate passes day-care standards

Gov. Jim Hunt's proposal to boost day care standards to make sure that more than 200,000 youngsters in North Carolina day care homes and centers will receive better care passed the state senate last week.

The bill provides a rating system that will help parents make better day-care choices, increases education requirements for child care teachers and directors, and streamlines rules and regulations in the state's day care industry.

"Science tells us that the most critical period in the development of a child is in the earliest years," Hunt said. "With these new standards and through Smart Start, we can continue to improve the quality of child care for our children. The legislation is an important step forward."

Earlier this year Hunt directed the N. C. Department of Human Resources' Division of Child Development to come up with specific recommendations to improve the quality of child care in the state. The Senate bill, sponsored by Sen. Roy Cooper, D-Nash, now moves to the House, where a companion bill has been introduced by Rep. Martha Alexander (D-Mecklenburg).

"This legislation should help us

provide children in day care in their earliest, most impressionable years with better care," said Dr. David Bruton, secretary of the Department of Human Resources. "It also streamlines cumbersome regulations, but not at the expense of quality care."

To improve the education of child care teachers and directors, the bill proposes requiring center directors to complete an early childhood administration credential that includes financial and personnel management at a local community college by Jan. 1, 2003. Lead teachers will also have to have at least the N.C. Early Childhood Credential, or its equivalent, by Jan. 1, 2002. And all child care teachers must have annual in-service training in health, safety and child development.

The bill also calls for streamlining the current child care licensing system by eliminating annual license renewals for centers that demonstrate consistent quality care and services. State child care inspectors will focus on helping lower-quality centers and homes.

All operators of family child care homes must be 21 years old and have a high school diploma. Under current law, 18-year-olds can act as operators

of child care homes with no education requirement.

The bill would boost early childhood education, first aid and CPR training for family child care providers. It also mandates criminal record checks for household members over 15 and in the home when children are being cared for in family child care homes.

The bill also requires drop-in and short-term child care programs to publicly display that they are not state licensed, and child care centers and homes must use their state license number when advertising.

To help teachers and directors meet these education requirements, Hunt's 1997-99 expansion budget also includes funds to expand the statewide Teacher Education and Comprehension Helps (TEACH) scholarship program.

TEACH has boosted the quality of child care in centers that employ graduates of the program, and has cut the teacher turnover rate in participating centers from 38 percent to nine percent.

The Governor's budget calls for \$300,000 in 1997-98 and \$345,500 in 1998-99 to expand the TEACH program.

School — NCDA issues oil recall

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wired computer facilities, a lack of media center space and a need for central air conditioning. He also requested the board appropriate money to be used for additional classes, an auditorium, a conference room and testing facilities.

"We hope the school board will give South Hoke a higher priority than it has in the past," Maynor said.

Maynor requested the board give a time frame and specify a financial commitment, but Board Chairman John McAllister said they would not answer specifics at this time. McAllister said the board will fairly divvy out bond money when the time arrives.

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture's Standards Division issued a statewide recall on two specific lots of Superior Petroleum's SAE 30 engine oil after routine tests found 96 cases to have substandard viscosities.

Tests showed the oil in lot numbers 037704 and 040580 had viscosities ranging between 8.4 and 9.1 centistokes. The standard viscosity range for engine oil labeled SAE 30 is between 9.3 and 12.5 centistokes.

Oil with substandard viscosity fails to provide the proper lubrication expected by the consumer. Possible consequences include excessive engine wear and engine failure.

All cases of substandard oil were

labeled Premium 30. Twelve cases were found at a distribution point in Moore County. Another 84 cases were found at a distribution facility in Shelby.

Consumers who purchased Superior Petroleum's Premium 30 oil with the above lot numbers should return the oil to the store where it was purchased for an exchange.

Stores which have cases of the recalled oil should contact Winston Sutton, Doug Cox or Joanne Covington at NCDA's Motor Fuels Lab at (910) 733-3246 to coordinate the product's return.

The oil will be returned to Superior Petroleum of Greensboro for proper disposal.

Around

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when tickets could not be purchased because the cafeteria will only seat so many people.

I haven't seen a program for the event but I understand that the speaker for the evening will be Neill McNeill, a native of the city. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Neill Adams McNeill. He is an announcer for a television station in High Point. I know that he will have many interesting things to tell us old folks in the county.

Also, the new officers and directors of the chamber will be installed. The people that attended the leadership class will also receive their certificates for the course.

The event will be held at the West Hoke Middle School cafeteria and will begin at 6 p.m. I hope to see most of you at the annual meeting.

I was disappointed at the turnout for the referendum vote last week. It is a disgrace when only 14 percent of the people of the county are interested in how the county should be run. Over the years you hear people voice their opinions about how the city or county is being run and then when they have a chance to express their opinions they stay away from the polls.

Maybe the two issues that were voted on last Thursday didn't make any difference to most people. This may not be true, but it leaves the impression with the officials in charge of the county that maybe it cost too much to let a small group decide an issue. Some day the issues could be very important and could hit your

pocketbook where it hurts.

There are few things in life today that are not governed by some law and the right to vote is one that we have. So in the future go to the polls and express your opinion on any issues.

I read with interest an article in last week's News-Journal about a meeting to form a Habitat for Humanity organization in Hoke County. This is an organization that has helped many people in our country repair homes that are run down.

In many newspaper articles and reports on television we have read about and seen the happy expressions of people who have been helped by this organization. Most of you have seen former Pres. Jimmy Carter in his work clothes and with hammer and nails helping repair a home.

Many of us are not capable of using a hammer or saw or putting on roofs or building foundations but we can maybe donate a small amount to aid with the projects.

I hope that the organization will soon elect officers and directors to run the organization. Then maybe people will come forth with donations.

For the past few weeks I have been unable to get out in the city like I have over the years. As I sit in my den at home and look out of the side door, I can see the intersection of East Central Avenue and Jackson Street. It amazes me that there haven't been more wrecks at the intersection over

the years. Sometimes a car or cars will wait for 10 minutes before they can turn from Jackson Street onto Central Avenue. You can hear brakes squeal and hear tires give off a noise as people become impatient to get where they are going.

Some people will get on the wrong side of the road and then someone will have to wait to let them onto the street. Also it amazes me to see the large tractor trailers trucks that cannot make the turn from Central to Jackson. They must back up a couple of times and even after that, they hit trees that are on the roadside.

I doubt a stoplight could be placed there, because it is only a certain time of the day that traffic is heavy. I just hope that I don't see a wreck with someone getting hurt.

Now for some items from the old minutes of the Town of Raeford:

February 4, 1924: Town purchase a fireproof safe cabinet at price of \$202.45 and pay for same on the monthly installment plan - first payment to be \$22.45 and balance \$15 per month.

June 1, 1925: A fine of \$5 be imposed upon any person driving any vehicle in the parkway on Main Street.

August 3, 1925: Town bell be sold to A. K. Stevens for \$12.50.

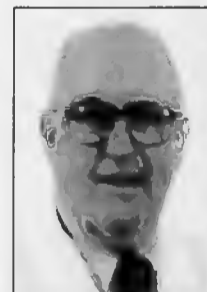
October 19, 1925: J. C. Thomas, N. McL. McDiarmid and J. S. Johnson appointed as a committee to purchase suitable site for erection of town office building.

Moore Regional Women's Health Forum



THE DOCTOR IS IN

Featuring W. Kirby Kilpatrick, M.D.
Pinehurst Surgical Clinic



Meet Dr. W. Kirby Kilpatrick

Dr. Kilpatrick was born and

raised nearby in Robeson

County. After receiving his

medical degree from the

University of North Carolina,

he moved to Kentucky where

he served his internship at the

University of Kentucky

Medical Center in Lexington.

From there, Dr. Kilpatrick did

his residency at the University

of Colorado Hospitals in

Denver. He is board certified

in obstetrics and gynecology.

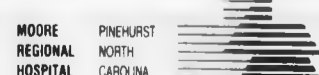
Q What are the risks involved with birth control pills?

A Women who enjoy good health are generally able to tolerate birth control pills quite nicely. On the other hand, smokers over the age of 30 have a higher risk of heart attacks while taking birth control pills. Strokes occur more frequently among women over 35 who smoke and use the pill. Women who have underlying diabetes and high blood pressure can have these conditions worsened by birth control pills.

Most of the risks involved with taking birth control pills are similar to risks which may happen during pregnancy itself. The risk of blood clots within veins while taking the pill is between 10-15 women per 100,000 users. The incidence of blood clots is higher per 100,000 pregnant women as well.

While there is a very slight increase in the incidence rate of breast cancer among women ages 25-29 who take the pill, birth control pills don't seem to increase the risk of cancer later in life. In fact, use of oral contraceptives for 5-9 years decreases the incidence of ovarian and endometrial cancer. Headaches and bleeding irregularities are lesser side effects that can often be improved by switching to another type of birth control pills.

Birth control pills are excellent pregnancy prevention for the overwhelming majority of women who take them. Side effects are rare and the risks should be compared with the risks of being pregnant.



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