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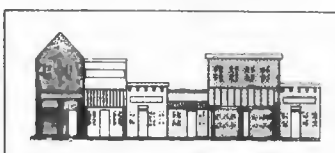
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## Around Town



By SAM C. MORRIS  
Contributing Editor

We finally got some rain Monday morning. It was only eight hundredths, but any rain helps. We are still having hot weather. Sunday the thermometer registered 100 degrees and this was after a week of the same kind of weather. Records have been set in North Carolina in the past two months in both the number of hot days and dry days. I guess it will take a hurricane to bring the water level back to normal.

The forecast for the remainder of the week, Wednesday through Saturday, calls for the highs to remain in the 90s and the lows in the 70s. I hate to get the electric bill this month! There is not much chance of rain during the period.

It seems that many people want to be on the City Council. The filing deadline was last Friday at noon, and seven people have placed their name on the ballot. There are only three seats open so we can look forward to seeing ads in the newspaper. Maybe the candidates will inform the voters why they want to be on the council.

Even when I was on the (See AROUND, page 10)



## Woman injured in house fire

By PAT ALLEN WILSON  
Editor

An 87-year-old woman was rescued from her blazing home at 209 St. James Street yesterday morning.

A young man, who declined to give his name, heard Sally McRae screaming as he walked down the street, and he and a neighbor helped her through the front door, where she had fallen.

Said one of the rescuers, "We couldn't get in because of the smoke."

Hoke County Fire Marshal Al Schwarzbher said he did not think McRae would have gotten out of her house if the young man had not come to her aid.

The fire was reported at 8:26



Hoke County Fire Marshal Al Schwarzbher speaks to Sally McRae (top) shortly before she goes by ambulance to a local hospital.

a.m. Schwarzbher said a preliminary investigation points to a kerosene heater as the cause of the fire.

Relatives spoke of the family dog being inside the house, which had heavy fire damage to the living room and front porch, but Schwarzbher said no dog was

found inside the wood frame building.

Mrs. McRae received some burns and was taken to Cape Fear Valley Medical Center for treatment.

North Raeford, Pinehill and Hillcrest fire departments re- (See FIRES, page 12)

## Despite sightings, family's search for Butler continues

By PAT ALLEN WILSON  
Editor

An intensive search for Johnny Butler failed to find the 52-year-old man, missing from his Pittman Grove Church home in eastern Hoke since July 28, but his family continues to look for him.

Several positive sightings were made of Butler, who suffers from post traumatic stress syndrome, schizophrenia and emphysema, at the intersection of Camden and Hope Mills Road in Cumberland County.

Sandra Ashley, Butler's sister, said a woman named Loretta Chavis identified her brother by a photograph that appeared in *The News-Journal* last week. She called the family last Wednesday afternoon and said she had seen him as she passed by a Hope Mills shopping complex at about 11:15 that morning. "She de-



A member of the Cumberland County Search and Rescue Team seeks information about the habits of Johnny Butler from his sisters, Linda Owens, on the left, and Sandra Ashley.

scribed him to a tee," Ashley said.

When he disappeared, Butler was wearing a white t-shirt, black

pants, shiny dress shoes and no jewelry. He walks with a slight limp because of an artificial leg.

Then around 8:30 Thursday

## Seven in race for council

Three file at deadline, one drops out

By KRISTIN GUTHRIE  
Staff writer

At noon last Friday, filing for a seat on the City Council closed with three additional candidates, long-time Raeford resident James R. "Dick" McNeill, newcomer Wayne Mills and current Councilman Clyde Thomas. After McNeill withdrew from the running on Monday this week, Mills and Thomas remain the two new-

est candidates in the race.

Other candidates filing earlier for a seat on the Council include incumbents Earl McDuffie and John Jordan, and newcomers Eddie Jim White, James Brent Clark and Gregory Johnson.

Wayne Mills, 52 and a native of Concord, N.C., has claimed Raeford as his home since the early 1970s. He lives on Prospect Avenue with his wife Teresa, (See COUNCIL, page 11)

## Hoke's teen pregnancy rate state's 2nd highest

Coalition formed to combat it

By PAT ALLEN WILSON  
Editor

Hoke County has the second highest teen pregnancy rate in the state. Approximately 120 teen mothers give birth each year and within two years almost one-third of them will have another baby.

Step-by-step efforts are being made here to prevent those pregnancies from occurring.

According to Linda Riggsbee of the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coalition of North Carolina, statistics show some correlates surrounding teenage pregnancy: a student working below

grade level, low self esteem, abuse and the lack of a caring adult in the life of the child.

Riggsbee says it has been proven nationwide that the number one strategy in preventing teen pregnancy is the role of a caring adult.

If the extended family is not there, enough caring adults being part of the lives of a teenager—including both males and females—makes a significant difference, she says.

The Blue Springs-Hoke County Community Development Corporation began a pro- (See TEENS, page 12)

## Burlington announces management changes

Burlington Industries Inc. announced yesterday that Chris Angell, currently manager of the Raeford dyeing facility, has been named plant manager of its Hurt, Virginia plant.

The two plants, which are part of the Raeford complex, will be operated under one management team headed by Tom Lander.

The Raeford complex includes a dyeing facility and spinning facility for worsted wool fabrics. It has been operated by

Burlington since 1956 and employs approximately 1,000 people.

Landers said, "The operations of these two plants are very closely linked and we believe they will operate at maximum efficiency under one management team."

Burlington also announced that Calvin House, manager of its Oxford, North Carolina plant has been named production man- (See BURLINGTON, page 12)

## Unilever gives computers to schools

By JESSICA S. McDANIEL  
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Unilever HPC donated 83 personal computers and 47 monitors to the Hoke County school system Tuesday, according to Harry Wilkerson, IMC site application manager.

East Hoke Middle and West Hoke Middle will each receive 16 computers and 16 monitors for classroom use, while Hoke High will receive 51 computers and 15 monitors for use by teachers.

Unilever began a company-wide communications overhaul a year ago. This project was completed at the end of June, and the company intended to sell the old computers. However, Wilkerson and others at the local plant knew (See UNILEVER, page 12)