

**Area Incidents**

**Six Hurt In City Accident**

Six persons received minor injuries Monday night in a three-car mishap at E. Edinborough Ave. and Stewart St.

According to police, a car being driven by Valerie V. Wilson, 18, Rt. 1, Box 560, Raeford, ran the stop sign on Edinborough and was hit in the intersection by a car being operated by Linda J. Leach, 17, of 107 E. prospect Ave. The impact knocked both vehicles into the nearby jail parking lot, where the Leach auto struck the side of a 1976 Chevrolet patrol cruiser, causing damage estimated at \$500.

Both drivers and four passengers in the Wilson vehicle were treated for injuries. Total damage to the two cars was put at \$3,500.

Wilson was cited by police for a safe movement violation.

Alton M. Cartrette, 53, of Rt. 1, Aberdeen, was ticketed by police for improper passing after an accident Sunday about 9:30 a.m. on N. Main St. near Donaldson Ave. According to police, his vehicle was attempting to pass a car on the right when the collision occurred. Neither Cartrette or the other driver, Laura D. Hollingsworth, 41, of 803 Fulton St., was injured, police said.

John W. Cain Jr., 28, of Rt. 3, Box 300-B, Raeford, was arrested by police about 5 a.m. Sunday near the North Raeford Fire Station and charged with drunken driving, failing to stop for blue light and siren, stop sign violation, no financial responsibility, no valid registration, resisting arrest and driving while license revoked. Cain was jailed in lieu of \$1,000 bond to await a July 8 appearance. Police said Cain's vehicle struck a patrol vehicle being operated by Sgt. J.E. Tyndall, causing damage estimated at \$50.

Welton D. Carthen, 70, of Rt. 1, Box 169, Raeford, was ticketed by police for a safe movement violation after a collision June 16 at Harris Ave. and Dickson St. Police said Carthen pulled out from a parking lot into the path of a car being driven by Charles E. Monroe, 24, of 517 E. Sixth Ave.

About 4:30 p.m. Monday, a car being operated by Catherine L. Monroe, 18, of 112 Pinewood Cir., backed into a parked car on W. Elwood Ave, police said. A passenger in the parked vehicle, Lindsay M. Morrison, Box 632, Raeford, complained of minor injuries.

About 9:55 a.m. Monday, an auto being driven by Catherine E.

McMillan, 21, of Rt. 2, Box 389, Raeford, collided with a car being operated by Alex A. Gray, 48, of P.O. Box 865, Raeford in a private lot off Racket Alley. Gray reported minor injuries.

Oscar J. Allen, P.O. Box 693, Raeford, reported his car was damaged by a hit and run driver in the A&P Supermarket parking lot Monday. Damage was estimated at \$300.

On June 17, Betty L. Leach, 107 E. Prospect Ave., reported her vehicle was damaged by a hit and run motorist also in the A&P lot. Damage was estimated at \$50.

Ann Pridget, 6559 Amadany Cir., Fayetteville, reported to police June 18 that her vehicle was entered while it was parked on S. Main St. and her pocketbook was stolen. Police apprehended a juvenile and \$21 of the \$49 reported stolen was recovered. A juvenile petition has been filed.

Ruth H. Rogers, 23, no address listed, was arrested by police June 14 and charged with breaking and entering and larceny in connection with a reported break - in June 13 at a Lamont St. trailer park. Rogers was later released under \$1,000 bond to await a June 24 appearance.

Benjie Stephens, 20, no address listed, was arrested by police June 11 and charged with larceny in connection with the reported theft of a tape player from Mack's Variety Store on June 4. Stephens was jailed and later released under

\$1,200 bond with a June 24 appearance set.

Herbert B. Lynch, 318 Wright St., reported a bicycle worth \$70 was stolen sometime June 14 from the carport of his home.

Police investigated an apparent break - in at a mobile home at 207 Lamont St. reported June 16. Police said the owner, Patricia Winston, has not yet been contacted and no determination has been made on missing goods.

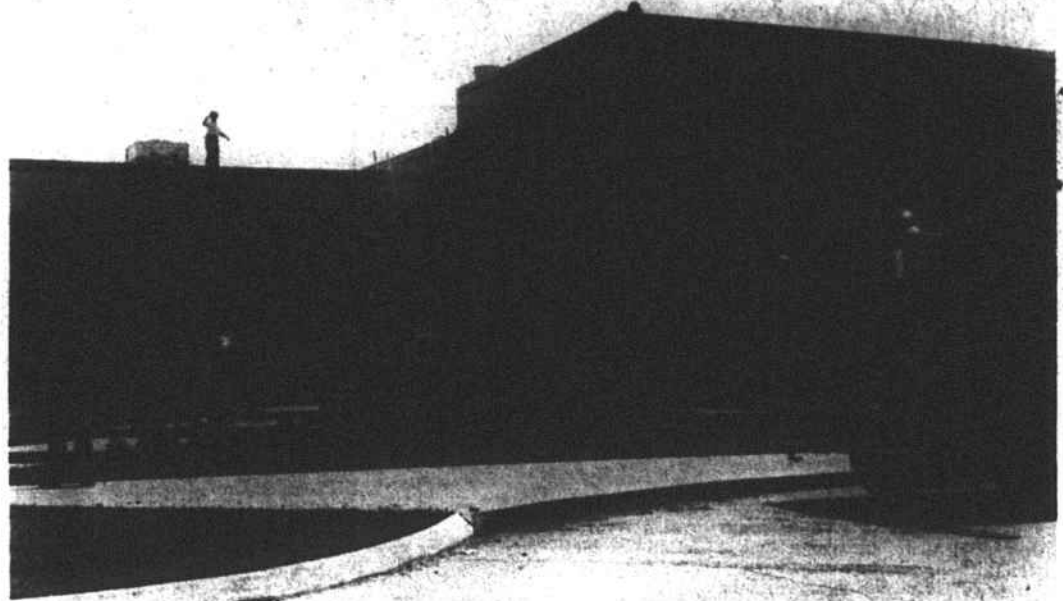
In the county, Ralph Currie, Rt. 3, Box 300-C, Raeford, reported a 10-speed bicycle worth \$129 was stolen sometime Friday afternoon from his carport.

Bill Upchurch, Box 127, Hwy. 401 - north, reported to deputies the Upchurch Golf Craft building was entered the night of June 15. The intruder cut a window screen to gain entry, according to the report, but apparently nothing was taken.

James R. McNeill and Clifford McNeill reported a hit and run driver damaged a car parked at the Old Moose Lodge the night of June 5. No estimate of the damage was given.

L.C. Cunningham, Jones Hill section, reported a 10 - speed blue bicycle was stolen from his yard June 15. The loss is listed as \$100.

Walter Parks, N. Main St., reported vandalism done at Parks Drive - in the night of June 16. Glass was broken and a sign damaged.



PLANT FIRE -- Raeford volunteer firemen were called out about 1:30 p.m. Monday to put out a blaze at the Summerfield Industries plant on S. Main St. which emptied the complex. The smoke was blamed on an exhaust duct to a drum dryer.

**Sunday School Lesson**

Just about one year ago our nation was in the midst of its two hundredth anniversary. The July 4th weekend was the climax of a celebration that some said "never really got off the ground." There will be varying opinions on that subject, but few would deny that at best the birthday party was subdued, somewhat akin, perhaps, to the celebration of a person who no longer is anxious to call attention to his or her age.

There was an effort put forth to encourage the churches -- local congregations as well as denominations -- to do their part in the celebration. And many did, scheduling special observances, services, and projects throughout the year. Still, when it was all over (nobody seemed quite sure when that was), there was a feeling that the party had been, on the whole, disappointing.

Sometimes the pronouncements made it seem as if God were simply one of a long cast of characters in the great historical pageant of American freedom. From time to time, it seemed, God did "his part" -- whatever that is or was. It was as if God deserved no more than mention among the "patrons list" on the official program. So, maybe one of the reasons that the celebration was such a dull party was that many people didn't know what the celebration was all about.

This is a problem the people of Israel do not have when they celebrate the Passover. Although they revere and honor Moses and the Israelites who followed him, there is no question as to who or what was the source and author of their freedom: "And Israel saw the great work which the Lord did against the Egyptians" (Exodus 14:31). God alone was the Liberator of the people of Israel and their historic response to that recogni-

tion has always been in the spirit of celebration expressed by Moses' sister, Miriam: "The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation" (15:2).

Should we not also view our freedom as a gift from God? Should we not also regard him as our Liberator? Instead of assigning God a "part" in our celebration, ought we not to knowledge that he is the great author and source of our freedom?

This takes nothing away from the "fathers" of the Revolution. It takes nothing away from the rag-tag armies of Continentals who endured incredible suffering against fantastic odds, nor from our French allies and others. Without Moses there probably would not have been an Exodus; without these men there might have been no Revolution. But behind it all, it is God who moves men and nations toward freedom.

**Firemen Extinguish Summerfield Plant Fire**

Nineteen Raeford firemen responded to a fire call from the Summerfield plant Monday afternoon.

Assistant Fire Chief Robert Jackson said the call came in at 1:35 p.m. and took firemen between 20 and 30 minutes to extinguish.

Firemen donned masks in order to search the smoke filled finishing department. The blaze apparently began in the exhaust stack of a drum dryer machine. Jackson feels that the fire was the result of a buildup of oil and lint in the duct.

Dyeing and Finishing Plant Manager Ernest Crawford estimated damage at around \$600.

Seventy-five employees were evacuated while the fire was brought under control.

**Deaths And Funerals**

**Mrs. Mary Southerland**

Mrs. Mary Southerland, 85, died Tuesday morning in the Open Arms Rest Home in Raeford.

Funeral services were scheduled for 11 a.m. today (Thursday) at Grove Presbyterian Church in Keenansville. The Revs. Troy Mullins and Ed Johnston will officiate. Burial will follow in the Keenansville Cemetery.

Mrs. Southerland is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Ellen Willis of Raeford, Mrs. Eleanor Powell of Clinton, Mrs. Patty Newlin of Guilford College and Mrs. Mary Beth Gaylor of Dallas, Tex.; one son, Lawrence Southerland of Marietta, Ga.; and one sister, Mrs. Ella Cogdell of Raeford.

In lieu of flowers Mrs. Southerland's family has requested that

donations be sent to the American Diabetic Association, 18 E. 48th St., New York, N.Y.

**Alexander McRae Sr.**

Funeral services for Alexander McRae Sr., were conducted Sunday, June 12 at 4 p.m. in Rock Hill Baptist Church with the Rev. S.V. Melvin officiating.

McRae, 65, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sandy McRae, died June 8.

Surviving are five sons, John D. McRae, Alexander McRae and Sterling Covington, all of Newark, N.J., J.W. and Robert Lewis Singletary, both of Raeford; four daughters, Hattie Blue of Chicago, Ill., Dean Hough of Detroit, Mich., Christina McRae of Newark, N.J., and Mamie Knight of Raeford; a half - sister, Kerry Hunter; 22 grandchildren; and 12 great - grandchildren.

**Church News**

Fifty delegates from Raeford will attend a four-day assembly in Greensboro sponsored by the Jehovah's Witnesses June 23-26.

H.S. Graham, spokesman for the Raeford group, said that 11,000 persons are expected for the Greensboro meeting in the Greensboro Coliseum.

The principal address will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday. "How God's Kingdom Can Benefit You" will be the topic.

Jehovah's Witnesses will be convening this summer in 63 cities throughout the United States with 108 conventions on the agenda. Nearly 1,000,000 persons are expected at the "Joyful Workers" district conventions.



SECRETARY OF YEAR -- Margaret McKenzie, school finance officer and office manager, is the recipient of the Hoke County Educational Secretary of the Year Award for 1976-77. She is shown receiving her award from School Supt. Ruz Autry. Miss McKenzie has been employed by the school system for 35 years. She and 19 other school secretaries were honored at a banquet June 15 at the Captain's Place in Raeford. [Photo by Harold Gillis]

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