

Area Incidents

Bicycles Stolen, Car Spray-painted

The following were reported to the Raeford Police Department recently, Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said.

Police Sgt. Michael Dial apprehended a man writing with chalk on walls of Hoke County High School about 12:05 a.m. Friday. Tony Mitchell McGregor of Rt. 3, Box 331, Raeford, was charged with damaging school property.

Yvonne Miller of 415 N. Wright St., reported Monday a \$75 bicycle was stolen. It was recovered on West Donaldson Avenue.

Someone broke into McLaughlin School Monday by cutting a window screen. A can of fruit juice was found in a refrigerator punctured. Nothing else was found disturbed. The damage to the screen was about \$3, and the juice was worth \$2.25.

Someone broke into Connell's Insurane, 132 W. Elwood Ave., it was reported Tuesday but nothing was missing. The intruder got in by breaking a pane of glass on a back door. The pane was worth \$5.

Mrs. Elga Langdon reported May 26 her son's \$80 bicycle was stolen while it was parked at the National Guard Armory ball field.

John M. Davis reported May 27 someone broke into his home and stole \$1,050 worth of firearms while

he was gone for a short time that day. David Randall Huggins of Rt. 1, Box 748, Shannon, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering, and larceny. All but one of the firearms were recovered, and police are trying to find the missing weapon.

Alex Campbell, 218 Lamont St., reported May 25 someone tore down his mail box, which was worth \$40.

Roy Schockley, 146 Chilton Dr., reported May 26 someone spray-painted black his white 1982 Pontiac. The damage was estimated at \$1,000.

The following were filed at the sheriff's department.

Carl N. McKenzie, Jr., Rt. 2, Box 102-B, Raeford, reported Monday someone broke into his mobile home and stole \$958 worth of property, including a stereo and two speakers, a .22 pistol, a scanner, two chargers, an alarm clock, and a gun-cleaning kit.

Valerin Simmons, 1627 Moore St., Raeford, reported Saturday someone stole a girl's bike valued at \$135.

Roscoe Thompson, Rt. 1, Box 241, Raeford, reported Friday someone stole his \$139 bug killer.

A \$250 money order from Chi-

cago was reported May 21 stolen from the mail box of Christina Margaret Collins, Rt. 1, Box 156, Aberdeen.

Dale Martin Crouch, Rt. 1, Aberdeen, reported May 24 he lost his wallet.

An allegedly stolen car bearing a Maryland license plate was found May 27 in North Raeford Mobile Home Park by a deputy sheriff. Three people in the car were turned over to the Moore County Sheriff's Department for questioning about a case of breaking and entering,

and larceny, in Moore.

William E. Gregory, Jr., Rt. 1, Red Springs, reported a \$150 bicycle stolen May 25 or 26.

John Balfour of Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge, reported someone stole tool boxes containing tools off two of his tractors May 25 or 26. The tools and boxes are worth \$300.

Someone broke into the Hoke County Landfill office between May 22 and 24 and stole a coffee-maker, a radio, a Jan Lasco, a wall clock and a square shovel valued at a total \$146.

Hoke Agricultural Extension News

by Willie Featherstone, Jr., Agricultural Extension Agent

EER IS IMPORTANT

The most important consideration in buying a window air conditioner is the EER -- that is, the Energy Efficiency Ratio.

The higher the EER, the less electricity the unit will use to cool the same amount of air. EER's will range between six and twelve.

Don't buy a unit with an EER of less than seven. You'll pay more for the units with higher EER's, but the electricity savings will be worth it.

A window unit with an EER of twelve, cools fifty percent more air for a dollar's worth of electricity than a unit with an EER of eight.

The Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers published a directory that lists all air conditioning units, their capabilities and their EER's.

AIR CONDITIONER

Have you cleaned the filter on

your air conditioner yet? If you haven't, you probably aren't getting the full benefit of its cooling capacity.

Cleaning is vital, since an air conditioner's efficiency is related to the amount of air moving through the unit. Here's what I mean.

Lint and dust reduce the amount of air that can pass through an air conditioner. That reduces cooling effectiveness. To make things worse, a buildup of lint and dust can overload the unit.

So check the filter to see if it needs cleaning or replacing. Most room air conditioners have a permanent filter you can clean.

You can clean it with your vacuum cleaner, or you can take the filter out of the unit and wash it.

While you're at it, clean the grill and remove the dust and lint from around the coils and the inside, too.



Background Scripture:

Luke 1:2.

John 2:1-12; 19:25b-27.

Devotional Reading:

John 2:1-12.

It seems to me that, if Roman Catholics have often made too much of Jesus' mother, Mary, so, too, Protestants have generally made too little of her. There are lots of Protestant churches named for St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Thomas, St. John, and St. James, but I have never encountered one named for Mary, the mother of Jesus.

I find this very curious inasmuch as Mary shines as one of the most interesting and inspiring persons in the New Testament. Next to Jesus himself, there is no one as highly celebrated by the four evangelists: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb," exclaimed Elizabeth, her kinswoman.

The veneration given Mary by Roman Catholics has often had an effect similar to the one produced by Protestant indifference: Christians generally find it hard to identify with her. She is either set far above our human situation or ignored entirely. Yet there is a great deal that Mary can teach us about the living of our own lives.

Mary was, like us, a human being and therefore subject to all the concerns and limitations that confront us. When confronted by the angel, Gabriel, we are told that she was "greatly troubled at the saying and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be." God was revealing to Mary that he had a plan and purpose for her life and, like any of us, Mary's response was one of fear and self-doubt. Even after Mary accepted her role as the mother of Christ, there were times when doubt and misunderstanding took over. On one occasion, Mary and some of Jesus' brothers are convinced Jesus is "beside himself," and come, seeking to persuade him to stop and come home.

But, if Mary's faith and understanding were sometimes as imperfect as ours, she had other traits that carried her beyond those

limitations. For one thing, she was a woman who reflected on her experience. Confronted by Gabriel, Luke tells us she "considered in her mind" his message. Later he tells us: "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart."

Secondly, even though she did not fully understand God's will for her, she committed herself to it: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word!" There are times in our lives when our understanding carries us as far as it can and then we must make the leap of commitment and submit ourselves to God's purpose.

"Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you." During the stormy days of Jesus' ministry and the last week in Jerusalem, Mary must have mused that it was a strange kind of "favor" God had bestowed on her. But Mary was to learn, as we must, that the "favor" of God often means a cross. It is only beyond the cross and the resurrection that the favor of God is seen in its true light.

Service Personnel

PFC. Doris M. Cole, daughter of James I. Cole of Raeford, and Vernia M. Cole of 24 State St., Passaic, N.Y., has arrived for duty in Augsburg, West Germany.

Cole, a supply and accounting clerk, was previously assigned at Fort Polk, La.

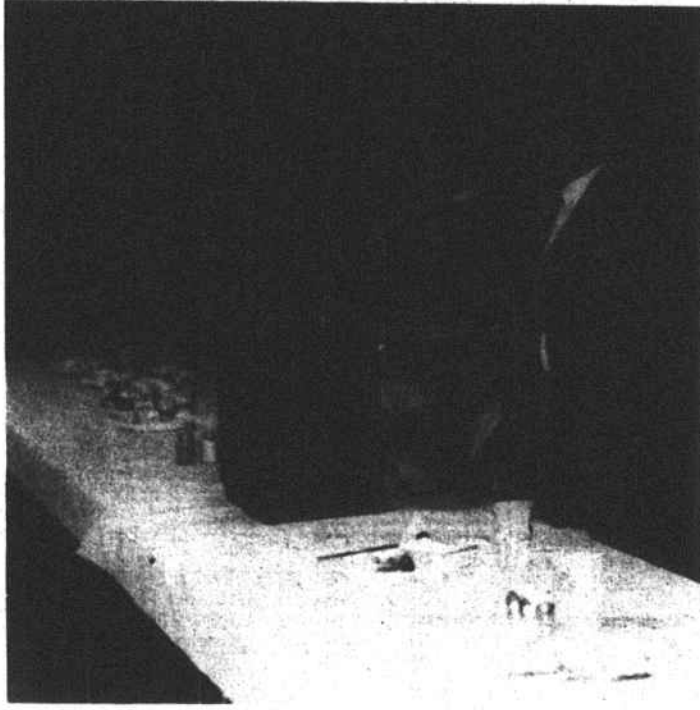
She is a 1980 graduate of Passaic High School.

Pvt. Michael R. Atkins, son of C.A. Atkins of Rt. 1, Aberdeen, participated in a month of cold-weather training at Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

The paratroopers' training covered the use of cross-country skis, snowshoes, and equipment essential to survival in the arctic climate. It gave practical experience during airborne and helicopter assaults in remote areas.

Atkins is a rifleman and fire-team leader with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg.

He is a 1981 graduate of Pinecrest High School.



Former U.S. Sen. Robert Morgan starting to address the chamber dinner audience.



Some of the chamber members and guests at the chamber's annual dinner.

Stonewall Watch Offering Two Rewards

The Stonewall Community Watch is offering two rewards of \$100 each to anyone who gives information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or

persons responsible for breaking into two homes in the community.

The Neil McKenzie residence was broken into Monday, and the George Swoap residence on or about May 6.



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