

16-Year-Old Charged For Video Break-in

A 16-year old Raeford man youth was arrested last week and charged with breaking, entering and larceny, Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said.

Tony D. Swain of Saunders Street in Raeford was arrested after he apparently broke into a "coin operated" pool table at Jack's Video Village on Main Street.

Swain was charged with taking \$5 in change from the pool table, Wiggins said.

In an unrelated incident, Linda Hendrix reported to city police

that someone had taken \$52 from her pocketbook while she was in a downtown store.

Hendrix had left her pocketbook on the seat of the car, while she went in a store on Elwood Avenue, Wiggins said.

When she returned, she found her money missing," the police chief added.

The case is still under investigation, Wiggins said Tuesday.

In county crime, sheriff's reports show that Annie McQuage of Rt. 4, Raeford reported a

larceny which netted the intruder a \$223.53 Schwinn bicycle.

Reports show that the bike had been taken from the McQuage storage barn.

The case is still under investigation, reports show.

Bruce W. Parsell of Rt. 2, Raeford, reported that someone apparently used "wire cutters" to cut a chain securing a storage shed door, taking a number of items during the alleged break-in, reports show.

The case is still open for investigation, reports show.

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tion of Harris Avenue and Bethel Road, in front of Morrison's Grocery where William Daniel Morrison was found shot to death around 9:30 p.m. on December 22.

The roadblock gave authorities "some new information" and according to Wiggins, "proved to be a success."

Despite the roadblock's apparent success, Wiggins and Johnson

admit there have been very few new leads in the case.

"Everything is about the same," Wiggins said.

In an unrelated matter, SBI agents and county authorities are still seeking information that will lead them to the owner of an airplane, loaded with marijuana, which was confiscated at the Raeford airport nearly two months ago.

"We are still investigating that case, too," Johnson said.

Johnson and county officers are continuing the December probe which netted authorities a \$750,000 marijuana cargo and a twin engine aircraft.

"There really haven't been any new developments," Johnson said.

"Right now, the murder is our number one concern, but we want to see both these cases solved," he added.

Hasty Files For Office

Representative John C. (Pete) Hasty has announced that he will seek reelection to the North Carolina Legislature.

Hasty was elected to the House of Representatives in 1982 to represent the 16th District, which is comprised of Robeson, Hoke and Scotland Counties.

Hasty is a native of Maxton, having graduated from Maxton High School and served as the Town's Mayor in 1967. He is actively engaged in the Insurance and Real Estate business in Maxton.

The former Betty Upchurch of Raeford and Hasty were married in 1955 and are the parents of three children, John Hasty, Jr., of Maxton, Flora Hasty McCook of Macon, Georgia, and Elizabeth U. Hasty, a student at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia.

He has been involved in Civic and Community Affairs for many years, having served on the

Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission, Scotland Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, Mormax Club and served two years as President of Cape Fear Area Council Boy Scouts of America.

Hasty is a longtime member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Maxton and served as Chairman of the Administrative Board and as a member of many of its committees.

While serving in the 1983 session of the Legislature, he was appointed to the following committees: Finance, Insurance, Judiciary III, Law Enforcement, Local Government, Manufacturing and Labor, Public Utilities, and State Government. Since the end of the Session, he has been appointed to several study commissions: Property Tax Study Commission, Regulation of Banks, Savings and Loan Associations and Credit Unions, and the Commission to



Pete Hasty

Study Insurance Laws and Regulations.

Hasty said the 16th District was well represented during the last Session of the Legislature, but we need to return someone with experience. "Our District needs to elect someone who has learned how to influence Legislation so that this District can be as important a factor in passing Legislation as this District is important to North Carolina."



County vehicle totaled

In the first county vehicle accident of 1984, Sheriff's Deputy Ronnie Odom totaled his patrol car while attempting to miss a dog that had run out in front of him. Reports show that Odom swerved to the left to avoid the animal, lost control of the

car that eventually turned over and hit a tree. The vehicle was apparently totaled in the accident. Odom received minor injuries. Last year, four county patrol cars were wrecked.

Appeal In Assault Case Nets Man More Jail Time

By Sherry Matthews

A Hoke County man, charged with an assault which left a local law enforcement officer disabled, was sentenced to two and a half years in jail in Hoke Superior Court last week.

Jeffrey Owen Purcell, 28, of Rt. 1, Raeford, who plead not guilty to the charges, was also convicted of speeding (71-55) and a second driving while impaired (DWI) offense.

Superior Court Judge James H. Pou Bailey gave Purcell a two-and-a-half-year sentence after the jury found him guilty on three of four charges.

Purcell was found "not guilty" on one of the assault charges.

The defendant was given a lesser sentence on those same charges during a July session of Hoke District Court. After the July conviction, Purcell appealed the case to Superior Court.

District Court Judge Joseph Dupree had ordered Purcell confined for no less than 18 months on the charges, 12 months less than his final sentence.

Testimony during both trials indicated that the speeding charge, which was reduced to speeding in excess of 55, preceded the list of other offenses.

In District Court testimony Highway Patrolman B.A. Bowden, who was the arresting of-

ficer in the case, said he attempted to stop Purcell for "speeding."

A chase proceeded, first in the car and later on foot, Bowden said.

Bowden testified that he chased Purcell "through the woods" where a scuffle began.

Testimony indicated that Bowden finally subdued the suspect, holding Purcell at gunpoint on the ground.

Bowden escorted the defendant to the Hoke Sheriff's Department where Purcell again allegedly assaulted the trooper and Highway Patrol Sergeant D.L. Minchew, further testimony indicated.

Minshew was apparently dispatched to the sheriff's department to administer a "breathalyzer" to the defendant, according to testimony.

Minshew testified at the July District Court hearing that Purcell "was not cooperative" during the breathalyzer test.

"He would not blow into the mouth piece and kept threatening me and my wife," Minshew said.

"I told him to either give me a sample or sign a written letter of refusal," he added.

According to Minshew's testimony, Purcell "jumped" the trooper while in the breathalyzer room.

"He jumped me and put his hands around my throat, then he

knocked me backwards," Minshew said.

During the scuffle, Bowden apparently re-entered the scene.

Bowden explained to the jury that he heard a "disturbance" in the breathalyzer room and went back to "check it out."

"I saw Sergeant Minshew reeling backwards from the breathalyzer room," Bowden said.

"Trooper Bowden came running back, grabbed Purcell, and they both fell to the floor," Minshew said.

Testimony further indicated that during the struggle, Bowden was injured.

"He was just lying on the floor limp," Minshew said.

Testimony also showed that Purcell attempted to assault the officers again but was finally detained and jailed by Hoke Sheriff Dave Barrington and a deputy.

All three prosecuting witnesses testified that they felt Purcell had been drinking.

Following the jury's verdicts, Judge Bailey issued the two-and-a-half year sentence but allowed four days credit to the defendant for time he had spent in the Hoke County Jail following his July arrest.

Since the incident, Bowden has remained off duty and has had to undergo spinal surgery. His future with the highway patrol remains uncertain.

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