



**Explains agreement**  
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# 15-Year-Old Charged For Box Break-in

A 15-year-old Raeford youth was arrested last Thursday in connection with the vandalism of three newspaper machines, Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said Monday.

Wiggins said the youth was "picked up" shortly after two local police officers responded to "loud noises they heard near the Edenborough Shopping Center."

The officers found three newspaper machines had been broken into, Wiggins said.

Wiggins also said that the youngster "might be involved with some other recent crimes in the area."

"We are just checking right now," Wiggins said.

In an unrelated matter, a 1984 Chevrolet Camaro was recovered last Monday after being reported stolen from Hoke Auto Company on January 23, sheriff's reports show.

The \$11,457 car was apparently driven off the Hoke Auto lot during the night, reports show.

No sign of broken glass was reported at the scene.

The car was found by sheriff's deputies in a wooded area of Hoke County.

No apparent damage was done to the vehicle although 17 miles were registered on the speedometer, reports show.

The car was returned to Hoke Auto, according to the report.

Also last Monday, a local restaurant, which was up for sale, was stripped of its property, according to the report filed by United Carolina Bank Manager Bobby Conoly.

According to the report, bank officials found the Pig and Chicken Restaurant, located on Highway 401, completely vacated with all the equipment missing.

Estimated costs of repairing the building was estimated at \$35,000, the report shows.

Witnesses found the restaurant equipment removed from the building, doors were off the walk-in cooler and all the refrigerator components had been removed.

The report also shows that the plastic drain pipes had been sawed in half and the wires clipped.

An investigation is still pending, reports show.

Ricky Carroll Smith of Smith

Beverage Company reported that two black males apparently took two cases of Miller Lite beer from his truck while he was in the Community Grocery near Five Points.

According to the report, Smith was inside the store taking an order when he noticed a car pull up on the other side of his beer truck.

When Smith returned to the truck, he found that the back compartment of his truck had been opened and two cases of beer were missing.

The beer was estimated at \$20, reports show.

In other crime last week, Wiggins reported that someone had broken into the back window of Morrison's Grocery on Harris Avenue last Thursday.

The store has remained closed since owner William Daniel Morrison was found shot to death in December, the chief said.

"I do not think this break-in is related to the murder investigation," Wiggins said.

Although a \$150 damage was done to the store's back door, nothing inside was reported to be missing, according to the chief.

Further action shows that an apparent "lover's quarrel" ended in a stabbing last Sunday afternoon at the home of Thomas Brooks.

The sheriff's report shows that Brooks' wife stabbed her husband with a "butcher knife" sometime Sunday afternoon.

When sheriff's deputies arrived on the scene, they found blood stains inside the house and a butcher knife. The victim was not found, reports say.

It was later determined that the victim's wife had taken Brooks to a Lumberton hospital for treatment.

No formal charges were filed in the incident, reports show.

In other action, Wiggins said that Marie Locklear of Rt. 1, Red Springs reported that her pocketbook was either missing or stolen from a local car wash last week.

Locklear told law enforcement officers that she left her purse near the "vacuum cleaner area" of the car wash, and when she returned, the pocketbook was gone, Wiggins said.

The pocketbook and its contents were valued at \$26, Wiggins said.

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sultant Hiram J. Marziano said during Monday's meeting.

Marziano's firm Moore Gardner & Associates of Asheboro have been overseeing the improvements at the treatment plant.

**Cablevision approved**

In other business during the regular monthly meeting, council members approved without debate a measure which will open the door for the purchase of the city's present cable television franchise.

After noting that no public objection had been voiced, council members gave unanimous approval to the second and final reading of an ordinance which allows the purchase of Jones Interchangeable by Alert Cablevision Inc.

Alert is planning to upgrade the system within three to six months. The system serves five other municipalities in addition to Raeford.

The move means cable service could be upgraded to 22 channels from the present 12-channel system. Costs of service are also expected to increase.

**Power check OK'd**

In still further business, council members OK'd a study of the present electric utility use at the sewer plant.

Utility bills at the plant have been running around \$11,600 per month. The city had lowered the charges to about \$8,800, but the bills increased about \$3,000 per month in October.

Moore Gardner will be conducting the study, and Marziano said ways to reduce usage of power at the plant will be determined.

**CP&L on hold**

Council members decided to take no action on the renewal of the city franchise agreement with Carolina Power and Light (CP&L).

The 60-year-old franchise expires in June, and CP&L District Manager A.J. Woody said his firm would like to renew the agreement for another 60-year term.

Under the agreement, the city has no right to negotiate rates, gets no revenue from the utility and allows CP&L to use municipal rights of way for lines and poles.

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## Deaths & Funerals



**Neil F. Sinclair**

Neil F. Sinclair, 93, one of the oldest citizens of Hoke County died January 26 at Moore Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

He was buried on Saturday at Shiloh Presbyterian Church where he had been a member since 1905.

Sinclair had served as a deacon for 28 years, and an elder for 38 years.

The service was conducted by Rev. W.K. Fitch, Pastor, with Masonic rites at graveside.

Sinclair was born January 8, 1891 in what is now Hoke County.

He worked for McLaughlin Company as a clerk, before going into business for himself as a farmer and merchant in the Ashley Heights community.

He joined Raeford Masonic Lodge 306 in 1918 and received his Diamond Jubilee certificate for service of 60 years or more in September 1981.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Riley Sinclair, three daughters, Mrs. Robert N. McCracken, Caswell Beach, Mrs. Glenn Maxwell, Raeford, Mrs. D. Huff Jr., Ashley Heights, 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Powell Funeral Home of Southern Pines.

**Cleonia B. Jones**

Mrs. Cleonia Bowling Jones, 80, died Friday at Moore Memorial Hospital.

The funeral was at 2 p.m. Sunday from Our Saviour Lutheran Church with Pastor Bill Wallace officiating.

Burial followed in Bethesda Cemetery.

Survivors include a son, David N. Jones Jr., of Aberdeen, four daughters, Mrs. Grace Sides and Mrs. Betty Troutman, both of Aberdeen, Mrs. Shelby Atkins, Valdosta, Georgia and Mrs. Geraldine Dalton, Raeford, 11 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

**Beulah Cartwright**

Mrs. Beulah Cartwright, 70, died last Tuesday morning in N.C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. on Thursday at the Raeford First Baptist Church by Rev. Billy Beaver.

Burial was in Raeford Cemetery.

She was a retired Hoke County school teacher.

Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Barbara T. Davis of Raeford; three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Crumpler Funeral Home served the family.

**Mrs. Mamie Center Mann**

Mrs. Mamie Center Mann, 92 died Sunday in the Adams-Kenton Nursing Home at Buies Creek.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Lillington Presbyterian Church.

Burial was in the Harnett Memorial Park Cemetery.

Surviving are daughters: Mrs. Vargie Betts of Fuquay-Verena; Mrs. Willa McGhee of Kipling; Mrs. Hazel Holloway and Mrs. Louise Johnson of Lillington; sons: Rex W. Mann of Sanford, Sam C. Mann and Dr. Lynn S. Mann of Lillington; sisters: Mrs. Maggie Smith and Mrs. Velma Johnson of Kipling; brothers: Ralph Center of Kipling and Neil Center of Raeford.

**Ella Mae Purdie**

Funeral services for Mrs. Ella Mae Purdie McEachin, 78, of Rt. 1 Lumber Bridge, were held Friday, January 27, from Laurel Hill Baptist Church.

Rev. T.R. Patterson officiated.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. McEachin died January 24.

Buie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Willie McMillian**

Funeral services for Willie McMillian, 58, of New Jersey, formerly of Raeford, were held Sunday from Piney Grove Baptist Church.

Rev. Boyd Cantrell officiated.

Burial was in Center Grove Cemetery.

His survivors are: his wife, Mrs. Essie McMillian of the home; one son, Willie McMillian of Plainsfield, New Jersey.

Five daughters: Linda Anderson and Gloria McMillian of East Orange, New Jersey, Priscilla McMillian of Sacramento California and Beverly Hills of the home; his mother, Mrs. Mary Bell McPhatter of Raeford, his stepfather, Mr. James McPhatter of Raeford, two sisters, Mrs. Martha Council of Wilson, Evangelist, Lucille Parker of Raeford, one brother John McMillian of Long Island, New York; three grandchildren.

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