

Term Suspended For Assault

A Hoke County man was given a 12-month suspended sentence in district court last week after being found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon charge.

Larry Donald McCain, 33, of Oakdale Gin Road was found guilty of shooting an individual with a .32 caliber pistol.

McCain was given two years supervised probation on the charges and was ordered to pay \$350 for medical bills caused by the shooting.

In other court action, two Hoke County residents received suspended sentences after pleading guilty to charges of driving while impaired (DWI).

Thomas Parker of Rt. 1, Red Springs was given a one-year suspended sentence after pleading guilty to a DWI charge.

Parker was also given a seven-day active prison sentence on the charge.

District Court Judge Warren Pate also ordered the defendant to surrender his driver's license and pay a \$200 court fine.

Willie Howard McNeill of Raeford also received a one-year suspended sentence after pleading guilty to a DWI charge in district court last week.

McNeill was also sentenced to spend seven days in jail on the charge and was instructed to pay a \$200 fine, enroll and complete the alcohol and drug abuse school within 90 days and not operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed to do so.

A Raeford woman was given a 30-day suspended sentence after pleading guilty to a worthless check charge.

Venetia A. Bratcher plead guilty to writing a \$89.54 worthless check to Raeford Oil Company and was ordered to pay restitution for the check.

In unrelated cases, John Lee Creed III of Fayetteville plead guilty to exceeding a safe speed and was ordered to pay a \$10 fine and court cost in the action.

Geraldine J. Wright of South Carolina plead guilty to speeding (65-55) and was instructed to pay the cost of the action.

Ralph Larry Calloway of Rt. 3, Raeford plead guilty to exceeding a safe speed and was ordered to pay \$10 and cost.

Perry L. McBryde II of Rt. 4, Raeford plead guilty to careless and reckless driving charges and was given a 60-day suspended sentence.

The defendant was also in-

structed to pay \$75 and cost of the action.

Mark Allan Yankowiak of Fayetteville plead guilty to exceeding a safe speed and was ordered to pay a \$10 fine and court cost in the action.

Edward Louis Hendrickson of Raeford plead guilty to exceeding a safe speed and was given a prayer for judgement upon payment of the court cost.

Mark Steven Smith of Laurinburg plead guilty to speeding (66-45) and was ordered to pay a \$10 fine and court cost in the action.

Larry Wayne Davis of Rt. 3, Raeford plead guilty to passing a vehicle in a no passing zone and was given a prayer for judgement upon payment of the court cost.

Gregory Anthony Fisher of Rt. 1, Raeford plead guilty to speeding (70-55) and was ordered to pay a \$10 fine and cost of the court action.

Ronald Francis Henderson Jr. of Charlotte plead guilty to following a vehicle too closely and was given a six-month suspended sentence with one-year of unsupervised probation.

The defendant was also instructed to pay a \$200 fine and court cost in the action.

Tests Show Low Lead Levels At Second Illegal Dump Site

By Sherry Matthews
Tests taken at the second of two apparently illegal hazardous waste dumping areas in Hoke County have shown "low level" concentrations of extractable leads, Department of Human Resources (DHR) Solid and Hazardous Waste Engineer Richard Gay said Monday.

Soil samples taken from a site behind Virgil's Restaurant on U.S. Highway 401 show lead levels of 1.8%, Gay said.

"That is a very low level of metal," he added.

According to Hoke Health Director Lloyd Horne, the "cutoff" for extractable metals in the soil is 5.0%.

"The samples we took indicate that the lead in the soil is well below the cut-off limit," Gay said.

Test for Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) in the soil at the Virgil's site and another area located at the old Big Star Truck Stop on Highway 401 showed that only "very low" levels of the cancer-causing substance were found.

Both soil samples indicated that the sites were "well below" the PCB safe limits of 49 parts per million.

Although all PCB and lead tests have been completed, both DHR and local health authorities are still "trying to determine" who owns the two sites.

"We are not sure at this point,

but we will know before long," Gay said.

"Even when we find out who owns the land, we will not require them to do anything," he added.

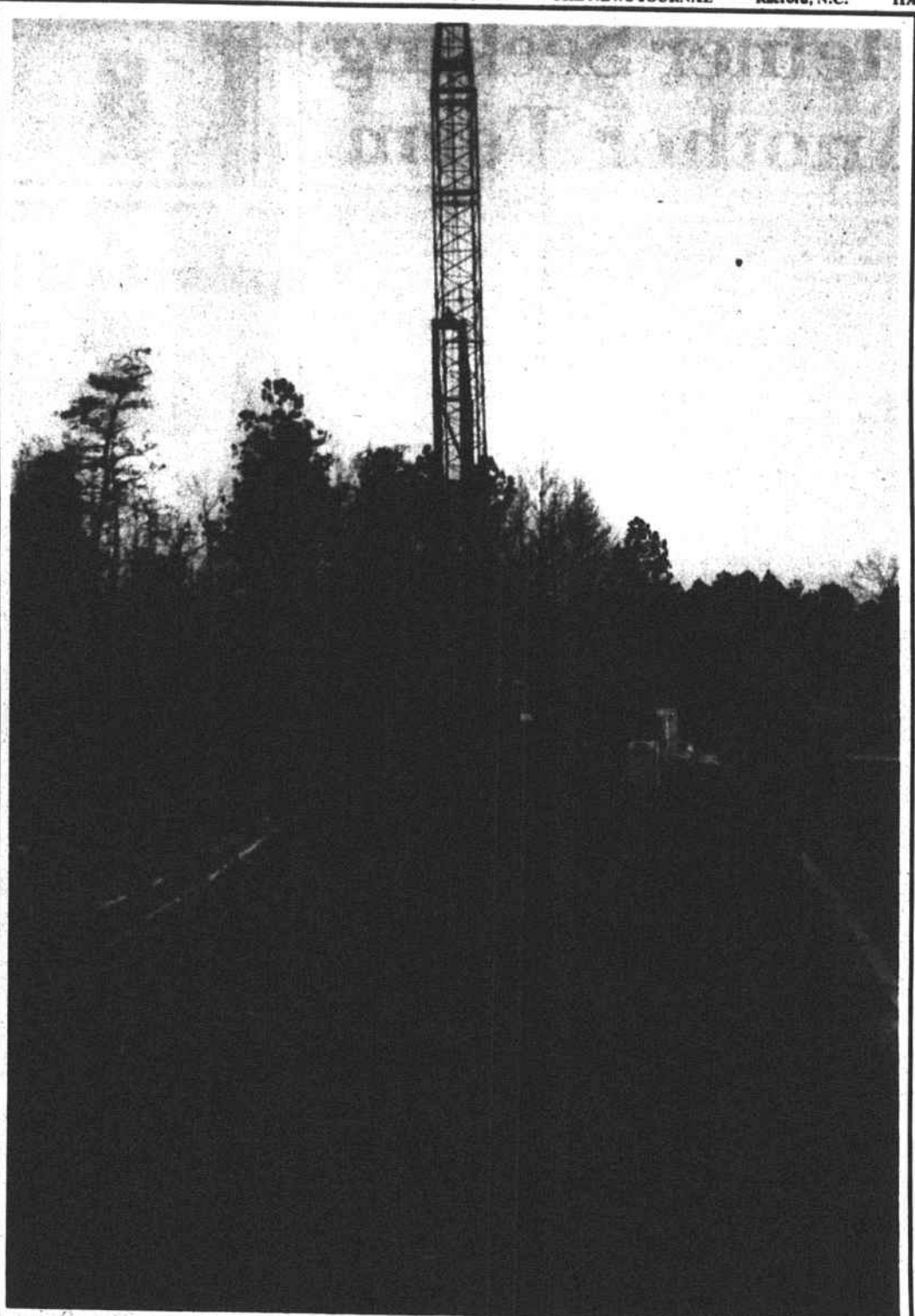
"Based on the limits, there will be no clean-up requirements," Gay said.

"We hope they will cooperate and disk lime into the soil, but it will not be mandated," he added.

Although both sites contained small quantities of both PCB and lead, Gay said it was "nothing to worry about."

"We are not aware of any real problems or complications at either site," Gay said.

"Once we determine who is responsible for the sites, our involvement will be over," he added.




Davis Bridge under construction

Workers from the Department of Transportation (DOT) prepare for construction of a \$398,638.85 bridge to replace the old Davis span that was made up of timber piles, steel beams and wood. Construction work on the structure began January 5 and is scheduled to be completed by May 1985. Traffic

will not be stopped on the road, according to DOT resident engineer Al Nelson. "We are going to detour the traffic around the construction," Nelson said. The new bridge is on Barber Road just outside of Arabia. It runs over the Rockfish Creek. Sanford Construction Company of Sanford is doing the job.

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Larcenies, Break-ins Plague Hoke

Break-ins and larcenies plagued both city and county residents last week with 11 crimes reported to local law enforcement authorities between January 31 and February 6.

At press time, no arrests had been made in any of the reported incidents.

In city action, Open Arms Rest Home owner John Plummer reported that someone had taken two briefcases from his car.

He estimated that the two cases were taken between January 28 and February 1, Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said.

Plummer reported the incident February 1 when he discovered both briefcases and \$300 in cash missing from his car, the chief added.

According to the chief, the total value of the missing items was \$440.

Norma Corrado of Rt. 1, Raeford reported last Wednesday that someone took \$5 from her pocketbook.

Corrado had apparently left her purse in the car she had parked behind the Edinborough Restaurant, Wiggins said.

Nothing else was apparently taken during the incident, he added.

The case is still being investigated, the chief said.

In an unrelated incident, an undetermined amount of silverware, jewelry and china were taken from the Grace Shearod residence on South Magnolia Street, Wiggins said.

Shearod reported to city police that someone had entered her house while she was out of town and had taken an assortment of items from the residence.

The case is still open for investigation, the chief said.

Melvin Thomas of East Prospect Avenue reported Monday that someone had vandalized a Hoke County School Bus that he was driving.

According to Wiggins, someone apparently threw a "beer bottle" at the bus, cracking one of the windows.

The crime allegedly took place during the weekend while the bus was parked in front of the Thomas residence, Wiggins said.

Damage to the bus had not been estimated at press time.

In county crime, two cars were broken into at the Arabia Cash Mart at Rt. 2, Raeford.

Sheriff's reports show that over \$1,500 in property was taken from

the vehicles including two sets of spoke rims and one AM-FM cassette player.

Reports also show that over \$700 in property was removed from the back porch and yard of Dan McGougan's residence at Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge last week.

No arrests have been made in the case.

Ken Koonce of Rt. 1, Raeford reported to county authorities Monday that someone had broken into his home, taking \$650 in property.

The report shows that the alleged intruder broke out a window on the back side of the Koonce residence.

There were no signs of "forced entry" to the door although it was apparently "dead bolted," the report shows.

In further action, Robert Riddle of Rt. 1, Raeford reported that someone had taken his bicycle from his yard last week.

The bicycle was valued at \$118, reports show.

Maggie Adams of Rt. 3, Raeford, also reported last week that someone had removed a fuel tank from her property.

No arrests have been made in the case. The investigation is continuing, reports show.

Deaths & Funerals

Miss Carrie Sturgis
Miss Carrie Genivieve Sturgis, 88, who taught in Raeford for many years, died January 30.

Born in York County, she was a daughter of the late Walter Victor and Netta Finley Sturgis.

Mrs. Sturgis was a graduate of Winthrop College and a member of the First Baptist Church.

She was a teacher and librarian at Wadesboro High School, Wadesboro, N.C., and taught in other schools in North Carolina. Surviving are a sister, Mrs.

Margaret Foster of Travelers Rest; and nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Bass Funeral Home, with burial in Ebenezer Presbyterian Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to charities.

Franklin P. McNeill
Franklin Purcell McNeill, 55, a former Hoke County resident, died last Thursday. Funeral was Saturday at Montpelier Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Surviving: wife, Mrs. Demetrial Thompson McNeill; son, Franklin Purcell McNeill Jr. of Carthage; daughter, Miss Deedee McNeill of Atlanta, Georgia; brothers, Hector B. McNeill of Winter Park, Florida, Dr. Thomas A. McNeill of High Point; sisters, Carolyn Roper and Doris Whyte Johnston, both of Wagram, Flora Kate Hanna of Seneca, South Carolina.

Arrangements by McDougald Funeral Home, Laurinburg.

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