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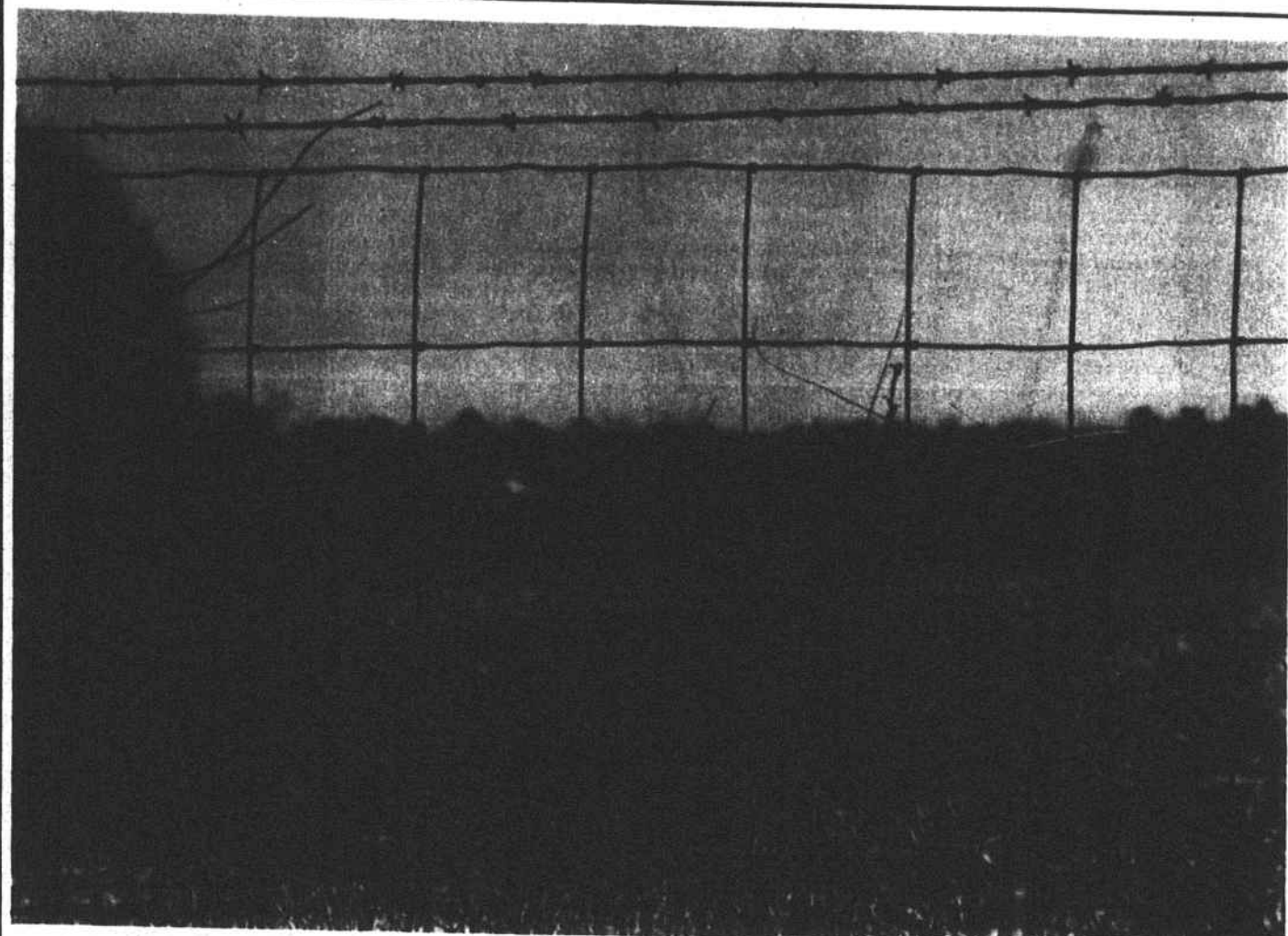
RAEFORD, HOKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

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Checked fields

This wire fence frames a patch of Hoke County land off of Bethel Road that has been lying dormant during the winter months. With the

coming of spring, this field will be rejuvenated as farmers begin planning for the season.

Deputies led on wild chase

By Sherry Matthews

A Fayetteville man was in jail under a \$10,000 bond this week charged with 14 violations following a 15-mile high speed chase that resulted in a wrecked county vehicle.

Sheriff's reports show that the chase began around midnight Friday when Ricky Jerome Gillian, 22, passed Hoke Detective Jimmy Riley on the U.S. Highway 401 By-Pass.

Riley was on routine patrol when Gillian's 1976 Buick passed the unmarked patrol car "at speeds of 70 to 75 miles per hour (mph)."

Riley followed the car, which "ran off the road and across the center line about 10 times each," the reports say.

Riley attempted to stop the car when it turned off 401 onto rural paved road 1405.

Gillian apparently refused to stop for the blue light and siren and instead "gained more speed," the sheriff's reports say.

During the chase, which covered approximately 15 miles and led Riley and three other sheriff's deputies through the Robin Heights area of the county three times, Gillian allegedly rammed Riley's car in the left side, the reports say.

Later, Gillian lost control of his car, causing Riley to strike it in the left side, adding more damage to the county car.

Highway Patrolmen estimated the damage to Riley's car at approximately \$2,000.

Despite the two wrecks, Gillian continued his escape attempt until two flat tires stopped him on a dirt road just off rural paved road 1406.

Riley and three other deputies surrounded Gillian, who allegedly refused to get out of the car.

Deputies had to break a car window to get to Gillian, who had locked all the car doors, reports show.

Gillian, who allegedly ran 14 stop signs during the chase, was arrested on 14 separate counts that included driving while impaired (DWI), speeding in excess of 100 mph in a 55 mph zone, speeding 80 mph in a 35 mph zone, assault with a deadly weapon, resisting arrest, driving left of center, failing to stop at a collision, careless and reckless driving, driving without an operator's license, failing to stop for blue light and siren and transporting an alcoholic beverage with the seal broken.

Gillian is scheduled to appear in Hoke District Court Friday on those charges.

In an unrelated matter, a Hoke County woman was arrested Saturday after she allegedly cashed a stolen fuel assistance check at the Jiffy Mart.

Sylvia Baldwin, 17, of Rt. 2, Raeford was charged with forging (See MAN, page 12)

Efforts made to strengthen ties with Ft. Bragg

By Sherry Matthews

County officials, Chamber of Commerce members and representatives from Fort Bragg met Tuesday morning in an effort to "strengthen relations" between Hoke and the sixth largest Army base in the United States.

"I think this meeting was a giant step in the right direction," Chamber of Commerce Director Earl Fowler said.

"We would like to see Hoke benefit from the Fort Bragg

population," he added.

"I think it is very important for us to have a good relationship with this county," Fort Bragg Deputy Post Commander Colonel Stan Bonta told the group.

The early morning gathering, at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant, was a first step in Fowler's efforts "to entice Fort Bragg retirees and others" into the Hoke area.

"There are a lot of retirees living in the Hoke area now," Chamber President Steve Parker said.

"A lot of them live in the

Rockfish area," he added.

"We would like to see more coming here each quarter," Parker said.

According to Bonta, 55,000 retirees and their dependents live in the counties surrounding Fort Bragg.

Together, retirees generate \$126 million per year, Bonta said.

Bonta told the group that Hoke authorities "probably could" recruit some of those retirees.

"We have a show and tell each quarter where we bring in upcom-

ing retirees...that is when counties make their pitch," Bonta said.

"We want to work with you in any way we can," he added.

During the meeting, Bonta showed the group a slide presentation on the growth of Ft. Bragg.

Fowler believes some of that growth "could extend" into Hoke County.

"We are looking into a number of possibilities," Fowler said.

Included in those "possibilities" are plugging telephones into the Fayetteville system and providing

motel accommodations to the county.

Fowler believes these things "will attract" more people into the county.

In addition, Bonta gave a "run down" on Fort Bragg's population and its total income for a year.

"We are the most diversified outfit in the United States because we have some many different troops," Bonta said.

According to Bonta, 188,000 persons "encompass and are involved" with Fort Bragg.

Some 49,000 are active military with 73,000 dependents, Bonta said.

Fort Bragg's payroll swells over \$650 million a year and brings "close to \$2 billion a year" to the "impact areas" economy, he added.

"They could really give this county a boost," Fowler said.

"I think the citizens of this county are determined to see Hoke grow and prosper. I think Fort Bragg can help," County Commission Chairman John Balfour said.

Around Town

By Sam Morris

The winter weather may leave us before March 21 if the forecasters are correct. The temperatures are to get up in the 60s by the end of the week. Now this is my kind of weather!

I have made two trips to Fayetteville in the past week and after some 30 years, I am more convinced than ever that US 401 needs four lanes. These trips were not during the time workers travel to Fort Bragg, but still the travel was backed up because there was no place to pass.

There hasn't been a promise from any of the candidates for governor, so maybe this is a good sign.

The program at the Raeford Presbyterian Church last Wednesday night presented by Dr. Joe Hopper was one of the best I have witnessed in many years. He gave a slide program on his work as a missionary in South Korea and it kept you waiting for the next slide all during the program.

It was hard for me to believe the progress that has been made by the church in South Korea in the past few years.

According to Dr. Hopper it shouldn't be long before their work in Korea is done and the churches there will be sending out missionaries to other countries.

Brown Hendrix, owner of (See AROUND, page 13)



Nothing left to salvage

These Antioch firemen hose down the remains of a maternity hog house that was destroyed by fire last Thursday afternoon. Approximately 50 pigs and

sows were killed in the blaze that also destroyed the facility, according to Antioch Fire Chief William Gregory. (Photo by Pam Frederick)

Child abuse draws 7-day term

A Hoke County couple were each given a seven-day jail sentence Friday after they were found guilty of tying their three-year old son to a fence, court records show.

Joseph Glover, 33, and Margaret Glover, 40, of the Harmony Heights Trailer Park, were also given one-year suspended sentences by Hoke District Court Judge Warren L. Pate.

The Glovers were arrested two weeks ago following a hearing in juvenile court.

Reports show that the couple were charged with tying their son

to a fence and "allowing a rifle to be fired near the child."

Although the Glover's were given suspended sentences, Pate placed them both under a two-year "special supervised" probation.

The couple must also participate in mental health counseling and pay \$300 in restitution for their son's use and benefit.

The child is now in the custody of the Hoke County Department of Social Services (DSS).

Following Friday's hearing, Margaret Glover was transported to the Cumberland County Women's prison facility. She is

scheduled to be released Wednesday.

Joseph Glover was taken into custody by Hoke Sheriff's deputies and will be released Wednesday, records show.

In unrelated court happenings, two Hoke residents and three out-of-town residents were convicted on driving while impaired charges (DWI).

Falvian McPhaul, of Rt. 1, Raeford received a 60-day suspended sentence with one year of unsupervised probation after pleading guilty to a DWI charge in district court Thursday.

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41% of county workers live outside of Hoke

By Sherry Matthews

Of the 590 employees currently on the county government's payroll, 41% live outside Hoke County and nearly 85% of those make \$15,000 or more per year.

Despite the figures, a county commission order, passed last October, singles out only "department heads" drawing salaries of more than \$15,000 and requires them to be residing inside Hoke by September 1.

Tax Supervisor Larry Holt and Hoke Health Director Lloyd Horne are the only two county employees that have been targeted by the regulation.

In passing the measure last October, members of the commission noted that it was their philosophy that all county employees reside here.

"I think that anyone drawing a salary that is paid by the taxpayers of Hoke County should live within the county," Hoke Commission Chairman John Balfour said earlier during a board meeting.

Horne lives in Cumberland County and Holt resides in Richmond County.

Although only two department heads come under the regulation, eight other county employees, not including school personnel, draw a salary of \$15,000 plus each year, records show.

Of the 463 school employees, 114 or 25% live outside the county. Approximately 40% of the teachers in the county make \$15,000 or more per year, school authorities say.

Figures were not available which



John Balfour

would determine how many of those teachers making \$15,000 or more reside in other counties.

In addition, records also show that at least one county employee making above \$15,000 was granted permission to move outside the county last year after the October directive was passed.

"It is hard sometimes to get people to re-locate," Hoke Department of Social Services (DSS) Director Ken Witherspoon.

Only five of 32 DSS staff members live outside Hoke County and two of those make above \$15,000.

"We always try to use the local registers when we are looking for an employee...sometimes they are hard to find," Witherspoon said.

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