

Children's Center seeking different, larger quarters

The Hoke County Children's Center is seeking support in an effort to purchase larger quarters for the mentally and physically handicapped children they serve, Director Ann Johnson said.

"We want to raise enough money to make a down payment on a larger building," Johnson said.

"The one we have is very inadequate in relation to size," she added.

At present the center, located on Donaldson Avenue, houses 16 children and four full-time staff members in four rooms.

"We have five children on a waiting list right now. We just do not have the room for them," Johnson said.

"We are at our maximum enrollment. We have been for a good while," she added.

According to the director, the center needs "about \$14,000" to make the move.

"We have approximately \$6,000 in our building fund," Johnson said.

"We are hoping to solicit con-

tributions from local businesses and foundations as well as others across the United States," she added.

Johnson and her Children Center board are looking for a new facility in the Raeford area.

"We have not found anything definite...nothing I can talk about at this point," Johnson said.

The center, which was founded in 1974 and got its start in the Raeford Baptist Church basement, generates "a great percentage" of its funding from state and federal grants.

No county money is allotted for the center, according to Johnson.

The county funds are distributed to the Hoke County Association for the Developmentally Disabled and is used to fund the adult program, Johnson said.

The county board allots approximately \$8,000 to this program.

According to Johnson, two-thirds of the center's funding is generated through the Sandhills Mental Health Center, state development funds and federal Title 25 funds.

The remaining one-third of the center's funding come from "private donations and fund raisers."

"We tap into a lot of different sources for support," Johnson said.

At present, Johnson and her staff are seeking to hold fund raisers to help fund a new facility.

"We are selling Children's Center T-shirts to help raise money. We are also planning a Gospel singing in late spring," Johnson said.

"We are doing everything in our power to get the money for a new facility," she added.

"People in this area know and believe in what we are doing...that is why the center has survived," Johnson said.

"I think they will support our efforts," she added.

"We would like to offer our services to more children. If we get a new facility we will be able to do this," Johnson said.

"It is something we really need," she added.

Woman nabbed after meat theft

A Hoke County woman was arrested Sunday after A&P grocery store personnel apprehended her for shoplifting, Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said.

Fanny Ramsey of Rt. 1, Red Springs was caught in the act of trying to steal \$11.43 in meats, coffee and other grocery items, according to Wiggins.

Ramsey was charged with stealing the items and is scheduled to appear in Hoke District Court April 30 on that charge.

In other city action, Ivory McNair of Oakwood Avenue reported to authorities that someone had broken into a house he owned. Carpet was reported stolen.

An investigation showed that

someone had pried open the front door of the residence on Green Street and had "removed" carpet and padding from four rooms in the house.

The carpet was valued at \$600, Wiggins said.

The matter was under investigation, the chief said.

An investigation is also continuing in connection with a recent attempted break-in at Lula Beatty's residence on North Jackson Street. Beatty reported to city officers that someone had attempted to gain entry into her residence, Wiggins said.

Evidence showed that a window had been broken and a storm window screen was lying on the ground near the residence, the chief added.

The was no sign of entry, Wiggins said.

Damage to the residence had not been confirmed at press time.

In county crime, Retha Oxendine of Rt. 1, Red Springs reported to deputies that someone had broken the lock off her trailer door and entered her residence.

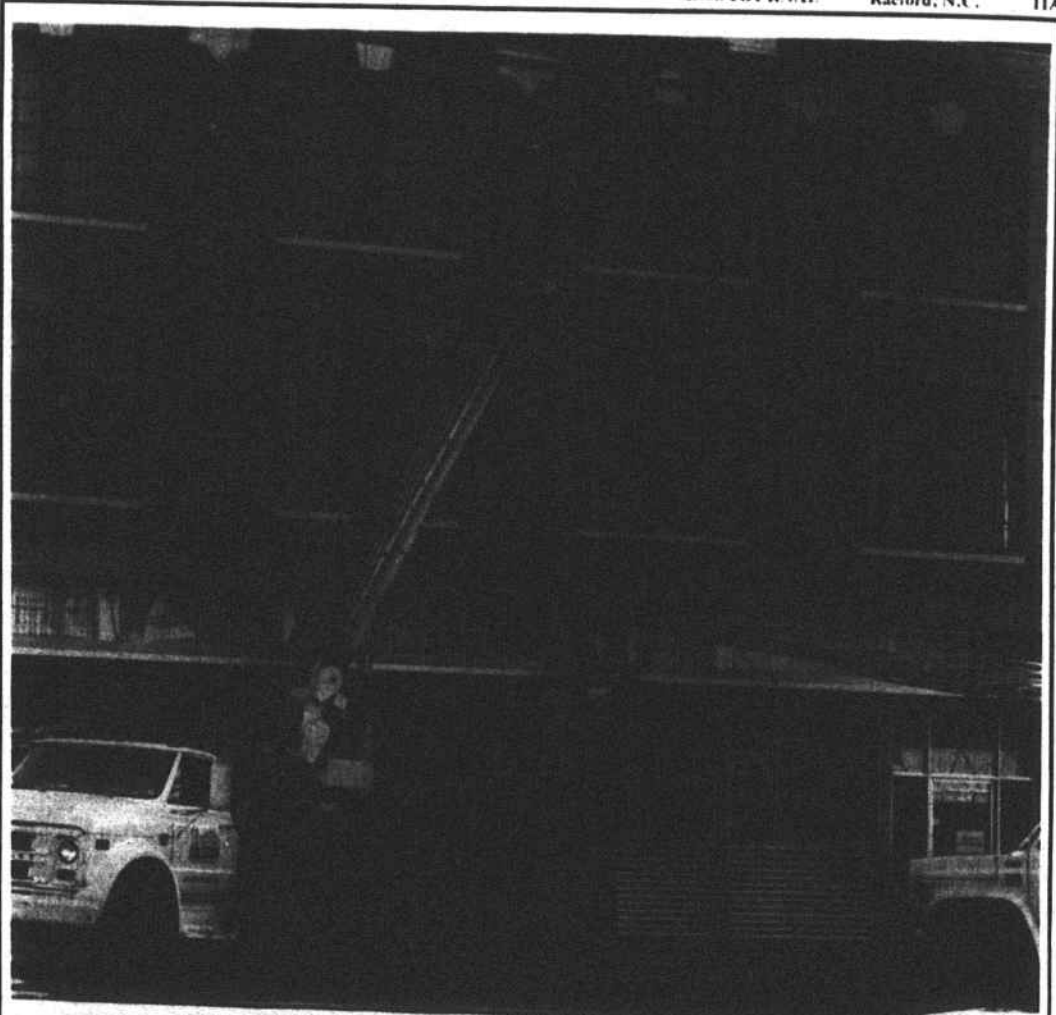
A \$600 portable television and a \$24 electric razor were reported missing, sheriff's reports show.

The case remains open for investigation.

David Hendrix of Hoke County reported that someone had removed both the rims and the tires from his 1974 Dodge.

The value of the stolen items had not been released at press time.

Reports show that the case is still under investigation.



Finale
Parish sign crews remove the final fixtures attaching this Main Street Building with United Carolina Bank (UCB) which moved its offices out of the branch over two weeks ago. The site is presently being eyed as a possible location for a satellite community college. (Photo by Pam Frederick)

Mishap kills UPS employee

By Sherry Matthews
Hoke County recorded its first traffic fatality of the year Monday following a head-on collision that claimed the life of a Hope Mills man and injured another.

Willie C. Hubbard Jr., 23, of Hope Mills was apparently killed

instantly when his Mustang collided with a United Parcel Service (UPS) truck at the intersection of King and Plank Road on the Fort Bragg Reservation, a post spokesman said.

A passenger in the Hubbard car, Jerome Paxton, 22, of Hope Mills, was seriously injured in the accident.

Hoke Ambulance Service personnel transported Paxton to Moore Memorial Hospital in Pinehurst where he remains in stable condition, the Army spokesman said.

The UPS driver, Leo Thomas, 23, of Southern Pines was uninjured in the accident.

Details regarding the cause of

the accident were vague at press time.

Reports show that Hubbard and Thomas were both employees of UPS.

Hubbard was apparently on his way home from work while Thomas was in route to the UPS office in Southern Pines.

Fort Bragg military police are continuing an investigation into the accident.

Hasty re-enlists in airborne unit

Spec. 4 Randy L. Hasty, son of Evens and Mable Hasty of Rural Route 3, Raeford, has re-enlisted in the U.S. Army at Fort Bragg after four years military service.

Hasty is an armor crew member with the 82nd Airborne Division. He is a 1980 graduate of Hoke High School.



Get the straight scoop
Don't rely on word of mouth to find out what is going on. For the most accurate, objective and complete coverage of Hoke County, you can depend on **The News-Journal**. Find out what's going on in the county around you.

Subscribe Today.
Call 875-2121

The News-Journal
119 W. Elwood Ave.
Raeford, N.C. 28376

CUSTOMER SERVICE
—Dundarrach, N.C.
COMPLETE INSECT CONTROL FROM THE HOME TO THE FARM
•Federal Crop Insurance

Route 1, Box 251-A Shannon, N.C.
Phone 875-8912

Richard McMillan 875-2493 Nights 875-5614

RAEFORD Animal Clinic
Animal Health
Pet Supplies
Bathing,
Boarding and
Grooming by Appointment

875-8312 Harris Ave., Raeford, N.C.

If the question is Pittard & Perry, then the answer's YES.

When you have financial questions, come to Pittard & Perry. We offer a wide range of services from accounting and auditing, tax planning and preparation, to other management and advisory services. Our large staff of professionals is trained to serve the individual as well as the large company from eight offices throughout North Carolina. When it comes to the information you need to make financial decisions, we can provide all the answers.

Pittard & Perry
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

P.O. Box 56 • 221 S. Main St. • Raeford, N.C. 28376
(919) 875-3751

OTHER OFFICES TO SERVE YOU IN: BELHAVEN, FAYETTEVILLE, GOLDSBORO, MT. OLIVE, PINEHURST, PLYMOUTH & WILLIAMSTON

TOWN & COUNTRY Cinema 1&2 ALL SEATS \$2.00 First Show
TOWN & COUNTRY SHOPPING CENTER 9244-1198

Do they really exist...?
Charles B. Pierce's **BOGGY CREEK II**
and the Legend Continues...
MON.-FRI. 3:20 - 7:15 - 9:10
SAT.-SUN. 1:30-3:20-7:15-9:10

ABERDEEN
Nothing could have prepared him for the danger, the fear, the violence...or the woman
STARTS FRIDAY! KEN WAHL CHERYL LADD
PURPLE HEARTS
MON.-FRI. 3:20 - 7:15 - 9:10
SAT.-SUN. 1:30-3:20-7:15-9:10

CINEMA 4 ALL SEATS \$2.00
692-5445 • YADKIN PARK (U.S. 15-501)

THE ICE PIRATES
See A Totally Spaced Adventure!
ROBERT URICH MARY CROSBY
MON.-FRI. 3:20 - 7:15 - 9:10
SAT.-SUN. 1:30-3:20-7:15-9:10

SOUTHERN PINES
HELD OVER!
THIS IS THE STORY OF A SMALL TOWN THAT LOST ITS DREAMS
Footloose
Mon.-Fri. 3:10 - 7:00 - 9:10
Sat. & Sun. 1:10-3:10-7:00-9:10

SPLASH
MON.-FRI. 3:20 - 7:15 - 9:10
SAT.-SUN. 1:30-3:20-7:15-9:10

COVERGIRL (R) & LAST DAY UNFAITHFULLY YOURS (PG)
THUR. SHOWS 3:20 - 7:15 - 9:10

TANK HELD OVER!
MON.-FRI. 3:00 - 7:00 - 9:10
SAT.-SUN. 1:00-3:15-7:00-9:10

FRI.-SAT. FIRST BLOOD ALL LATE SNOW ALL SEATS \$2.00
11:30 P.M.

STRAIGHT WAY BAND
Rock and Roll
Will Play at
Blenheims Lounge
Hwy 401
Hoke/Cumberland County Line

Friday & Saturday
APRIL 6 & 7
9 p.m. until 1 a.m.
I.D. Required

DID YOU KNOW ?
\$5.00 A Month Will Buy
\$20,000.
OF NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE
If Age 21 Or Younger
(Only A Little More If Over 21)

Vardell Hedgpeth
AGENT
875-4187