

# Man sentenced to 60 days in jail for bad checks

A Raeford man was sentenced to 60 days in jail after pleading guilty Friday in Hoke County District Court to six worthless check charges, court records show.

In addition to the jail term, Nigel K. Baldwin received a 12-month suspended sentence with three years of "special supervised probation," according to a ruling issued by District Court Judge Warren Pate.

Court records show that Baldwin was charged with writing "worthless checks" totaling \$211.64 to six local merchants.

Pate also instructed the defendant to pay a \$300 fine, court cost and restitution to the merchants.

Baldwin will serve his 60-day sentence under the direction of his probation officer, records show.

In unrelated cases, a 20-year-old Raeford man was given a six-month suspended sentence after pleading guilty to larceny.

Alfonzo Buie, who was charged with taking a \$4 pair of sunglasses from Pope's Variety, was also placed under a year's unsupervised probation.

The defendant was also ordered to pay a \$100 fine and court cost in the action.

Olivia McIntyre Jones of Route 1 Raeford was also given a six-month suspended sentence on larceny charges.

Jones plead guilty to "stealing \$4.99 in property from Pope's Variety Store."

Pate also placed the defendant under a year's unsupervised probation and ordered her to pay a \$100 fine and court cost in the action.

In further action, two Hoke residents and one out-of-towner plead guilty to driving while impaired charges (DWI).

Paul Waters of Maxton received a 10-day sentence that he must serve at the Hoke County Jail over

the next five weekends, according to a ruling by Pate.

In addition, Waters, who was also charged with driving without an operator's license, was given a one-year suspended sentence with two years of "special supervised probation."

The defendant was ordered to pay a \$300 fine, participate in a prescribed treatment program and "not operate a motor vehicle until licensed to do so."

The DWI conviction was Water's second, records show.

Jessie Johnson of Saunders Street received a 90-day suspended sentence after pleading guilty to her first DWI charge in court last week.

Pate ordered the defendant to perform 48-hours of community service work within 60 days, surrender her operator's license and pay a \$150 fine and court cost.

Weidone McCoy of the North Raeford Trailer Park received a 60-day suspended sentence with one year of unsupervised probation after pleading guilty to her first DWI charge.

Pate instructed the defendant to pay a \$100 fine and court cost, enroll and complete the alcohol and drug abuse school within 90 days and perform 24-hours of community service work within 30 days.

In addition, the judge ordered the defendant to surrender her driver's license but granted her a limited driving permit.

In further court business, Mark Stephen Thompson of Moore Street plead guilty to driving at a speed greater than was posted and received a prayer for judgement upon payment of the court cost.

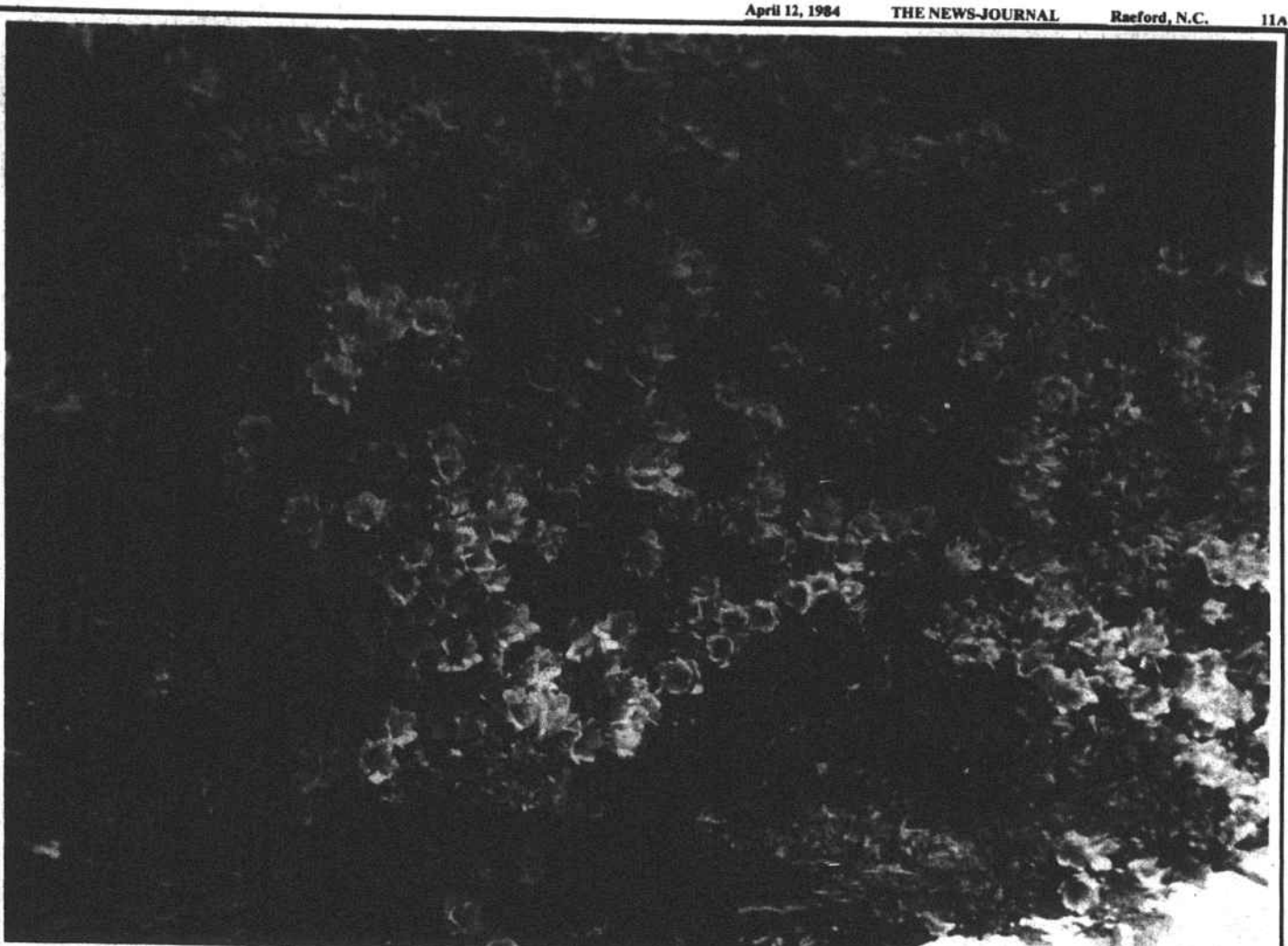
John Daniel Wilkes of Green Street plead guilty to a stop sign violation and was given a prayer for judgement upon payment of the court cost.

## ... United Fund underway

(Continued from page 1A) major funding are the local Rescue Squad chapter \$1,500, \$1,892 to the Hoke Reading/Literacy Council, and \$1,000 each for Adult Transportation and the Hoke County Children's Center.

A total of almost \$4,000 will be distributed in differing amounts among the Lion's Club White Cane Project, Senior Citizens, the

Arthritis Foundation, N.C. United Way, the Children's Home Society, the American Social Health Association, the Epilepsy Association of North Carolina, International Social Services, the Florence Crittenton Home, the National Council on Aging, United Health Services, the Research Fund of North Carolina United and the Hospice of North Carolina.



### Is it spring?

Although sprays of pink, white and red azaleas have begun to poke their head out to welcome the sun and the calendar indicates that spr-

ing has officially arrived, recent cooler temperatures, cloudy skies and rainy mornings leave some doubt about the season.

## Lumbee River co-op rate hike delayed

Lumbee River EMC members will not receive a scheduled retail rate increase according to general manager Ronnie Hunt.

A settlement has been reached, according to Hunt, between CP&L and N.C. Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC).

In the agreement, the scheduled wholesale rate increase for April will not be implemented by CP&L if the wholesale buyers do not contest the wholesale rate increase levied last November.

In the original request said Hunt, CP&L filed for a 24%

wholesale rate increase to be effective in two phases.

A 13% increase was passed to Lumbee River EMC on November 27, and the remainder was to be passed to Lumbee River EMC on April 27. Cooperative members received a retail rate increase averaging 6% on bills after January 10.

"We don't foresee another rate increase until April 1985," said Hunt. "However, because NCEMC is now serving as our central power agency, any wholesale increase initiated by CP&L, Duke, or VEPCO will affect us."

NCEMC, the EMC's state organization, became the wholesale power agency for the 28 North Carolina cooperatives on November 1, 1983.

The state organization negotiates rates with investor-owned utilities that generate the power the North Carolina EMCs buy and resell to members.

NCEMC is also responsible says Hunt, for the EMCs' investment in the Catawba Nuclear Plant in York, South Carolina. It is NCEMC that now bills Lumbee River EMC for the power it pur-

chases to resell.

"The purpose of the arrangement," said Hunt, "is to get all the wholesale rates the cooperatives are paying consistent. Before the arrangement, each investor-owned utility had a different rate for its wholesale buyers."

Hunt said that any increases from the power suppliers before April, 1985, will be reflected as a wholesale power cost adjustment.

Lumbee River EMC serves approximately 22,000 electric service accounts in Robeson, Scotland, Hoke, and Cumberland counties.

## Video equipment dedicated at Library Monday

About 50 residents attended the dedication of new radio equipment to the Hoke County Public Library, Monday night.

The new video recorder and monitor was given to the library by the Hoke County Bicentennial Committee.

Robert Gatlin opened the ceremony and welcomed the crowd as a representative of the Bicentennial Committee.

Luke McNeill presented a video tape of the major historical sites of the area including a special em-

phasis on the Mill Prong House which is currently undergoing restoration.

The committee also presented Ruth McEachern with \$400 to help with the restoration.

After a reception, the group viewed another video of Raeford

in 1937.

A copy of this tape was also presented to the library.

McNeill is currently adding to and putting a script with the new historical video which will be added to the library's collection upon completion.

Nearly 150 gallons of water is used to irrigate crops, says *National Wildlife* magazine. That's nearly seven times as much water as all the nation's city water systems combined.

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