

Driving offense draws 60 days

By Ed Miller
A Red Springs man will be spending 60 days in jail after being convicted last week of driving with a revoked license, Hoke County District Court records show.

District Court Judge Warren Pate sentenced Earnest Parker to Hoke County Jail Friday after he was arrested February 18 for driving with a permanently revoked license.

The original sentence for the 28-year-old man was two years; however, that was suspended for three years "special supervised probation" and the active sentence.

Parker was also fined \$1,000. In further action, a Durham man was given a suspended sentence and a \$200 fine for allegedly stealing a gun barrel from a Raeford hardware store.

Kenneth Ray plead guilty to being in possession of the gun barrel

which was stolen from the McLaughlin Company on Main Street on March 5.

Ray was sentenced to not less than six months and not more than 12 suspended with a one-year supervised probation and fined.

In an unrelated case, Commy Wall of Raeford plead guilty to being drunk and disorderly in a public place and was sentenced to 10 days in jail.

Wall, 42, was arrested May 10 after he apparently passed out on a Main Street sidewalk in Raeford.

In other court business, Herbert Evans Coleman will spend eight days in jail for his third offense of driving while impaired (DWI).

The St. Pauls resident had to report to the Hoke County Jail at 6 p.m. on May 11 for the first of four week-ends that he will be a prisoner.

Coleman, who was arrested March 10, also got one year

"special supervised probation" and a \$300 fine.

Coleman is 55. On December 12, 1983, Phyllis Joy Lawrence wrote a bad check to the Raeford Sky City in the amount of \$102.49.

She was in court last Friday to have her case reviewed.

Lawrence received a 30-day sentence that was suspended for one year unsupervised probation and was ordered to pay to the Clerk of Court \$20 per week restitution until the amount of the check is paid.

Cyrus Peterkin Jr. was arrested January 28 for DWI and was in court last week.

The 29-year-old Peterkin received from Judge Pate a 60-day sentence and a \$100 fine.

For his first offense, Peterkin also received a one-year unsupervised probation.

Fifi's indiscretion causes concern

DEAR DOCTOR: Love came calling last week in the form of a big brown dog that leaped our back fence. I think it bred our darling Fifi, and I do not want her to have pups. Can anything be done?

ANSWER: Your veterinarian can safely spay Fifi within 30 days of accidental mating.

However, if you had acted immediately, the pregnancy could have been prevented by misdate shots. If a female dog is bred early in her heat cycle, the shots can be given three to five days later. If she is bred late in the cycle, shots must be given immediately. If the stage of the cycle is unknown, a vaginal examination by the veterinarian may help determine the proper timing.

Some veterinarians give a single injection, some give an injection followed by oral tablets and some

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give a series of injections. Most dogs receive the shots with no side effects but owners should know there is a slight risk.

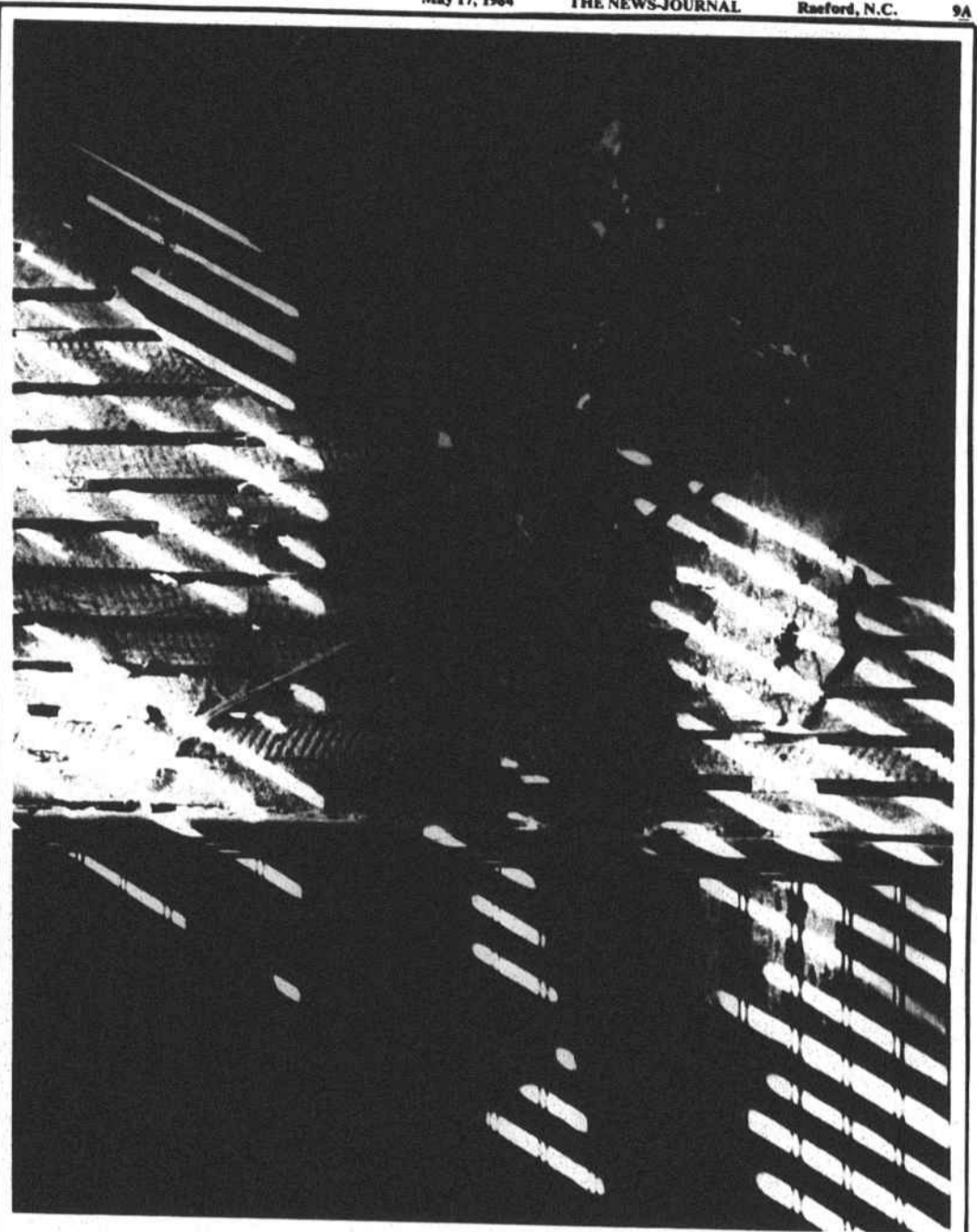
DEAR DOCTOR: My aunt is moving into a retirement apartment that allows no dogs and cats. She wants a pet for companionship. Any suggestions?

ANSWER: There are a lot of smaller pets. What about a golden hamster? These tiny rodents are only six inches long, have soft reddish-gold fur and do not have long rodent-like tails. Hamsters are odor-free, gentle and lovable pets. For retirees on a smaller income, hamsters are inexpensive pets to buy and maintain.

DEAR DOCTOR: Do cats have special vocal cords that enable them to purr?

ANSWER: Purring doesn't come from the cat's vocal cords. Scientists argue about where purrs originate and they have come to no positive conclusion. Some think the vibrations of the blood vessels in the cat's chest create the purring sound. The next time your cat purrs, touch its throat to feel the vibration. All cats purr but some purring is inaudible. Purring usually expresses contentment or affection but it also can be a sign of pain or anxiety.

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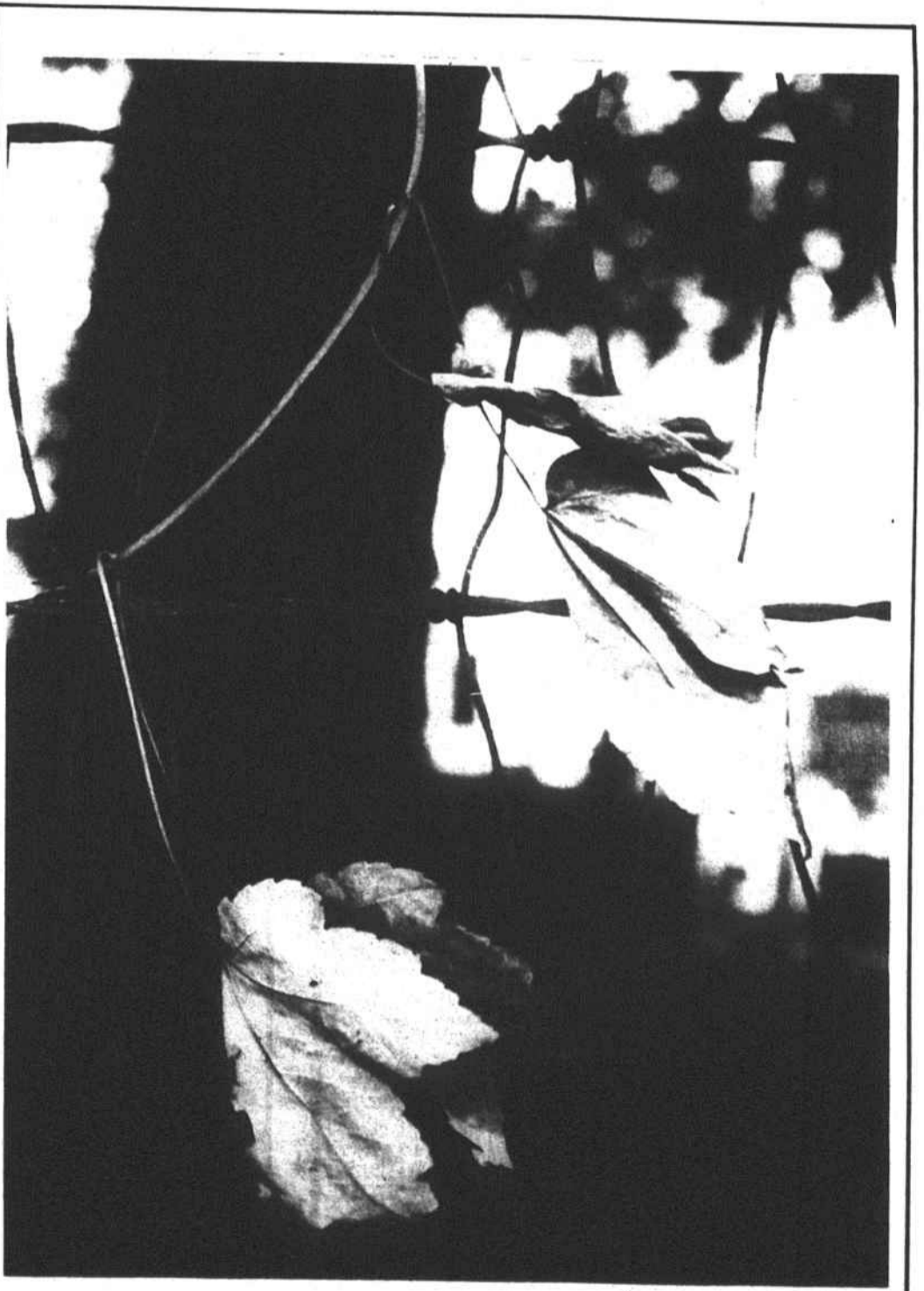
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