Raeford, N.C. Jobless rate drops

Intruders leave house 'in wreck' A Raeford resident returned home last week to find not only that his house had been broken in-to, but that the place was a "mess" and three television sets had been

Sometime last Friday night, the residence of Scott Holmes was broken into and ransacked, police reports say.

The house was apparently entered through a window and, while inside, thieves took a 13-inch television, a 19-inch television and a 4-inch TV with a radio built in, according to the reports.

A rifle and a shot gun were also found to be missing, Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said.

The estimated worth of the stolen goods totals \$1,205, the chief said.

In another matter, Hoke County Sheriff's deputies investigated the theft of an air conditioner from the Community United Methodist Church.

Roland Fulk reported that he and other members of the church

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were cooking breakfast in the community building attached to the church when the air conditioner was noticed missing.

The 18,600 BTU unit is valued at \$650, say reports.

In an apparently unrelated cool-ing unit theft, the Raeford Hoke Landfill fell victim to someone trying to stay cool.

Robert Jackson reported that he had made a special trip to the landfill to allow a truck from a local industry to dump a load of trash.
Upon arrival, he noticed a 5,000

air conditioner missing, reports say.

Nothing else was found to have been taken and the air conditioner was valued at \$50, reports say.

A Raeford resident was the victim of battery theft on July 1, sheriff's reports say.

Alfred Lupo reported that he saw a person leaving his house wearing a white t-shirt.

When he got into his yard, he found the hood of his car up and his battery gone, reports say. The battery was worth about \$60.

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Four bicycie thefts were reported last week, according to sheriff's and police reports.

Wesley Baldwin reported that he left his bike for only a short while as he walked to South Hoke School.

When he returned, the bike was gone, reports say.

The bike was worth \$169.

Beatrice Carthens reported that both of her children's bicycles were taken sometime last Saturday.

According to reports, both bikes had 20 inch frames and one was a male's dirt bike while the other was a regular frame girl's bike.

Both bikes were worth \$100. Sarah M. Smith reported to

Raeford police that her bicycle was stolen. The stolen vehicle was reported-

ly valued at \$224. In a final police note, Bertha Bass reported that someone took \$100 in cash from her house.

The department is looking into the alleged theft, Chief Wiggins

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And the winner is ... Ed McLean, of Raeford, was told last week that he is a winner in the Western Auto 75th Anniversary Sweepstakes. McLean is pictured here standing in front of his prize, a full set of L.P.S. steel belted radial

Kelly elected to state post

Charlotte Kelly of Raeford has been elected secretary of the N.C. Child Advocacy Institute. Kelly is an eligibility specialist with the Hoke County Department of Social Services.

She was elected at the recent annual meeting of the Institute's board of directors in Raleigh, and will serve a one-year term.

McLean graduates as Quartermaster

Navy Seaman Apprentice Freddie L. McLean, son of Herbert and Emma Mclean of Cockman Hill Road, Raeford, graduated from Basic Qautermaster School.

During the four-week course at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, students received instructions on the procedures for assisting navigators with the planning, maintaining and correcting of a ship's course at sea.

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Children. The letter in part is as follows:

leaders like you if we are to build all our citizens."

I don't know how many appointments Gov. Hunt has made in Hoke County during his eight years in office. This makes the third in my memory. When I asked the chairman of the Democratic Party Harold Gillis, how many more we would get before th election? His reply was that he didn't know anything about the latest appointment. There must be bad communications.

So now we have an appointment and US 401 will soon be fourlaned.

Every year the Ellis Williamson Post 20, North Carolina American Legion, sends two boys to the Legion sponsored Boys' State. Financial support is usually given by the financial institutions of the county. This past year Randy Scull, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Scull and Michael Sports son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Sports, attended from Hoke County. Harold Gillis, local legionnaire, is in charge of the selection of the boys.

Gillis recently received a letter from Randy Scull about his stay at Boys' State. The letter follows:

I would like to thank you and all the other legionnaires for sponsoring my week at Boys' State. I learned a great deal about our state government and thoroughly enjoyed the week. I met many young men of whom will always b e dear friends. I was elected to office of senator for McLean City. We discussed many of the major

decrease is that seasonal hiring is up," said ESC spokesperson Debbie Farmer. The Job Service office is getting

more calls for labor in the areas of farming and construction, Farmer

There is still not an overabundance of jobs in the county, but the service is getting more job orders, Farmer said.

When asked if she expected the trend to continue, Farmer said: "I

...Around Town

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By Ed Miller

unemployment in Hoke County

fell below the double digit mark to

the county decreased for the third

straight month in May, recent

reports from the state Employment

Security Commission (ESC)

nine tenths of a percent since last

Unemployment has decreased

The basic reason for the

a two-year low of 9%.

month, the report says.

For the second month,

The number of unemployed in

According to a copy of a letter I received last week, a congratula-tion is in order to Jimmy Morrisey on his appointment by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. as a member of the Task Force on Missing

"We need the continued help of on the foundation we have laid and improve the quality of life for

Dear Mr. Gillis:

political debates and had some of our own debates on controversial issues in the senate. Several of our states' political figures spoke to us throughout the week.

Some of them were: Senator Jesse Helms, Democratic guber-natorial candidate, Rufus Edmisten, along with representatives from the Jim Hunt and Jim Martin campaign committees.

There were some 500 boys, the largest attendance ever at Boys' State this year and I was glad to be a part of it. Thank you.

Sincerely, Randy Scull

After reading this letter, just think what it would do if we could send most boys to a week like this.

I found the following note on my desk last week. Dear Sam: This is something the United

Carolina Bank gets out monthly, I believe. Joyce Monroe and I spent

several hours one day in May with Jan Higgins, the editor.

We accompanied her to a good many places in Hoke Co. to take pictures and gave her guidance with Hoke Co. history and infor-

I think the pictures turned out real well. Jan is located in

Jo Hall Attached to the letter was a copy of The United Carolinian the newspaper for UCB, on page 4 and 5 of the July issue is an article and pictures entitled, "A Visit to Hoke County.

The article deals with local county history and ends with a small amount of history of The Bank of Raeford. It is well written and the pictures of local industries, public buildings, old schools and church, and a local home are very clear and well printed.

I know you can get a copy at UCB if you are interested.

Thanks Jo for the information.

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