

Traffic violations land Raeford man in jail

By Ed Miller
A Raeford man is in jail after being found guilty in District Court of driving with his license revoked for the third time. William Marshall Currie was arrested April 12 on the offense, according to court records. District Court Judge A. Elizabeth Keever sentenced the 36-year-old man to six months in Hoke County Jail beginning last Friday, records say. Immediate work release was recommended for Currie, records say. In another matter, a Red Springs woman was given a 14-day active sentence after being found guilty of Driving While Impaired (DWI) and driving without a license, records say. Strawdie Lowery Berns was given the time in Hoke County Jail because of an arrest on June 30, records say. To go along with the active sentence, Berns, 39, received a sentence of 18 months that was suspended for three years of special supervised probation, a \$300 fine and \$130 court costs, records say. A jail term was also given to Humphrey Andrews, of Raeford, as he was sentenced for driving with his license revoked and driving a motorcycle without the pro-

per license, records say. Humphrey, 26, was arrested May 15. Humphrey was sentenced to 12 months but had that sentence suspended for two years special supervised probation and a \$400 fine, records say. Allen McRae, a Raeford resident, was given a 90-day suspended sentence for attempting to take a headband from the local Maxway store, records say. The 18-year-old was also given one year on supervised probation as well as a \$25 fine for the July 20 crime, records say. He was ordered not to go into Maxway or break any laws during his probation, records say. Kenneth Jones was barred from going on to the property of Phyllis White for at least one year as he was found guilty last week of trespassing. According to records, a warrant was taken out on Jones on July 13. The 20-year-old Raeford resident was also sentenced to six months suspended for one year probation and fined \$25, records say. Dennis Jerome McGregor received six months suspended for one year probation after being found guilty of taking \$10 worth of gas from "The General Store," records say.

The 23-year-old man was alleged to have committed the offense on July 13, records say. The Raeford resident was also fined \$75 and ordered by the court to pay \$10 restitution to the victim, records say. Milton Donald McLaughlin, of Raeford, was found guilty of leaving the scene of an accident and was sentenced to 60 days suspended for one year and fined \$50, records say. McLaughlin was arrested on June 29 after hitting Tony Jacob's car, records say. James Breeden was given 60 days suspended for one year on supervised probation and fined \$100 for DWI, records say. The 28-year-old Raeford man was arrested on March 29. Clem Thomas Ray was arrested May 26 for DWI, records say. The Raeford resident, 52, was given 90 days suspended for one year supervised probation and fined \$150, records say. Marshall Todd Lunsford, of Raeford, was also in court last week after being arrested April 21 for DWI and possession of marijuana. According to records, the charges were consolidated and Lunsford, 17, got 60 days suspended for one year supervised probation and fined \$100, records say.



Discussing the work
Senator David Parnell, of Parkton (center) Hoke County Board Chairman, John Balfour (left) and County Manager James Martin (right) look at the county courthouse to see what would be the best use for a \$67,500 grant for renovations to the old building. Parnell delivered the courthouse check and a \$5,000 check for the Hoke County Library to Martin last week.

Gasoline theft being investigated

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said the machine was broken into but not the building because the store was open when the theft occurred. Tiger Realty reported that the trailer that houses their offices was broken into last Tuesday night. While inside the apparent thieves took a pistol and a shotgun valued at \$225, Wiggins said. Police have the matter under investigation. A sleeping truck driver had his wallet stolen from his truck, police reports say. Raeford resident, Terry Paul Corum reported that he had stopped along a county road to rest but when he awoke found his wallet missing, reports say.



Honored for service
Charles M. Chason (right) receives a certificate and pin of continuous service in recognition of 35 years of Federal Service completed March 3 from C.A.H. Waller, Brigadier General, GS Chief of Staff Chason works in the Forestry Division, Post Engineers, Ft. Bragg. He and his wife, Hattie, reside at Rt. 4, Raeford. He has three children, Janice, and Larry of the home and Earl Chason of Camden, South Carolina.

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the Rockfish community to see if she knew about the wedding date of Howard's parents. Mrs. Monroe, who is 87 years old, said she was still living in the Longstreet Church section of the county in 1911. She does recall seeing Mr. and Mrs. Wood about 1913 and they were married at that time. Mrs. Monroe could recall the family and all the children. (It was nice talking to Mrs. Monroe. She said she had more time than money.) Robert Gatlin said that the records for the county were kept in the old Kiwanis Club hall in the Thomas Building before the courthouse was finished. We don't know about this, but he said he

had heard it sometime in his years in Raeford. If anyone can help on this subject, please call or write to me. I listened to the Helms-Hunt debate Sunday night and can't seem to find anything new that came forth in the debate. It seems that the opening remark of Governor Jim Hunt summed up the race. The people have a choice, a conservative or a liberal. Why debate any more. Take your pick! The 23rd Olympics being held in Los Angeles is causing comments in Hoke County. Sunday morning

Harold Stone, Leonard Miller and Earl Gordon were talking about the feeling they had when the participants all put on a show on Saturday night. Wouldn't it be something if the political leaders of all the world could join hands like the young athletes. On Monday morning Neill McFadyen said he was so excited after the cycling race that it took him awhile to go to sleep. It was also an honor for our state for Sam Perkins and Michael Jordan to be named Co-captains of the basketball team. Nancy Hogshead, a swimmer is also from Duke. We have many more days and nights to be thrilled in the Olympics.

Intersection called 'unsafe'

By Ed Miller
The intersection in front of the North Raeford Fire Station, where a fatal automobile crash occurred last week, is one of the most dangerous intersections in the county, a state Highway Patrol spokesman said. "I am at a loss as to why," said Sgt. D.L. Minshew, who is in charge of the patrol's operation in Hoke County. A driver can see for a half a mile in every direction, Minshew said. Perhaps drivers just are not careful enough when they come to an intersection that has a clear view in every direction, he said, adding that maybe they do not look carefully.

There is not much heavy traffic at the intersection except when Burlington Mills changes shifts, and not enough traffic for a light, Minshew said. That intersection averages about one accident per month, Minshew said, noting that when there is a wreck there, injuries usually occur. "I have suggested to (Raeford) Police Chief Wiggins that we put a teardrop island with a stop sign there," he said. The intersection is just inside the city limits. The "teardrop" will put the stop sign right in the middle of the road and not on the shoulder where it might be missed, said the sergeant.

In many cases at that intersection the victim will have stopped and apparently not noticed the oncoming vehicle, he said. A wreck at that intersection between a truck and a small car resulted in the death of a nine-year-old girl and the injury of two other family members last Monday. According to Wiggins, the driver of the car stopped at the sign and then pulled into the path of the truck.

Benson decorated

Staff Sgt. James E. Benson, whose wife, Susan, is the daughter of John L. Basden of Raeford, has been decorated with the U.S. Army Commendation Medal at Fort Bragg. The Army Commendation Medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Army. Benson is an artillery fire-support specialist with the 82nd Airborne Division.

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