

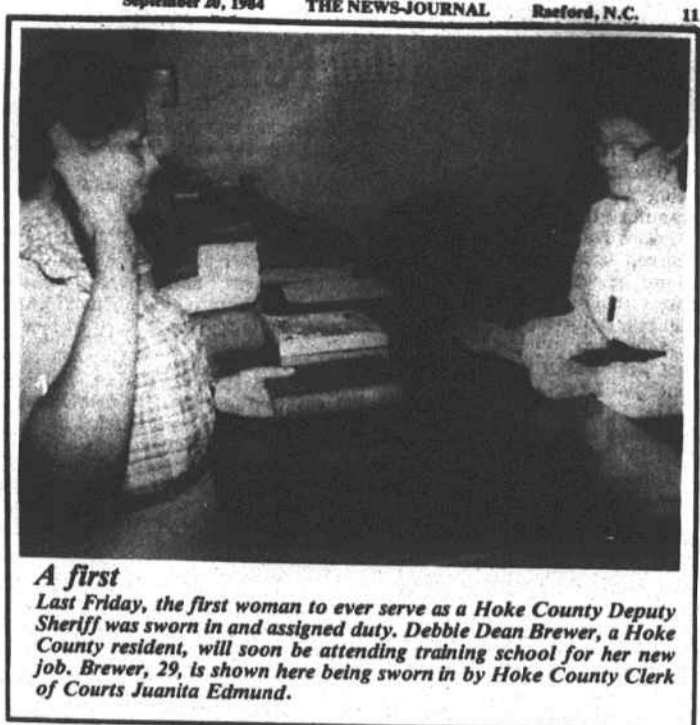
# Jail term is given for threats

**By Ed Miller**  
A Raeford man spent Friday night in jail after he was found guilty communicating threats.  
Randall Steven Ballard, 19, had a warrant issued for his arrest on August 5 on the charge.  
Ballard told Fredrick A. Roberts that he was going to "get everyone when they went to sleep," court records say.  
District Court Judge Warren Pate sentenced the man to 24 hours in the Hoke County Jail.  
In other court matters, a Shannon man, who had been in jail almost a week since his arrest, went home Friday because the time he had already served was sufficient as his sentence.  
William Thomas Hullett was arrested September 8 and charged with being drunk and disruptive in a public place and put in jail, records say.  
On the citation issued to Hullett, he was charged with interfering with and blocking traffic on Main Street in Raeford.  
Judge Pate decided that Hullett had served enough time and let the 23-year-old man go.  
Karl Locklear, of Maxton, made an appearance in court last Friday charged with attempting to manufacture marijuana.

Locklear was growing the illegal herbs in buckets around his house, records say.  
After being found guilty, Locklear was sentenced to no less than 12 and no more than 18 months in jail suspended for two years supervised probation.  
He was also ordered to pay \$500 in fines to the Sheriff's Drug Fund.  
Dennis Ronald Hammonds was also in court Friday charged with manufacturing marijuana.  
Hammonds was found to be guilty of growing plants behind a chicken coop near his house.  
He plead guilty to the charge.  
Hammonds, 27, was also sentenced to no less than 12 and no more than 18 months in jail suspended for two years supervised probation and \$500 to the drug fund, records say.  
Norman Smith appeared in court last week charged with disposing of mortgaged personal property.  
According to records, Smith sold a tape deck, bought apparently on credit from Heilig-Meyers, before it was paid for.  
Smith was sentenced to 90 days suspended for one year unsupervised probation and ordered to pay \$138.19 to Heilig-Meyers as restitution, records say.

James Alton Singletary, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to 30 days suspended for a \$50 fine, records say.  
He was charged with striking Mary H. White about the head with a claw hammer, records say.  
Mary H. White, of Lumber Bridge, was also in court charged with hitting James A. Singletary with a four-foot piece of lumber.  
She also got 30 days suspended for a \$50 fine.  
Jonathan Ray, of Raeford, received a \$25 fine for his August 4 arrest for possession of marijuana, records say.  
Randall Steven Ballard, in a separate case, was fined \$50 for possession of marijuana.  
Larry Chavis, 24, of Red Springs, was given a suspended sentence and made to pay \$140 restitution to Mary Ann Tyler for damaging her trailer.  
Rex Clifton Erwin, of Fort Bragg, made an appearance in court charged with driving while impaired (DWI).  
According to records, Erwin received 60 days suspended for one year unsupervised probation and a \$100 fine.  
Alton Lee Goodwin, of Raeford, was also in court on DWI

charges.  
Arrested June 10, Goodwin got 90 days suspended for one year supervised probation and a \$200 fine, according to records.  
Creolaer Wiggins, of Raeford, was in court charged with DWI.  
For her July 29 violation, she was given a six month suspended sentence, two years unsupervised probation and a \$200 fine, records say.  
Wagram's Gregory McMillan faced DWI charges last week and received one year unsupervised probation and a \$100 fine, say records.  
A case of driving with his license revoked has gotten a Raeford man no more or less than two years in jail.  
Leonard Harris has paid a \$500 bond and appealed his case to superior court, records say.  
Stanley Underwood, of Fayetteville, appeared in court last Friday charged with driving without a license.  
He received 90 days suspended for one year unsupervised probation and a \$150 fine for the violation.  
Underwood was ordered not to drive until licensed to do so, records say.



**A first**  
Last Friday, the first woman to ever serve as a Hoke County Deputy Sheriff was sworn in and assigned duty. Debbie Dean Brewer, a Hoke County resident, will soon be attending training school for her new job. Brewer, 29, is shown here being sworn in by Hoke County Clerk of Courts Juanita Edmund.

## ... School roofing ahead of schedule

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other means such as ABC funds and timber sales from Ft. Bragg may be explored, Nelson said.  
In other State School Board business, local board members Walter Coley, Bobby Wright and Ruth McNair were selected to attend the State School Board Conference this year.

principals in the county, the School Board voted to raise the sitting fees for school pictures from \$2 to \$3.  
According to Steed, each child has his picture made with the understanding that they have an option to buy the prints.  
If students do buy photographs, there is no problem, Steed said, but, if a student decides not to buy pictures, the school takes a \$1 loss for each non-buyer, because the

picture company charges \$3 as a sitting fee.  
The raise in sitting fees from the schools will allow the schools to break even if students do not buy photographs.  
**Vending policy changed**  
In another matter, the board passed a new vending machine policy for county schools.  
A law recently passed by the State Legislature requires that a

"legal accounting" of the money be kept by the system, said Nelson.  
The policy says that all money collected from local schools' vending machines be turned in to the Board of Education for accounting.  
A separate line item must be created in the budget for the money, says the policy.  
The money will not be lost by the schools, said Steed.

**Photo fees hiked**  
At the request of elementary

## ... Wreck purchased

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said, noting that it had just been started again this week.  
Also salvageable from the wreck is the transmission, the public address system, a respirator, front and rear air conditioners, a storage cabinet and numerous parts, Niven said.  
According to the Director, the engine only has 13,000 miles on it and can be used to replace the engine of an existing ambulance should the need arise.  
The insurance company is selling the wreck for \$2,500, Niven said.

In the past, there have been serious disruptions in the normal operations of the DSS Building when application time rolls around, he said.  
The extra space will be used to take applications for the program beginning October 1, Witherspoon said.  
According to the director, about 1,200 to 1,400 applications will be received between October 1 and November 30.  
The new location will be equipped with a computer that will allow applications to be researched without having to have access to files at the main building.  
The commission passed a motion allowing DSS to use half of the building for the two months needed.

**Bid approved**  
In another matter, commissioners voted to accept a bid from Nationwide Insurance Company to cover county property.  
A \$13,012 bid was received by the county from Nationwide's agent Vardell Hedgpeth. The Johnson Company, who represents U.S. Fidelity and Guaranty Company, submitted a bid of \$26,215.  
There was some discussion on the amounts of the bids, but the commissioners chose the lower price because Nationwide is presently covering the county.

**Vehicle policy eyed**  
In other action, the commission decided that one of the first things a new County Manager should do, when hired, is draw up a recommendation for a vehicle policy for county employees.  
As an interim measure until that time, county employees will be allowed to drive county vehicles home within the county if they are to be used on county business.  
The request for the move came from Hoke Emergency Services Director Bill Niven.

**Health funds accepted**  
The commissioners also accepted additional state funding for the Hoke County Health Department.  
The \$750 is to be used in the area of Family Planning at the Health Department.  
Another state funded program was also accepted by the commission for the Health Department.  
This funding, in the amount of \$14,825, is to support an ongoing program to upgrade the county's prenatal care project, said a letter to the commissioners from former Health Director Lloyd Horne.

**DSS space OK'd**  
Department of Social Services (DSS) Director Ken Witherspoon received approval for the use of half of the Driver's License Building in order to have a space to house the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program.

**Belk**  
fall fashion

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**Women's British Vogue sweaters 18.99**  
Reg. 24.00 to 26.00. Your choice of button-front vest, cable cardigan or popcorn cardigan styles, in 100% acrylic. White, red, kelly or navy, 38 to 44.  
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Reg. 27.00. Genuine leather moccasins in gray or mushroom, with 5/8" heels. 7 to 9 narrow, 5 to 9, 10 medium.  
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**Boys' Andhurst® plaid shirts 8.99**  
Reg. 12.00. Button-down sport shirts in woven plaids are a great choice. Matched pocket styling, in poly/cotton, 8 to 20.  
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**Members Only® jackets Khakis slacks Save 30%**  
Reg. 50.00 and 27.00. Classic Members Only poly/cotton chintz jackets, 36 to 46, reg. 55.00, 38.50; our own Khakis pleated pants in gray, tan, slate or black poly/cotton, 28 to 36, reg. 27.00, 18.90.  
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**Men's Andhurst® 3-piece suits 134.99**  
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**Boys' Andhurst® sweaters 10.87**  
Reg. 14.50. 100% acrylic sweaters by our exclusive Andhurst in a choice of argyle or stripe patterns, S-M-L-XL.  
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**Andhurst® Custom Collection ties 6.37**  
Reg. 8.50. Add to your collection of handsome neckwear with our exclusive 100% polyester ties in stripes and plaids.  
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**Percale sheets 3.99 twin**  
Reg. 10.00. Save 30% to 40% on a select assortment of percale sheets by Springmaid and others, in florals and stripes.  
SHEETS

## ... Job offer rejected

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ing for a benefit that Balfour was uncertain whether former manager James Martin was getting.  
"We're looking into that benefit, and if we find that Martin was getting it, I think we can go ahead and hire a man," Upchurch said Wednesday morning.  
During the Tuesday night meeting, the commission went into executive session after the number one candidate turned down the offer.  
"We're going to interview some more candidates," Upchurch said.  
Before 10 p.m., the commissioners adjourned.  
The meeting Tuesday night was an extension of Monday's regular mid-monthly meeting.  
Earlier the commissioners said they had narrowed the search to

fill the position vacated by Martin on September 1 to three candidates.  
All three of the candidates were interviewed earlier.  
Monday's offer apparently stemmed from a session held last Saturday with a prospective manager candidate.  
The commissioners are not saying if the person interviewed Saturday was one of the earlier prospects.  
Some of the commissioners had said that they hoped to attract a candidate from a smaller county, or a "number two" person from a larger county.  
Until a replacement for Martin is found, the commissioners are holding down the duties of county manager and are meeting with department heads on an as needed basis.

## 'Pig Picking' scheduled for Edmisten visit here

Democratic Gubernatorial candidate Rufus Edmisten will be in Raeford on October 2 for a campaign stop.  
Edmisten will be the honored guest at a fund raising "Pig Pick-

ing" held at the home of state Rep. and Mrs. Daniel H. DeVane on Pinewood Circle.  
Tickets are on sale at \$50 per person to raise campaign funds for Edmisten.