



### Breakfast guest

State Rep. Danny DeVane speaks to members of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors at their meeting Tuesday morning. "There should not be a business in Hoke County that is not a member of the Chamber," DeVane said. DeVane also told members of the board that city and county

funding could be used to pay the salary of a chamber executive secretary until an industrial developer is hired. According to the representative, the secretary will be functioning as a developer until one is hired, and she will still be active in developmental programs after one is hired.

## ... Chamber launches plan

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mullet roast designed to uplift the spirits of Hoke County residents and to let state politicians know we need help.

The effort is not a political move, but one to get the state's leaders into Hoke County, said

DeVane.

The event, which will feature freshly netted mullet roasted around a large outdoor fire, will be held at the Raeford Civic Center on December 12 at 6 p.m.

Tickets will be \$5 per person to cover expenses. The roast is being

underwritten by Southern National Bank.

DeVane also encouraged board members to begin actively seeking new members.

"There should not be a business in Hoke County that is not a member of the Chamber," said DeVane.

## ... DSS facing AFDC overload

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cess takes days and once this information is all together, the case must be written up and put into the computer, she said.

"Writing up a case most times takes about a day," she added.

Although no firm plans have been made and the topic has hardly been breeched, Witherspoon may have to approach the DSS Board about hiring another worker to take some of the load off his present staff, he said.

According to the director, the new rules and regulations that will come into effect in January may make a large number of new people eligible for aid.

On another topic at the meeting, Witherspoon informed board members that he has had so many requests for butter and cheese for the November give-away that he was obligated to order 50 extra cases of cheese and 25 more cases of butter.

The DSS office has just been swamped with requests for butter and cheese, he said.

Board members were also informed that a sizable number of people are expected to show up

next Monday for sign-up for crisis intervention fund funds.

"I have a feeling that next Monday we are going to have an overwhelming crowd," Witherspoon said.

The program had been suspended by the director until the beginning of December because some people were suspected of giving fraudulent information. These suspect cases had to be checked out, said Witherspoon.

The Hoke County DSS has also taken a record-number of applications for low income energy assistance.

Last year, the department took 1,157 applications, said Witherspoon.

This year, DSS has already taken 1,281 applications and there are four days left to file.

Witherspoon is expecting 40 to 50 applications per day on those

last sign-up dates.

"We could have up to 1,400 applications when it is over," he said.

The director is expecting 75% to 80% of the applicants to qualify for assistance.

Concern over the service's lack of filing space and lack of space to put more filing cabinets was also noted by Witherspoon during the meeting.

There are hard copies of records dating back to 1979 on file for audit purposes, Witherspoon said.

There are 10 file drawers full of deceased persons' files, he said.

Witherspoon suggested some of the files could be kept on microfilm or microfiche; but the audit firms have to be convinced that photographed copies of some of these records are as good as the original files.

## ... Visitor spends night

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On November 18, the apparent theft of a bicycle was reported to the Sheriff's Department by Carolyn McLean.

The bike was taken out of McLean's yard, reports say.

The next day the bike was recovered by Deputy C. E. Harris from a ditch, reports say.

John Manning reported his home entered on November 15.

According to reports, Manning had bought the house and was in the process of remodeling when the break-in occurred.

There was \$231 worth of tools taken, reports say.

A 19-inch black and white television set and a stereo were taken when the home of Carlee Lewis was entered on November 16, reports say.

The loss in the break-in was reported at \$545.

## Truck recovered after stakeout

By Ed Miller

Charles Edward Johnson, a Raeford man, was in the Hoke County Jail Monday, under \$5,200 bond after being charged with truck theft, driving while impaired (DWI) and hit and run.

According to Raeford Police reports, the truck in question, a 1973 Toyota pick-up, was stolen, wrecked and recovered within a matter of hours.

The case opened at about 11:15 p.m. last Wednesday when a wreck was reported on West Prospect Avenue near Magnolia Street, Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said.

A car driven by Clarence Simmons was struck in the rear by the

Toyota and the driver left the scene of the accident in the truck, Wiggins said.

The truck was reported heading toward Main Street, Wiggins said.

Later in the evening, the Police Department received a call saying the truck was parked at the old National Guard Armory.

Following up on the call, Raeford Police Sergeant Jack Martino staked out the vehicle until a driver, Charles Johnson, 23, returned and drove the truck away, Wiggins said.

Minutes later, the truck was stopped, and Martino arrested Johnson, Wiggins said.

According to the Chief, the

truck was apparently stolen from Harley Earl Johnson, of Raeford.

The owner of the truck and the suspect are brothers, Wiggins said.

There was little damage, \$25, done to the vehicle driven by Simmons; however, there was about \$600 damage done to the allegedly stolen truck, Wiggins said.

Sometime after the wreck and before the recovery of the stolen vehicle, the truck was reported stolen to the Hoke County Sheriff's department, deputies say.

Recovery of the vehicle happened so quickly after the report was filed that a memo was never broadcast on the truck, sheriff's reports say.

## Deaths & Funerals

Herbert S. McLean

Herbert Smith McLean, 64, died Monday evening.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday, at 11 a.m. at the Raeford Cemetery by the Rev. Dr. John Ropp.

Survivors include: his wife, Mrs. Sara McLean; one sister, Mrs. Carolyn David of Greensboro.

Crumpler Funeral Home served the family.

William Dimps

William "Good Blood" Dimps, 60, of the Queenmore Community died at his home on November 12.

He was a custodian at Howell Drug Store on Main Street in Raeford.

Funeral Services were held on November 17 at the Silver Grove Baptist Church and were conducted by Rev. W.K. Mitchell. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Good Blood was a nickname given to Dimps because of his will-

ingness to help others in his community.

Dimps is survived by two nieces: Shirley Dimps and Mrs. Evelyn Dimps of New York; one nephew: Robert Dimps of New York.

Doby's Funeral Home assisted the family.

Bessie M. Carter

Mrs. Bessie Mae Carter, 84, died Friday at her home in Raeford.

Funeral Services were held at 3 p.m. at the Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home in Clinton, by Rev. Russell Knoles.

Burial was in Harnett Church Cemetery.

Survivors are her son: Sharkie Carter of Clinton; her daughter: Mrs. Russell Knoles of Raeford; four grandchildren; three great grandchildren; two step grandchildren and five step great grandchildren.

The family was assisted by

Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home in Clinton.

Evander McNeill

Burlington Mills employee Evander McNeill of Clay Street in Raeford died last week in Moore Memorial Hospital. He was 62.

Funeral Services were held Wednesday at the Rockfish Grove Free Will Baptist Church by Elder William McArn.

McNeill is survived by one daughter: Ruth Baker of Fayetteville; three sons: Dennis Baker of Fayetteville; Willie Van Baker and Curtis McPhatter of Raeford; four sisters: Mrs. Sarah Ray, Bessie McArn, Purcell Monroe and Maggie Covington all of Raeford; four brothers: James Matthew McNeill and Henry McNeill of Long Island, New York, Elder William McNeill of Fayetteville and Rev. Haywood McNeill of Raeford.

Doby's Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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