



**Lost control**

When investigating officers arrived on the scene last Thursday, the driver of this car was making her own way to Cape Fear Valley Hospital. Novella Brown was injured when she turned this 1984 Subaru over near the Hoke County Airport around

10:30 p.m., investigating state Trooper Benjamin Burr said. Brown was charged with exceeding a safe speed, Burr said, noting that there was about \$9,000 damage to the vehicle.

(Photo by Pam Frederick)

# ...Planning group reformed

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 sioners take action faster, said Balfour.  
 The Snows had written a letter asking the commission the results of a previous zoning study.  
 Added in the letter was a plea to take action to begin the zoning.  
 "We feel that we need to act now in order that Hoke County can develop through planning rather than be managed by crisis," the Snows' letter said.  
 "We want to protect our property value and see positive growth in Hoke County," said Marcia Snow.  
 The Snows live up Highway 211 about three miles out of Raeford.  
 At the beginning of the 9 a.m. meeting, John Balfour was re-elected as Chairman of the Hoke Board of Commissioners.

Guard Armory until a recommendation is received from the County Grounds and Buildings Committee.  
 According to a letter from Hoke Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Director William T. Niven, a private party held at the armory on November 21 greatly interrupted the functioning of the county EMS employees.  
 Lights, radios, telephones and heat was altered due to people tampering with circuit breakers during the party, the letter said.  
 Passage ways to EMS restrooms were blocked off.  
 Passes were made at two female EMS employees.  
 Guests of the party, allegedly given by Ricky McMillan, were believed to have relieved themselves around the ambulances parked outside, and the dance lasted until 3:30 a.m., causing some employees to get little or no sleep, the letter said.

in a free standing computer and that price would include soft-ware.  
 The county would have to pay a price of \$9,000 to link a terminal into the existing IBM system, said Davis.  
 Commissioners voted to let EMS use one of the terminals existing in the Pratt Building.  
 It will cost about \$1,500 to make a software package for the billing, Cowan said.  
 According to the manager, collections will be improved.

**Leadership changes**

Balfour announced after the vote that this year would be his last as Commission Chairman.  
 Balfour has been on the board since 1964 and has been Chairman since 1976.  
 Just before the vote, James Albert Hunt announced that he was stepping down as Commission Vice-Chairman.  
 Hunt cited "financial and family problems" as the basis for his resignation.  
 The move by Hunt opened the door for a new Vice-Chairman and it was decided by the Board that the Rev. Neil McPhatter was to be it.  
 McPhatter came to the County Commission in 1976.  
 James Hunt nominated McPhatter for the position.

**Armory use nixed**  
 In another motion, the commissioners voted to discontinue private use of the old National

**Other business**

In other action at the meeting, commissioners:  
 \*Approved a one-half percent Christmas bonus for all county employees. Commissioner Bratcher wanted to give employees more, but efforts on his part were fruitless. "I'd like to feel like they will be getting something they will be comfortable with," he said. Bratcher voted no on the issue.  
 \*Passed a motion accepting a new travel policy for county employees and vehicles for 12 months. Inserted into the motion was a clause saying that any employee with more than four points against his driving license had to use a personal vehicle.  
 \*Voted to pay \$3,691.75 to County Attorney Duncan McFadyen for legal fees.  
 \*Motioned to advertise for a county tax administrator to replace the current Tax Collector and Tax Supervisor. Tax Collector Elizabeth Livingston announced that she will be retiring within the first half of 1985. Tax Supervisor Larry Holt resigned about a month ago.  
 \*Voted not to cancel the December 17 commission meeting as has been a Christmas tradition in past years.

# ... Around Town continued

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 December 20. If you want a greeting in the section and you have not been contacted, then call the office or get in touch with Ann Webb before Wednesday, December 12.

This section has been a highlight of the Christmas season over the years with stories, pictures and also photos of home decorations.  
 So get in the Christmas mood early and join your friends in this section of the paper.

The article last week on the Society page about "Share Your Christmas", sponsored by the Raeford Women's Club, didn't catch my eye as I went through the paper. Anyway on Monday as I was eating lunch at a local restaurant, Mrs. J.M. Andrews asked me about the article. She wanted to know if I would take her check for the fund and turn it in to the paper. I was glad to assist Mrs. Andrews and also glad to get the generous donation to the fund.

The fund is for the needy families of Hoke County and the Woman's Club is looking after the collection of funds and seeing that it is used to the best interest of the needy. We think this is a worthy project and deserves the support of our citizens. If you desire to help, just send your check to "Share Your Christmas," P.O. Box 550 or P.O. Box 582, Raeford, N.C. 28376

Don't forget the Bake Sale Fri-

day, December 7 at the Edendeborough Shopping Center and on Main Street in front of Valu-Mart. The sale will start at 9 a.m. It is being sponsored by the Mid-State Region of the American Lung Association of North Carolina.

This is a good time to stock up on baked goods for the holidays and also help a worthy cause. If you don't want any sweets, a donation will be accepted.

Every year at Christmastime, there are people in the shopping center parking lots just waiting for you to put packages in your car and then go on to do more shopping. They are not in the lot to protect your packages, but to take them. This is something that has already been going on all over the state.

So if you leave packages in your car, be sure to lock the car. It would be better to put them in the trunk of the car where they can't be seen. Your money comes too hard, to let a thief steal your Christmas presents.

Recently I found a scrap book on my desk that was brought to the office by James Plummer. The book belonged to his brother, the late J.H. Plummer Jr. and it was about the Class of 1933 at Raeford High School.

The book was entitled "Memories" and this was written across the first page.

Next was a list of the faculty of Raeford High in 1933. They were

J.H. Lowrance, principal; Carrie Sturgis, Lois Waller, Mrs. J.C. McLean, Evelyn Fletcher, Anna Belle Tyson, John T. Biggers, Ralph Wallace, L.R. Warriner and Mrs. Ina Bethune. I don't know if this was the entire faculty or just J.P.'s teachers. There couldn't have been many other teachers at that time. All of these teachers taught me that year in the ninth grade.

A page showed the grade mother, Mrs. W.M. Fairly. She was the wife of the Presbyterian preacher. There was also a page and pictures of the mascots, Marie Cameron and Johnnie Walker Jr.

A number of pages gave a short sketch of all the faculty members. Then the 38 members of the class were listed and a short write-up of each of them and some of the class member's pictures are pasted by the write-up.

I had to read about each teacher and student and it brought back fond memories.

This book is on my desk at the office and if anyone would like to see it, just come by and take a look.

Thanks James Plummer for these memories.

To members of "Old Battery F", I am sorry to report that another member of the old outfit passed away last week. Hector B. McNeill was buried in Wagram last Saturday. This is the third death of members in recent months.

# ... School accreditation sought

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 schools in the county that are accredited.

Under the proposal, and if all goes according to plan, the school system can begin the process in January of 1985.

Action on the matter was tabled until the January meeting.

Nelson called the proposal the most important thing to go before the Board of Education in years.

According to the Superintendent, total accreditation will give the Hoke County Schools three things.

It will first make the system look at itself and find its weaknesses and strengths.

Accreditation will also assure

people that the school system has met certain standards and that those standards are similar to those met all over the country.

It will also help public relations in that Hoke County can "hang the seal of approval" on the system.

Nelson is assuming it will take two years to complete the program.

After the initial process is complete, reviews will be held every five years with a major review every 10 years.

Hoke High will undergo its 10 year review in 1985, Nelson said.

Two new board members were sworn in at the meeting.

Eddie McNeill and Shirley Gibson were sworn in by Hoke County Clerk of Courts Juanita Edmunds.

In other matters of business, the board:

\*Was informed that grades six and nine will be undergoing writing composition tests this week.

\*Were informed of the Basic Education Plan being used in the county.

\*Heard an audit summary from Frank Baker of Pittard, Perry and Crone.

\*Passed a policy requiring probationary teachers to take continuing education units in classroom management, writing and reading.

# Federal Land Bank merging operations

On September 1, the Federal Land Bank Association of Kenansville and the Federal Land Bank Association of Lumberton

were merged to form Cape Fear Federal Land Bank Association.

At the same time, Cape Fear Production Credit Association was formed through the merger of Cape Fear PCA of Fayetteville, Dunn PCA, the former Coastal PCA of Kenansville, and Southeast PCA of Lumberton.

The combined organization will

operate as Cape Fear Farm Credit Service and will provide a full range of credit and financially related services to its membership in a 12-county area of southeastern North Carolina including Hoke County.

Branch manager of Cape Fear Farm Credit Service in Raeford is Julian D. Butler.



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