

Lift that barge ...

It took a professional safe moving company from Lumberton an hour and a half to get the original safe from the old Bank of Raeford through the door of the Hoke County Public Library. The Bank of Raeford was founded in 1903, just to give an idea of how old the safe

is. United Carolina Bank donated the safe to the library for keeping Hoke Count archives and relics. Liz Burgess reports that the safe does work.

arrested for break-in of residence

A Raeford man was in the Hoke County Jail Monday, under \$2,000 bond, after being charged with a break-in and taking a woman's pocketbook.

William Henry McMillan, 26, was jailed after being picked up on a warrant charging him with breaking into the home of Mary L. McKinnon, according to Sheriff's reports.

According to a report by Deputy J.A. Foster, a witness allegedly saw McMillan around McKinnon's house and apparently saw the man throw something into some bushes nearby.

The witness did not think anything more about what she had seen until later when she talked to McKinnon and discovered the house had been broken into.

McKinnon went to the bushes and recovered the pocketbook, reports say.

In a statement given to Foster McMillan claimed to be drunk and riding around with some people he did not know at the time the alleged break-in occurred.

McMillan woke up outdoors somewhere in the county with his wallet missing the morning after

the break-in, he said in the statement.

In an unrelated matter, there have been eight alleged shoplifters caught in Raeford in the last two according to Raeford weeks, Police Chief Leonard Wiggins.

On January 17, a 33-year-old Raeford resident, Joey Roscoe Bratcher, was cited after allegedly trying to take two cartons of Winston cigarettes from the A&P Food Store, Wiggins said.

The cigarettes were valued at \$14.58, Wiggins said.

The day before Bratcher's cita-tion, a 76-year-old woman was cited after trying to take some cold medicine from the same store, Wiggins said.

Lillie H. Locklear was apparently caught leaving the A&P with some asprin, some ammonia and some Comtrex cold medicine, said the chief.

The merchandise was valued at \$9.57, Wiggins said. Again, on January 17, a juvenile

shoplifter was caught in Raeford's Maxway Store.

According to Wiggins, a 10-year-old boy was caught

allegedly attempting to take away a \$22.97 tape recorder.

The child will be turned over to juvenile authorities, Wiggins said. On January 24, another juvenile was apparently caught taking a cake out of the local A&P.

The 14-year-old boy will be turned over to the proper authorities for the offense. The cake was valued at 99 cents, Wiggins said.

Sharon Ross, 20, of Raeford, was apparently caught attempting to take a box of disposable diapers

from the local Food Lion Store, the chief said. The diapers were valued at

\$8.62, Wiggins said.

Another alleged shoplifter was caught at Food Lion on the same day

Robert Swain, of Raeford was cited after trying to allegedly take a pack of sausage and some candy, Wiggins said.

Swain is 17, said the chief.

On January 24, Roy L. Murchison, 33, was cited for allegedly taking three packs of Newport cigarettes from Food Lion. The smokes were valued

\$2.46, Wiggins said. Julia Marshall Douglas, of

Raeford, was cited for shoplifting after allegedly using a tube of lipstick at Raeford's Revco and not buying it, Wiggins said. The make-up was worth about

\$3.39, said Wiggins. On January 21, a break-in was reported at the Bluemont Beauty

Shop in the old Raeford Hotel building.

Discovered missing was an electric heater valued at \$40, the chief said.

Also on January 21, a breaking and entering was reported at Hoke High School. About \$30 in candy was taken

from the school store, said Wiggins.

On January 25, West Hoke School was reported broken into, sheriff's reports say.

Some children who live nearby are suspected, reports say.

According to the report, a window was broken causing about \$25 in damage, but only about \$.49 in candy was taken from the school.

The pumphouse of a county home was broken into and the The vacant house belongs to

CIT Mortgage, of Fayetteville,

reports sav The cinder block wall of the pumphouse was torn down to gain access to the pump, reports say, adding that the value of the pump

is \$1,100. The local branch of Sandhills Community College reported the theft of a typewriter from their classroom.

According to Wiggins, the Royal typewriter was reported missing at around 2 p.m. on January 18.

The machine was valued at \$500, Wiggins said.

On Sunday, January 13, a ti ock was reported stolen from Tarheel Hatcheries, according to Wiggins.

The 1981 Chevrolet pick-up was last seen leaving Racket Alley, said the chief.

Clarence Willis was putting antifreeze in the truck. When he went to put the unused portion of the liquid away, he heard the hood to the truck shut and saw the vehicle leaving the alley, Wiggins said.

The truck was last seen going down Harris Avenue.

According to Wiggins, the truck as worth \$7,500. Curtis Bandy reported acts of

vandelism to his car on January

15, according to reports from the 0 Hoke County Sheriff's Department.

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According to reports, when the vehicle broke down, Bandy left the 1967 Falcon beside the road and took the battery.

Upon his return, Bandy found all the tires on the car cut and all the windows shot out.

The car was worth about \$800 and there was that much damage done to the vehicle, reports say,

According to reports, empty 12-gauge shotgun shells were found near the car.

On another matter, a Hoke County couple have been missing checks and have reported it to the Sheriff's Department.

On January 8, Gloria Brehm found a whole checkbook and some checks out of another book missing from her home.

Three days later, her husband, Johnny Brehm reported that three apparently forged checks had cleared their bank.

According to reposts, the checks were allegedly forged and cashed by Cheryl Stewart.





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