



Up, up and away  
Balloons were released last week at J.W. McLaughlin School urging children to take care of their teeth. Inside each balloon was a challenge to floss and brush after each meal. Students in Ann Shannon's first grade class released the balloons.

## ... Around Town continued

(Continued from page 1)

the post office I had the following experience.

Irwin Currie, another local retiree and a director of the morning coffee club, was leaving the post office with two huge boxes that he had come to mail. He was expressing himself very well about the post office being closed for a holiday. Of course I joined in because I needed to mail the letter that was in my hand.

Leaving Currie I ventured into the lobby and I encountered several others complaining about the office being closed. They were not as upset as my friend Currie seemed to be but then they didn't have two large packages.

My gripe is that George Washington was born on February 22 and this is why the holiday is being observed. Why observe it on February 18. This is not honoring a birthday; it is just giving people a day off from work. Why call it Washington's Birthday?

One of these days someone will say that we should do away with holidays because they don't honor or mean anything to the people of our country.

...

Have you ever seen Clayton Buoyer speechless? If you don't know Clayton, he is the manager of the Raeford Salvage Company. He is also well-known to most politicians and is known for telling the truth.

According to a report I received last week, it seems Buoyer had the cards turned on him in the Family Restaurant. The story is as follows:

After work last Thursday afternoon, February 14, Clayton went by the restaurant to have his coffee with the afternoon coffee drinkers. While shooting the bull with his cronies, it seems his daughter, Mary Lynn, and three friends came into the building and came up to the table where Clayton was sitting. The four young ladies then proceeded to sing a "Happy Valentine" song to him. It seems it cannot be put into words the ex-

pression that came on Buoyer's face, but he was "speechless".

Someone said that he sent himself the Valentine, but according to my information, he would have paid not to have had the singing valentine.

Many cards came through the mail, but this is the only "singing Valentine" I have heard of in Hoke County recently.

I believe that the ACC basketball line-up for the tournament may be decided with the last games, six of the eight teams could be the winner. What a season?

...

Raeford Police will begin cracking down on city residents who have not registered their vehicles, Chief Leonard Wiggins said Tuesday.

The deadline for obtaining a local sticker for vehicles was February 15.

Police will be starting vehicle

traffic checks in the near future and the Raeford stickers will be one of the things officers will be checking on, Wiggins said.

Vehicles checked, who do not have the stickers, may be subject to a \$35 fine, the chief said.

The stickers are available for \$3 at City Hall, Wiggins said.

Persons who do not receive food stamps but are eligible because of

## Sticker crackdown started

Raeford Police will begin cracking down on city residents who have not registered their vehicles, Chief Leonard Wiggins said Tuesday.

The deadline for obtaining a local sticker for vehicles was February 15.

Police will be starting vehicle

## Cheese signup this week

Sign-ups for butter and cheese distributions for this month will be continuing through February 21 at the Hoke County Department of Social Services (DSS).

Persons who do not receive food stamps but are eligible because of

pression that came on Buoyer's face, but he was "speechless".

Someone said that he sent himself the Valentine, but according to my information, he would have paid not to have had the singing valentine.

Many cards came through the mail, but this is the only "singing Valentine" I have heard of in Hoke County recently.

I believe that the ACC basketball line-up for the tournament may be decided with the last games, six of the eight teams could be the winner. What a season?

traffic checks in the near future and the Raeford stickers will be one of the things officers will be checking on, Wiggins said.

Vehicles checked, who do not have the stickers, may be subject to a \$35 fine, the chief said.

The stickers are available for \$3 at City Hall, Wiggins said.

income must register to get the food.

Persons who do get food stamps are not required to sign-up but must present the appropriate forms at the door.

The distribution dates are February 26, 27 and 28.

## ...Seed pan leads to arrest

(Continued from page 1)

Drug paraphernalia and a pan of marijuana seeds were found under the seat, reports say.

The driver of the car told officers where the car's owner could be found.

Upon confrontation, Bunce, the owner, admitted to ownership of the seeds, according to reports.

On February 12, Betty Smith reported that someone had taken some food stamps out of her pocketbook while she was at work.

According to reports, the pocketbook was in her car at the time of the alleged theft.

The food stamps were valued at \$65.

Bruce Hurst reported the apparent theft of all four of his hubcaps, reports say.

There was no estimate of value on the hubs.

Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins reported that two female shoplifters have been charged after the discovery of a larceny at Raeford's Sky City.

When the women were picked up, larcenies at Maxway and Revco were also discovered, Wiggins said.

A \$14 pair of boots were recovered that had been taken from Sky City, he said, adding that \$51.99 worth of clothes from Maxway and \$8.29 in cosmetics from Revco were also recovered, Wiggins said.

Twilla Bullard and Lisa Jones, both 16 and from Raeford, have been charged, Wiggins said.

Bullard has been charged with larceny from all three establishments and Jones was

charged with a Maxway larceny, said the chief.

Another shoplifter was reported at Raeford's Food Lion.

John Charles Muir, 40, of Raeford, was charged in the alleged shoplifting incident, Wiggins said.

On Valentine's Day, Bill Pierce reported a chainsaw taken out of his garage.

According to Wiggins, the saw was valued at \$200.

Also on February 14, a daytime break-in was reported at Raeford's Convenient Mart.

According to police reports, a hole was knocked in the rear door of the business and \$360 in change was taken from a filing cabinet after entry was gained.

## ...Two sentenced for contempt

(Continued from page 1)

placed him in prison for over three years, Hoke County District Court records show.

Johnny Lee Scott, 37, was arrested on November 21 of last year and charged with crossing the road's center line, running a stop sign, speeding, failing to stop for a blue light and siren, driving while impaired (DWI), assaulting an officer and resisting arrest, according to records.

Scott was tried on the charges of failure to stop for a blue light and siren and crossing the center line separately and received six months for that conviction, records show.

For the charges of DWI, speeding 85 in a 55 mile per hour zone and running a stop sign, Scott was sentenced to 120 days in jail suspended for five years unsupervised probation, fined \$500 and ordered to spend three days in jail, according to the court records.

A charge of assaulting an officer was filed against the man after he apparently hit Sheriff's Deputy Ronnie Lowry.

Scott was sentenced to two years in prison after being convicted of that charge, records say.

Also tried separately on the resisting arrest charge, Scott was sentenced to an additional six months.

Attached to each conviction form was a note saying that all sentences are to run consecutively.

A Raeford man and his sister were each sentenced to 30 days in jail after being found in contempt of court by District Court Judge Warren Pate.

Alonzo Alford was in court charged with carrying a concealed weapon, sources say.

Apparently, sometimes before the man was sentenced, he started shouting obscenities, resisted arrest and popped an arresting officer.

Consequently, Alford has been further charged with assaulting an officer and resisting arrest, sources say.

Found as a fact in the case of sister Rita is that she also used profane language in court, Judge Pate said in the sentencing statement.

She has also been charged with assaulting an officer, sources said.

In other action last week, a Red Springs man has appealed a two year sentence after being convicted of DWI while his license was permanently revoked, according to records.

Curnis Goins, 29, was arrested on January 4 on his third DWI offense.

The man's appeal bond was set at \$1,500, records say.

A Raeford man, Leon Jasper Willis, was sentenced to spend 14 days in the Hoke County Jail to accompany three years on special supervised probation and a \$600 fine after being convicted of DWI for the third time, records say.

Willis, 48, was arrested on December 1 of last year.

According to records, Willis is to spend his time in jail on weekends.

James Authur Blue, of Raeford, was tried and convicted of his second offense of DWI last week.

Blue, 42, was arrested on December 23, records say.

The man was sentenced to one year suspended for two years special supervised probation and seven days in jail.

He was also fined \$300, records say.

Murdock Shaw Jr., of Raeford, was also convicted for the second time of DWI.

The 28-year-old man was also convicted of crossing the center line of the road, according to records.

Shaw was sentenced to one year suspended for one year of special supervised probation and given a \$300 fine.

He was also given seven days in jail, records say.

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER

## ATTEND ADULT HIGH SCHOOL

at  
Hoke County High School  
**EARN A  
HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA**

from  
Hoke High  
and  
Sandhills Community College

You are eligible if:

- (1) You have satisfactorily completed the eighth grade.
- (2) You are 18 or older and have been out of school for at least one year.

Classes are held at Hoke High School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

**FREE** **FREE** **FREE**

**Registration: March 5**

**Hoke High School**

If You Plan On Entering The Military, These Are The Classes You Need

## Now...when you think of auto loans...think of us!

We've always been well known for home and home improvement loans...and now we can help with your new car or truck financing, too. Call and compare. We'll make a loan you can live with.

**12.50  
% APR**

NEW CAR LOANS—36 MONTH TERM			
Amount Needed	5000.00	6000.00	7000.00
Total Finance Charge	1018.12	1221.60	1425.08
Total Amount of Loan	6018.12	7221.60	8425.08
Heritage Annual % Rate	12.50	12.50	12.50
Number of Installments	36	36	36
Monthly Payments	167.17	200.60	234.03

**HERITAGE FEDERAL** Savings & Loan Association 113 Campus Avenue

## HARDIN'S FOOD STORE

(BESIDE FIRE STATION)  
ROCKFISH, N.C.

**CUBED STEAK**  
**1.99** lb.

**GRADE A  
LARGE EGGS**  
**69¢** doz.

**COBLE  
MILK**  
**1.99** 1 gal.

**5 LB.  
GLENDALE  
SUGAR**

**1.19**  
5 lbs.  
LIMIT 1 BAG  
w/100 GROCERY ORDER

**COBLE  
ICE CREAM**  
**3.49** 5 qt.

**PEPSI or  
MOUNTAIN DEW**  
**1.79** 3 liter

**GENERIC  
TISSUE**  
**79¢** 4 rolls

**HOLSUM  
BREAD**  
**99¢** 2 1/2 L