

Opinions

... Sheriff needs more help

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To the Editor:
I read with great personal interest your headline story in your January 31, 1985 edition and was not surprised that most of the break-ins in Hoke County were unsolved for 1984. I personally experienced several break-ins during that year in Hoke County and none of them have been solved.

Your article emphasizes the need of the County Commissioners to provide additional support for the Hoke County Sheriff's Department. Dave Barrington and his staff have been a bargain for the citizens and taxpayers for Hoke County for many years, but I am afraid that the cost of this bargain has been primarily borne by property owners who have experienced robberies.

I hope that the County Commissioners will reaffirm its support of the fine job that Sheriff Barrington has done by increasing the budget for the Sheriff's Department.

Very truly yours,
Joe McLeod

In other words, duplication on three channels and two others are not functioning.

My purpose in joining the cable network was for variety but this has diminished in recent months. Is there anyone else out there with the same complaint? If so, please write Raeford City Hall. They need to know!

Sincerely yours,
Catherine P. McLean

Turlington PTA helping students

To the Editor:
Recently the J.W. Turlington PTA sponsored a calendar sales. The community response to this project was overwhelming.

As a result, the students at Turlington will receive a computer, \$5000 worth of additional instructional materials are being ordered and the school will soon have fresh brightly painted hallways and a microwave oven for the staff has been purchased.

With that kind of support our children are bound to achieve.

Test scores cannot do anything but rise.

It is important for teachers to know that the community is behind them in their effort to provide the best possible education for our children.

We know that everyone cannot always volunteer to go to the schools to help out, but the \$4 million paid for a calendar to help out will mean more and new instructional materials for our children.

Many sincere thanks to all the citizens of Raeford and Hoke County for the support and effort you are giving to Turlington School.

The Turlington PTA meets every second Monday night at 7

p.m. in the school auditorium. All citizens are welcome to attend.

Mack Sessoms
President

IRS mileage check can be farmer's pain

Dear editor:
The IRS has a new rule that a merchant or a farmer or a rancher using a car or pickup in his business must keep a daily log showing exactly how much mileage is used for business purposes only. You can't count driving to the cafe for coffee or picking up the kids after school. And you can't guess. Got to be accurate.

I put a notebook on the seat of my pickup and tried this out for a day. My log for the day reads:

6 a.m. Backed out of my garage. Since the odometer doesn't register mileage when you're going backward, but backing is deductible if it's for business purposes, got out and measured the distance I backed. 102 feet.

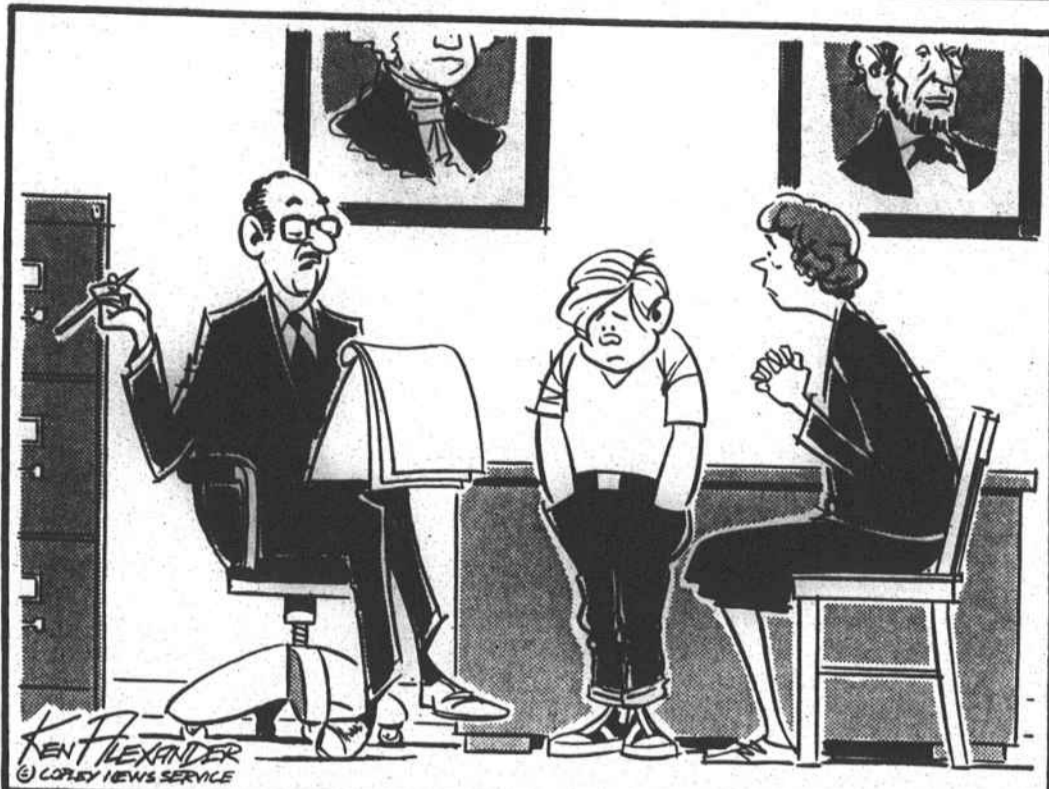
Drove down to the pasture and stopped. Thought I spotted a newborn calf. Logged the mileage. 2,119 1/2 feet. Got out and walked over to the new calf. Wasn't a calf. Was a newspaper caught on a weed.

Drove back to the house. 2,119 1/2 feet. Couldn't decide whether driving back was deductible.

Drove into town for breakfast at the cafe. 5 miles. Wait a minute. Erase that.

After lunch heard cow bawling. Woke me up from my nap. Jumped in pickup to check on newborn calf. Forgot to check mileage. Found calf. Don't know how far I drove. Can't estimate. Against IRS ruling. Some ruling. Wrote Congressman.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.



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KEEP AGRICULTURE #1! IN HOKE COUNTY

Agriculture is Hoke County's and America's number one industry and feeds half the world.

To insure our future as a world leader, our strength and sustenance will have to come from the land and the young people who will protect and manage it.

Young people in Hoke High School today will be tomorrow's leaders. Agriculture is a career where young people can make a difference and work with the latest sophisticated technology.

Career opportunities are unlimited if they have the right skills, because today's agriculture is marketing, sales and research. It's biogenetics, chemistry, engineering and a whole lot more.

Young people in Hoke High School can get a head start on developing those skills; half a million young leaders are already confident about their futures because of the experience they are getting now in vocational agriculture and the FFA.

The future is in their hands. Keep agriculture #1 in Hoke County - support vocational agriculture and the FFA!



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