

Probation given for beating

By Ed Miller
A 34-year-old Raeford man was placed on five years supervised probation last week in Hoke County Superior Court after being convicted of assaulting his wife and causing her serious injuries. The wife is in Dorthea Dix Hospital for treatment, officials said Monday.

Waymond Cummings, a Raeford resident, was fined \$200 and ordered by Superior Court Judge Robert L. Farmer to undergo any mental health counseling ordered by his probation officer, according to court records.

Cummings was also ordered not to assault his wife, Judge Farmer said in court.

According to Assistant District Attorney Jean Powell, Cummings' wife was missing last Wednesday on the day of her husband's trial. She turned up Friday amidst circumstances that were said to be

odd by court and law enforcement officials.

A local magistrate signed a commitment for Mrs. Cummings to be sent to Dix on the same day she resurfaced, Powell said.

Information is unclear as to where she had been before Waymond brought her to the Hoke County Sheriff's Department Friday.

"At least we've got something to hold over him now," said Powell, who added that the couple have a long history of court appearances.

Many times over the last few years, Mary Cummings has filed charges against her husband and then refused to testify against him in court, Powell said.

This last time, the same story was re-enacted, but, instead of the charges being dropped, the state proceeded without Mary, said Powell.

In open court, Powell said that Mary came to her before the case was to come to court and "basically begged that he not be sent to prison."

For that reason, Powell recommended to Judge Farmer that probation be given to the man, she said.

The couple has been married 18 years and have five children, Powell said.

In statements read in court taken from both Waymond and Mary, a "home for battered wives" was mentioned time and again.

Mary had just returned from the Fayetteville sanctuary when her husband apparently beat her the last time causing some broken ribs and seriously injuring her arm, Powell said in court.

There were also bruises over a great part of her body, Powell said.

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facts when I wrote about the "Singing Valentine" last week. Buoy did tell me that he had a call from Atlanta and another from Chapel Hill about the item in my column. The following letter will explain what facts I omitted.

Mr. Morris:
I was the recipient of a singing Valentine Thursday afternoon here at work from Pam.

The Raeford Juniors, a group sponsored by the Jr. Woman's Club were the singers. Mine and Buoy's were just two of many in Raeford on Valentine's Day.

Becky
The letter is from Becky Jones, bookkeeper here at Dickson Press. Sorry about leaving out all the ones that were sung to that day.

A letter from Senator David Parnell contains some information that I think readers of this column will be interested to know. The Senator said to tell my friends and you readers are my friends.

Dear Sam:
I am pleased to inform you that I have recently installed "toll free" telephone in my Raleigh office. This should afford my constituents

back home easier access to me and my office. If you need to talk with me or if you simply want to let me know how you feel on a particular issue, all you will need to do is dial this number, 1-800-722-9639.

As you come in contact with your friends who might need to talk to me, I would appreciate you furnishing them this number.

If I can be of service to you in any way, please let me hear from you.

Sincerely,
David

A letter was received by Mary Alice and me last week from a committee who is seeking donations for the restoration of the old Aberdeen-Rockfish Railroad Depot located on Main Street.

The group needs approximately \$30,000 to get the job done and we feel that this is a worthy project for all citizens of Hoke County.

If you feel you can donate, make your check payable to Raeford-Hoke Depot Restoration Fund and mail it to Steve Parker at Southern National Bank, Raeford, N.C. by March 1, 1985.

Congratulations to John Balfour for being named "Citizen of the Year" by the Raeford Kiwanis Club. We think the committee made a wise choice and maybe John can continue to put out for the county for many years to come.

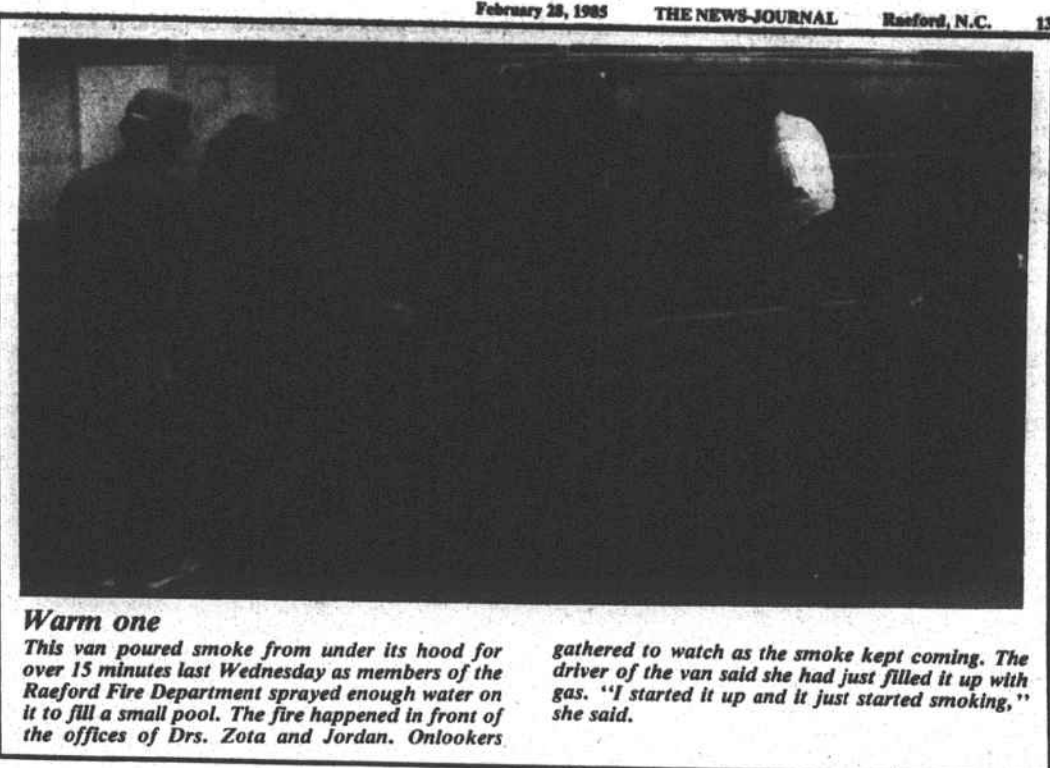
Next week I will try to get complete information about the restoration of the Armory Baseball Park.

Davis completes basic training

Army Pvt. John M. Davis, son of Flossie and Isaiah Robinson of Roberts Street, Raeford, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is a 1984 graduate of Hoke County High School.



Warm one

This van poured smoke from under its hood for over 15 minutes last Wednesday as members of the Raeford Fire Department sprayed enough water on it to fill a small pool. The fire happened in front of the offices of Drs. Zota and Jordan. Onlookers

gathered to watch as the smoke kept coming. The driver of the van said she had just filled it up with gas. "I started it up and it just started smoking," she said.

Arrests expected for break-in

The Hoke County Sheriff's Department solved an automobile break-in and larceny and recovered the allegedly stolen material within 24 hours of the incident last week.

Last Saturday, a truck belonging to George Boahn was broken into and some tools and a citizens band radio were taken from it, according to crime reports.

An undisclosed source told Deputy C.E. Harris that a car belonging to a Hoke County juvenile was seen in the area of the alleged theft.

The youth was also identified by the source, reports say.

Upon questioning the driver of the car, another juvenile was implicated, reports say.

That boy was questioned and the location of the tools and the radio was uncovered, says the report.

As of Monday, no charges had been made against the youths; however, Harris plans to sign papers against the driver of the car, Sheriff Dave Barrington said.

In other reports from the Sheriff's Department, a man who was in the hospital had over \$3,500 in property apparently stolen from him.

Robert Parker reported on behalf of Tom Welgoes that a Honda three-wheeled motorcycle, some skis and bindings, a tool chest, a chainsaw and some garden tools had been removed from his residence on February 17.

According to reports, Welgoes

asked Parker to check on the bike for him.

Parker only discovered the missing vehicle. Welgoes amended the list of property upon his return from the hospital.

On February 15, Thomas Greco reported the apparent theft of an air conditioner from his mobile home.

The unit was valued at \$150, reports say.

Lawrence Woods reported that three guns were taken from the rear window of his pick-up truck while he was in a pool room.

According to reports, Woods was in the pool hall for about 45 minutes.

...Parkton service eyed

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Utilities Commission, the senator said.

Parkton is about 15 miles from Fayetteville and Raeford is just over 20 miles away, but in terms of actual telephone service distance, Raeford is within five miles of the Fayetteville exchange.

According to Parnell, the Utilities Commission did not poll Fayetteville.

The commission did demand a poll in Parkton and it passed, said Parnell.

"It took a lot of community spirit" to get the service in Parkton, Parnell said.

A civic group got the numbers of almost all the subscribers in Parkton and called them saying that they would soon be receiving a poll questionnaire in the mail.

Subscribers were urged to vote "yes" on the poll because rates would only increase to match those of Fayetteville, Parnell said.

Well over 90% of those polled voted affirmatively, he said.

Parkton also hired Raleigh attorney J. Ruffin Bailly to argue the city's case before the Utilities Commission, Parnell said.

Bailly said Tuesday that he would be willing to help Raeford and Hoke County gain the same service.

"It was a bleak situation there," Bailly said about Parkton. "We just made the best case we could make."

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The Flamingo Kid

MATT DILLON

WEEKDAYS 3:15, 7:15, 9:15

SAT & SUN 1:15, 3:15, 7:15, 9:15

Ends Thurs - "Night Train To Terror" (R)

3:15, 7:00, 9:00

Meet Morgan Miller. He's always been a rebel. Now, he's about to become a hero.

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WEDNESDAYS 3:15, 7:15, 9:15

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