



Not a pretty sight
Last Saturday, this 1978 Chevrolet, driven by Brenda Home Rogers, ran off of Rural Road 1207 in a curve and flipped twice. According to investigating officer State Trooper B.T. Burr, the car was traveling at an "excessive rate of speed." Rogers, 33, of

Rt. 3 Raeford, was admitted to Moore County Memorial Hospital in critical condition. The accident involved only one person and happened at 5 a.m. Burr said.

(Photo by Pam Frederick)

Woman charged with stabbing

A Raeford woman, Ozella McLaughlin White, was out of jail on \$5,000 bond Tuesday after being charged with the Friday night stabbing of a county man.

On March 8, the Hoke County Sheriff's Department was called and alerted to a stabbing, according to reports.

Upon arrival, deputies found Roscoe Torrence face down in a road.

After checking to make sure that it was safe to do so, deputies rolled him over to discover a stab wound in his upper right chest, Hoke Detective Weaver Patterson's reports said.

Torrence was unconscious when deputies arrived, reports say.

The man was taken to Scotland Memorial Hospital.

According to reports, a knife with an eight inch blade was used to inflict the wounds.

White is scheduled for a first appearance hearing on March 21.

On March 1, a break-in was witnessed by a Hoke County resident who gave chase to the culprits to no avail.

H.F. Wade reported seeing a tall black male kick in the door of Brenda Coffman's home.

According to the report, a car with two men inside pulled into the driveway of the house before the

man was seen entering the door.

Wade chased the car, at high speeds, down Highway 211, but did not catch them.

Taken in the apparent robbery was a .22 calibre semi automatic rifle worth \$100, a 12 gauge shotgun valued at \$1,000 and a color television worth \$400, reports say adding that \$100 damage was done to the door.

A car was reported stolen and recovered the same day, last Wednesday, reports say.

Annie L. Evans Martinez reported that someone had allegedly taken her 1980 beige Chevrolet Malibu.

The car, valued at \$3,000, was recovered the same day behind Upchurch Junior High School out of gasoline and abandoned, reports say.

According to the recovery report, the apparent purpose of the theft was for transportation.

When found, the keys were missing from the car, reports say. Sheriff's deputies have a suspect in the case, reports say.

On last Thursday, the trailer of Mary Ann Butler was broken into and \$1,553.50 in personal property and cash were taken.

Entry was gained into the trailer at Harmony Heights via the front

door, but tampering was apparent at the rear door also, Deputy J.A. Foster's report says.

Taken in the break-in was a television set, a citizens band radio, two dress watches, one with diamonds, three digital watches, a .32 calibre pistol, a set of earrings and two rings, reports say.

According to the report, Foster had patrolled the area about two hours before the apparent break-in.

A break-in was reported at the West Hoke Headstart building on last Monday.

Some toys and a calculator was reported missing after the break-in.

There was no estimate of the value of the missing property, but finger prints were taken from the scene, Deputy C.H. Patterson's reports say.

Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins reports that City Councilman Joe Upchurch had a break-in at his home.

Someone kicked the lock off a basement door and entered, Wiggins said.

After the apparent break-in, Upchurch has been unable to locate a Marlin .22 calibre rifle, according to the chief.

The gun is valued at \$25, he said.

... Depot effort over \$5,000

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Contributions are tax deductible and can be made to the Raeford-Hoke Depot Restoration Fund. Donations can be mailed to the Southern National Bank at P.O. Drawer B, Raeford, N.C. 28376 or dropped by the bank at the corner of Elwood Avenue and Main Street.

Members of the committee hope to arouse public spirit for volunteer labor in the restoration effort.

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Correction

It was reported in last week's News-Journal that an area automobile accident contained an incorrect name. Linda Faye Gibson, of Raeford, was involved in that crash. We regret the error.

Jobs programs offer training

By Ed Miller

Employers in Hoke County can get labor at reduced initial costs in exchange for training through a program offered by the North Carolina Employment Security Commission (ESC).

A recently implemented program called "Youth Tryout Employment" will allow employers in the private sector to hire a high school senior, for 20 hours per week, for nothing for the first 250 hours, said Sandra Moss, Raeford ESC Branch Office Manager.

The ESC will pay the full salaries, no matter what the hourly rate is, up to 250 hours, she said.

At the end of the training period, the employer must hire the worker as a regular employee, Moss added.

At minimum wage, \$3.35 per hour, an employer can save over \$837.

Any type of business can use this service as long as it is not state or federally supported, she said.

"There is not even that much paperwork involved," said Moss.

"In fact, there is no paperwork for the employer," she said.

To qualify for the Youth Tryout program, a worker must be a high school senior who has had 50 hours "pre-employment skills training," or vocational education, said Moss.

The ESC will send a number of applicants so employers may interview and screen in a normal fashion, said Moss.

Former resident charged in murder

A former Raeford resident was arraigned on a murder charge last Wednesday in Savannah, Georgia in connection with the death of a shipping industry official.

Furman Otis Clark Jr., 36, whose last known address was in Coinjock, North Carolina, was arrested Tuesday and charged with the crime, Chatham County, Georgia Police Chief Al St. Lawrence said.

Clark is accused of allegedly killing Julian Singman, President of the Maritime Institute of Research and Industrial Development in Washington.

The 57-year-old Singman was attending a meeting of the Maritime Trades Department in Bal Harbor, Florida when he disappeared, police have said.

Singman's body, filled with bullet holes, was pulled from a creek near Savannah.

Clark did not enter a plea during his arraignment.

The man was arrested at a residence on Wilmington Island off the coast of Georgia near Savannah.

He had been staying at the home temporarily, St. Lawrence said.

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