

Hoke man gets jail for rubber checks

Hoke County District Court Judge A. Elizabeth Keever sentenced a Raeford man to one year in jail after he was convicted of writing 15 bad checks having a value of over \$315, according to court records.

Michell W. Locklear, 27, was given five months in prison on five of the worthless check charges, another five months on another five checks, 30 days on three counts and another 30 days on two charges, records say.

The China Doll, Lakeside Seafood, Moore's, Sky City, Jiffy Stop and Dixie One Stop were the stores hit by Locklear, records say.

Raymond Leroy Clark, a Raeford resident, asked court officials to activate a suspended sentence given him last week in court after he was convicted of driving while impaired (DWI).

Clark, 61, is already serving time in Central Prison, but had to be brought back to Hoke County to be tried for a DWI offense from June of 1984, records say.

Originally, Clark was sentenced to six months in prison, suspended for two years unsupervised probation, records say, adding that the sentence was reversed to give the man six months.

Doyle A. Jackson was sentenced to one year in prison suspended for two years on supervised probation after being convicted of assault with a deadly weapon, records say.

Jackson, 18, of Raeford, was convicted in the March 22 assault

of Roger L. Brock, according to records.

Jackson apparently cut Brock on the face and ear, records say. Jackson was also fined \$25 and ordered to pay \$125 in restitution.

A 16-year-old Raeford youth was also given two years on supervised probation after being convicted of "common law forgery," according to records.

Timothy W. Tolin was arrested and charged with the crime on December 14 of last year, records say, adding that he was fined \$25 and ordered to pay \$100 in restitution.

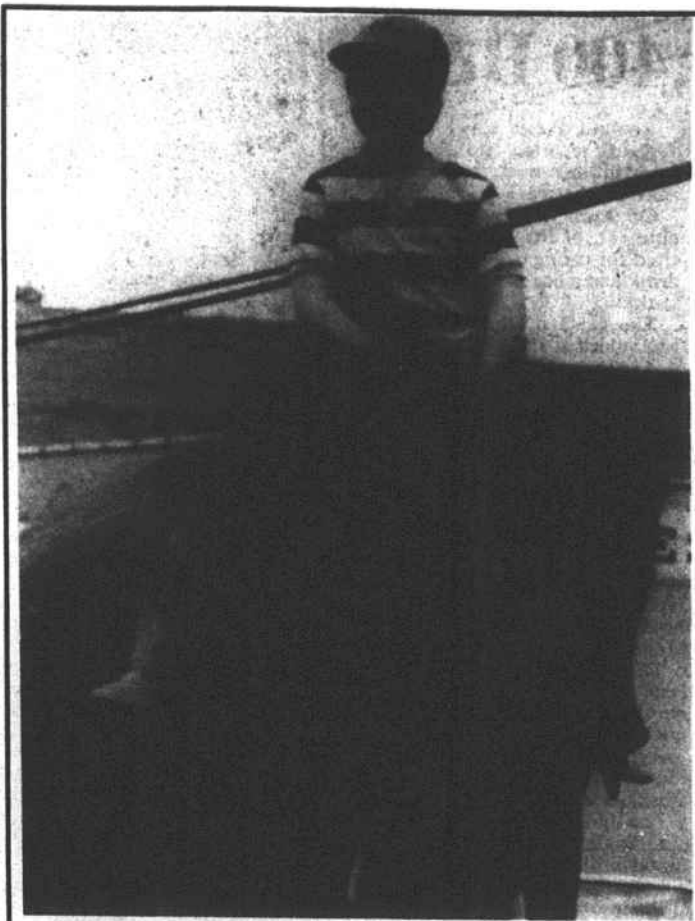
There were five cases of DWI tried last Thursday in district court.

Jimmy Don Bethea, of Maxton, was sentenced to 60 days suspended for one year unsupervised probation and fined \$100, according to records.

Betha, 29, was arrested and charged on January 26.

Annie Oxendine Bullard, 34, of Red Springs, was sentenced to 90 days suspended for two years on supervised probation, fined \$100 and ordered to spend 80 hours in community service for her DWI offense of last November 20, records say.

A Shannon resident, James L. Maynor, 41, who was arrested on March 9 for DWI was sentenced to 60 days suspended for one year unsupervised probation, fined \$100 and ordered to perform 48 hours of community service, records say.



Straight from India?

No. Straight from Raeford comes Jeffrey Strother riding Orka, the elephant belonging to the Franzen Bros. Circus. The circus stopped in Raeford Tuesday for two shows. Last week, local radio stations and businesses were giving away passes to ride the pachyderm. There were some happy children Tuesday night when their passes were turned into rides.

Depot over \$11,000

Chemical cleaners were being used this week to remove the old paint from bricks on the outside walls of the Aberdeen-Rockfish Railroad Depot which is being restored to house the offices of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development.

Last week the roof was painted green, and once the bricks are cleaned, the exterior of the facility is expected to look much as it did when it was built around 1900.

Inside the building, new plumbing has been installed and a portion of the concrete floor which was removed will be repoured.

Fundraising efforts are still underway, and thus far the Depot Restoration Fund has reached about a third of its \$30,000 goal, Chamber spokesman Steve Parker said.

Recent contributors to the depot are: Heritage Federal Savings and Loan, Raeford Plumbing and Heating, Dr. Mike White, Mr. and Mrs. Raz Autry, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred K. Leach, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sawyer, Lester Baker,



Yvonne Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stone, Dorothy Jones, Marion Gatlin, Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Crissman, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Blythe, Green Pines Mobile Home Park-Paul Johnson, A.G. Construction, Ashemont Women's Club and Theresa's.

... College group OK'd

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In other action, Commissioner James Albert Hunt made a motion to make members of the present Hoke County Community College Foundation an official Advisory Board to Sandhills Community College.

The advisory council will be a group of citizens responsible for the college, a member said.

Sandhills Community College President Dr. Raymond Stone has promised that the Hoke County satellite will get a director for next year's sessions.

The proposed director will answer to the advisory council.

"We really need your blessing and endorsement," Foundation member and Vocational Director for the Hoke County Schools Harold Gillis said.

"We have many students that would like to go on to new endeavors at branches," Gillis said.

Hoke County Commission Chairman John Balfour said that, according to information supplied him at a recent meeting in Raleigh, this area is already blessed with ample colleges.

There are three colleges within a 30 mile radius, said Balfour.

"We have got to realize that not everybody has transportation to get to these branches," Gillis said.

"We're not trying to make a university site. We're trying to make a workable college for the people of Hoke County," Gillis said.

"I have mixed emotions because I can see future costs," Balfour said, adding that he does not want to see money "siphoned off" the county's public school program for the college.

The college will work "hand in glove" with the school system, Gillis said.

"I think we (the residents of Hoke County) can gain a lot by what the college will bring here," Gillis said.

"I don't feel it should be misconstrued to say that since we endorse the committee (advisory council), we will commit the dollars," said Balfour.

In other action, the commission: *Tabled action on endorsing legislation concerning salaries and fees for registers of deeds.

*Passed a budget amendment. *Went into executive session for over one-half an hour for personnel matters.

... Around Town continued

(Continued from page 1A) on a par three hole at Augusta.

Several months ago a letter came to *The News-Journal* office and was addressed: "To whom it may concern." It was put on my desk and from the information in the letter it has brought forth to me, one of the most enjoyable hour visits in my life.

The letter was from Miss Lottie Raynor Womble of Wagram and contained information about some old pictures that she had in her possession. She had the names of a lot of the people in the pictures,

but in one she could not identify anyone, except her father. She was seeking someone who could help with identification of the people.

In one of the pictures that she could identify the people, the name of my mother was in it. Of course this caused me to want to get in touch with Miss Womble.

I wrote her a letter and stated that the pictures she had were of interest to me and that I would like to come over and see them. She wrote me back and said she would be home in the middle of December. She gave me her phone number and I tried to get in contact with her in December, but she

would always be away when I called.

Last Wednesday afternoon, no golf Raz was out of town, I told Mary Alice I was going to try to get up with Miss Womble again. I called and she was at home. We went over to Wagram and had a wonderful visit with Miss Womble and looked at the pictures.

The picture that had my mother in it was taken at Jackson Springs in 1908. After promising to return the pictures (four) the next day, the fine lady let me bring them to Raeford and have prints made of them. I returned them the next day. I know how much she prized

the pictures and I would not have been offended if she had refused my request.

Miss Wombles' father was the late Seaton J. Womble who worked at Raeford Hardware until he opened the Scotland Hardware in Wagram in 1910. Mr. Womble was in the hardware business for over 65 years and he died in Wagram in 1976 at the age of 91 1/2.

The picture for which I need identification of people, was taken about 1920 at Lake Waccamaw. It is a group of men with a large catch of fish. If anyone thinks they can help with the picture, please call me or write me a letter.

I want to thank Miss Womble for being such a gracious hostess and letting me take the pictures to be copied.

So if you get a letter addressed to whom it may concern, be sure to check it out. It could lead to a fine experience.

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