

**Getting ready for feast**  
Raeford Methodist Church members will be firing up the logs on Friday night for barbecuing hogs for Saturday's Happy Hobby Harvest. Plates of the homecooked hogs and chicken will be served for lunch and dinner from McLaughlin School Cafeteria. An auction and craft sale will follow in the church's fellowship hall.

## ... School unity pledged

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most likely course for the state legislature to take, Cowan said. Members of the Board of Education will develop a plan for the schools and will work with the county commissioners to make sure the program is financially feasible.

A bond referendum would take about nine months to get on a ballot for Hoke voters, Cowan said.

"It might be good to get it ready for next November," School Board Chairman Bill Cameron said.

"I keep hearing interest rates are going down. The time is now. The sooner the better," Commission Chairman John Balfour said.

For every \$1 million in bonds, Cowan estimates it would take a 4.84 cent increase in ad valorem rates to retire the debt.

Under state law, the county could borrow up to 8% of the assessed evaluation of real property or about \$27.2 million.

### 75th funded

In a meeting prior to the joint session with the Board of Education, the commissioners approved funding of not more than \$10,000 for the 75th anniversary celebration of the county.

Other funds will be raised and the county money needed could be less than the \$10,000, 75th Committee Chairman Sam Morris said.

The celebration will be held May 4 through May 9, Morris said.

Preliminary plans are for a parade, a community religious service and a fireworks show, Morris said.

"The committees are just beginning to work," he added.

Remodeling of the Hoke County Courthouse will probably not be finished completely by the 75th celebration, but enough work may be done so that the building can be part of the event, Balfour said.

In other business, the commissioners took action on these matters:

\*Received for information an audit of the county's last fiscal year, conducted by Pittard, Perry and Crone, CPA's.

\*Approved a resolution for Hoke County to become part of a Service Delivery Area for the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA).

\*Agreed to purchase Esophageal Obturator Airway (EOA) tubes and charge EMS patients \$15 for their use. Although they are reusable, EMS advisors believe it is better to dispose of the tubes because of the threat of AIDS and Herpes.

\*Announced following an executive session that Dale Teal had completed his course work ahead of schedule and was now a certified Tax Supervisor. Teal did not make a test grade below 80 and passed the work over a year sooner than expected.

	ABSENTEE	RAEFORD NO. 1	RAEFORD NO. 2	RAEFORD NO. 4	TOTAL
<b>CITY COUNCIL</b>					
CLARK	1	95	128	13	237
GENTRY	1	122	139	21	283
HEDGPETH		114	140	15	269
McDUFFIE	1	132	120	20	273
McLEOD	1	114	148	19	282
UPCHURCH	1	83	136	23	243
<b>MAYOR</b>					
McNEILL	1	113	152	20	286
<b>FIRE DIST.</b>					
	ALLEDALE		BLUE SPRINGS		
FOR	27		3		
AGAINST	1		0		

## Deaths & Funerals

### Kirby Jackson

Kirby Pittman Jackson, 55, died Sunday night at Duke Medical Center. He was a merchant on North Third Street in St. Pauls.

Funeral Services were to be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the McNeill Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Larry Blount officiating.

Burial was to be in the Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Survivors include: two sons: Robert Jackson of Fayetteville and Kirby Pittman Jackson, Jr. of St. Pauls; two daughters: Mrs. Nancy Stone and Mrs. Jeana Maitland, both of Fayetteville; three brothers: Cary Jackson of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Otis Jackson of Jacksonville and Woodrow Jackson of Jacksonville; two sisters: Mrs. Jennie Townsend of Raeford and Mrs. Flossie Willoughby of Fayetteville and four grandchildren.

### Albert McLean

Funeral services for Albert George McLean were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday at Bridges Grove A.M.E. Zion Church by the Rev. Thurman McGougan.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. McLean, 82, died last Tues-

day in Brooklyn, New York.

Surviving are nine sons: George Levern, and Billie McLean, all of Brooklyn, New York, Albert McLean of Richmond Hills, New York, Charles McLean of Queen Village, New York, Melbeodis McLean of South Ozone Park, New York, Franklin McLean of Virginia, Delano McLean of Bronx, New York, and John McLean of Lauralton, New York; a daughter, Myrtice V. Pollard of Brooklyn, New York; 25 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Red Springs Funeral Home served the family.

### Angeline H. Porterfield

Mrs. Angeline Hicks Porterfield, 60, died Sunday.

Funeral services were to be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Antioch Presbyterian Church by Rev. Charles Ansley.

She is survived by her husband: Charles Porterfield; one son: Ronnie Bowen of Atlanta, Georgia; one daughter: Mrs. Catherine Arnett of Hattisburg, Mississippi; one brother: Ernest C. Hicks Jr., of Asheboro; two sisters: Mrs. Bill (Betty) McNeill of Antioch and Mrs. Lois Hudson of Hamlet and six grandchildren.

## ... Robbery reported

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A lawn mower was stolen from Upchurch Junior High School last Tuesday.

Someone entered a storage area by kicking out a panel in the door, Principal Allen Edwards reported.

A tennis shoe print was found near the area where the theft occurred.

Lawn furniture, a lawn mower and a gas grill were stolen from the lawn of a Shannon area residence.

Susie Dial reported someone drove up in front of her house, jumped out of a truck and stole the items from her lawn.

A value of \$819 was placed on the stolen items.

Two trucks were reported stolen last week in Hoke County.

A 1983 Nissan pickup truck was stolen from Billy Sherman Butler while he visited his brother.

The truck was later found in the Arabia area of the county.

Another truck was stolen from the residence of Murrill Foster of Rt. 4.

The vehicle was valued at \$5,000.

William McBryde told deputies someone broke into his home on the Vass Road and stole a television and a radio.

The incident apparently occurred when McBryde was at work on last Wednesday.

The black and white TV and the AM-FM radio are valued at \$209, reports show.

## Jail break-in draws suspended sentence

A 19-year-old Charlotte woman, who was found inside the Sandhills Youth Center dressed only in a towel, received a suspended sentence in District Court last week for the offense.

Tracey Keasler Brandow was sentenced to six months in jail, suspended with three years unsupervised probation for forcible trespassing and giving beer to an in-mate.

Brandow was discovered by a guard in the early morning hours of October 17 coming out of a shower at the facility.

She had apparently entered the Sandhills Center through a window to visit her husband Brian Brandow, 21, and to give him beer.

According to the order from District Court Judge Warren Pate, Tracey Brandow is not to go on the grounds of the North Carolina Department of Correction during her probation.

In other court matters, Larry Bratcher was sentenced to two years in jail suspended for three years probation and a \$1,000 fine after being found guilty of four counts of possession and sale of alcohol without an ABC permit.

William Bratcher was sentenced

to 18 months, not to exceed 24 months, after being found guilty of four charges of the same offense.

William Bratcher has filed a notice of appeal.

Eddie Wayne Hawks was sentenced to three years after he was found guilty of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Hawks has also filed notice of appeal.

Hawks was bound over to Superior Court on another charge of possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana.

A sentence of one year in jail was given Friday to Ann Campbell Tolar for possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute and sell, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

She has also served notice of appeal.

Ludie Dixon was found guilty of food stamp fraud and sentenced to 12 months suspended with one year of probation and a \$250 fine.

Dixon must also make \$707 restitution to the Department of Social Services (DSS).

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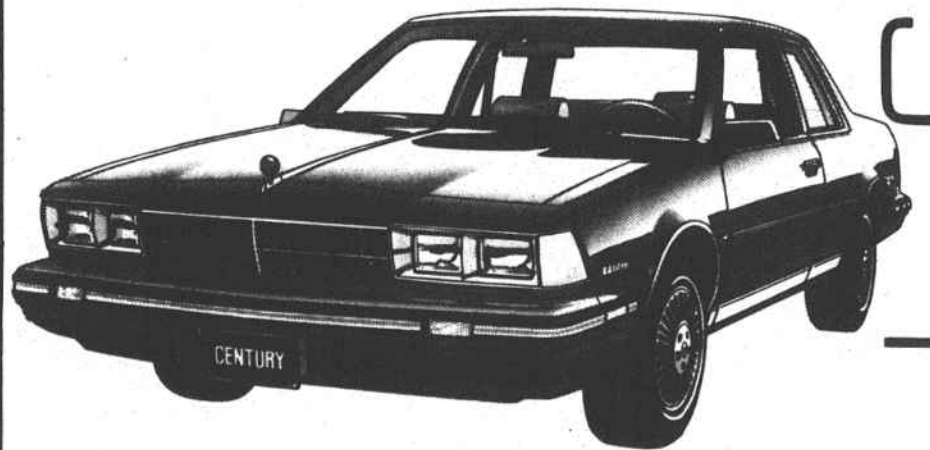
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