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The American Legion Post 20 is sponsoring a banquet dinner on Tuesday, December 3 to raise money for a baseball team. The place and time will be announced next week.

Bobby Richardson, a former star for the New York Yankees, will be the featured speaker. Also on hand that night will be Joni Parker, Miss North Carolina, and Kim Evans, Miss Fayetteville.

A little information about Bob- by Richardson follows:

Joining the Yankees at 19, he played in over 1400 games while the Yankees were winning the pennant, eight of the first nine years. He played in the All Star games seven times and was winner of the Gold Glove Award five times. Bobby was MVP of the 1960 World Series and set records that still stand - most hits and most runs batted in, in a World Series.

He retired at the height of his career at the age of 31. Richardson became a coach at the University of South Carolina and led the team to second place in the College World Series of 1975, with a record of 51 and 6.

Active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes over the years, he is now President of Baseball Chapel. He is now Athletic Director and Head Baseball Coach at Coastal Carolina College in Conway, S.C.

So mark your calendar for this date and purchase a ticket from a member of the American Legion.

Don't forget the Raeford Kiwanis Club annual Pancake Supper to be held at Gibson Cafeteria on Thursday, December 5. Serving will begin at five o'clock.

Another important date to remember is the Second Annual Mullet Roast on December 11. The event will be held at the Raeford Civic Center and will be sponsored by the Hoke County Committee of 100.

The 75th Anniversary Steering Committee for the celebration of Hoke County's beginning had its first meeting last Thursday and was well attended. Many suggestions came before the committee and I believe it will be an event you will want to attend.

More information is elsewhere in the paper.



New at The News-Journal

Ron Anderson joined the staff of The News-Journal this week as an editorial assistant. Prior to moving to Raeford, Anderson was the managing editor with The Chowan Herald in Edenton where he had worked for just over two years. He is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond with a BFA in dramatic art and speech. Anderson fills the position vacated by Ed Miller who joined The Anderson Independent in Anderson, South Carolina as the Clemson Bureau Chief.

...Break-in probed

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The items included a chainsaw, \$30 worth of clothes and a fishing rod, records say.

Sheriff Department reports also say that \$100 worth of damage was done to a dogwood tree and a front yard located at the home of Charles Bowers, Rt. 2, Raeford.

A motorist passed a stop sign and went into Bower's yard sometime Monday night or early Tuesday morning.

Bowers said he did not notice tire marks in his yard at 3 p.m. Monday.

Also, an attempted automobile theft was thwarted early Sunday morning, reports say.

Larry D. Johnson, Rt. 3, Raeford, was at an after hours club in the McCain area when he saw someone breaking into his 1984 Oldsmobile parked outside the establishment.

The suspect left the car and fled when Johnson approached his vehicle.

The owner of the vehicle managed to flag down Deputies Ben Tew

and Mack High as they drove past the club.

The deputies then apprehended James F. Richburg and charged him with breaking into the vehicle.

According to the Raeford Police Department files, 15 containers of cologne were stolen from Revco Drug Store on Wednesday, November 13.

The cologne was valued at \$98.25.

Shirley Redman of Laurinburg has been arrested and charged with the theft.

Also, a bicycle stolen on or about November 1 was recovered by Raeford Police officers at the Raeford-Hoke Village Shopping Center on November 14.

Records show the bicycle was stolen by a 14-year-old youth who was turned over to the juvenile court counselor.

An investigation is continuing in the theft of two batteries stolen from Raeford Plumbing & Heating.

A lock was cut off the fence of the business, records show.

...Sentence delayed for abuse

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His sentence is to run concurrently with a three-year term imposed earlier in Cumberland County Superior Court.

Locklear, 35, was arrested on February 22, 1984, by the Hoke County Sheriff's Department and charged with selling and delivering 0.3 grams of cocaine to a Cumberland County Bureau of Narcotics officer.

In another case, Christopher Rossi, Rt. 2, Raeford, was sentenced to two years, suspended for five years of supervised probation.

Rossi was found guilty of possessing a weapon of mass destruction (fragmentation grenade); possession of drug paraphernalia; and felonious possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana.

As a special condition of probation, Rossi, 29, is to serve an active sentence of six months.

He was fined \$500 and ordered to pay \$400 restitution.

Also, Harold James McNeill, 36, entered a plea of no contest on a charge of assaulting a child. His bond is to remain at \$10,000 secured.

McNeill, Rt. 5, Box 319, Raeford, voluntarily submitted to evaluation by Sandhills Mental Health Center.

He is to be sentenced during the January term of Superior Court.

It is alleged that McNeill took indecent liberties with a girl under the age of 16 on February 20.

Also, Lee Byrd Morrisey plead guilty to charges of misdemeanor possession of marijuana; failure to stop for a blue light and siren and speeding in excess of 75 in a 55 mph zone.

Morrisey, 31, of Rt. 3 Raeford, also plead no contest to charges of intent to sell marijuana.

Morrisey's sentencing will continue during the January session of Superior Court.

In other cases during last week's superior court, this action was taken:

•Ricky Medeiros plead no contest to charges of forcible trespassing and simple assault.

He was sentenced to not less than six months, not more than eight months suspended for five years and fined \$200 and court costs.

Medeiros made an unpermitted entry on premises located at Rt. 1, Shannon, on February 13, records say.

•Troy LaBonbard, Rt. 2, Box 237 A, Raeford, was sentenced to three years suspended for five years and placed on supervised

probation after he plead guilty to a charge of felonious larceny.

As a special condition of probation, LaBonbard must serve 60 days in jail.

Records show that on October 20, LaBonbard stole a 1982 Datsun truck, a bone handled sheath knife, a toolbox, two mens' jackets and a shotgun from Billy Sherman Butler Jr., of Rt. 2, Raeford.

Montrose man is recovering

A Montrose area man was recovering at home Tuesday after being shot apparently by his father two weeks ago.

Andrew Richardson Parks, 23, of Rt. 3 was taken to Moore Memorial Hospital and treated after being shot through the arm and side allegedly by his father Julian Parks, 59.

Andrew Parks was reported to be doing well and was not permanently injured by the shooting, the man's mother Dorothy Parks said.

Park's father was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to commit serious injury by the Hoke County Sheriff's Department.

...Monument location being studied

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over budget, Balfour said. Commissioner Wyatt G. Upchurch said although he did not want to see library programs interrupted, he was concerned about the suggestion to rent the McDonald facility because it was not certain whether an eight-month lease was available for the building.

The commissioners tabled any decision on the matter, and it will be studied by the county Building and Grounds Committee.

Also at the mid-month commissioners meeting, a study group was established to provide a list of names to be considered for a new nine-member human relations council.

Balfour and Commissioner Cleo Bratcher Jr. recently met with a group of citizens who asked that a human relations officer be hired by the county.

At one time a human relations council existed in the county, but it has not been active for the past five years, Balfour said.

"This county needs good race relations," said Balfour. "An active human relations council will be an asset to the county."

County Manager William K. Cowan reported he has been studying human relations committee documents from Scotland County and Lumberton.

The eight members appointed to meet and suggest names for the new committee are: Joe Holt, Norma Jean Campbell, Warren Johnston, Betty Rogers, Abdullah Shareef, Brenda Jacobs, Harold Gillis and Gilbert Tillman.

In other business, the commissioners:

•Heard a request by Jay Pate to consider locating a Veterans Memorial by sculptor Art Gore in-

side a public building. The commission's building and grounds committee will study the matter.

•Agreed to increase the compensation paid to jury commissioners from \$30 per day to \$40 per day.

•Appointed Bruce Melosh, Hoke Unit Manager for Sandhills Mental Health Center, to the Hoke County Transportation Advisory Council.

•Appointed Dale Teal as the permanent Tax Supervisor at an annual salary of \$18,507 per year.

•Decided to begin accepting bids for phone systems in the courthouse and the health department building.

•Agreed to forward to the State Department of Transportation (DOT) a request from property owners on Piney Grove Church Road to have the road maintained by the state.

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