### **James Murdock named** Hoke Officer of Year

Hoke County's officer of the year was honored last Tuesday night when he was presented with a certificate at a quarterly meeting of the Hoke County Law Enforcement Officers Association.

Raeford Police Department Detective James Murdock, who had been selected in September for the award, was joined by his family for the official ceremonies at Hoke Civic Center.

A native of Harnett County, Murdock began his career in law enforcement in 1975 as a deputy with the Hoke County Sheriff's Department.

Murdock began working as a detective with the Raeford Police

Department in September 1980. The local officer attended the Criminal Justice Academy and the Police Law Institute. He has studied police science, finger printing, drug investigation and identification and photography.

Murdock and his wife, Phyllis, have three children: Robert, Tanya

Sam Motley, president of the local law enforcement association, said the annual award has been presented to a Hoke County of-

ficer for the past 12 years.

Another presentation was made at the meeting.

District Court Judge Warren Pate accepted a check from the association to go toward his sons' project to establish a war memorial in Raeford.

Pate commented that Jay and Josh were getting close to raising enough money to finish the pro-

## 4-H'ers hear church history

by Kimberly Potter

Ruth Leslie and Priscilla Carson spoke at the Hillcrest 4-H Club

how the Presbyterian Churches in Hoke County came to be. Ruth Leslie spoke in detail about how the first settlers came over and settled in our area.

The speakers gave many facts

Priscilla Carson spoke mainly

The 4-H'ers were all very interested in our county's historic

Sandra Kelly urged everyone to take part in projects for our new year

Everyone picked one or more projects to work on that interested



Officer of the Year

Hoke County Officer of the Year James Murdock (seated) was surrounded by his supportive family last Tuesday evening at the Hoke Civic Center. Family members are: (from left to right) Tanya; Robert; his wife, Phyllis;

## Students given insight into drug abuse woes

By Ron Anderson

"You don't have to swing with the drug groups - its not what's go-ing on these days," retired New York State narcotics agent Jim Green told a crowd of 850 students at Upchurch Jr. High School on

Wednesday.
Green, who is chairman of the
NC Elks Drug Awareness program, made the comment during an address to students urging them not to get mixed up with drugs.

For two years the former agent had been paralized from the waist down as the result of injuries he received during a drug bust. Green now walks aided by a cane. The junior high school was just

one of many stops for Green who travels across the country free of charge speaking to students about the dangers of drugs.

Later that afternoon, he spoke to 400 6th graders at Turlington

"I try to give the students an insight into the insanity of the drug world," said Green.

Green's speech to the students was filled with stories about his days as a drug agent and facts about drugs.

He warned students that traveling in a car with one and one-half ounces of marijuana is a felony and that the vehicle containing the drugs would become the permanent property of the federal government if it were to be stopped by authorities.

Green explained that alcohol is water soluable and will pass through the body in a short time.

But THC, a chemical found in marijuana, will remain in the fatty tissues of the body because it is fat soluable.

"What you do with your body now will affect you for the rest of your life," he said.

The speakers gave the history of

about historic churches such as Sandy Grove, Bethel, etc.

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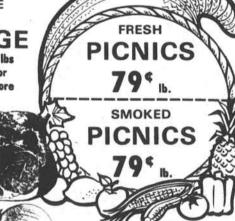
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