

Break-ins hitting county residents

Hoke County residents continued to be plagued by numerous break-ins over the past week.

Two chainsaws belonging to Jessie Lee, Rt. 5, Raeford, were reported stolen from the back of a truck belonging to J.C. McNair while McNair was parked at his residence at Rt. 3, Box 25E, according to Hoke County Sheriff Department records.

In the report, McNair stated that he parked his truck at his residence around 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday and noticed the chainsaws were missing when he left for work the next morning.

In another incident, James Ray, of Vass Road, notified the sheriff's department that a color TV had been stolen from his home sometime between 12:30 p.m. Thursday and 2:35 a.m. Friday.

Records say Ray noticed a lock had been pryed off his door.

Another robbery was reported by Max Locklear, Rt. 1, Box 622, who told officers that a color TV had been stolen from his home.

Locklear noticed someone had

forced open his front door and stolen his television on Saturday, records say.

A refrigerator and stove were reported stolen from a mobile home located at Country Fair Mobile Homes, Inc., South Main Street, sometime last Sunday or Monday, reports say.

Apparently someone forced open the back door of a double wide mobile home and left with the two items.

A kerosene heater was reported missing from the residence of William Junior McBryde, P.O. Box 644, Red Springs, according to reports.

McBryde said he noticed someone had broken out a back window at his home on Sunday, reports indicate.

Colleen Kinney, 829 Jones Road called the sheriff's department and reported that an air conditioner had been removed out of a window in her trailer and placed on the ground last Tuesday, reports say.

Also, a bicycle was stolen from the Church Thrift Store located next to Teal Oil Company on State Highway 211 West.

Reports say the bike was taken sometime between Saturday, November 23, and Friday, December 6.

Two watches were reported missing from David's Food Store, Rt. 2, Raeford, early Sunday morning.

Reports say that David Draughon noticed the items were missing after a newspaper carrier notified him that one of the front windows at his store had been broken.

Sheriff's deputies noticed an 8-inch cinder block behind the counter in the store, reports say.

Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins reports that a shoplifter was arrested and charged with stealing a shirt on Friday.

Sherell Locklear, 16, of Raeford, was apprehended at Sky City, the chief said.

Curtis Crimble, 19, of Prospect

Avenue, Raeford, was also arrested Sunday and charged with stealing two cassette tapes from Sky City, Wiggins said.

In addition, Bobby Billinger, 38, P.O. Box 195, Raeford, was also arrested and charged with stealing two cassette tapes from Sky City on Sunday, the chief said.

A Hoke County woman was injured slightly after being mugged last Monday as she was entering a store at Edenborough Shopping Center.

A male approached Rickie Odum, Rt. 2, Raeford, at the shopping center, grabbed her pocketbook and attempted to run away, according to Wiggins.

Odum held on to her purse until she fell to the ground, the chief said.

Odum received scratches on her knees and hands, Wiggins said.

Inside the missing purse were some credit cards, a check book and a total of \$8 in cash.

Wiggins said the suspect has not yet been apprehended.



Pretty good meal

Steve and Susan Phillips (center) chat after eating pancakes and turkey sausage at the annual Kiwanis Club Pancake Supper. The Phillips were among about 300 local residents who turned out for the event held at Hoke High School last Thursday night. The supper is the club's big fund raiser each year and is coupled with a reverse raffle. Proceeds from the event go to local charities.

Trooper numbers down on Hoke County roads

By Ron Anderson
Hoke County is currently experiencing a shortage of highway patrol officers, but a spokesman for the North Carolina Highway Patrol says the problem should be corrected soon.

The county is allotted four highway patrol officers, but at the present time there are only two on duty, Line Sgt. M.D. Valentine said in a telephone interview on Friday.

"Basically, you have troopers Ken Weston and W.T. Burr, plus a line sergeant, F.L. Moody," Valentine said.

Valentine said the reason the county is short two officers is because one former trooper was dismissed, and another was transferred.

Two new officers are scheduled to report to Hoke County around December 18, Valentine said.

Those officers, D.H. Moore and B.D. White, are currently in school and will be graduating this week.

When they arrive in Hoke County, the new officers will go through a six-week training period with Trooper Ken Weston and Scotland County Trooper Mike Webb, according to Valentine.

Hoke County will again have

four troopers on the road when the training period is completed.

Valentine said the problem of trooper shortages is not confined to Hoke County.

"The entire state is short on personnel," Valentine said. "The Highway Patrol has not added additional personnel since 1972."

"When you think about the increase in the amount of cars in recent years, that puts us at a distinct disadvantage," Valentine said.

Passage of the Fair Labor Standards Act has put a further strain on the highway patrol by not allowing troopers to work overtime without pay, Valentine said.

"We had troopers over the years put in 10 to 12 extra hours a week on their own and never ask for pay," Valentine said. "Now we can't work them but 40 hours, and it's hard to get the job done."

Valentine said legislation signed by President Reagan last month which allows state and local governments to continue offering time off in lieu of overtime pay has helped some.

"It's helped by taking pressure off now that we don't have to pay them, but we still have to give them the time off," Valentine commented.

Deaths & Funerals

Willie Richardson
Funeral services for Willie Richardson, 80, of Route 1, Lumber Bridge, who died Thursday, were held Monday at 2:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Missionary Baptist Church by the Rev. Richard N. Bethea. Burial was in East Lawn Cemetery.

Handon, both of Lumber Bridge. Arrangements were handled by Red Springs Funeral Home.

Surviving are his wife, Jannie Ray Richardson; five sons, Willie James Richardson of Manhattan, N.Y.; Sylvester, Hector, Bobby and Tommy Richardson, all of Lumber Bridge; 11 daughters, Alma Ray, Alice Thomas, Stella Richardson, Rosie Richardson and Maggie Watkin, all of Charlotte, Lizzie Richardson and Gertrude Richardson, both of Raeford, Annie Baker of Fayetteville, Lillie Mae Burke of Fuquay-Varina and Geneva Richardson and Lucille

Carolyn Culbreth Saunders
Mrs. Carolyn Culbreth Saunders, 37, died Thursday.

Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Raeford Cemetery by the Rev. Dr. John Ropp.

She is survived by her husband: Terry Saunders of Charlotte; her father: Fred Culbreth Sr. of Chapel Hill, formerly of Raeford; a brother: Fred Culbreth Jr. of Winterville, Georgia and a sister: Miss Connie Culbreth of Chapel Hill.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation, P.O. Box 2914, Durham, NC 27510 or forwarded through the Raeford Presbyterian Church office.

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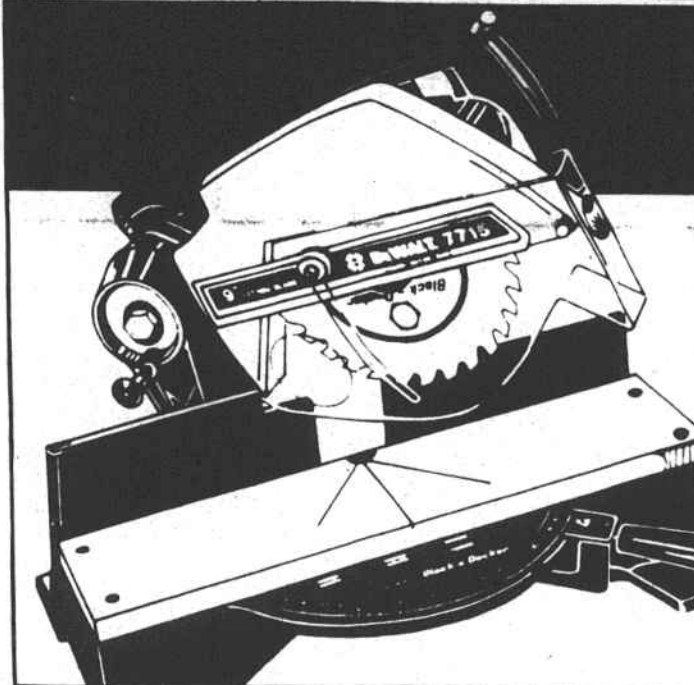
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