



**Graduate nurses**  
The graduating class of a 260-hour nurses assistant program offered by the Hoke County Satellite branch of Sandhills Community College gather for a group portrait at the Hoke County Public Library on Friday. The graduates are now certified as nurses assistants.

## Fleeing driver snared after crash

A Raeford man was arrested Monday night and charged with felony hit and run after his car slammed into the back of another vehicle on Highway 211 near Antioch crossroads.

According to a report by NC Highway Patrolman B.T. Burr, James Jacobs, 31, Lafayette Mobile Home Park, was arrested about three hours after his 1967 Chevrolet hit a 1978 Buick that was stopped on the highway and waiting to make a left on Rural Route 1105.

The driver of the Buick, Jennette Townsend, 27, Rt. 1 Red Springs, was not hurt in the incident.

But a passenger in the car, Willie

Mae Townsend, also of Rt. 1, Red Springs, was transferred to Moore Memorial Hospital in Pinehurst, Burr said.

The Buick received an estimated \$800 in damage and damage to the Chevrolet was estimated at \$1,000, according to the highway patrolman.

Debris from the accident hit the windshield of a 1974 Chevrolet pickup that happened to be traveling on 211.

An estimated \$100 worth of damage was done to the truck driven by Audrey Maynor, 43, Rt. 1, Red Springs, Burr said.

After his vehicle hit the Buick, Jacobs allegedly jumped out of his

car and fled the scene, according to Burr.

With the help of sheriff's deputies, Burr determined that Jacobs was the driver of the car.

"Jacobs was arrested at a residence on State Road 1455," Burr said.

Besides being charged with felony hit and run, Jacobs was charged with failure to reduce speed; driving without insurance; driving an unregistered vehicle; driving with an expired inspection sticker; and driving with a revoked license, Burr said.

Jacobs was taken to Hoke County Jail, but was later released on a \$2,000 bond.

## ... Holidays are time for break-ins

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upset over robberies than anything but capital offenses," Barrington said.

"We understand how people feel when a robbery occurs and we do our best to catch the perpetrators," the sheriff said.

"But, we don't have crystal balls or ouija boards," Barrington said. "Break-ins are harder to solve than anything else."

Although it may look as though the department's batting average is

pretty bad, the department does a better-than-average job in solving break-ins compared to state statistics, Barrington said.

The sheriff recommends steps that may be taken to possibly prevent break-ins from occurring.

They include: leaving lights on in the house; not letting shrubbery get any higher than the windows; securing windows; getting a dog; having solid doors; stopping newspaper and mail deliveries when away; stop leaving keys

under mats; and notifying neighbors when on vacation.

Community Watch programs have significantly cut down on the number of break-ins in the neighborhoods where they are in effect, according to the sheriff.

Barrington said the sheriff's department should be notified the minute someone hears a strange sound or notices anything peculiar.

"The best way to catch a thief is while he's in the house," Barrington said.

## Deaths & Funerals

**Neill H. Cameron**  
Neill Hamilton Cameron, 75, died Friday morning at his home. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Crumpler Funeral Home Chapel by Rev. Dr. John Ropp.

Burial was in Raeford Cemetery. Survivors are two sisters: Mrs. Mary Catherine Petro of Sun City, Florida and Miss Louise Cameron of Raeford.

The family was assisted by Crumpler Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were: Bobby Cox, O.L. Crowder, Grady Hardin, Lee O'Brian, Mark Smith and Frank Teal.



**Running for House**  
Former Robeson County Manager W. Paul Graham announced this week he is planning to seek the Democratic Party nomination for the state House of Representatives in the May 1986 primary. Graham served as Robeson manager for 22 years before stepping down in December. He is a resident of Proctorville and if elected, he would serve Robeson, Hoke and Scotland counties.

## Bond posted in slaying case

A Hoke County man charged with the murder of his stepson was released Friday from Hoke County Jail on a \$40,000 secured bond.

Before his release, John Baxley Jr., 59, was being held on an open murder charge in connection with the shooting death of James Thomas Rickerds, 27, on Saturday, December 7.

Rickerds was pronounced dead on arrival at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center after law enforcement officers found him lying in front of David's Food Store on Davis' Bridge Road at approximately 6:11 p.m.

The court order states that Baxley is not to travel outside of Cumberland or Hoke Counties.

Also, Baxley has been ordered to report to the sheriff's office at 7:30 a.m. on his way to work each morning and 9 a.m. on weekends.

Baxley is employed by the city of Raeford as chief mechanic at the municipal garage.

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