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Wrecked Truck Awaits Removal Of Spilled Load

## Grand Jury Asks 'Cool' Courtroom Truckload of Hay Spilled When Rear Tire Blows

A Hoke County grand jury, meeting at the beginning of this week's term of Hoke Superior Court, returned 13 true bills of indictment, then completed routine duties.

In its report to Judge Edward B. Clark, the grand jury recommended that air conditioning for the courtroom be considered, and if approved, installed as soon as possible. "This is for efficiency, as well as comfort," the report stated, "due to the many noises from the street and other parts of the courthouse making it difficult to hear and understand the judge or the witnesses."

It also recommended that the grand jury room be put on the first floor of the courthouse. The grand jury now meets on the third floor of the courthouse building.

"Some of the witnesses to be heard this session were physically unable to climb the stairs to the top floor," the report contended. Another recommendation in the report, signed by Mrs. Wilson McBryde, foreman, and Mrs. Elizabeth W. Parks, clerk, was that the general maintenance of the courthouse be more closely supervised.

A truckload of hay was spilled on Highway 401 two miles south of Raeford Friday afternoon when a rear tire blew, apparently after the other tire of the dual-wheel setup had gone flat.

State Trooper E. W. Coen identified the driver as Raymond Joseph Kirk of Stedman, who was transporting the hay on the "straight rig" from Society Hill, S. C., to Stedman.

Coen said Kirk told him the truck veered off the highway on the righthand side and overturned.

Earlier Friday afternoon, cars driven by Enid Danner Knight, Arton, Ala., and Walter Suttle Cooper of Albemarle collided on Highway 401 near Bethel Church.

Coen said his investigation revealed that Cooper attempted to make a right turn off the

highway and his vehicle was struck in the right side by the Knight car.

Damage to the two vehicles was estimated at \$1,500. Mrs. Knight was treated and released at a local doctor's office. No charges were filed.

A car and a pickup truck collided at 3:10 p.m. Thursday at Miller's Crossroads, Coen said.

He said his investigation showed that a car operated by Patricia Anne McCormick, 17, of Red Springs, stopped at a stop sign, made a turn, and was struck from the rear by a pickup truck operated by Charles Thomas Jacobs, 18, also of Red Springs.

Jacobs was charged with failing to decrease speed to avoid an accident. Combined damage to the two vehicles was estimated at \$250.

At 2:30 a.m. Saturday, a car driven by Timothy B. Tyler, 25, of Raeford, left the road near Ashmont on N. C. 211 and struck a tree, Coen said.

Joseph D. Tyler, 29, brother of the driver, and Earl Henderson, 29, of Aberdeen, were admitted to Moore Memorial Hospital.

Tyler was charged with exceeding a safe speed, Coen said. See WRECKS, Page 9

## Emergency FHA Loans Available In County

Because of a damaging hailstorm here July 20, Hoke County has been declared a "disaster area" by the Farmers Home Administration.

J. W. Pittman, FHA county supervisor, says the designation once again makes certain operators eligible for FHA emergency loans.

Pittman said the late afternoon hailstorm stripped tobacco leaves from their stalks on about 100 acres of leaf in Que-whiffle Township. He estimated that 40 to 50 farmers were affected.

Interest rate on the loans is 3 per cent. Repayment schedules depend upon purposes for which the money was advanced, as well as upon the estimated income of the applicant.

Application forms and full information concerning the loans are available at Pittman's office in the post office building here.

## Hoke Fair To Begin Monday

Hoke - Scotland Agricultural Fair will begin here Monday and continue through Saturday at the Jaycee Fairgrounds on Old 401 in the Hillcrest community.

It will be the fourth year the fair has been held at the new fairgrounds, which Jaycees purchased and erected an exhibit building on.

Gates will open at 6 p.m. daily except Wednesday, which is children's day, and Saturday. All children will be admitted free from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and also will be offered reduced rates for rides. The fair gates will open at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Delmarva Shows is supplying the midway attractions for this year's fair and features rides, sideshows and games. Concessions also will be set up and operated by Raeford Jaycees.

This year, Jaycees are offering \$400 in premiums in a number of categories of farm and home products. Exhibits must be entered Monday between 9 a.m. and noon. Exhibitors should contact Miss Josephine Hall, home agent, for answers to any questions they may have about rules or premium lists.



OPENING UP -- Mrs. Doug Wallace, right, president of Raeford Jaycees, and Mrs. Jim Stewart, vice president and chairman of the fair booth project, open up the booth for a clean-up job prior to next week's Hoke Scotland Agricultural Fair. Sold at the booth will be hot sandwiches, drinks, snacks and Hoke High football cushions. Proceeds will go toward a scholarship for a high school graduate. The fair is sponsored by Raeford Jaycees.

## Report In Making

# Schools Will Open While Board Plans New Plant To House 7th And 8th

Hoke County schools will open Wednesday as planned, while the county board of education continues to work on desegregation recommendations of the federal government.

W. T. Gibson Jr., superintendent of schools, said Wednesday the school board will file its intentions with the Office of Education, probably Friday. In the meantime, classes will be started as planned.

A federal team visited Hoke County several weeks ago. Last week, its recommendations were made public.

It suggested that the new school under construction on Bethel Road should be made a junior high school for all races, transferring one junior high school grade from Upchurch and one from Hawk Eye to the school. Together with the junior high school grades at Hoke High School, they would fill the new school's 19 classrooms.

The team also recommended complete desegregation of the new school's faculty, and suggested that other desegregation should be accomplished by the board's own initiative.

Hoke County schools have operated for the past several years under a "freedom of choice" plan. The federal team said its opinion that sufficient desegregation has not been made under the plan to qualify Hoke Schools for continued federal funds under the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Nonetheless, with the opening of school only a few days away, the school board has no choice but to start classes as originally planned, hoping the desegregation it will propose Friday will enable the schools to function normally.

Gibson did not reveal to what extent the school board is planning to further desegregate the schools. Virtually all formerly all-white schools now have non-white pupils, with as many as 80 or more enrolled at Hoke High School.

Students will report to their respective schools Wednesday morning for a half-day of registration. Classes will begin on a full schedule Thursday morning. See SCHOOLS, Page 9



SUCCESS, SUCCESS--Ashwell Harward, left, is among the more energetic of Buck Boosters, and the efforts of the entire club paid off last Thursday when the annual kickoff dinner staged by the boosters netted almost enough money to pay for the annual football camp now in progress. Some 400 Buck fans turned out for the flounder fish dinner. Harward is shown here "nailing" former coach George Wood for a ticket.

## Hoke Needs Family Worth 125 Pints Of Blood \$12,700 In Hoke

The quarterly visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile will take place here tomorrow (Friday) in the basement of Raeford Methodist Church from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Doug Wallace, Raeford Jaycees, and Clyde E. Upchurch Jr., American Red Cross, are co-chairmen of the bloodmobile campaign.

"This will be the first visit of the new bloodmobile year," Wallace said, "and we are hopeful we will exceed our quota of 125 pints. Last year, we withdrew from the Red Cross blood bank more blood than we contributed."

It takes only about 15 minutes to contribute a pint of blood, Wallace said. The procedure is both painless and comfortable, he declared.

Doctors from Raeford and McCain provide at least one physician at all times at the clinic. Five or six local nurses also volunteer their services, Wallace said.

(Special to The News-Journal)

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 - What is the net worth, at the present time, of the average Hoke County family?

What assets has it accumulated in the form of cash savings, insurance, equity in its home, automobile, jewelry, household equipment, pension reserves, investments and the like?

Most families have only a vague idea of how much they are worth. They have never taken the trouble to figure out where their stands. Their concern has been of a more immediate nature--weekly income, food bills, taxes, payments on the car, mortgage debt and such.

Where they take stock of what they own, they would probably discover that they are richer than they imagined.

Some guidance for them is provided in national studies of consumer finances, conducted by the Federal Reserve Board and others.

They show that there is a

direct relationship between income and net worth. Families with very low incomes have been able to accumulate very little, while those in the upper brackets have assets equal to several times their annual income.

Applying the national yardstick to Hoke County and to the earnings levels in its area, the indicated net worth of the average local family figures out to approximately \$12,700.

The amount quoted relates to the so-called "average" family. For those in the local area in other income brackets, the estimates are as follows: income of \$5,000 to \$7,500, assets of \$15,000; income of \$7,500 to \$10,000, assets of \$18,000; and income of \$10,000 to \$15,000, assets of \$28,000.

For the population of Hoke County as a whole, it adds up to a total net worth of \$48,445,000.

Taken into account is the market value of all housing, furniture, clothing, cars and

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## Burglary Cases Are Heard In Mixed Term Of Court

Several burglary cases were cleared up and two major cases were continued during the first two days of a one-week mixed term of Hoke Superior Court, which began here Monday with Judge Edward B. Clark presiding.

Eddis Arnold Scott of Cumberland County, 19, was sentenced to four to six years in prison after pleading guilty to four charges of felonious breaking and entering.

Scott, a former construction worker, admitted entering the Freddie Breeden store and McAllister store in eastern Hoke County.

Earl Barnes, charged with auto theft, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three-to-five years.

Robert Cagle and Alvis Hollingsworth, both of Raeford Rt. 2, were given 12 to 18 months apiece after being con-

victed of breaking into The Johnson Company and taking \$84 worth of soybeans.

Their sentences were suspended and they were placed on probation for 18 months and ordered to reimburse The Johnson Company in the amount of \$42 each.

Fairly Junior Jones, 17, Raeford Rt. 2, was given two years, suspended for two years upon payment of \$100 and costs, after conviction of breaking into the home of Bowie Dove and making off with \$66.75 in coins and currency.

Several other larceny charges against Jones were not pressed with leave. He also was placed on probation for two years with the provision that he remain gainfully employed.

Freddie Leevon (cq) Harris, 17, and Molden Harris Jr., 19, each received three to five years, suspended for four years, and placed on probation for four

years after being convicted of breaking into A. T. Bobbitt's store near Leonard Training School. Each was commanded to reimburse Bobbitt \$30 for damage to his store.

Jerry Arthur Knight pleaded guilty to drunk driving and was fined \$100 and costs. The conviction also carries mandatory suspension of driver's license for 12 months.

Leroy Locklear, charged with breaking and entering and larceny of goods valued at \$1,500 was granted a non-suit at the conclusion of state's evidence.

The first degree burglary case against Larry Donnell Peterkin, 19, of Raeford was continued after Peterkin's attorney, Carl Barrington of Fayetteville, explained that he had just been employed to represent the defendant and needed time to prepare his case.

Peterkin is accused of entering the home of Odessa Mc-

Kinnon during the nighttime while people were asleep in the residence. The McKinnon house is in Tylertown.

Peterkin was released on \$4,000 bond.

Cases against four men who allegedly embezzled or handled tires from the State Highway Department garage here were continued until the next term of court.

The quartet included John D. Strider, former employe of the garage; Calvin Foster McBryde Jr., owner-operator of a service station; Louis C. Cunningham, a pulpwood operator, Charles Lewis Blackshear of Goldsboro.

About a dozen truck tires were involved in the alleged thefts. The case was investigated by State Bureau of Investigation agents and an investigator from the State Highway Department.

Attend Hoke-Scotland Fair ... Aug. 28 - Sept. 2