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EVERY LITTER KIT HELPS--Talk about a cat having kittens, Whiskers, the "common kitty" (no pun intended) shown here went overboard. Whiskers came up with a 10-kitten litter and when dinnertime comes, somebody has to wait. Sorry, kitty, no seconds. Whiskers belongs at the John Blackburn home on Raeford Rt. 1.

## Accident Leaves 4 Injured

A car loaded with people returning to Pennsylvania after attending a funeral in Laurinburg was involved in a fiery crash with a pulpwood truck Monday morning just south of Raeford on U. S. 401.

State Highway Patrolman E. M. Roberts said the Pennsylvania car, occupied by eight people, was one of three in a "caravan" returning to Philadelphia. All were former residents of Scotland County, he said.

Four of the eight persons in the car were taken to the hospital, Roberts said, none of them injured critically.

Roberts said the pulpwood truck was being operated by Winford Locklear of Maxton and that Locklear told him he applied brakes to the loaded truck when a car in front of him indicated it was making a right turn off the highway. The truck was traveling southward.

Roberts said the driver told him the truck veered into the opposite lane and was turned sideways when the vehicle struck it. The car rammed the truck at the right front fender and door.

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## Voter Sign-Up Begins March 30

A complete new voter registration in Hoke County will begin in Hoke County Saturday, March 30, and continue for four successive weeks, with registrars at the precinct polling place on Saturdays. The fifth Saturday, April 27, will be challenge day.

J. Scott Poole, chairman of Hoke County Board of Elections, emphasized that all voters must re-register, since the present system of keeping registration books will be abandoned.

The new system, ordered by the 1967 General Assembly, will standardize registration throughout North Carolina. It will be the so-called "loose-leaf" system, wherein each voter has a page in the book and pages can be added or withdrawn without defacing the book.

Poole said there currently are some 4,000 registered voters in the county and it is hoped more than that will re-register before May 3 primaries. Hoke County's registration is predominantly Democrat, but in past years, voting results indicated many people may have been registered Democrats primarily to allow them to vote in the Democratic primary.

A concerted voter registration drive will be conducted in a new Raeford precinct, Raeford No. 5, which was trimmed from the northern part of precincts 1 and 2, also taking a small portion of Raeford No. 3.

Negro leaders had organized a registration drive before the new precinct was created recently, and had to revamp their plans. They held another instructional meeting for campaigners and are now reported ready to launch the drive when the registration books open.

The News-Journal will publish a week-by-week tabulation of voter registration, hopeful that it will encourage more people to register. The county has never produced anything close to its voter potential.

Registrars will be at the polling places on the four Saturdays of registration from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Voters may register any other time they contact the registrar at a reasonable hour.

Following is a list of precincts, registrars, and polling places in Hoke County: Allendale, W.L. Roper, Community Building.

Antioch, Mrs. Herbert Gillis, Community Building. Ashmont, Harry Thornberg, (See VOTER, Page 7)

## Skid Marks Show Slide Of 125 Feet

A pickup truck rammed into the side of an Aberdeen and Rockfish Railway engine near Dundarrach at 8:00 a. m. Wednesday morning, seriously injuring one of the two men riding in the truck.

State Highway Patrolman E. M. Roberts said evidence at the scene indicated the truck, proceeding toward Dundarrach on Rockfish-Dundarrach Road, skidded a distance of about 125 feet before colliding with the diesel engine.

Roberts identified the pickup driver as James William Bentley, 5116 Cumberland Road, Fayetteville, who apparently owned the vehicle. The name Bentley House Moving Co. was painted on its side.

The second man, the more seriously injured of the two, was not immediately identified. He was rushed to Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville with undetermined injuries.

Bentley suffered a severe gash on his head, Roberts said, but did not appear to be critically injured. The crash occurred at a sunlit crossing visible for several hundred yards in both directions. Approach to the crossing was marked by road signs, but no blinking light or audible signal.

Dave Jones of Aberdeen was engineer of the train, which was pulling some six or eight boxcars toward Fayetteville. Members of the train crew and an A & R official at the scene said the train was sounding its whistle long before reaching the crossing and the locomotive was across the pavement when the truck skidded into the side of it.

The front end of the pickup, a late model, was demolished and the vehicle was a total loss.

Members of the train crew and others who arrived at the scene before the victims were moved by ambulance said one man appeared to be seriously injured, but the second apparently not too badly hurt.

## Near Dundarrach

# Pickup, Train Collide; One Man Badly Injured



CROSSING -- This photograph shows the scene of a pickup truck-train collision early Wednesday morning at a crossing

a mile east of Dundarrach on the Rockfish-Dundarrach Road. One man was seriously injured.

## Assistance Is Sought For Page

A fund for benefit of G.A. Page, principal of Upchurch High School, has been started by other principals and public contributions are being accepted, school officials announced this week.

Page has been hospitalized since December and has returned to Veterans Hospital in Durham after a brief visit to his home here.

He first was admitted to Southeastern General Hospital in Lumberton, then transferred to Durham. His ailment is expected to require long hospitalization, school officials said.

Page had no hospitalization insurance, they said, and his resources have been depleted. (See PAGE, Page 7)

## Fire Destroys Home Of Family Of Seven

A house was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin Thursday in the Queenmore section north of Raeford. It was the second house to burn within less than a week in that area, and both reportedly belonged to members of the same family.

North Raeford Fire Department answered the call between 11:30 a.m. and noon, but when firemen arrived, the building was enveloped in flames. It was the home of John and Maggie Belle Galbreath, which Galbreath said he rented from Friscilla McHatter, formerly of Raeford and now living in the North. She was further identified as a daughter of Richard McHatter, whose house burned down early Monday, March 11.

The fire destroyed all the furnishings of the Galbreath

family, which includes the parents and five children. They moved in with relatives temporarily while preparing to establish another rented home. Galbreath, who works for N.C. Sanatorium at McCain, said he extinguished the fire in the space heater before leaving for work. His wife was at her job at Anthony Nursing Home and the children were at school when the unoccupied dwelling burned.

E.W. Coen, chief of the North Raeford department, and other firefighters remained at the scene until neighboring houses were out of danger.

Galbreath said he had no insurance except that on an electric range and refrigerator purchased only recently.

Mrs. Callie Belle Buie, mother of Mrs. Galbreath, said the family is living with her until they can get some furniture to put in a house across the street which they have rented. "They need everything," she (See FIRE, Page 7)

## Andrews Funeral Is Held

Funeral services were held here Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Lorena Aganora Andrews, 82, who died about noon Monday at her home on West Donaldson Avenue after several years of declining health.

A native of Scotland County, she was the widow of Luther W. Andrews, who died in 1945, and had lived in Hoke County since her marriage in 1905. She attended Raeford Institute.

She leaves one daughter, Mrs. T.B. Lester Jr., and one granddaughter, Andrea Lester.

Funeral services were conducted at Raeford Methodist Church, of which she was a member, by the pastor, the Rev. R.E.L. Moser. Burial was in Raeford Cemetery.

Palbearers were Archie McGowan, Carlton Niven, Paul Dickson, J.W. McPhaul, Berder Niven and Paul Burnett.

## Upchurch First Grade 'Hysteria' Nothing To Get Excited About

BY JIM TAYLOR

A first grade classroom at Upchurch School was back to "normal" this week after creating something of a stir for several days.

"Normal" in this particular case means that up to a dozen of the six-year-olds continue to fall into a sleep-like trance, but their condition is not "natural" sleep.

The youngsters have been under close observation since March 11, when school officials were notified something peculiar was happening almost daily in that one classroom. D. D. Abernethy, superintendent of schools, called in health officials, who found absolutely nothing physically wrong with the youngsters, although some of them were given physical examinations which included spinal taps.

Dr. Harry H. McLean, regional director, N. C. Board of Health, ruled out any danger of infection or physical disease,

then called in mental health officials.

This week, a tentative diagnosis of "hysteria" was made by Dr. Don Schulte, psychiatrist and director of Sandhills Mental Health Clinic in Pinehurst, and the diagnosis was confirmed by a Duke University clinical psychologist.

Neither Dr. Schulte nor the psychologist was available for comment today, but Dr. McLean said the class will remain undisturbed, at least for the time being. There is absolutely nothing dangerous or harmful in the situation, he said.

"There is absolutely nothing that poses any danger whatsoever to either the children who are falling to sleep, or other children in the classroom," Dr. McLean said. "There is nothing one will 'catch' from the other, and the teacher has been told exactly how to handle the situation."

Dr. McLean would not speculate on an answer to the odd behavior, although he said it

definitely is psychological and apparently very rare for children of that age.

The young students are not faking, nor are they actually asleep, but retreat into the slumber regularly, sometimes as many as five or six at one time.

In fact, the psychiatric-psychologist team arrived at the classroom Tuesday morning to find five of the youngsters already "onstage" with their routine.

The doctors have talked, or are going to talk, to the children's parents, Dr. McLean said, to insure them there is no harm at all in the youngsters continuing to occupy the classroom.

The incredible situation was first reported to Abernethy about a week ago. The children's teacher, Mrs. Hazel Galbreath, told Abernethy the routine had been going on almost daily, usually in mid-morning, for several weeks.

Abernethy ordered the chil-

dren moved in with another first grade section next door while Mrs. Galbreath's classroom could be examined for possible furnace fumes or other ventilation problems.

The suspected classroom was sealed off and a health board inspector came here to check it. He found nothing which would explain the mystery.

While he was conducting his examination of the room, Mrs. W. S. Young, nurse, entered the room from next door.

"I wish you would come over here," she said, referring to the room next door. "The children are going to sleep."

Five or six children were seemingly asleep. They were taken into the open air, but failed to respond to normal awakening procedures. They even remained apparently asleep while being walked around to keep them awake. Once aroused, they appeared to be normal.

Abernethy had the youngsters (See UPCHURCH, Page 7)



Entranced Student Being Removed

## School Guidelines Apply To 50 States

The federal government earlier this week issued a new set of nondiscrimination guidelines for school systems, applying the racial rules for the first time to all 50 states rather than to the South alone.

The guidelines set a deadline for ending segregation in certain Southern districts, presumably including Hoke County, and they form a base for the government's first big move into the North to check for discrimination.

But the guidelines were said to state that neither the new policies nor the 1964 Civil Rights Act "bars a school system from reducing or eliminating racial imbalance in its schools."

Under the Civil Rights Act, federal officials have required mixing of Negroes and whites in the South, where the races had been kept apart by law or policy. But that cannot be done in the north, they said, where

school segregation has resulted from private housing patterns.

The Civil Rights Act prohibits use of federal funds for programs in which racial discrimination is practiced, and school districts failing to comply with the guidelines stand to lose federal education aid.

Hoke County's school system was advised several weeks ago that it probably was not in compliance with the Civil Rights Act and recommended that immediate action be taken to end the "dual school system" by next fall.

The guidelines also require nondiscrimination activities.

For the South, the new guidelines drop any reference to percentage of Negroes in white schools required for compliance. And for the first time they set a completion deadline of the 1969-70 school year for school districts which are desegregating voluntarily.