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## Train, Car Collide At Arabia Crossing



### No Serious Injury

Nobody was killed in this wreck of the Aberdeen and Rockfish train and a local car. But Oscar Wood of the Rockfish section, driver of the car left with bruise on the head and an injured finger. The right front section of the hood and the right fender of the car were damaged. According to railroad representatives, Wood said that he had stopped his car but was closer to the track than he realized.

## Hoke Superior Court Criminal Term Is Set

Many of the 87 cases on docket for trial in Hoke County Superior Court criminal session to begin Monday are traffic and other misdemeanors; however, there also are numerous felony cases to be tried.

To be here to conduct the session will be Judge E. Maurice Braswell, District Solicitor Doran J. Berry, Betty McFadyen will serve as courtroom clerk.

Rating prominent place on the docket are the case of Ardell Sturdivant, charged with kidnapping and rape; Fairley Jones Jr., charged with crime against nature; Richard Ellis charged with arson; Roscoe Griffin charged with breaking, entering, larceny and receiving, and Johnny Lee Scott, accused of attempted rape.

Charles Elmore Newton is scheduled to be tried on a manslaughter charge. Willard Hunt charged with assault with a deadly weapon, and James Scott, charged with carnal knowledge of a minor.

Others to be tried on charges of breaking, entering, larceny and receiving (not necessarily resulting from the same arrest) are Grady Lee, Jimmie Lee, Clayton Eugene Parks, Pearl Lee

Locklear Oxendine, Charles Wayne Lee and Terry Waterson.

Being brought to court on charges of armed robbery are Charles Willard Dial, Ernest Lee Locklear and Ervin Dean Oxendine.

Those who have been drawn to serve on jury list for this term of court are:

Essie Mae Virgil, Alton Potter, John Henry McLean, Henry McLean, Lula F. Southerland, James H. Sessoms, Mrs. Eula S. Moses, Rod Locklear, Woodrow Lowery Jr., Lizzie Bratcher, Mack Borton, Luther Jackson Jr.

Mary Helen M. Small, Douglas Currie, James E. Easterling, Joe Lambert, Alex M. Baker, Leroy Morrison, Chester Lee McArn, Eric Allen, William H. Womble, Annie Dockery, Annie Bell Willis, Charles A. Pittman.

James R. Riley, Beverly H. Teal, Harry C. Dees, Walter L. Green, Mrs. Jean Johnson, Mrs. W. L. Smith, Lena Mae Shaw, Veronah Kemp, Janie Mae Thomas, Henry McNeill Jr., Arthur Jackson Jr., Julian E. McPhatter.

Mrs. Laverne Mays, Wade D. McDougald, Woodrow Wilson, Lewis Lindsay, Ralph E. Dodge, James D. Harrell, Roosevelt McNair, Brantley Allen, J. E. Wood Jr., Roosevelt Campbell Jr., Louise McDonald, John Allen Smith.

Younger F. Snead Jr., O. B. Maxwell Jr., J. L. Handon, Lawrence Bease, J. C. Barnes, David Davis, James Robert Currie, Frank J. Pait III, Bertha C. Hendrix, Mary Jane McKenzie, Mrs. John H. McNeill Jr., Leslie L. Faircloth.

Franklin R. Watts, Billy E. Fipps, Hattie Mae Locklear, Lottie Jones, Mrs. Lewis Ellebree, Anna Patterson, Blanche McPhatter, Queen Ester Platt, Fred D. Baldwin, Reuben H. Webb, E. T. Brock, Mrs. Allen W. Wood Jr., Mrs. A. L. O'Brian, James Brewer, Betty Lou Rogers, Harold Bean Solmon, Livingston L. Lyons.

## Welfare Department Gets Case Worker

Mrs. Luwana (J. W.) Hayes, a Hoke County resident, has been employed as case worker at Hoke County Department of Welfare. Miss Mabel McDonald, director, has announced.

Mrs. Hayes is a graduate of Pembroke College. She was employed in the office of Raeford Turkey Farms, Inc., prior to coming to the welfare department.

## Pickler Death Ruled Suicide

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon for H. Hugh Pickler of Ashley Heights, whose death Monday morning has been ruled suicide.

Pickler, 44, a tobacco farmer, was found dead of a gunshot wound at a packhouse near his home. His son Virgil made the discovery.

Coroner Franklin Crumpler ruled the gunshot wound was self-inflicted. No inquest will be held, he said.

Crumpler and others said Pickler had been despondent since November, 1966, when his 13-year-old son and three other lads were burned to death in a campout fire near the Pickler home.

The Pickler boy and four companions were camping in a pine grove several hundred yards from the Pickler residence when flames engulfed their canvas tent in the middle of the night. Four of the badly burned boys, including Pickler's son, stumbled through the darkness to the Pickler house. The fifth boy died in the burning tent. Three other victims died after several days of hospitalization.

Neighbors also reported that Pickler's tobacco crop had been severely damaged by a hailstorm Sunday.

Funeral services were conducted at Ashley Heights Baptist Church. Burial was in Ashley Heights Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Nora Harding Pickler, two sons, Virgil and Henry H. Pickler Jr., both of the home; three sisters, Mrs. J. L. Little Jr. and Mrs. Robert Parrott, both of North Augusta, S. C., and Mrs. William Freeman of Statesville; four brothers, William Dwight Pickler, J. D. and J. M. Pickler, all of Aberdeen Rt. 1, and Edwin Pickler of Raeford.

## Raeford Nightclub Killing Hoke's Fourth Of Year; Suspect Is Without Bond

A 37-year-old Raeford Rt. 1 man was bound over to Superior Court here this week and is charged with murder in the Sunday morning slaying of a nightclub operator.

He is James Frederick Handon, 37, who was returned to Scotland County jail without privilege of bond. Hoke prisoners have been housed in Laurinburg for the past year while a new jail was being constructed here.

Sheriff Dave Barrington said Handon is charged with killing Robert Stewart, 48, in the early morning hours Sunday after the pair became involved in an argument at Stewart's club.

Barrington said witnesses indicated Handon and Stewart began arguing about one of Handon's daughters visits to the club. They took the argument outside the club. Barrington said his investigation showed, where Handon allegedly shot Stewart twice with a foreign-made .22 caliber pistol.

Stewart was struck in the wrist by the first shot, Barrington said, and in the chest by the other. He was dead on arrival at Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville.

Stewart's death was the fourth homicide of the year in Hoke County resulting in murder charges being filed.

Barrington said the pistol used in the slaying has not been recovered. As in all homicides by gunshot of the past five years, the gun was not purchased by permit from the sheriff's office, as required by North Carolina law.

Meanwhile, preliminary hearing also was scheduled yesterday for three men charged with theft of about 9,000 pounds of turkey feed and a Hoke man charged with shooting his wife twice.

Defendants in the turkey feed case was Lacy McMillan, 32, Red Springs Rt. 1 is charged with larceny valued at \$432.

Joseph Hunt, alias Nich Hunt, and Alexander Lowery, both of Shannon Rt. 1, are charged with receiving stolen feed.

The theft allegedly took place Sunday morning, July 28, at Upchurch Turkey Farms operations near Timberland.

Defendant in the other shooting case was Henry Wood, Antioch, who is accused of shooting his wife, Emma, last weekend.

Another woman, Mrs. Bredna Joyce Locklear, who accompanied Mrs. Woods home, was struck in the head by a nearly spent bullet which apparently had exited from Mrs. Woods, who was shot in the shoulder and in the arm.

## First Graders

It is urgent that all first graders register before school opens Aug. 30. J. B. Bowles, principal of J. W. McLaughlin School, said Tuesday.

The principal noted that although annual registration has been held for pre-schoolers, many still have not been registered. This can be done this week during the afternoon and any day next week from 8:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.



## Sunday Storm

Hailstorm reportedly as large as golf balls rained down on the crops of several farmers in the Ashley Heights section Sunday and heavy damage was done to numerous tobacco crops. According to area residents, this crop belonging to J. W. King on a state road about two miles from Highway 211 at the Ashley Heights railroad crossing was left nearest to complete ruin.

## Farmers Are Warned About Market Cards

Hoke tobacco farmers were warned this week that possible misuse of marketing cards is being investigated in this area and that "a few (farmers), we are afraid, already are in trouble over this for last year."

The "few" farmers were not identified, but violations reportedly involved use of marketing cards to see tobacco produced on a farm other than the ones for which the cards were issued.

"The investigations are proceeding vigorously," an ASCS official said, "and any farmers or dealers guilty of violations will be subject to penalties provided in program regulations."

Each producer of flue-cured tobacco is issued a marketing card, and more than one card may be issued for one farm and

the quota divided among the cards. The cards contain the poundage quota that may be marketed without penalty. Each time tobacco is sold, a record of the poundage is put on the card.

The grower is made responsible for the record of sales on his card and is subject to penalties if the card is used to market tobacco other than his own.

Meanwhile, a Sunday afternoon hailstorm and "baby tornado" struck in the Ashley Heights section of Queenville Township, inflicting heavy damage to some tobacco crops.

Farm officials said harshest hit were the farms of Crowell Almain, who lost a tobacco barn top to wind, Leonard McByde, J.W. King, D.R. Huff Sr., D.R. Huff Jr. and Alvin Robinson.



Deputy Sheriff Jesse Lee tries out the big key on the holding cell

## Sheriff Will Show New Jail

BY LUCY GRAY PEEBLES

Many persons will go behind bars for the first — and possibly the last — time this weekend when doors are thrown open at Hoke County's \$180,000 jail.

Open house will be held from 2 to 5 p. m. and everyone is invited to tour the facility and stick around for refreshments.

With its electrically operated doors, its modern kitchen, its air-conditioned offices and its terrazzo floors, one of the architects described it as "not the biggest but one of the finest county jails in the state."

For the first time, Sheriff Dave Barrington will have his own private office where he can hold closed door conferences with prisoners, relatives of those under arrest, officers or friends.

His secretary's office will be just inside the front entrance where she will greet the public across a counter of steel cabinets.

Offenders will be taken into the building through a side entrance from an enclosed driveway called a sallyport. Providing double security, doors on each side of the sallyport can only be opened or closed by pressing a button from the inside of the building. This means that a jailer will be at the booking desk at all hours. At the signal from a deputy driving up in a department car, the doors to the

sallyport will be opened electrically and closed again before the man in custody is allowed to vacate the car.

In the booking room will be a wall phone with extension cord to allow prisoners to exercise his phone call rights even from the holding cell which occupies a corner of the booking room.

This is the only cell outside the steel-doored cellblock area. No bars are visible from the corridor leading the cell area except for one barred door separating the office area of the building from the cells and another separating the regular cellblocks from the maximum security section.

Cells are grouped in blocks of four. The blocks are set apart from the main or central corridor and are visible only after a steel door is opened or from the guard's walk.

Each of the four cells has three masonry walls and one wall of steel bars. Each has its own door of bars which open into the barred day room. They can only be opened and closed from a security panel in the corridor.

The guard's walk is another short, narrow walkway which leads from the main corridor, past the front of the day room. A day room is space outside the cells in each block where inmates may eat, sit or pace.

Guard walks are always situated between the bars of the cells, dayroom and the outside wall on which are

non-see-through windows of bulletproof glass. One confined within the lock-up does not see a living thing on the outside until he is allowed to go free or is taken to the courthouse.

When he is allowed a visitor, he sees him through a 12-inch square bulletproof glass and talks through steel mesh-work of lesser dimensions, through which not even a toothpick can be passed.

Every cell is equipped with a lavatory, a commode and a shower. Nothing is breakable, not even the spigots. Water is turned on at each outlet by pressing a button. One press runs water in the shower for one minute. It can be pressed repeatedly, but water cannot be left running indefinitely by an inmate.

Even the mirrors over the lavatory are made of highly polished unbreakable steel. Seats are made of polished steel and so is the long narrow eating or writing table.

It will be just as hard to get into the prison area of the building as it will be to get out. Windows, even though out of reach from the outside courts, are not breakable and the sashes are made of steel, which will not yield, even to a hacksaw.

All walls, doors and ceilings are painted in bright but soft colors of green and yellow and white. Bars are not finished in the traditional black, but are oyster white. Architects point out that this is

done so that dirtiness will show and will therefore be cleaned more often, cutting down on germs. White bars also reveal more quickly any attempts made with a hacksaw, they explain.

There will be no excuse for anyone remaining in the cell in an unsanitary condition. Besides the facilities in each cell, there is a clean-up station and the prisoner who is in a filthy condition when brought in must use it before being put into a cell.

All solid walls are of exposed masonry, finished with a smooth, washable glaze. There are none more comfortable or cheerful in Raeford than these air-conditioned offices of the new sheriff's department.

The kitchen and its large units for refrigerating and freezing is not air-conditioned, nor is any of the security portion of the building. These areas, however, will be "cooled" the architects said.

A solar screen was installed on the back of the building "to camouflage the jail from the vantage point of the school," it was explained. But with the exception of bars over the medical room window (not visible from front or back) the building has not the slightest resemblance of a jail from the outside, neither from east, west, south nor north. It appears to be no more than the name on the front implies. "Hoke County Sheriff's Department"