

## Area Incidents

A wooden chest containing about \$400 was reported stolen from Leola McMatt's residence, Rt. 1 Box 539, on October 24. A steel tape and staple gun valued at \$20 were reported stolen October 24 from a house under construction. The incident was reported by Douglas Hunt, Rt. 2, Box 85-A.

J.H. Blyth, Rt. 1, reported someone removed a double sink valued at \$50 from the old Maxwell Home.

Gertrude Bruton's Raeford home was broken into Saturday evening but nothing was reported missing.

State Trooper E.W. Coen investigated a 4:30 p.m. no injury two car accident Oct. 24 on N.C. 211 at Antioch. A car driven by Viola Davis Monroe, Fayetteville, had stopped at a stop sign and proceeded into the intersection hitting a pickup driven by James Alton Locklear, Pembroke. Damages to the Locklear vehicle were estimated at \$400. Damage to the Monroe car was estimated at \$275. No citations were issued.

A car driven by a 12-year-old girl left unpaved rural road 1414 between Rockfish and Raeford at 10 a.m. Saturday and hit a tree according to investigating State Trooper Coen. Damage to the car was estimated at \$500. The car was registered to Marion Austin Baldwin, Rt. 2.

State Trooper Joe Stanley investigated a two car accident Sunday at Vass Road and U.S. 401 in which eight persons were injured.

A car driven by Isaac Douglas, Laurinburg, reportedly pulled across U.S. 401 into the path of a car driven by Donald King, Aberdeen. The King car reportedly struck the Douglas car broadside. Both drivers, four passengers in the King vehicle and two passengers in the Douglas car were taken to Cape Fear Valley Hospital, Fayetteville, by Morrison's Ambulance Service and the Hoke Rescue Squad. Damages were estimated at \$1,500 to the King car and \$2,000 to the Douglas Car. Douglas was cited for unsafe movement.

One person was injured in a 4 p.m. Tuesday accident on U.S. 211 two miles west of Raeford.

A car driven by Larry Lamont Willis, Raeford, was reportedly turning into a driveway from U.S. 211 when struck from the rear by a pickup driven by David Johnson, Clio, S.C. The Willis car reportedly was knocked into a utility pole and incurred an estimated \$2,000 damages, according to Trooper Stanley.

A passenger in the Willis car, Charles Cook, was taken to Moore Memorial Hospital and treated for injuries.

Damages to the Johnson car were estimated at \$300. Johnson was cited for failure to reduce speed.

Police investigated an accident October 26 at West Prospect Ave. and Dickson Street in which a car driven by Gloria Taylor Barefoot, 901 Fulton crossed the intersection headed North on Dickson Street and reportedly hit a motorcycle driven by Milbin Richard Spera III, Raeford. Spera was taken to Moore Memorial Hospital and treated for injuries.

Damages were estimated at \$800 to the Spera vehicle and \$40 to the Barefoot car. Barefoot was cited for unsafe movement.

Police arrested Ernest Jacobs, 24, Raeford, October 24, on a warrant signed by Joe Oxendine, Pembroke, charging Jacobs with fornication and adultery. Jacobs was released at 9:30 a.m. October 27 after posting \$300 bond and is scheduled to appear in district court Friday.

Terry Caulder, 19, and Harold Dee Jacobs, 19, both of Raeford were arrested by police October 27 and charged with damaging a vending machine at Hugh's Texaco. Both were released on \$200 bond and are scheduled to appear in District Court November 9.

In a 10:20 a.m. October 27 accident, at Harris Avenue and Dickson Street, police report a car driven by Elaine Cole Hendrix, Rt. 1, hit the rear of a car driven by Anthony McGregor, Rt. 3, which was making a left turn off Harris Avenue.

Damages were estimated at \$1,000 to the Hendrix car and \$1,200 to the McGregor Car. Mrs. Hendrix was charged and cited for unsafe movement.

## Three Units Of Government In Hoke County Area

(Special to The News-Journal  
NEW YORK, Oct. 27 -- Does Hoke County have more or fewer governmental agencies, for its size, than other communities?

How many of these administrative bodies, with power to pass rules and regulations affecting local residents, are there in the county?

A comparison of the local governmental structure with that found in other sections of the country, is made possible through a report on the subject, recently released by the Department of Commerce. It is called "Governmental Organization."

The data for it was gathered from all parts of the country in connection with the 1972 Census of Governments. The findings indicate that, in many areas, community affairs are being directed less and less by county, municipal and township governments and more and more by autonomous or semi-autonomous sub-divisions.

Increasingly, the controls are being delegated to school districts and to special districts with responsibilities over toll roads, bridges, water supply, fire and flood control, public housing and the like.

In Hoke County, the report shows, there are now some 3 units of government in operation, 2 of them with property taxing power.

They consist of one municipal government, no township governments, no independent school districts, one special district and the county government itself.

The number is exactly the same as was tabulated in 1967, when the previous Census of Governments was taken.

By way of comparison, there was a reduction of 3.7 percent nationally in the number of local governments in the five-year period.

In American Indian lore, the spider is a creature of mystery and power. National Geographic says. Some tribes believed a spider woman introduced weaving on earth, others believed the Creator was a spider, and still others saw spiders' orbital webs as symbols of the universe, with lines connecting earth to the heavens.

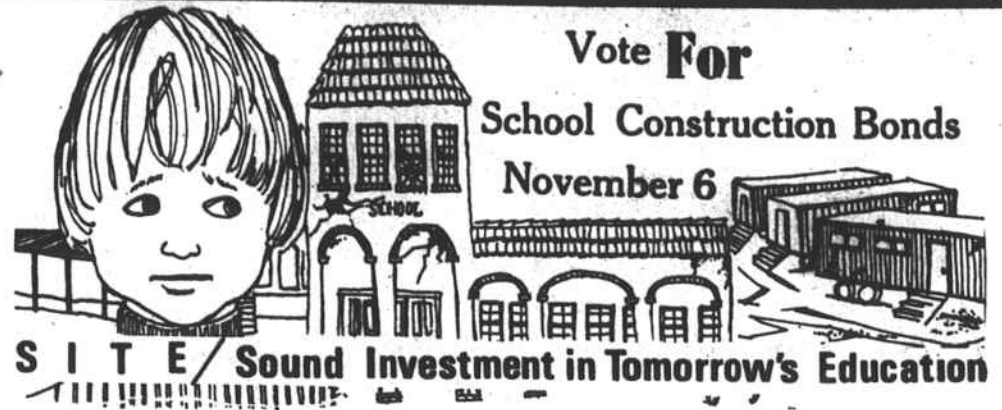
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## Sunday School Lesson

Somebody has said that "This is the era of 'Every man for himself.'"

It is true that there is a great emphasis today upon discovering and developing our own selfhood. Individuality is greatly honored, if not greatly practiced. We are encouraged to "forget what others say and do your own thing."

Paul supplies a good text for that thesis: "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind..." (Romans 12:2). We can either let the world put its mark upon us, or we may determine to make our mark upon the world.

But isn't it audacious to think of putting your mark upon the world? No, says Paul, because that mark is distinctively you, is God's gift within you. It is his image appearing in you and you must never allow the world to blur the divine image, to obscure its features. Our individuality is our most precious heritage from God.

We are different, Paul points out, and

we all have different "things" to do. In the early church there were a diversity of gifts: prophecy, service, teaching, exhortation, etc. Each person is differently and individually endowed and does not belong in any kind of conforming mould.

At the same time, though we are diverse in what we can contribute, we are one in that we all have something we can give and which is needed by our fellow Christians. "Doing our own thing" is intended to enrich, not only our own self-estimation, but the lives of others as well. To some people, "Doing your own thing" means carving out a personal existence quite unrelated to other people. That, however, is not what Paul is speaking of. For one reason, "your own thing" is not just yours; it came from God, belongs to him. For another, regardless of the magnitude of "our own thing", we still need what others can give to us. "Our own thing" by itself is incomplete, inadequate. What others have, I need; what I have, someone else needs.

Our freedom means that we do not have to conform to other people. Yet, Paul calls us to voluntarily (not under compulsion) dedicate our gifts, our talents to God as an offering. We do not have to do so in order to win his love, but having been given his love as a gift of grace, we may in gratitude voluntarily put ourselves at his disposal.

Thus, we will "do our own thing," not to assert our independence, or to live unto ourselves alone, but as a thank-offering to God who gave us our gifts in the first place that we might serve one another.

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