

## Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The weather took on a winter spell over the weekend. The thermometer dropped below freezing Saturday and Sunday nights. Monday the weather took a warming trend.

The fuel shortage has caused many people to begin measures to save fuel. Car pools are being formed in the industrial plants, heat is being kept at 68 to 70 degrees and some have cut speed back to 50 mph.

According to reports gas rationing may start by the first of the year. I hope that something can be worked out so that this doesn't come to pass. I still remember the rationing of World War II days and it was not for the best.

So think of ways you can conserve fuel and maybe things will work out for the best.

The following is published in the interest of the Fund started by the Hoke County High School Library:

"Last Spring the young people of Hoke County lost a dear friend in Neill James Blue. Several of his friends wanted to "do something" to remember him and finally it was decided to start a "Neill James Blue Memorial Collection" in the Hoke County High School Library. His family and friends have donated funds to initiate the collection which will be used to purchase books on two of Neill's favorite subjects (and those of the young people he loved)-sports and poetry. It is hoped that this collection will be a fitting tribute to the memory of a man who gave his support, devotion and love to young people. He looked forward to sports events at the high school as much as any parent of a player and was one of the biggest boosters of the players and the coaches.

"Neill was a lover of poetry. He often quoted passages from poetry he had read and enjoyed. He felt that life must be shared and whenever he was able to share a smile, a poem, or a happy thought, he was happy. Even when Neill was in great pain, he thought of others. His cheery "Have a good day" carried with it the feeling that the recipient would indeed have a better day after hearing from Neill.

"The Neill James Blue Memorial collection will be used for the benefit of those young people that Neill dearly loved. Individuals wishing to contribute to this collection may do so by calling 875-5360 or by contacting Hoke County High School Library."

Sincerely,  
Fran Solomon,  
Librarian  
Hoke County High School  
Raz Autry, Principal

## Four Get 18 Months

Four Raeford men were handed sentences of 18 months as youthful offenders in district court Friday after being convicted of petty larceny. The shoplifting spur occurred during recent weeks.

Bennie Lee Williams, 17, Rt. 1, was convicted on five counts of petty larceny. He was charged with taking a pair of pants valued at \$16 from B.C. Moore's, an album valued at \$4.79 from Macks Variety and Fashions, two albums valued at \$9.85 from Super Dollar, a man's hat valued at \$5.95 from Joe Sugar's, and a billfold containing money and valuable papers valued at \$50 belonging to Mary Brady.

Randy Emanuel Blue, 16, Rt. 1, was

# Undercover Agent Buys Drugs; Eight Suspects Rounded Up

## Collins Store Will Close

Collins Department Store is closing after 34 years in Raeford. According to Jack Sisk, executive vice president of the Collins Co., the firm wants all future stores to be about 30,000 square feet and the Raeford facility is much smaller than this.

He said the current Main Street facility would require a large cash outlay to update, remodel and replace fixtures and "We would still have a small store."

Sisk announced J. I. Hubbard, store manager, would transfer as manager of another Collins Store to be announced in the future. Hubbard has been with the firm 27 years. Sisk also stated all employees had been offered transfers but Hubbard was the only one to accept.

Final closing date will depend on how quickly merchandise moves during close out sales but will be no later than the first of the year, said Sisk. All store fixtures will also be sold.

Buck McPhaul, owner of the building, reports on definite news on a new tenant for the two - story 45 feet by 100 feet building.

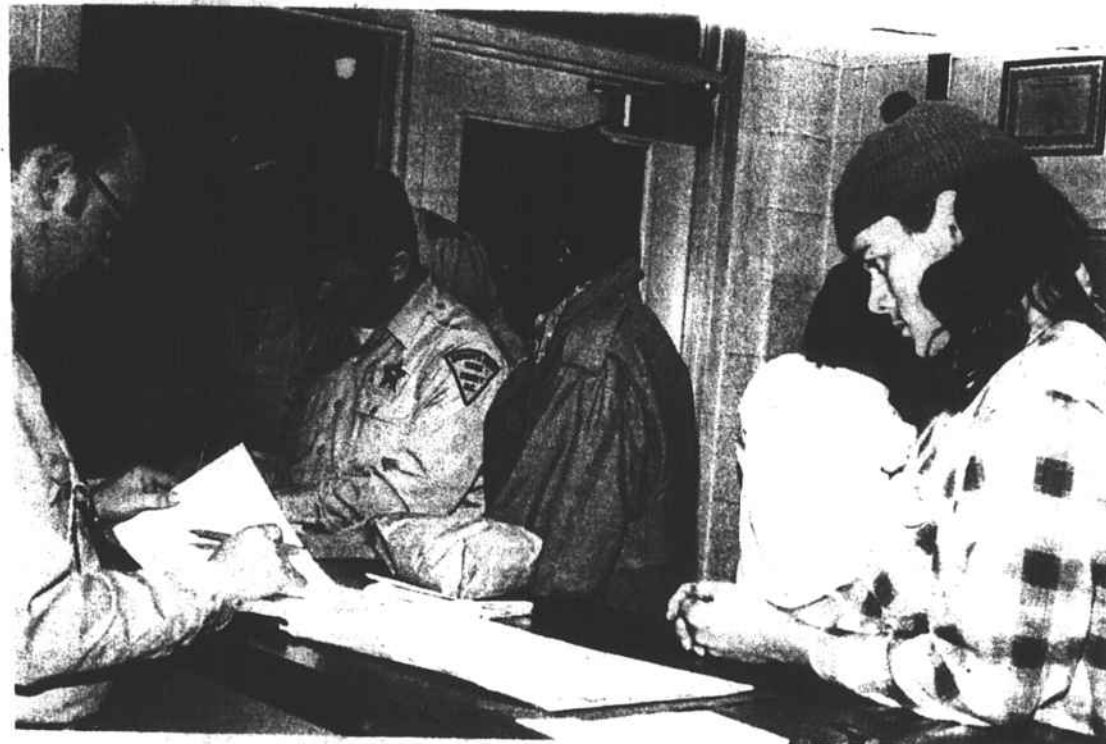
## Fall Injures Miss Bounds

A teenaged Raeford girl was reported in critical condition by personnel at Cape Fear Valley Hospital Wednesday morning. Debbie Bounds suffered head injuries in a fall from a horse Sunday afternoon.

Miss Bounds, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby C. Bounds of College Drive, was riding on a horse with Cindy Connell, 14, along a dirt path behind Edenborough Center. The horse apparently was cantering when Miss Bounds fell to the ground.

Shortly after the accident Lewis C. Cunningham of Raeford stopped at the scene, placed the girls in his car and took them to the Raeford Police Department.

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DRUG RAID - Hoke County jail was a busy place Tuesday evening during drug raid which stemmed from alleged undercover purchases of LSD, cocaine and marijuana. Shown in jail booking area are, from left, Deputy Sheriff Chester Bolton, Raeford Patrolman John McNeill, Deputy J.R. Young, suspect Kenneth A. McLauchlin, and SBI agent (back to camera) and suspect Joseph Stanton. Door in background leads to sally port where the patrol cars drive through electrically operated overhead grate doors so area is completely enclosed before suspects are let out of vehicles. (N-J Photo)

## Woman Enters Guilty Plea, Sentenced To 22 Years

A Raeford woman was sentenced to 22 years in prison in superior court Tuesday after pleading guilty to second degree murder in the pistol slaying of a Dundarrach man last June.

The victim Barbara Alexander Smith, 30, was shot once in the abdomen with a .22 caliber pistol and died at Cape Fear Valley Hospital 12 hours later.

During presentence questioning Mrs. Louise Walker told Chief Superior Court

Judge F. Maurice Braswell she was not satisfied with the services of her court appointed attorney Chief Public Defender Sol Cherry.

Mrs. Walker said she had requested a number of character witnesses be subpoenaed and none of them were in court. Cherry told the judge he had subpoenaed the witnesses "last week but have not had time to check and see if they were returned." Braswell questioned Mrs. Walker further and pointed out the addresses she had given were not complete but he would ask deputies to locate the witnesses. They were able to do so and several character witnesses appeared later in the day to testify.

During the discussion Mrs. Walker pointed out to Judge Braswell she had been in jail "six months."

In other action three young men entered guilty pleas to kidnapping and robbing a 75-year-old Fayetteville salesman A.M. Rouse on August 17. Judge Braswell deferred sentencing of Gregory Scriven, 17, Walter Lee Harris, 19, and Curtis Baldwin, 21.

Scriven is being sent to Western Correctional Center for presentence diagnostic testing and is scheduled to be returned to Hoke County for sentencing within 60 to 90 days.

Sentencing for Harris and Baldwin was deferred until today to allow their attorney to contact witnesses in the case. The defendants have not taken the stand. Sheriff D.M. Barrington testified and Rouse showed the scars from rope cuts to the judge, attorneys and district attorney in the judges chambers.

A Fayetteville man was found innocent of murder by a jury of five women and seven men Wednesday morning. John Edward Bethune, 26,

was tried in connection with the December 1972 shooting of Johnny Daniel Fairley of the Oil Mill Section.

The shooting took place in the home See 22 YEARS, Page 11

## Youth Case Settled Here

At a juvenile court preliminary hearing Friday Judge Joseph E. Dupree ruled a 14-year-old boy was not to be tried for murder as an adult in the November 1 shooting death of a man in his mid twenties.

Dupree ordered the youth placed in custody of the Board of Youth Development until he reaches 18 or until the board sees fit to discharge him.

The victim, was James Earl Bornhell alias, James Earl Barnhill, James L. Yancey, James Lee Yancey, George Green and James Moore.

Testimony at the hearing indicated the dead man had been "slapping the juvenile around" prior to the shooting. Bornhell, according to testimony, escaped from the Harnett Youth Center about six weeks before the shooting and had a record of auto larceny and escape convictions dating back to 1967. The incident occurred in the Bowmore section.

Present at the hearing were the juvenile, his parents, his sister, one additional witness, Kenneth Glusman, assistant public defender, David Fox, assistant district attorney, D.M. Barrington, Hoke County sheriff, and Howard Culbreth, juvenile probation officer.

## Need Early N-J Items

News items and advertising for the November 22 edition of The News-Journal should reach the N-J office as soon as possible with final ad deadline set Monday.

Early submission of items is requested because next week's edition will be printed on Tuesday instead of Wednesday because of the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday.

## Two Quit County

The resignation of two more deputy sheriffs was announced this week by Sheriff D.M. Barrington.

The resignations leave the Sheriff's Department with only half of its authorized six road deputies. One of the resigning men is joining the Raeford Police Department which will bring that force up to full strength.

The resignation of Geroge Brown, a deputy since June 1972, is effective November 25. He will begin work on the Raeford police force December 1 replacing Chester Price who resigned for health reasons.

Brown who says he is changing jobs for shorter hours and more pay will draw the same starting salary (\$6,800) from the city that he receives from the county after almost 17 months.

The resignation of Bolton, a county deputy since last June, is effective December 10. He is leaving to join a newly formed banking and aviation company in Bogalusa, La. as crew chief and co pilot.

## Thanksgiving Service Slated

The Raeford Ministers' Association and the Churches of the community announce a community wide Thanksgiving service to be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Herman Winberry, pastor of the Raeford United Methodist Church and president of the Ministers' Association, will be the main speaker. Other ministers taking part in the

service will be: the Rev. Jack Mansfield, First Baptist Church; the Rev. Bill Ginn, Evangelical Methodist Church; and the Rev. Lewis Jolly, Second Baptist Church.

An offering for the benefit of projects of the Ministers' Association will be received.

All persons in the community are welcome to attend and participate in the community wide service of Thanksgiving.



KIDNAPERS - Flanked by deputy sheriffs three young men who pleaded guilty to the August 17 kidnaping and armed common law robbery of A. M. Rouse of Fayetteville and Dunn are shown being escorted from the county jail to the courthouse for trial Tuesday. The convicted youths are, from left, Walter Lee Harris, Curtis Lavern Baldwin and Gregory Scriven. (N-J Photo)

Members of the SBI, Hoke County Sheriff's Department and Raeford Police Department loaded into squad cars and fanned out across the city and county Tuesday evening in a drug raid which stemmed from alleged undercover buys of LSD, cocaine and marijuana.

In all, seven men and one juvenile were picked up and charged with felonious possession and distribution of a controlled substance. Two of the suspects were charged with more than one count and the rest with one count each. All but the juvenile are scheduled to appear in January superior court session.

Arrested and released on \$5,000 bond were Earl Leslie Jr., 22, Rt. 1 Box 341; Edward L. Wright, 47, 511 E. Sixth Ave.; and the juvenile who is scheduled to appear for juvenile hearing Friday.

Remaining in jail Wednesday morning in lieu of \$5,000 bond were Archie F. Bristow, 24, Rt. 2; Joseph Stanton, 22, Rt. 2; Kenneth A. McLauchlin, 19, (two counts of distribution) Rt. 1; and Ronald Charles Stone, 22, 329 N. Main St. Held in lieu of \$10,000 bond is Larry Pittman, 26, (two counts of possession and two of distribution) Rt. 2 Box 243.

Sheriff D.M. Barrington reports the undercover agent has been working in the area since the first of October. One suspect is still being sought, another left town before the raid and one buy was arranged in Hoke County but the transaction took place in Scotland County removing the alleged crime from Hoke jurisdiction. McLauchlin was picked up on warrants. The others were arrested on capias issued on sealed indictments from the grand jury which was in session Tuesday.

The jail was a tempest of activity Tuesday evening with suspects being unloaded from patrol cars in the sally port and ushered into the booking room. Rights were read, suspects frisked and fingerprinted, pockets emptied, pictures taken and questions asked. SBI agents checked and double checked paper work. Law enforcement officers picked up capias and left in search of other suspects.

Noise abounded with call signs and messages crackling over the radio and walkie talkies. Not too long after the first suspects were brought in the phone calls began—relatives asking questions about bond and court dates.

One deputy answered a call at 8:55 p.m. "No mam, not right now. Someone is talking to him...No mam, someone here is talking to him. Yes mam, we'll give him his medicine. O.K. mam." He hung up. The phone rang again at 8:56 - and so the night continued.

In the meantime people began straggling through the front door to ask the same questions that were coming over the phone.

"Is my son here?"  
"He's in the back. As far as I know his bond is set at \$5,000. He is charged with selling drugs."

"Did you find some drugs?"  
"I'm not the one who searched him. He's charged with selling drugs to an undercover agent."

"How did they know it was my son? I don't believe it. Somebody probably sold it and gave his name. That is what happened. Just because he is in college and trying to make something of himself."

Some of the women who were seeking information cried audibly and could be heard back where the booking procedures were underway. Others stood with silent tears running down their faces.

In the meantime the parade of suspects continued. Some forearms were checked apparently for telltale marks. Knives found on suspects were turned in. So were other personal belongings.

Attempts were made to reach Judge Derb Carter to get permission to release the juvenile on bond because he was ill. Carter could not be reached so District Attorney Jack Thompson was contacted and approved the plan.

Clerk of Superior Court E.F. Smith came in to approve a property bond to release one of the prisoners. A law enforcement officer in the rear shouted, "Who was the last one to be printed?" "I need to send two men to Southern Pines."  
"Are you going to Fayetteville to pick him up?"

Suspects were moved about, some wearing knit hats, others bare headed. See DRUGS, Page 11