

State Revenue Show Increase

General fund collections for January amounted to \$126.1 million as compared with \$119.8 million collected in January, 1974. This was an increase of \$6.3 million.

For the first seven months of the current fiscal year, net general fund collections were \$834.8 million, an increase of \$84.4 million over last year. January net highway fund collections

amounted to \$51.3 million up \$1.8 million from last year. Gasoline Tax receipts amounted to \$23.6 million compared with \$21.6 million collected in January, 1974.

Net highway fund collections for the first seven months of the current fiscal year were \$198.8 million as compared with \$202.6 million collected during the first seven months of the 1973-74 fiscal

year. Gasoline Tax collections for this seven month period were \$161.5 million as compared with \$163.5 million collected during the corresponding period of the 1973-74 fiscal year.

Join the Boy Scouts



CROWDED - Three people share the cramped quarters in the small, wooden house heated by a wood stove. Mrs. Ruthie Willis, 77, lives there with her son Lawrence (shown) and grandson, Jerry.

In District Court

'Wolfpack' Chaser Brings Drinking Drivers In For Pleas

A record of drunken driving cases were on docket Friday, many results of the highway patrols 'Wolfpack' operation before Christmas. One defendant was acquitted, while several others had the charges dropped by the state in return for guilty pleas to lesser offenses.

Larry W. Phillips, 30, of 216 E. Fifth St., was found not guilty of DUI by Judge Joseph E. Dupree following the testimony of Trooper J.R. Leonhardt.

Those persons who pleaded guilty to lesser offenses after DUI was not pressed, or not prosecuted, included Cameron D. Bounds, who pleaded guilty to reckless driving. Bounds drew a suspended 60 day term and was fined \$100. .12 was the blood alcohol level, according to records.

Others pleading guilty to reckless driving after DUI was dropped were Joseph Lowery, Rt. 1, Raeford, 60 days suspended, \$100 fine; blood alcohol .24, according to records; Wilbert H. Locklear, Shannon, 60 days suspended, \$100 fine. Breathalyzer unit not working, according to records; and Joseph M. Murry, Fayetteville, 60 days suspended, \$100 fine, blood alcohol level .21, according to records.

Those pleading guilty to DUI were Ralph Ricks, Smithfield, (third offense), 18 months suspended for three and one half years, placed on probation three and one half years, ordered to surrender license, begin alcoholic rehabilitation, and fined \$500; Flora M. Priest, Rt. 3, Raeford, (second offense) six months suspended for two years, placed on probation two years, ordered to surrender license, begin alcoholic rehabilitation, and fined \$250. Blood alcohol level was .27, according to records. A second charge of public drunkenness was not prosecuted.

Also Sam L. Porter, Jr., Fayetteville, six months suspended for two years, placed on probation two years, ordered not to drive for two years, directed to begin alcoholic rehabilitation, and fined \$250. A Breathalyzer test was refused, according to records; James E. Locklear, Red Springs, (failing to reduce speed not prosecuted), 60 days suspended for two years, put on probation two years, ordered not to drive for two years, alcoholic rehabilitation ordered, \$250 fine. A Breathalyzer test was refused, according

to records.

Five defendants pleaded guilty to DUI and received suspended ninety day sentences, \$150 fines, and limited driving permits. They were:

William T. Howell, 121 S. Wright St., blood alcohol level .31, according to records; Lloyd E. Brown, Southern Pines, Breathalyzer reading .14, according to records; Donnie L. Chapman, Rt. 1, Raeford, (improper passing not prosecuted), Breathalyzer reading .18, according to records; and Ronnie Jacobs, Rt. 2, Raeford, (public drunkenness not prosecuted), Breathalyzer reading .18.

Gene M. Deese, Rowland, also pleading guilty to DUI received no driving permit, a 90 day suspended sentence, \$150 fine, and orders not to drive for one year.

In other action, one of four men charged with a \$4,861 holdup of the County Line Grocery Feb. 10 waived a preliminary hearing for armed robbery.

James A. Lambert, 18, Rt. 2, Red Springs, will face indictment by the Superior Court grand jury. \$5,000 bond was continued.

Leavy Baker, Jr., Carthage, waived a preliminary hearing and will face action by the grand jury on two charges of forgery, and passing forged checks. Total bond was set at \$2,250.

Wardell Jones, P.O. Box 88, Raeford, was also bound over to the grand jury for passing a forged check he waived a preliminary hearing. Bond was set at \$750.

Arol H. Smith, Rt. 2, Raeford, pleaded guilty to possession of beer with intent to sell and sale of beer and received a 12 month term, suspended for three years, fined \$100, and ordered not to possess any alcoholic beverage without a permit. Notice of appeal was made and bond set at \$600. Smith's wife, Magdalene, pleaded guilty to the same charges and drew the same sentence and fine.

Also pleading guilty to V.P.L. and receiving 12 months suspended for three years, \$100 fine, and orders not to possess alcoholic beverages without a permit was Darryl Cribb, Red Springs. A second charge of V.P.L. was not prosecuted.

Arthur C. Johnson, Davis Bridge, pleaded guilty to assaulting a three year

old child and drew a two year term suspended for three and one half years. Johnson was put on probation for three and one half years and ordered to undergo psychiatric examination. He was ordered to pay \$500 for the use and benefit of the child.

Mitchell Parker, Rt. 2, Raeford, was found not guilty of assault on a female and the prosecuting witness was levied costs for frivolous and malicious prosecution.

Ozell Beatty, Raeford, was found not guilty of assault with a deadly weapon (ADW) and the prosecuting witness was ordered jailed until costs were paid.

Lawrence Holland, 16, P.O. Box 506, pleaded guilty to making a false report to the police radio and a six month term was suspended for two years provided he not drive for 12 months and pay costs. He was also ordered to stay home between dusk and dawn for the next six months unless he was accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Lonnie F. Farmer, Raeford, pleaded guilty to worthless check for \$10 to Parks Grocery and a 30 day term was suspended upon payment of restitution and costs.

James D. McNeill, Aberdeen, pleaded guilty to inadequate support and a 60 day term was suspended upon payments of \$30 weekly for child support and costs were remitted for good cause shown.

Lacy Purcell, Jr., Raeford, pleaded guilty to inadequate support and a 90 day term was suspended upon payments of \$20 weekly for support. Purcell was ordered to pay costs.

Aaron D. Davis, Jr., Fayetteville, was found not guilty of driving left of center.

A number of persons pleaded guilty to driving violations. They were:

Robert W. Comstock, Spring Lake, speeding 76 in a 55 mph zone, 30 days suspended, \$25 fine; Jeffrey L. Rogers, Red Springs, 72 in a 55 mph zone, 30 days suspended, \$20 fine; Jerry S. Langley, Ft. Bragg, 68 in a 55 mph zone, 30 days suspended, \$15 fine; William C. Brown, 304 W. Sixth Ave., 67 in a 55 mph zone, prayer for judgment continued (PJC) upon payment of costs; James Breeden, P.O. Box 402, Raeford, failing to report accident, 30 days suspended, \$25 fine; John H. Wall, Sanford, 65 in a 55 mph zone, PJC upon payment of costs; Margaret E. Holland, 710 Bethel Rd., reckless driving, (81 in a 55 mph zone not prosecuted), \$35 fine.

Also, Carl P. Williford, Fayetteville, 66 in a 55 mph zone, PJC upon payment of costs; John C. Penny, Aberdeen, 68 in a 55 mph zone and passing in marked intersection, 30 days suspended, \$25 fine; Gilbert Jones, Rt. 3, Raeford, 65 in a 55 mph zone, PJC upon payment of costs; Pearson Locklear, Maxton, exceeding a safe speed, PJC and costs remitted for good cause shown; Van N. Johnson, Ft. Bragg, 70 in a 55 mph zone, 30 days suspended, \$15 fine; Marlene A. Hester, Lumberton, 65 in a 55 mph zone, PJC upon payment of costs; Thomas H. Campbell, Fayetteville, 65 in a 55 mph zone, PJC upon payment of costs; and George G. Davis, Wade, 65 in a 55 mph zone, PJC upon payment of costs.

Found not guilty was John H. Love, McCain, driving while license suspended. Jimmie D. Maynor, Red Springs, was found not guilty of driving without a license and pleaded guilty to an inspection violation. He was taxed costs.

The following cases were not prosecuted.

Ernest Parker, Rt. 2, Raeford, worthless check; Joseph M. Murray, Fayetteville, public drunkenness; Donnie L. Chapman, Rt. 1, Raeford, 75 in a 55 mph zone; and James E. Locklear, Rt. 3, Raeford, public drunkenness.

Tax Deductions Average \$2,600 In Hoke County

(Special to The News Journal)
NEW YORK, Feb. 22 - How closely do the tax deductions claimed by Hoke County residents, in filing their Federal income tax reports, compare with those taken by people in other parts of the country?

What do tax deductions amount to normally, at each income level, for charitable contributions, local taxes, medical costs and interest payments?

Such information, useful to taxpayers who are compiling their income and expense figures for the April 15th deadline, is supplied in a study made by the Commerce Clearing House, specialist in taxes and business law, on the basis of data obtained from the Treasury Department.

It shows that, in general, families throughout the country that have earnings equal to the Hoke County average have been listing deductions of about \$2,600, which is equivalent to 26 percent of their adjusted gross income.

Among families whose earnings are lower than the local average, the amounts that are deductible represent a larger percentage of their income. For those in higher brackets, on the other

hand, the deductions are lower, percentage-wise.

The range is from 39 percent of gross income, for those with very small earnings, to 18 percent for those at the upper end.

Families in the local area with incomes of \$10,000, for example, will have deductions of about \$2,550 if they conform with the norm. Those at the \$15,000 level will have \$3,100 to deduct and those earning \$8,000, approximately \$2,350, according to the Commerce Clearing House report.

A breakdown of the deductions ordinarily taken by families with incomes equal to the Hoke County average are: for contributions, \$327, for interest on loans and installment debt, \$926, for local taxes, \$881, and for medical and dental expenses, \$466.

These figures are merely a guide to what most people are listing as tax deductions, notes the CCH, and are not automatically accepted by the Internal Revenue Service.

Some families may have legitimate deductions far in excess of the average. In all instances, the taxpayer must be able to substantiate them with proper records.

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