



LEAD THE WAY—Raeford Jaycees Larry Phillips, (far left), and Bobby Strother, president, (far right), give out sponsor sheets to two walkers in the cerebral palsy walkathon set April 12. Raeford police chief Leonard Wiggins and school superintendent Raz Autry are planning to walk the 20-mile route. Autry will be sponsored by the Jaycees and Wiggins has signed up several sponsors already.

Area Incidents

Marines Beaten, Robbed

Two Marines from Camp Lejeune reported they were beaten and robbed early Tuesday morning. Mitchell Green and Tyrone Thomas told Hoke County deputies they were visiting the home of Shirley Smith near Balfour Crossroads about 12:30 a.m. when they were beaten up and robbed. They could not identify their assailant. Green reported he lost about \$85 and Thomas said about \$35 was taken from him.

A man was stabbed during what the investigating deputies characterized on his report as a domestic problem.

According to the report, an ambulance was ordered for Glenwood Hunt, who was stabbed in the ribs with a pocket knife about 2 a.m. Easter morning at the home of Mae Chavis. No charges were listed as having been filed.

Several break-ins were reported during the week in the county.

Robert E. Fludd of Rt. 2, reported the theft of a television, an electric typewriter and two irons on Saturday. According to the deputy's report, someone entered the home near Davis' Bridge between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. by breaking the glass on the back door.

Betty Lou Robertson of Rt. 3, reported that a .22 calibre pistol was stolen Monday from her purse, which was in her car.

The door was damaged during an attempted break-in Friday at Clayton Gore's grocery on Rt. 1, Shannon. Nothing was reported missing.

Silver dollars and jewelry valued at \$106 were reported stolen Friday from the Rt. 4 home of R.K. Nash. Entry to the home was apparently gained through the unlocked front door.

The theft of copper tubing from the Tommy Upchurch farm on Arabia road

was reported March 26. Also reported that day was vandalism at the salvage yard near North Raeford fire station. James Easterling told deputies that someone walking by the yard shot out car windows with a BB gun.

City police investigated the theft Monday of a small calculator from the Soil Conservation Service office. Furman Clark reported that someone stole the calculator valued at \$85 while he was out of the office about 11 a.m.

Two persons were arrested Tuesday afternoon and charged with grand larceny in connection with the theft of scrap metal from the Knit-Away plant.

Charged were Allen Scott, 60, and Ozie Locklear, 48, both of Rt. 4, Red Springs. Wiggins said the man and woman were arrested at the salvage yard, where, he said, a load of scrap had just been sold. Wiggins said they were seen leaving the area beside Knit-Away where scrap metals are stored.

Bond was set at \$1,000 each, with a preliminary hearing set for May 2.

A 1970 Pontiac valued at \$1,600 was reported stolen from Main Street Tuesday afternoon and had not been recovered Wednesday morning. The theft was reported by Younger Sneed. Wiggins said keys were left in the car.

Steve Hedgpeth reported the theft of a bank bag containing \$50. Wiggins said Hedgpeth told him he took the bag with him to the post office Tuesday about 11 a.m. and left it on a counter in the lobby while he mailed a letter. It was gone when Hedgpeth returned, Wiggins said.

Several vending machines were entered with keys Tuesday night and undetermined amounts of cash were stolen. Machines were robbed at Graham's Gulf station on South Main, Irion's 76 and Travelers on the by-pass.

Prizes Set For Hike

Hikers on the cerebral palsy walkathon sponsored April 12 by Raeford Jaycees may walk away with a prize.

Awards will be given to the school that has the largest percentage of walkers. Other prizes will go to the walker who collects the most money for the charity and to the walker who gets the most sponsors.

Jaycees have made extensive safety arrangements for the 20-mile hike. Support has been promised from the Highway Patrol, city police and county sheriff departments, the rescue squad, the National Guard and the citizens' band radio club.

Transportation for walkers who can't go the distance has also been arranged, drive chairman Bobby Strother, said.

Refreshments will be served along the route and water will be provided at each of the five checkpoints.

Strother said entertainment plans at the stadium following the walk include sky divers and a band.

Dog Class Starts Tonight

A dog obedience training class will begin Thursday at 7 p.m. at Raeford Elementary School.

The ten-week course is limited to 20 students. Persons interested in enrolling are asked to attend tonight with their dogs for registration and the first lesson.

A news story in last week's paper erroneously gave the opening date as March 27. The class will run from April 3 to June 5.

Thacker Raps City Inaction

Parachute school operator Gene Thacker has recently built a hangar on his own property adjoining the city airport because he says he can't get city officials to tell him where he can expect to erect a building on land he is leasing at the airport, according to minutes of the last airport committee meeting.

The minutes, which have not yet been approved by committee members, record the March 26 meeting.

Thacker was reported to be reluctant to move to the newly-leased portion of city property until he gets his fuel moved and other details resolved, according to the minutes.

The committee was also told that a hangar owned by William Poole and Tom Cameron would have to be moved from the leased area.

The committee voted to allow Thacker to sign an agreement with the city to continue the use of his present property until he can establish facilities in his new lease area.

Also discussed were the operation of the Unicom radio and the inoperative visual aid lights. Acquisition of an additional piece of land was discussed and the committee was told by city manager John Gaddy that although previous federal grant requests had been denied, that another application for funds would be submitted.

The next meeting of the airport committee is set for April 9 at 7 p.m. in city hall.

On Display

Some of the items to be sold at the Raeford Woman's Club auction on April 12 will be on display at the Hoke County library this week. The auction will benefit the Bicentennial library project.

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