

Area Incidents

Six Arrested On Marijuana Charges

Six Hoke County High School students have been arrested on charges ranging from possession of a controlled substance to the distribution of a controlled substance.

Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said he received a call from Hoke High principal Allen Edwards about 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, who said he had reason to believe that he had some students with marijuana on campus.

Wiggins said juvenile officer Charles Campbell went to the high school and after a lengthy investigation, the arrests were made.

Charged with possession of a controlled substance were a 15 year-old female; Angle Davis, 16, of Rt. 3, Box 222, Raeford; Elizabeth Campbell, 16, of Rt. 1, Box 572, Raeford; Valerie Wilson, 16, of Rt. 1, Box 560, Raeford, and Al Joyce Murchison, 17, of Rt. 1, Box 621, Raeford.

Charged with distribution of a controlled substance was Reginald McRae, 18, of Rt. 1, Box 523, Raeford.

Wiggins said the cases are set for court Jan. 9.

In other incidents, Julian Wright, of 527 Harris Avenue, reported that someone broke into his house on Forrest Street. Damage to the house was estimated at \$500.

Mitchell Freeman, manager of the Parke-Market, reported that on Friday, Jan. 2, a man tried to steal \$150 in a money box and then ran. No weapon was seen.

Jimmy Baxley, of Raeford, reported that someone broke into his truck about 7:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 2, and took a CB radio valued at \$150.

Roy Jackson, of north Jackson Street, reported that someone broke all four headlights out on his car while it was parked at the shopping center Saturday, Jan. 3. Damage was estimated at \$14.

Sheriff's deputies are investigating various break-ins that happened

around the county last week in which thousands of dollars of goods were taken.

W.E. Willis, P.O. Box 800, Raeford, reported that someone broke into his house sometime between 10:50 a.m. and 12:40 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, and took guns, silverware, a television, and a radio all valued at \$2,606.75.

Brady Locklear, P.O. Box 169, Red Springs, complained that someone broke into Aleathos Pizza and Cafe sometime Wednesday, Dec. 31, and took kitchen equipment including a grill, freezer, and heater, valued at \$1,955.

Robert Jones, Rt. 4, Raeford, reported that someone broke into the firetower on 211 East sometime between Friday, Jan. 2, and Monday, Jan. 5, and took a radio and a base station valued at \$1,212.

Earl Oxendine, principal of Upchurch School reported that someone set fire to a trash can cart sometime Monday, Dec. 29. Damage was estimated at \$25.

Milton McCall, P.O. Box 522, Raeford, reported that someone took a tape player from his car sometime Monday, Dec. 29. The tape player was valued at \$50.

Fred English, Rt. 2, Raeford, reported that someone broke into his house sometime Tuesday, Dec. 30, and took ten pairs of dress pants valued at \$180.

Rayburn Maynor, Rt. 1, Shannon, reported that someone stole his two Beagle dogs valued at \$200 sometime Tuesday, Dec. 30.

Livingston Lyons, P.O. Box 392, Raeford, reported that someone took three of his pigs sometime Wednesday, Dec. 31. The pigs were valued at \$180.

Danny McCollum reported that someone broke into the West Hoke Fire Department sometime Thursday, Jan. 1, and took equipment including a radiator, a brass pump, and a spot light valued at \$2,696.

Harry Lee Reynolds, Rt. 2, Raeford, complained that someone broke into his house sometime Thursday, Jan. 1, and took kitchen goods and a television valued at \$483.

Don Thomas, Rt. 1, Aberdeen, reported that someone broke into his house sometime Monday, Jan. 5, and took a television, rifle, and coins,

valued at \$315.

Niel Purcell, said that someone broke into the After Hours Club near McCain and took \$80 in coins from the pool tables and juke box sometime Monday, Jan. 5.

John Hines, Rt. 3, Raeford, reported that someone took a battery valued at \$50 from his car sometime Monday, Dec. 29.

Train Kills Youth

A sixteen year-old Rockfish man was struck by a freight train and killed Tuesday morning after apparently lying down on the tracks near his home.

Joel G. Glover, Rt. 2, Box 234-A, Raeford, was pronounced dead at the scene by the medical examiner about 10:15 A.M. after an Aberdeen & Rockfish train struck him about two miles from the Rockfish community.

Deputy J.E. Tindell reported the train brakeman, James Crawford, saw Glover lying on the tracks too late to avoid hitting him. The body was

dragged about 175 yards by the engine, Tindell said.

The accident occurred about 200 yards from the youth's mobile home. According to Tindell, Wayne Fender, Aberdeen, witnessed the accident.

Medical examiner R.G. Townsend recommended Glover's body be sent to the state medical examiner at Chapel Hill for an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

The victim is survived by his mother and stepfather, Evelyn and Henry Mull, and one sister, Phyllis.

Investigations Rapped

By Burglarized Citizen

A citizen who has been burglarized twice in the past several months complained this week about the investigation of the two break-ins by sheriff's deputies.

"My biggest thing is that they have never taken or looked for fingerprints," said Julian Johnson, of Rt. 1, Raeford, who recently had more than \$4,000 of goods taken from his house.

"There should have been some good prints on the glass where they broke in," he said.

"This was the second time in the last few months that my house was broken into, and I'd say the investigating officer didn't spend more than 30 minutes in all at my house."

"I know they are overworked, but still they could try," he added.

"They think it was the same people who broke in both times. They could check on this, but they don't," he said.

"I know they have fingerprints of known local criminals, but they don't even bother to take them," he concluded.

Sheriff D.M. Barrington issued the following statement in response to the criticism:

"I can't see how I'm expected to work every funeral in Hoke County, provide an escort for every barn, trailer, or mobile home that goes through the county with a state moving permit, provide transportation to Dix Hospital in Raleigh on a weekly basis and their return in five days, transport all felons to Cumberland County on a weekly basis for their 96 hour preliminary hearing, serve all subpoenas for the Clerk of Superior Court, serve all warrants issued by magistrates outside the city limits, serve all warrants coming in from outside counties (which amounts to about 750 - 800 per year), work all ballgames, and provide men for various civic functions of the county."



THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1976
Read John 11:17-27

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." (John 12:24, RSV)

Jesus said we must die before we can live. He knew the source of life; He knew the secret for obtaining a more abundant life. Basic to His teachings about life was that the seed must die before it sprouts. When we really understand Jesus' teachings about life, we realize that we must surrender ourselves (die) before we can have that abundant life. The death/life formula is as eternal as the universe and as sure as life itself.

I would suggest that each Christian fasten a grain of wheat, a kernel of corn, or an apple seed on a card; frame it, and keep it as a reminder of discipleship and resurrection. Sacrifice is the salvation of life. This is the secret of fruitfulness. To be a disciple of Christ we must be willing to die for Him.

PRAYER: Dear Lord, we know that "in the midst of life we are in death." Help us to find the life abundant and fruitful that comes when we live in Your will. In the name of the Lord of life. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
Life in Christ never ends.

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Suspect Charged

A man has been charged with three counts of breaking and entering and larceny and receiving in connections with break-ins that occurred over the past few weeks.

The man is being held on a \$50,000 bond.

He was arrested in connection with the break-ins that occurred at the homes of Mike Melton, Daniel Gibson, and Betty Young.

The man's name was not disclosed by local authorities.

CHURCHWOMAN HONORED—Mrs. Eugenia B. Crawley was honored by Ephesus Baptist Church in a special service Dec. 21. A library named in her honor was started and her service to the church for over 50 years, which included music director, training union director, and Sunday School teacher, was recognized.



Births

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Calloway announce the birth of a son, Steven Franklin, on December 30, at Cape Fear Valley Hospital.

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Hoke ASCS

By Thomas R. Burgess

Comments on proposed determinations for the 1976 Cotton Loan Program for upland and extra long staple (ELS) cotton were called for on Dec. 24 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz proposes to make determinations relating to: Premiums and discounts for grade and staple length of upland cotton. Base loan rates by warehouse location for upland cotton. Loan rates by location for eligible qualities of ELS cotton. Micronaire differentials for both upland and ELS cotton. Detailed operating provisions necessary to carry out the price support programs for lint cotton and seed cotton, including the specifications for bale packaging materials and whether such specifications should be amended as recommended by the Cotton Industry Bale Packaging Committee.

Additional details concerning these provisions will be published in the Federal Register soon. Prior to making the determinations, consideration will be given to any written comments received by the Director, Grains, Oilseeds, and Cotton Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, not later than Jan. 30, 1976.

All written submissions will be made available for public inspection at the Office of the Director, Room 5741, Agriculture Department's South Building, during the regular business hours, 8:15 A.M. to 4:45 P.M.

INCREASED TOBACCO SUPPLIES, CIGARETTE USE SEEN FOR 1976 -- Domestic supplies of tobacco for 1975-76 are up about 5 percent from last year while cigarette use among Americans continues to rise, according to a report issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"The Tobacco Situation" shows that during the first three quarters of 1975 Americans consumed about 457 billion cigarettes.

The five major cigarette manufacturers (representing two-thirds of all domestic cigarette sales) increased wholesale prices 4 to 6 percent in mid-November, which adds 1 to 1½ cents per pack. As a final result of the wholesale price increase and gains in margins,

retail prices are expected to rise to 2 or 3 cents per pack by the end of December.

The flue-cured tobacco supply for the 1975-76 marketing year is placed at 3.1 billion pounds, up eight percent from last year. A combination of a large carryover and weaker buyer demand held the grower price average to \$1 per pound, five cents below the 1974 record high.

For next season, flue-cured tobacco producers may look forward to a 15 percent cut in their marketing quota, a 13½ percent increase in the average support level and a possible slowing in the rate of increase of production costs.

The burley tobacco supply for 1975-76 is set at 1.73 billion pounds, three percent above last season. Burley auctions through Dec. 11 average \$1.05 per pound, 10 cents below last year when record-high prices prevailed. The 1975 burley crop is an estimated 639 million pounds, four percent above 1974.

For fire-cured, dark air-cured, and cigar filler and binder tobacco, supplies remain near the normal supply level defined in quota legislation. As a result, USDA may have to consider increasing or suspending quotas on these kinds of the 1976 crop.

Exports of U.S. manufactured tobacco are expected to decline during 1975 to around 575 million pounds (650 million pounds, farm-sales weight). This level of exports will set a record dollar value, but the quantity will be one-eighth lower than 1974. Higher U.S. prices, less favorable dollar conversion rates for foreign buyers, larger foreign crops, and a slowdown in growth of world cigarette output have contributed to the drop.

Imported tobacco currently accounts for 20 per cent of use for cigarettes and 75 per cent for cigars, with oriental leaf the principal import. Cigarette tobacco imports for factory use this year may gain one-sixth to around 260 million pounds. This quantity includes 30 million pounds of scrap and about 36 million pounds of flue-cured and burley leaf.

NEW GROWER APPLICATIONS FOR ALLOTMENTS -- The final date for filing applications for new grower cotton, tobacco, and feed grain allotments is Feb. 15, 1976.

RELEASE, REAPPORTIONMENT, LEASE, TRANSFER AND SALE OF COTTON ALLOTMENTS -- The deadline for releasing and requesting reapportionment of Upland cotton is Mar. 10, 1976. The deadline for lease and transfer of cotton allotment and sale of cotton allotments is also Mar. 10, 1976. Details are available in the county office.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN ALL PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY ASCS IS ESTABLISHED UNDER LAW WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, CREED, NATIONAL ORIGIN OR SEX.

Q - If a veteran is hospitalized for service-connected condition, is his new medical evidence sent to the Veterans Administration for reevaluation automatically or does the veteran have to request that this be done?

A - The regional office is notified when a veteran is hospitalized for a service-connected disability and receives a hospital report. The veteran will be informed as to the status of his disability claim.

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