

Area Incidents

Shooting Suspect Held

A man was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill in connection with the shooting of James Edward Singletary, Rt. 4, Raeford, Friday, Jan. 23, at the home of Earnest Jackson of Rt. 4, Raeford.

Charged for the offense was Otis C. Galbreth, Rt. 4, Raeford. Singletary was reported in satisfactory condition.

In other incidents, James S. Faircloth, Rt. 3, Raeford, reported that someone took a .32 pistol from his truck while it was parked in his yard sometime Friday, Jan. 16. The gun was valued at \$80.

Lee Jones, Rt. 3, Raeford, reported that someone took a washpot valued at \$25 sometime Saturday, Jan. 24. The washpot was later recovered by authorities.

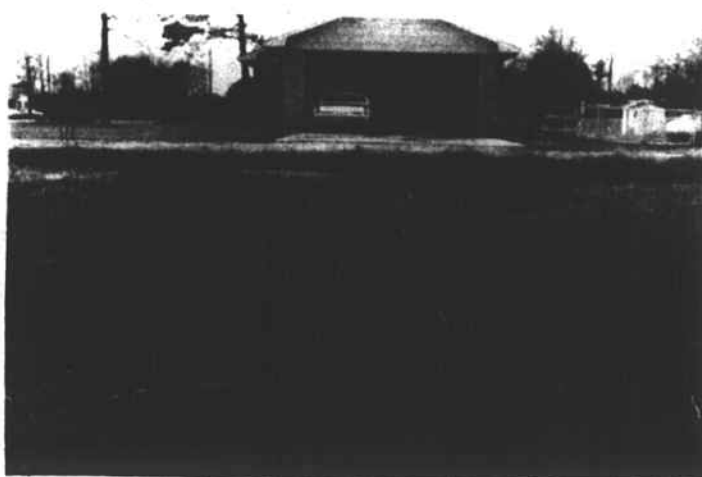
A break-in while the family was away was reported to police last Wednesday morning at 835 E.

Prospect St.

The home of A.W. Wood was apparently entered through a rear window and a color television, desk calculator, and a silver coin collection are reported stolen. The loss is listed as \$772.53, according to police.

In other incidents, McRae's Grocery on St. Pauls Dr. was entered sometime between 11:15 P.M. Jan. 21 and 12:20 A.M. the next morning and a portable television valued at \$25 was stolen. Entry was apparently made by removing window glass, police said.

Oral Dukes, Rt. 2, Box 77, Raeford complained to police his car was entered while parked in the Heilig-Meyers lot Saturday between noon and 5 P.M. and a Dyne tape player worth \$25 was stolen. The car had been left unlocked, police said.



KITTY ANTICS - Peter, a short haired tabby who resembles a Manx since she is tailless, is shown at her Holly Park home. In the background is the 1974 Cadillac which is the center of the catnapping controversy.

Choosy Customers

Cats Covet Cadillac

Cats on Covington Street prefer the elegant distinction of a Cadillac for resting, but tell-tale footprints have sent the car owner, cat owner, police, and even the dog warden into a dispute over the cat-napping.

The ruckus centers on Mrs. Willa McDuffie's four cats, who are the cause of several complaints to the police made by the McDuffie's next door neighbor, Ted Bates.

"He (Bates) came beating on the door at one o'clock Sunday morning, then he got the police to come out," Mrs. McDuffie said.

"They were climbing on his \$9,000 Cadillac and putting paw prints on it. There's no scratches on it, my husband looked at it. J.C. Barrington (police officer) said cats come under the leash law, but I checked the ordinance and it's not true. My husband told Roy Guin, the dog warden, to come pick up the cats, but I wouldn't let him take them," Mrs. McDuffie said.

"Mr. Bates came up to the courthouse and tried to get a warrant on the cats, but I told him I'd file a warrant against his dog for scratching around our shrubbery," she said.

"I guess I'll have to give them away, but I'm not letting anybody take them where they'll be put to sleep for experiments," she said.

Barrington said Tuesday he "might have said something about the leash law", but added he now thinks cats are not included.

Chief Wiggins said it was not a police matter since cats are not subject to any ordinance about confinement.

"We've got horses, dogs, pigs, sheep on the books, but nothing about cats," he said.

Mrs. Bates said she and her husband had tried talking to Mrs. McDuffie about the problem without success.

Thirty One True Bills Found By Grand Jury

The Hoke County Grand Jury returned 31 true bills Tuesday afternoon and returned one designated as not being a true bill because of insufficient evidence.

All of the cases that were scheduled to be brought before the grand jury were found to be true bills except for a larceny charge against Tommy Barnes; charges of breaking and entering and larceny against Benjamin Ray; Louis Horton charged with armed robbery; Reginald McRae for a distribution of marijuana charge; Matthew Sanders for an assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury charge; and Abraham McGee for an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill charge.

These cases will appear before the grand jury at a later date. Added to the list that went before

the grand jury were: Leon Miller, forgery; Charles Quick, forgery and uttering; Richard Owen Johnson, escape; and Harold Gene Brooks, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury.

While addressing the grand jury, Superior Court Judge James H. Pou Bailey thanked them for their service to the county and later made reference to Hoke County Sheriff D.M. Barrington.

"He is one of the best two or three sheriffs in the state of North Carolina. Dave Barrington is a man for you to rely on," he said.

He then told the members that he would be willing to help them anytime if they felt they needed it for any reason before he released them for the term.

Income Ceiling Rises On Reduced Price Meal

Families with higher income are eligible for school lunches at a reduced price, according to a new federal law, and the same law also gives school officials more authority in checking the validity of parents' income statements when they apply for the program, according to officials here.

The new regulation gives the families who are experiencing strikes, lay-offs and unemployment a right to apply for the free or reduced lunch.

Application forms will be sent to parents on request or a visit to the

school will be acceptable.

A family of one qualifies if income is from \$3,231 to \$5,040; two, from \$4,241 to \$6,620; three, from \$5,251 to \$8,200; four, from \$6,261 to \$9,770; five, from \$7,191 to \$11,210; six, from \$8,111 to \$12,650; seven, from \$8,951 to \$13,970; eight, from \$9,791 to \$15,280; nine, from \$10,551 to \$16,460; ten, from \$11,311 to \$17,640; eleven, from \$12,061 to \$18,820; twelve, from \$12,811 to \$20,000.

Heilig-Meyers Earnings Rise

Helig-Meyers Company announced increases in revenues and earnings for the third quarter ended Dec. 31, 1975. On revenues of \$14.8 million, earnings for the third quarter were \$1,128,214, or 51 cents per share compared with revenues of \$11.3 million and earnings of \$616,954 or 28 cents per share for the corresponding period last year.

For the nine months ended Dec. 31, 1975, revenues and earnings were the highest of any nine month period in the company's history. Total revenues increased by 20.0 per cent to \$37.5 million from \$31.3 million last year, and net income increased by 42.0 per cent to \$2,587,804 from \$1,822,548. Earnings per share rose to \$1.17 per share compared to the 83 cents per share results for the same period last year.

CP&L Earnings Slip

Carolina Power & Light Co. reported that its earnings for the year ending Dec. 31 were \$2.70 per share of common stock, down from \$2.73 for the 12 months ending Sept. 10.

Shearon Harris, president of CP&L, noted that the drop in earnings occurred in spite of the 12 per cent interim retail rate increase which the company implemented in August in North Carolina and in September in South Carolina.

The company had earnings of \$2.21 per share in 1974 and \$2.58 in 1973.

Describing 1974 as a year when earnings were severely depressed, Harris cautioned that the company still has a long way to go to regain its financial health.

He compared CP&L to a person who, after being seriously ill in the hospital, has now improved enough to be released for a period of convalescence at home.

NOTICE OF STATE ELECTION

to be held on Tuesday, March 23, 1976

in the

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

on the question of amendments

to the Constitution of

North Carolina

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified voters of HOKE County that the General Assembly of North Carolina has called a State election to be held in each County of the State of North Carolina on Tuesday, March 23, 1976 at which the question of amending the Constitution of North Carolina will be submitted as follows:

QUESTION #1

FOR or AGAINST constitutional amendment to permit the General Assembly to enact general laws to authorize the State, counties, cities or towns, and other State and local governmental entities to issue revenue bonds to finance or refinance for any such governmental entity or any nonprofit private corporation, regardless of any church or religious relationship, the cost of acquiring, constructing and financing health care facility projects, such bonds to be payable from the revenues, gross or net, of any such projects and any other health care facilities of any such governmental entity or nonprofit private corporation pledged therefor.

QUESTION #2

FOR or AGAINST constitutional amendment to permit the General Assembly to enact general laws to authorize counties to create authorities to issue revenue bonds to finance, but not to refinance, the cost of capital projects consisting of industrial, manufacturing and pollution control facilities for industry and pollution control facilities for public utilities, and to refund such bonds, such bonds to be secured by and payable only from revenue or property derived from private parties and in no event to be secured by or payable from any public moneys whatsoever.

The submission of the Constitutional Amendments have been authorized by Chapters 641 and 826, respectively, of the 1975 Session Laws of North Carolina, subject to a favorable vote of a majority of the qualified voters of the State who shall vote on each question (amendment) in said election.

The polls for said election will be open from 6:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.; provided, however, that at voting places at which voting machines are used the County Board of Elections may permit the polls to remain open until 8:30 P.M.

Absentee ballots will be allowed in said election.

In accordance with the general laws of the State of North Carolina, the times and places for registration and the names of the elections officials will be determined by the authorized officers of the County and information with reference thereto and as to the location of the voting places may be obtained from the County Board of Elections. Qualified voters who are not certain whether they are registered for this election should contact the County Board of Elections.

Dated this 21 day of January, 1976.

Harold Brock
Chairman, County Board of Elections

County Planners Study Costs Of State Offer

A proposed planning assistance program to be paid out of federal and state aid with some local funds was outlined to the county planning board at their monthly meeting Monday night, but board members want to study other options before endorsing the project.

The program, which is available under a contract with the Department of Natural and Economic Resources, would help develop a zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations, and make available technical assistance with planning and management questions.

Assistance on preparing a mobile home ordinance is also offered in the contract, but the board noted the price of the project could be cut by \$1,000 by eliminating that item.

Total program cost was described as \$5,000, with \$4,800 in federal or state contributions and \$3,200 as local share.

Local costs are required to be paid in two installments, the first payment on Oct. 1, and the second Feb. 1, 1977. The contract runs for the 1976-77 fiscal year, but the length of the program is listed as 15 months.

Other options discussed at the meeting were having the planning board undertake the project entirely, or have the program done by the Council of Governments if the price is competitive.

Having private enterprise perform the work was deemed to be too expensive, and the cost was estimated at double that of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources proposal.

In other business, Jim Dougherty, planner with the Department of Natural and Economic Resources who is compiling a land use survey under a similar grant, briefed members on progress of his work, and also reported the application for community development funds was submitted Jan. 13.

County planner Lester Simpson reminded the board that the constitutional amendment allowing industrial revenue bonds, defeated several years ago, will again be on the ballot this year and he recommended passage of the amendment.

Raeford Man District Winner

William Kenneth Davis of Raeford is one of four winners in the district's 1976 competition for Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, it was announced by East Carolina University.

Davis, a student of Dr. Clyde Hiss of the East Carolina voice faculty, will compete with singers from four other southeastern districts in regional auditions in Atlanta later this year. Winners at the Atlanta auditions will be eligible to compete in semi-final and final national auditions to be held in New York.

Cookie Sale Continuing

The Girl Scout annual cookie sale is continuing now through Feb. 9, according to county chairman Mrs. David Russell.

Five varieties of cookies are available for ordering from Scouts, who are knocking on doors in their largest fund raising project of the year. Proceeds are used to purchase

equipment, expand programs, and maintain and develop camps and other property.

Each troop also received a bonus for each box sold to help finance their own projects and community programs.

If you haven't been contacted, call 875-3184 after 3:30 p.m. to place an order.

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RABIES

Hoke County Dog Vaccination Clinics

North Carolina Rabies Law states that all dogs over four months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. Failure to have your dog vaccinated for rabies is a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine or imprisonment in the discretion of the court (G. S. 106-387).

VACCINATION FEE OF \$2.50 PER DOG
THE THREE YEAR VACCINE WILL BE GIVEN BY
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TOWNSHIP	LOCATION	TIME
Antioch	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1976	
	McNeill's Service Station	10:00 - 10:30
	Gore's Service Station	10:30 - 11:00
Stonewall	Dundarrach Trading Company	11:00 - 11:30
McLauchlin	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1976	
	Brown Hendrix Service Station	10:00 - 10:30
	Brooks Store, Rockfish	10:30 - 11:00
	Wayside Service Station	11:00 - 11:30
Raeford	Newton's Service Station	11:30 - 12:00
	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1976	
Raeford	Tyler Town, McCallum Texaco Station	10:00 - 10:30
Raeford	McNeill's Grocery Store, 401 South	10:30 - 11:30
Quewhiffle	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1976	
	Lee Moss Pure Oil Station, Buchan Farm	10:00 - 11:00
Quewhiffle	Five Points, Calloway's Station	11:00 - 11:30
Quewhiffle	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1976	
	Parks Grill, Montrose	10:00 - 10:30
	Byrd's Grocery, Ashley Heights	10:30 - 11:00
Blue Springs	West Hoke School	11:00 - 11:30
Raeford	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1976	
	National Guard Armory	3:00 - 5:00
Allendale	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1976	
	McCormick's Station, Duffie	10:00 - 10:30
	South Hoke School (Hawk Eye)	10:30 - 11:00
Blue Springs	Hoke Trading Company, Bowmore	11:00 - 11:30
Raeford	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1976	
	National Guard Armory	10:00 - 11:00
Raeford	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1976	
	National Guard Armory	3:00 - 5:00

Archie Clark, Dog Warden
HOKE COUNTY HEALTH CENTER
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