

SPRINGTIME -- Brightly colored tulips are in bloom, a sure sign that spring has arrived to stay.



DIGGING -- Traffic on Bethel Rd. at the high school slowed as cars had to maneuver their way around workmen digging the drainage for the nearby residential area.

Area Incidents

Burglar Nabbed

A Raeford man was arrested early Monday morning after city police received a call from Curtis Rogers, of 515 E. Elwood Ave., who said someone had broken a window and tried to enter his house about 1:45 A.M.

Bobby Ray Chavis, 24, of Rt. 3, Red Springs, has been charged with first degree burglary and is being held without bond, according to Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins.

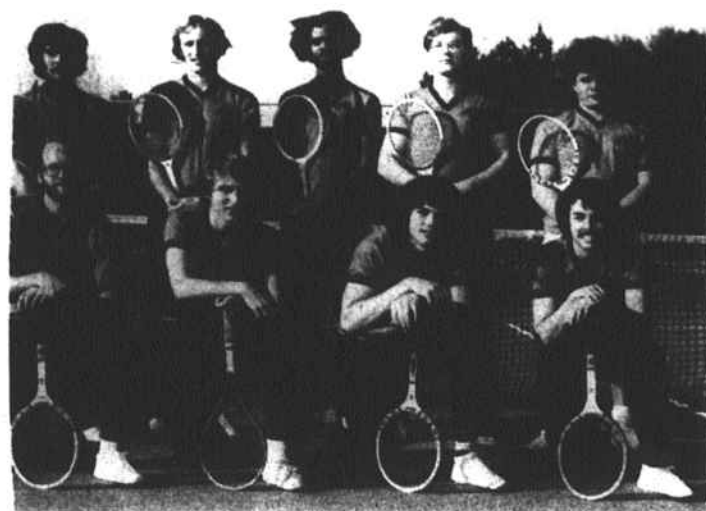
In other incidents, Mrs. Raymond Maxwell, 1113 N. Fulton St. reported that her billfold was taken from her pocketbook sometime while she was in the A&P Friday, March 25. Personal papers and \$70 was in the missing billfold.

Winford Epps, 204 Covington St., reported that a guitar was

missing from his house Saturday, March 27. No sign of a break-in was indicated. The guitar was valued at \$250.

Calvin Harris, Rt. 3, Raeford, complained that someone took his bicycle sometime Saturday, March 27, from the Edinborough Shopping Center. He said the bicycle was parked near Macks and was valued at \$98.

Bobby Gibson reported to the Hoke County Sheriff's Department that he found a 1974 Ford U-Haul truck on one of his farms near McDuffie's store. The truck was found sometime Wednesday, March 24, and had been stripped of a battery and tires. The truck was being rented to James Richard Sullivan of Durham, according to the form filled out for the rental.



CAMPBELL SQUAD -- John Miller of Raeford (shown on left in second row) is a member of the 1976 Campbell College tennis team, which returns to the courts for their longest season, 19 matches against teams in N.C. and neighboring states. Miller is a junior.

Expo '76, April 3-4, Features Wide Range

Expo '76, the ninth annual trade fair sponsored by the Woman's Club of Fayetteville, will be Saturday, April 3 from 11:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., and Sunday, April 4 from 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. in the Cumberland County Memorial Arena on Highway 301 South.

More than 75 exhibitors will feature a wide range of merchandise in their booths. Expo '76 visitors can view or purchase the latest in fashions either for everyday wear, dress up or for brides. They can see on display swimming pools, books and micro wave ovens as well as carpets for planning home beautification and improvement.

A local garden center promises an entrance of a bower of flowers consisting of hanging baskets, potted geraniums, potted azaleas and

spring annual bedding plants. A miniature lawn garden with a fountain surrounded by flowers is also arranged.

Several camping retailers will demonstrate the latest equipment available. Along with advice from experienced campers and hikers, they will offer traveling vans, lightweight backpacking gear, freeze-dried foods, boots, tents, sleeping bags and kayaks.

Also displayed will be Indian jewelry, both ready to wear and kits. Turquoise, shell necklaces, including the popular puka shells, beads for necklaces and pendants, and coral-red, angel and the precious black-will be for sale.

The American Cancer Society will point out the seven warning signals and you can will your eyes so that someone can see after you no longer need to.

Thirty crafts people will demonstrate "how to" weave, quilt, make pottery and paint china. Apple head dolls, wood carving and crocheting can be seen.

A knitting company will produce Bicentennial eagles on huge machines. On display will be works done by local artists in various media. Several schools will be exhibitors. Other attractions include wildlife exhibits, booths showing civic activities and crime prevention.

Food will range from Oriental and Mexican dishes to American snacks. Samples and free gifts will help provide fun for the entire family.

Proceeds from Expo '76 will be used in the restoration of Heritage Square, a complex of three historic buildings listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

General Fund Up In Feb. Report

February 1976 net General Fund collections amounted to \$175.0 million as compared with \$155.0 million collected in February 1975, an increase of \$20.0 million, or 12.90 per cent, according to revenue officials.

For the first eight months of the current fiscal year, net General Fund collections were \$1,034.0 billion compared with \$989.8 million for the first eight months of the 1974-75 fiscal year, an increase of \$44.2 million, or 4.47 per cent.

February net Highway Fund collections amounted to \$58.6 million compared with \$56.8 million collected in February 1975, an increase of \$1.8 million, or 3.19 per cent.

Gasoline tax receipts amounted to \$19.2 million compared with \$19.0 million collected in February 1975, an increase of \$0.2 million, or 1.22 per cent.

Net Highway Fund collections for the first eight months of the current fiscal year were \$264.5 million as compared with \$255.6 million collected during the first eight months of the 1974-75 fiscal year, an increase of \$8.9 million, or 3.48 per cent.

Gasoline Tax collections for this eight month period were \$184.4 million as compared with \$180.5 million collected during the corresponding period of the 1974-75 fiscal year, an increase of \$3.9 million, or 2.16 per cent.

Veterans Corner

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q -- How is the GI Bill allowance paid for correspondence courses? How much entitlement is used for such a course?

A -- Instead of a monthly allowance, the VA will pay 90 per cent of the cost of an approved course. Payments are made quarterly according to the number of lessons completed by the veteran and serviced by the school. The veteran's entitlement is reduced by one month for each \$270 he receives.

Q -- Who is eligible for CHAMPVA?

A -- The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Veterans Administration (CHAMPVA) is available to the spouse or child of a veteran who has a total disability, permanent in nature, resulting from service-connected cause, or to the surviving spouse or child of a veteran who has died as the result of a service-connected disability.

Q -- How long will it be before I start receiving my pension checks after I receive my award letter?

A -- Approximately two weeks from the date you are advised that your eligibility has been established.



Adding A Barn? Let CP&L Know

Carolina Power & Light customers who are planning to install or expand bulk tobacco barns for the 1976 season are asked to contact the nearest company office.

According to Joe Gregory, CP&L director of agricultural services, the earlier tobacco producers can let the company know their plans, the better so that the company can provide adequate service. "We may need to add distribution facilities," he said, "and notifying us right away will allow time to make necessary additions before the curing season."

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Cane Bottom Rocker Fancy	Porch Swing
Webster's Dictionary 1914	Round Wicker Table
Several Old Chairs	1 Love Seat
Westinghouse Refrigerator	1 Chippendale Chair
Velour Couch w/2 Matching Chairs	1 High Back Rocker
Old Quilts	9 Ft. Dining Hutch
Duncan Phyfe Coffee Table	1 Statue Clock
Console Table & Mirror	1 Kitchen Cabinet
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