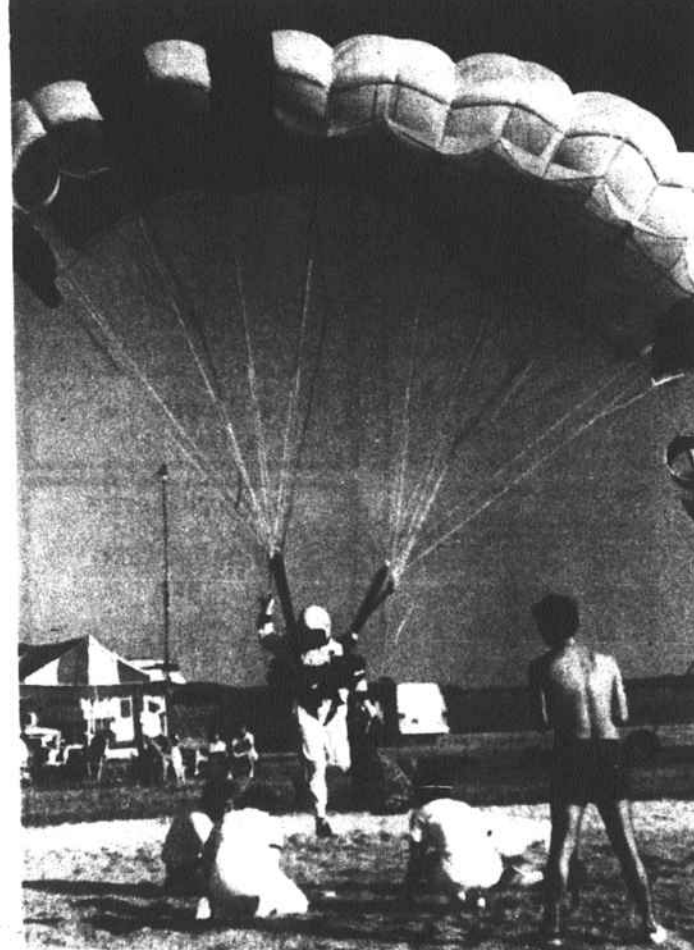




SHOPPING -- This little shopper had a good view of all the pretty wares on display at the annual downtown sidewalk sale, but the tot was more interested in studying all of the people around.



WORSHIP -- Churches throughout the area held special worship services Sunday to celebrate the Bicentennial and some churchgoers came dressed in old fashioned costume.



COMPETING -- Linda Miller of Raeford descends toward target area at the United States National Parachuting Championships being held June 26 - July 10 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Speed during freefall - before the chute is opened - can be controlled between 120-200 miles per hour. Points are awarded for style in performing aerial acrobatics and in the proficiency of handling the parachute in the air towards a safe landing from across the country qualified for the event by winning local and regional competitions. This annual event is sponsored by the United States Parachuting Association.



CANDIDATE VISITS -- Lane Brown, Democratic candidate for state treasurer in the August primary, arrived in Raeford Friday for a pre-holiday campaign swing and greets a shopper on Main St. The former state representative and Albemarle attorney was on his way to Robeson County for more campaigning.

Area Incidents

Man Charged In House Fire

A thirty year-old county man has been jailed in lieu of \$1,000 bond and charged with unlawful burning of a dwelling house, according to sheriff's deputies.

Richard Ellis, no address given, was arrested June 26 following a fire at a Bowmore residence Ellis shared with Charles McKenzie. No injuries were reported in the blaze and extent of damage to the house was not learned.

In other incidents, Otis Webb of Webb's Tire Service reported the theft of 30 tires worth \$800 sometime June 29. A lock was broken off to gain entry to the shop, according to a report filed.

\$854 worth of household furnishings were stolen out of a trailer sometime before June 24, according to a complaint made by James Watson, Rt. 1, Red Springs. The trailer, which had been unoccupied for some time, had been moved to Nash's Trailer Park.

Deputies are seeking two black males who grabbed a money bag containing \$50 from Mrs. Maude Calloway, operator of Calloway's Store in Five Points, about 9:30 P.M. July 4. According to the report, one man pretended to be interested in buying a pair of sunglasses, distracting Mrs. Calloway's attention, and the second man snatched the money bag and both ran out. A witness reported seeing the suspects leaving in a black 1970 Chevrolet.

Deputies are seeking a Red Springs man in connection with the attempted shooting of Vernon McDougald, Rt. 1, Raeford June 30 about 6:30 P.M. According to a report, McDougald was shot at while he was sitting in his car parked in the Shawtown section by a man armed with a rifle.

Charles Steffen reported a temporary service pole and metal base worth \$125 were stolen from a building site on Hwy. 211 three miles south of the city sometime last Sunday or Monday.

Roy T. Singletary, Rt. 1, Hope Mills, reported a storage building containing tools and camping equipment was stolen from the Sunset Park area sometime June 21-22. The loss is listed at \$200.

John Sandrock, Fayetteville, complained \$60 worth of lumber was stolen from a rifle range under construction near Rockfish recently.

Phillip Moore Jr., Rt. 2, Raeford, reported an apparent break-in at his home sometime June 24. Damage to a rear window was estimated at \$20, but apparently nothing was taken.

In the city, police were called to the residence of Preston Robinson, Maxwell St., by a neighbor about 7 P.M. Tuesday and Sgt. J.J. McNeill found Robinson dead in the home.

Medical examiner R.G. Townsend ordered the body sent to Chapel Hill to the state medical examiner's office for an autopsy. Police said no foul play is suspected and the death appeared to be natural causes, pending the autopsy results. Robinson, about 62, was a retired school lunchroom worker. Police also reported two bomb

threats were made over the weekend to industrial plants. Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said a female caller phoned the police department Saturday about 1 P.M. and said a "bomb would go off at Upchurch Milling Co. at 2 P.M."

Police conducted a search of the plant but found nothing. About 4:45 P.M. the same day, Tex-Elastic plant manager Horace Stogner reported to police a male caller had telephoned Stogner's home and said a bomb would go off at the plant that night. The same caller apparently also telephoned a plant employee, Wayne Ferguson, at the plant and repeated the threat, police said. Tex-Elastic workers conducted a search of the plant with negative results.

Three juveniles were picked up by Off. G.P. Brown and Sgt. J.J. McNeill in connection with the shoplifting of about \$8 worth of merchandise from the A&P super-

market Tuesday. Juvenile petitions have been drawn up on the trio.

Homer McDougald, manager of Traveler's station on 401 - bypass, reported a soft drink machine had been broken into sometime last Thursday. About \$1 in change was removed and a second machine was also tampered with. About \$100 in damage was estimated.

Sgt. K.B. Griffin and Det. C.E. Campbell arrested Jerry Baldwin, 19, of 514 E. Sixth Ave. and charged him with felonious larceny in connection with the theft of a motorbike from a city resident several months ago. Baldwin was jailed June 30 in lieu of bond.

Church To Hold Sale

Pittman Grove Baptist Church is having a rummage sale and box sale Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in front of the A & P.

Proceeds will help send children to Bible camp.



NATIONAL MEET--Tom Kowalick of Raeford lands in the target area during the Accuracy event at the United States National Parachuting Championships, June 26-July 10 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. The goal is to touch the Mini-Frisbee -- four inches in diameter -- in the center of a 50-meter pea-gravel circle. Points are awarded not only for accuracy, but also for style and overall proficiency in handling a parachute upon exiting the aircraft towards a safe landing.

College Slates New Building

The Board of Trustees of Sandhills Community College has awarded contracts for the construction of the new building on the campus which has been under consideration for many months.

The structure, to be called the Kennedy Memorial Building, will provide 51,000 square feet of classroom and laboratory facilities and was designed by Hayes Howell Associates, the architects for all of the buildings on the Sandhills campus.

The contracts total \$1,399,357 and are funded by a million dollar grant from the Frederick Kennedy Foundation of Boston, established by the late Audrey Kennedy of Southern Pines, and by state appropriations. According to Dr. Raymond A. Stone, president of Sandhills, ground-breaking ceremonies will be held some time in July, and construction will be completed in an estimated time of 415 calendar days. Hopefully the building will be ready for occupancy by the winter term of 1977. It is designed with three wings to be used for the health occupations programs, general college courses and labs for remedial English and mathmatic classes.

Wayside 4-H Organizing

Barbara Plummer is trying to organize a 4-H Club in the Wayside Community for ages from 9 to 19.

Interested persons may contact her at 875-2425 or come by the County 4-H Office.

If You Are Not Registered REGISTER NOW To Vote In The August 17th Primary YOU MAY REGISTER EACH MONDAY - WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 6 p.m. You Must Register Before July 19th To Vote In August Primary Register At New County Office Building on Wooley Street Ad Paid For By Daniel H. DeVane for County Commissioner

Accent On Agriculture

Big labor contract increases without corresponding increases in productivity are inflationary and a major contributing factor in rising retail food costs.

Farmers get only 40 cents of the consumers' food dollar. The other 60 cents is added on after the food leaves the farm, and most of that increase is in the cost of labor.

Unfortunately, consumers for the most part fail to recognize the inflationary impact of labor contracts and that actions consumers and Congress continually propose to control food prices, are those things that will hurt farmers.

As an example, the Teamsters recently negotiated a new contract that will give them a 30 percent increase in wages and benefits. It is not the trucking industry that will pay for this. Rather, the consumers of items hauled in trucks are going to pay for that increase.

To be fair, consumers should look at the overall picture and they would see that labor is much to blame for raising their food costs. It is unfortunate that in the consumers' constant search for the phantom middleman who is pushing up food prices, they always seem to overlook labor costs.

Labor expenses as a share of total operating costs have been escalating rapidly in recent years.

For example, labor expenses as a share of total supermarket operating costs increased from 53 percent in 1965 to 67 percent in 1975, according to a recent Cornell University study.

Labor costs account for most of the market price spread. In 1975, labor costs totaled \$52 billion out of the marketing bill of \$102 billion, according to USDA.

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