



BICENTENNIAL SALUTE—The State of North Carolina will be honored August 4-5 at Mt. Rushmore National Memorial in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Rushmore is a national Bicentennial focal point and the site for the 111-day Days of Honor commemoration which will recognize each state and territory in the United States this summer. SD Tourism Photo.

Area Incidents

Woman Slain By Gunfire

A twenty seven year - old woman was slain early Sunday morning in an affray near Virgil's Drive - In just east of the city.

Betty Scott, 27, of Rt. 1, Shannon, sustained a wound in the chest from a .25 caliber pistol about 4 A.M. Sunday across from Virgil's restaurant on 401 - bypass, according to sheriff's deputies. Robert Lewis Campbell, also of Rt. 1, Shannon, was admitted to Cape Fear Valley Hospital with stab wounds.

A warrant was issued for Campbell in connection with the slaying later Sunday morning, according to deputies.

Mrs. Scott was pronounced dead on arrival at Cape Fear Valley Hospital.

In other incidents, William Wright, Rt. 2, Raeford, reported to deputies \$779 worth of goods were stolen from his home in a break - in sometime Friday night or Saturday morning. Listed as stolen are a freezer, .22 magnum pistol, black and white television, food and clothing. Entry was apparently made by breaking a door lock, according to the report.

Larry Sides, Rt. 1, Aberdeen, reported a go-cart worth \$350 was stolen from his carport sometime

July 14.

Kenneth Parks of Maxton reported a break - in at Larry's Drive - In on N. Main Ext. sometime last Thursday night. Taken were meat, cigars and grocery items with a total value of \$250. Entry was apparently made by breaking the window in a door.

Brown Hendrix, Rt. 2, Raeford, complained thieves took two golf carts from the Arabia Golf Course and went out to a vending machine area on the course and removed \$45 from the machines. The theft occurred over the weekend.

William H. Quick, Rt. 3, Raeford, reported the theft of six rolls of 39 inch hog wire, which was discovered July 15. The loss is listed at \$300.

Police have arrested one suspect in connection with a rash of potted plants pilfering reported in the city in recent days.

According to Chief Leonard Wiggins, Jerry Wayne Hyatt, 24, of S. Main St., was arrested about 8 P.M. Monday night and charged with larceny. Maj. J.C. Barrington and Off. H.E. Young recovered about \$120 worth of plants at the time of arrest.

The arrest is in connection with

the reported thefts of potted plants and hanging baskets from the Raeford Floral Co. on Elwood Ave. Mrs. M.V. Hedgpeth complained to police between \$200 - \$300 worth of plants were stolen from the shop July 16 and July 17.

In other incidents, Jack Tucker of Tucker's Grocery on Seventh Ave. reported a soft drink machine was entered sometime Sunday night and two cases of drinks stolen. About \$50 in damage was estimated.

Two drivers were ticketed by police following a collision Friday morning about 11 A.M. at Central Ave. and Racket Alley.

According to police, a 1967 Ford station wagon operated by Birthalina S. Shaw, 36, P.O. Box 225, Raeford was pulling out of the hotel parking lot and collided with a 1970 Ford truck being operated by Wanda G. Seals, 43, Rt. 1, Raeford, which was proceeding from the alley to Central Ave.

A passenger in the Bethea car, Benjamin Smith, 29, P.O. Box 225, Raeford, complained of minor injury, police said. Damage to the vehicles totaled \$275. Both women were charged with making an unsafe movement.



PROMOTED—Marty Efron has been named merchandise manager for Family Dollar Stores, Inc., hardlines departments, it was announced by Lewis E. Levine, executive vice-president. Efron had been a buyer-merchandiser since January of 1975.

Physicals Due For Hoke High Sports

Hoke High School students who have not had physicals to play football, girl's tennis, girl's volleyball, girl's golf, cross country or for cheerleading have been requested to contact coach John L. Harris or Coach John Pecora.

Boys interested in football may contact Harris at Hoke High on Wednesday or Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m.

Other sports participants contact Coach John Pecora as soon as possible.

State Workers Group Elects New Officers

Area 16 of the North Carolina State Employees Association, Inc., held its annual meeting, last Tuesday, at The Sheraton Motor Inn, Southern Pines, following a "Dutch Treat" Buffet.

Re-elected for 1976-1977 were: Area Chairman, Mrs. Dawn B. Leland, of Whispering Pines, of the McCain Hospital Staff; Vice Chairman, Joe Jenkins, Southern Pines, also from McCain Hospital; Resolutions Committee Chairman, Alvin L. Cooper, Southern Pines, Cameron Morrison School; Constitution Committee Chairman, Walter O. Frye, Southern Pines, also from Cameron Morrison; Audit Committee Chairman, Tommy S. Clark, Robbins, North Carolina Highway Patrol; and elected as Nominating Committee Chairman, James "Tom" Morgan, Southern Pines, of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources, Hoffman.

Mrs. Rachel Comer, Cameron, of the Moore County Clerk of Courts office, Carthage, served as 1975-1976 Nominating Committee Chairman, with R.G. Frye, Carthage, Magistrate, Moore County, and R.C. Howard, Rockingham, of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

Delegates elected to NCSEA State Convention for 1977: Mrs. Grace Brigman, Aberdeen, McCain Hospital; Mrs. Margaret Lamm, Rockingham, Cameron Morrison; Ray C. Shaw, Hamlet, Richmond Technical Institute; and R.J. Pierce, Laurinburg, Employment Security Commission.

Mrs. Ellen Brown, Star, of Samarkand, Chairman of the Area 16 Membership Committee awarded Certificates for 100% membership 1976-1977 to agencies and departments. She praised the work of the Membership Coordinators who are serving throughout Hoke, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, and Scotland counties. As of July 13, 452 members were reported for 1976-1977.

Delegates to NCSEA State Convention, September 1976 are: Carl Wood, Troy, N.C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources; Mitchel Arey, Rockingham, N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles; Mrs. Shirley Gillis, Southern Pines, Cameron Morrison; and Richard C. Lanier, Rockingham, N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles. Alternates are: Mrs. Elaine Crissman, Ashley Heights, McCain Hospital; James "Tom" Morgan, Southern

Pines, of N.C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources. Mrs. Leland praised all who have served during the past year in the work of Area 16, with special thanks to Vice Chairman Jenkins, who is the Chairman of Group Buying; and Ms. JoAnn Lewis, Rockingham, Secretary-Treasurer, of the N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles. She credited immediate past Chairman, R.C. Howard, with guiding and advising the Executive Committee throughout the year.

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Gorilla Speaks To Humans In Sign Language For Deaf

Like any normal five-year-old, Koko talks a lot, is full of mischief, tells fibs when she has been naughty, and hates to take naps.

This five-year-old is not a child but a gorilla—the first to learn and use a human language. Koko knows about 250 words in the American Sign Language of the deaf.

She can string together as many as a dozen signs, but—like many humans—tends to get repetitious in long sentences.

The 95-pound gorilla also is adept at inventing names for objects she sees for the first time. She called, a ring a "finger bracelet," a mask an "eye hat," and a stale sweetroll a "cookie rock."

Koko is a real Yankee Doodle gorilla, born on the Fourth of July, 1971, in the San Francisco zoo. She has been learning sign language since she was a year old.

Her teacher, constant companion, and great friend is Francine Patterson, a 29-year-old graduate student at Stanford University. The National Geographic Society recently started supporting Miss Patterson's project, continuing a tradition of sponsoring research into great apes.

"Koko is far from intellectual maturity," Miss Patterson explained. "No one has ever studied a gorilla this closely through its years of development, breeding, and family life."

"Given the things she is telling us now, it would be fascinating to

know what's in the mind of an adult gorilla."

Right now, Koko can express through sign language such ideas as "happy," "smart," "patient," and "mad." And she is mastering time concepts such as "later," "now," "tomorrow," and "yesterday."

"But we'll have to wait until her vocabulary expands or her sophistication about things grows before she can tell us what she thinks, for example, about her social relationships with others," Miss Patterson explained. The researcher is in no hurry.

"I hope to be spending my life studying Koko and her family—if we can gather a family for her," Miss Patterson said. "We're interested in getting a companion for her in the immediate future—it need not be a male—and in the more long-term future want to get her a mate."

"And we would hope she would eventually produce an infant or two and we could establish a social group. I don't know if it would be possible to have a colony of gorillas who pass on language. That's a dream. But this kind of a social group may be the only answer to keeping gorillas alive since they're threatened in the wild."

Teaching a gorilla sign language gives researchers a key to learning the level of their intelligence, which Miss Patterson thinks has been underrated. She has given Koko a variety of intelligence tests, including the classic Stanford-Binet, and

the gorilla's score ranges around 80 to 85, in the low normal range for humans.

"This puts her about a year behind a child of the same age mentally, which is not bad," said Miss Patterson. "A child with that IQ can get along all right. The belief that chimpanzees are mentally superior to other apes is a myth, in my opinion."

Koko is intelligent, or deceptive, enough to blame someone else when she has broken a toy. When confronted with the toy and asked, "What happened here, Koko?" or "Who did this?" she often will sign that Kate did it. Kate is one of Miss Patterson's assistants and a favorite scapegoat.

Koko also is quick to think up an alibi. For instance, she plays her own brand of keep-away in which the opponent is never allowed to have the ball. Once when a player pursued the ball under Koko's house trailer, where she lives on the Stanford campus, she gave him a play bite on the posterior. Asked to explain this no-no, Koko signed: "Him ball bad."

Like most five-year-olds Koko loves to play games. One of her favorites is "Gray Ghost," in which she puts a gray cloth bag over her head and bumps around the interior of the trailer, pretending she is blind. If the bag isn't handy, Koko will just close her eyes and do the same thing.

Unlike many five-year-olds, Koko doesn't watch much television. There is none in the trailer, but Miss Patterson once took Koko to her home to watch herself on a TV news program. When Koko saw herself eating a sandwich, she became very excited and signed, "Koko eat."

Koko craves companionship and can't stand being left alone. Miss Patterson often spends at least 12 hours a day with her and always leaves a baby-sitter when she's not around.

The gorilla also enjoys showing off for an audience, and put on a choice performance at the Stanford press conference announcing National Geographic support for the project.

She climaxed the show by opening the door of a TV crew's car, sitting behind the wheel, and picking up the portable telephone.

Brief Walkout Settled At Turkey Plant

An employee disputes at the House of Raeford Farms plant which resulted in a walkout by some workers last week has apparently been settled and operations are back to normal.

Plant personnel manager Medford Hall confirmed 12 employees in the live hanger section walked off their jobs last Friday at noon after a dispute. As a result of the walkout, part of the employees in the eviscerating department left the plant at the same time, assuming that department would not operate

in the absence of the hangers, according to Hall.

Hall said the workers' dispute was an issue among themselves, and did not involve any question of wages or working conditions.

"It was not union activity," Hall said.

"Monday, July 19, the employees were back to work, including the live hangers," he said.

The turkey processing plant on Central Ave. employs approximately 300 workers.

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