

Area Incidents

Thieves Hit Home Twice

Sheriff's deputies received two recent breaking, entering and larceny complaints from Edward Deeb, P.O. Box 262, Raeford.

The first report from Deeb came in Oct. 26 and reported that a \$250 washing machine, \$500 worth of beef and \$300 worth of pork had been taken from a trailer located behind the Hitchin' Post on U.S. 401-business sometime between Oct. 22 and 26.

The second complaint from Deeb stemmed from a breaking, entering and larceny at the same address. He reported Nov. 11 that the back door had been broken and a window pried open. Deeb listed as missing in the complaint \$2,223 worth of merchandise including 11 cases of mozzarella cheese (50 lbs. per case), a tackle box and lures, a 19" G.E. color television, a hibachi, lamps, drapes, curtains, sofa, chair, ottoman, end table and coffee table.

Deputies responded to a call Nov. 8 from Sgt. L.M. Sears, a military policeman at Ft. Bragg. Sears told Detective James Lamont that he had a young lady at Womack Army Hospital who had been assaulted on U.S. 401 in Hoke County. The woman, Mrs. Jackie Summer, 100 State St., Carolina Mobile Home Park, told police that she had been walking down the highway when a man in a small orange station wagon began circling up and down the road where she was walking. According to deputies, Mrs. Summer said the man parked his car when she came to the road that turns off U.S. 401 between Carolina Country and Wayside Motors. She said that he came walking from behind, asked for a light, and then grabbed her by the arm.

A car traveling west stopped and the man released Mrs. Summers and fled, according to the report. She described her assailant as wearing boots and a brown jacket with a white collar. He had short hair and stood about 5'8" or 5'9". Amos M. Grant, Rt. 2, Box 181, Raeford, advised deputies of a

breaking, entering and larceny at his home resulting in \$12 damage to a window when it was smashed with a brick. Grant listed as missing \$380 worth of merchandise including a portable black and white 14" Silvertone TV, a tape player, AM-FM radio and a musical jewelry box with jewelry.

On Nov. 7 Mrs. Thomas M. Macko, Rt. 2, Box 529, Raeford, made a malicious damage report. She told deputies that between 7 and 8 a.m. Sunday Nov. 7 someone had fired five shots from a pellet gun through her window.

Caroline Baldwin, RPR 1003, Rt. 1, Box 116, Raeford, told deputies that two white boys going by her home had stopped and set fire to some dead grass in her front yard. The boys then fled back toward Kash Mart and into the woods.

William Hollingsworth, Rt. 3, Box 28, Raeford, complained of a breaking, entering and larceny in which two piggy banks containing \$25 were stolen. Damage to a broken window was estimated at \$45.

Debra Lee, Rt. 1, Aberdeen, complained Oct. 31 of the larceny of a tire, jack and tire tool valued at \$30. The items were taken from her trailer at Nixon's Crossroads.

City police arrested two men Thursday and charged them with an attempted break-in Wednesday night at a Lamont St. trailer park.

Police identified the two as John Clifton Monroe Jr., 27, of Rt. 1, Box 477, Raeford, and Ricky Bratcher, 18, of 522 E. Sixth Ave., Raeford.

The suspects were picked up by Police Chief V.L. Wiggins and Maj. J.C. Barrington in connection with an attempted break-in at the home of Linda Middleton, Greenwood Trailer Park, about 7 P.M. Wednesday.

The pair was jailed Thursday in lieu of \$1,000 bond. A preliminary hearing is set Nov. 19.

Police also investigated a rash of thefts from automobiles in the

House of Raeford Farms Inc. employee lot last week.

Barbara Kershaw, Rt. 3, Box 337, Raeford reported her car battery was stolen sometime before 11 p.m. Wednesday night. The loss is listed at \$40. Melton Locklear, Rt. 2, Maxton, notified police at 10:30 p.m. Thursday that thieves removed two tires and wheels from his auto in the plant parking lot. The loss is listed at \$175. And, shortly after midnight Thursday, Charles Anderson, P.O. Box 142, Red Springs, discovered his auto had been broken into. Stolen were a CB radio, a FM converter and a tape player with a total worth of \$175.

No arrests have been made yet. James Easterling, Superior Auto Sales, reported the fence at the lot on U.S. 401 - bypass had been cut sometime Thursday night and thieves made off with two transmissions worth \$250.

Three auto accidents in the city in the past week injured persons. On Wednesday about 5 p.m., a 1974 Dodge being driven by Bruce D. Ellis, 18, P.O. Box 33, Raeford, struck the rear of an auto stopped on Harris Ave., preparing to make a left turn into the Edenborough Shopping Center, according to police. The auto, a 1972 Plymouth, was being operated by James R. Kennedy, 24, of 426 E. Donaldson Ave. A passenger in the Kennedy car, Clarence Batton, 31, of Rt. 4, Box 252, Raeford, was injured and taken to Moore Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Ellis was ticketed by police for a safe movement violation.

About 8:20 a.m. Monday, a 1972 Ford being operated by Cartho Chambers, 24, of Rt. 1, Box 67, Aberdeen, was attempting to turn left onto Prospect Ave. from N. Main St. when it was struck by a 1974 Chevrolet being driven by Bryon Jones, 27, of Rt. 2, Box 180, Red Springs, who was traveling east on Prospect.

Jones was injured slightly, police said. Charges are pending.

About 7:50 a.m. Tuesday, a 1974 Ford being driven by Lois H. Lucas Tew, 40, of 203 E. Donaldson Ave., heading north on Stewart St. collided with a 1966 Chevrolet station wagon at Prospect Ave. The driver of the station wagon, Mildred L. Locklear, 31, of 519 E. Prospect Ave., was slightly injured in the crash.

Charges are pending.



DECORATIONS -- Getting ready for the Thanksgiving holiday are first grade students Terry Southerland, Demetria Jacobs and Brian Wilson. Students of Mrs. Glenda Lesier, the children have made Thanksgiving turkey decorations from large pine cones.

New Law Phases Out G.I. Bill

On October 15, 1976, the President signed a bill terminating the current GI Bill educational benefits for those entitled after Dec. 31, 1976, and sets a deadline of Dec. 31, 1989, for completion of use of benefits earned under the current GI Bill.

Soldiers on active duty now are still covered and will accrue GI Bill benefits as before. Also covered are people who enlist before Dec. 31, 1976, including those who enlist for the Delayed Entry Program (DEP) and enter active duty on or before Dec. 31, 1977.

The law also upgrades the present GI Bill for those currently on active duty, those released within the last ten years, and those recruited before Dec. 31, 1976. It extends maximum benefits from the current 36 months to 45 months, offering five full academic years of education. It also increases the government's monthly payment to GI Bill students by eight per cent. For example, a full-time single student who previously received \$270 monthly will now receive \$292 monthly.

While phasing out the Vietnam Era GI Bill, the new law also

establishes its successor, the Veterans' Education Assistance Act.

This is a new approach to veterans' educational assistance. The soldier contributes to his own future education with payments of between \$50 and \$75 each month, with the government matching the amount two for one. For every \$1

contributed by a participant up to \$2,700, the Veterans Administration will contribute \$2 up to \$5,400, for a total monetary educational assistance of up to \$8,100.

For additional information on educational opportunities, call your local Army recruiter.

Cotton Harvest Increases

Cotton harvesting increased sharply in North Carolina the first week of November. Near perfect weather conditions permitted growers to direct full time to harvesting. Current estimates indicate slightly over 50 per cent of the crop has been harvested through the first week in November. Yields are excellent and mostly exceed previous estimates.

The Raleigh Cotton Classing and Market News Office received samples representing 8,958 bales for classification last week. The season total to date is now 26,341 classed, compared to 24,112 through the same last season.

Quality of the crop remains above average. Approximately 63 per cent of samples classed last week graded 41 or better. Grades

50 and 51 accounted for 17 and 16 per cent respectively. Staple measurements indicated 36 per cent staple 35, and 60 per cent staple 36 or longer. Micronaire readings are also good, with 93 per cent of samples testing in the 3.5 - 4.9 range. Fiber strength tests averaged 85,000 pounds per square inch on zero gauge measurements.

Market activity increased under moderate trading. Uncommitted cotton sold freely in crop lots at 77.00 to 80.00 cents per pound. Even running lots of grade 41, staple 35 brought 79.00 to 81.00 cents per pound. Basis offerings for grade 41, staple 34 was mostly 300 points off December futures prices. Cottonseed prices received by farmers ranged from \$100.00 to \$108.00 per ton.

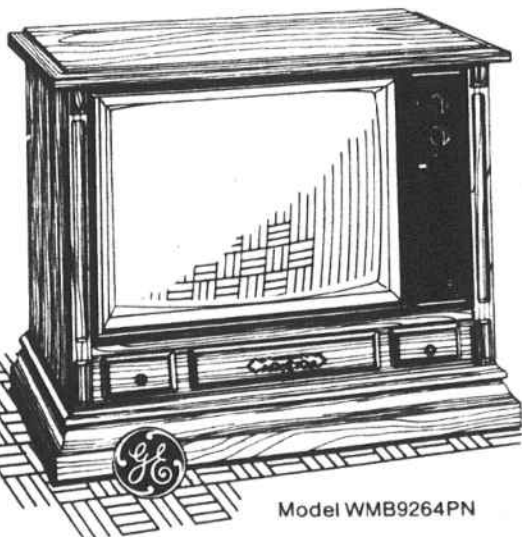
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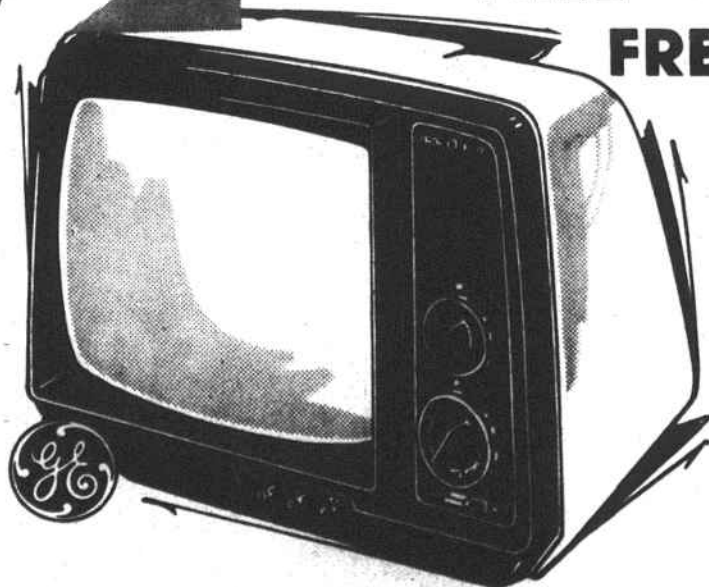
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