

**Area Incidents**

**Thieves Hit House Trailer**

Sheriff's deputies received a complaint Nov. 22 from John David Hunt, Rt. 1, Box 181, Red Springs, who reported a breaking, entering and larceny at his trailer residence near Mt. Elam Church.

Deputies found the front door had apparently been kicked open leaving the facing of the door frame broken. Damage to the door was estimated at \$75. Missing were a portable television, a model 48 Remington automatic shotgun, a Gibson guitar and case valued at \$350, a western style guitar valued at \$75, a piggy bank valued at \$7, and a Panasonic cassette tape recorder valued at \$73.

Thomas Farmer advised deputies Saturday of the larceny of a 1970 Chevrolet Camaro belonging to his brother, Harvey Farmer, Rt. 1, Raeford. The car, described as white with a blue vinyl top, was left in the parking lot of the Civic Center Friday night. When Thomas Farmer came out of the center around 1:10 a.m. the vehicle was missing. The license number was given as AHL-318.

Calling on behalf of the Viperman Realty and Construction Co., Fayetteville, William Ratley reported the larceny of 16 sheets of paneling Nov. 23 from a house under construction on the road running from Pine Hill Church to Ashley Heights. The 4' by 8' sheets were valued at \$200.

Deputies investigated a reported break-in at Oakdale Gin on N.C. 20 Nov. 22. Henry Maxwell alerted deputies to the breaking, entering, and larceny that resulted in the theft of cigarettes, canned goods, soft drinks and pigs feet. The safe had been tampered with, according to the report, but no money was missing. Approximately \$39 worth of merchandise was missing.

Ettie B. Tart, Rt. 2, Benson, reported a lost pocketbook Nov. 26. She claimed to have laid it down at the self service station in Ashley Heights and driven towards Fayetteville before she noticed it was gone. The pocketbook was black patent leather on one side, with brown suede on the other and contained \$50 to \$60 in cash.

James Allen, P.O. Box 602, complained Nov. 26 of the larceny of a hub cap from his car parked at his residence. Allen told deputies that his wife had apparently started the thieves when they attempted to siphon gas from the vehicle. The hub cap was valued at \$50.91.

Nathaniel Brown, Sixth Ave., Raeford, informed deputies Monday of the theft of a small red motorbike taken from his residence during the night. Unlicensed, the motorbike serial number was listed as 106971.

Reese Smith, Lot 2, Alpine Trailer Park, complained Thanksgiving of the larceny of a pet ferret from a pen in his yard.

Jack Farrington, Raeford, filed a report Friday on a missing 12 gauge pump weapon valued at \$119. The gun was later recovered.

Deputies took a complaint from Ester Fields, Rt. 3, Box 148 B, Raeford, Sunday on the larceny of a blue ladies billfold at Evan Recreation Center. The billfold contained \$30 cash plus credit cards.

Rick McMillan filed a complaint on behalf of the Farm Chemical Corp., Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge Monday. McMillan advised deputies of the larceny of a Sears water pump valued at \$175 and a three-point hitch scraper blade valued at \$500.

**Parker Reunion**

(Contributed)

Descendants of the late Gary and Mollie Gibson Parker held their bi-annual family reunion on Saturday, November 27 at the Civic Center in Raeford, with Davis K. Parker, Jr. presiding. A delicious buffet dinner was enjoyed by the 70 persons attending, representing four generations of the Parker family.

Three of Gary and Mollie Parker's thirteen children were present for the occasion, including D.K. Parker, Sr. and Alma Parker Lovette of Raeford and Mary Parker Matt Shewbridge of Margate, Florida.

Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were introduced by the senior member of each family, which were represented by the descendants of Davis K. Parker, Sr., Mary P. Shewbridge, Alma P. Lovett, and the late Una P. Scull. G.B. Parker, Dixon Parker, and Wright Parker.

Those attending, in addition to families from the Hoke County area, were Myra Matt Lentz and sons of Margate, Florida, Robert Matt and son of Valdosta, Georgia, Lib Parker McPherson and family of Yanceyville, Ellen Parker Allen and family of Selma, Louise Parker Fair of Greenville, S.C., Mary Parker Pridgen of Charlotte, and the children of Nancy Parker Bunton, also of Charlotte.

Police arrested a city woman Thursday on drunken driving and other charges after a car rammed the Aberdeen & Rockfish R.R. warning sign at the W. Prospect St. crossing about 5 p.m.

Police identified the driver as Gloria B. Currier, 35, of 504 W. Fifth Ave. She was charged with driving under the influence (second offense), driving while license revoked and hit and run.

Damage to the railroad sign was put at \$400 and damage to the car, a 1966 Buick convertible, was put at \$450.

Three minor smashups were reported in the city Friday. About noon a 1974 Ford compact being driven by Marilyn G. Barnes, 20, of Rt. 3, Fayetteville, pulled out on N. Main St. from E. Donaldson Ave. into the path of a 1968 Plymouth being operated by Lonniell Morrison, 31, of Rt. 1, Raeford, which was traveling north, police said.

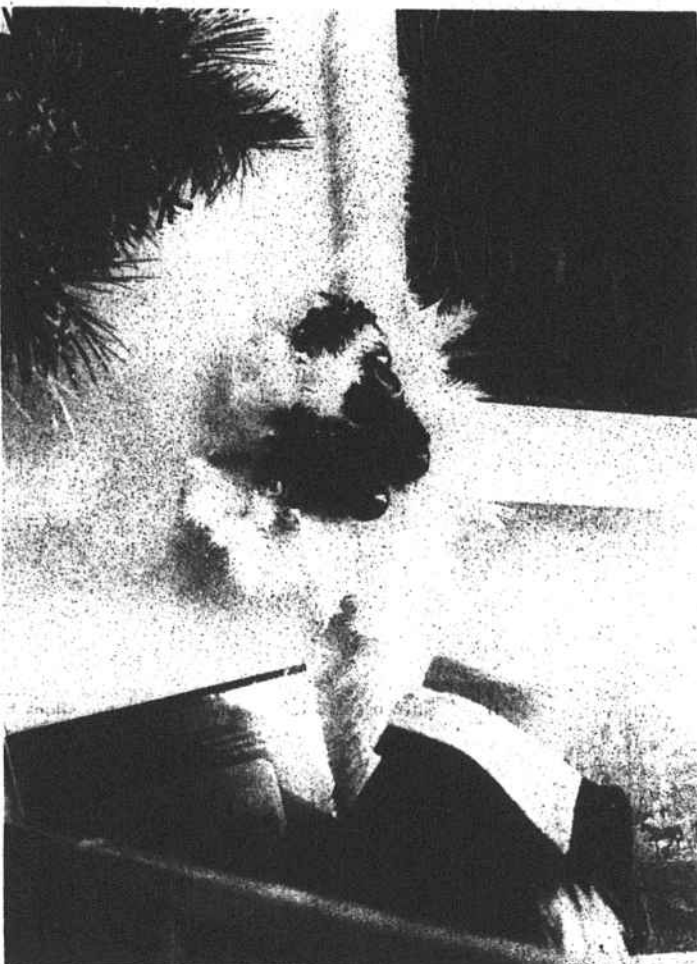
No injuries were reported. Damage to the Ford was estimated at \$800 and damage to the Plymouth was estimated at \$350. Miss Barnes was ticketed by police for a safe movement violation.

About 3 p.m. Friday, a 1974 Buick traveling east on Central Ave. attempted to make a left turn into a gas station and was struck by a 1976 Pontiac traveling west and being operated by Anita Shepherd, 36, of Rt. 1, Raeford. The driver of the Buick, Gloria Barnes, 19, P.O. Box 8, Raeford, was ticketed by police for a safe movement violation.

No injuries were reported. At about 12:30 p.m. Friday, a 1973 Ford being driven by Letha B. Latham, 19, of 305 Scurlock Ct., struck a parked car on McDuffie St. near Central Ave., causing about \$100 damage to the parked vehicle. Miss Latham was ticketed by police for a safe movement violation.

About 12:50 p.m. Wednesday, a 1975 Chevrolet being driven by Deborah R. Mays, 17, of Rt. 1, Aberdeen, pulled out of a lot to cross U.S. 401-bypass at Teal Dr. when it was struck by a 1971 Dodge being driven by Ronald R. Davis, 23, of Ft. Bragg.

No injuries were reported. Damage to the vehicles amounted to \$1,250. Miss Mays was ticketed for a safe movement violation.



*FESTIVE -- Store windows in the city have taken on the festive look as Christmas is just 23 days away. The mailbox for letters to Santa is ready in front of the Chamber of Commerce office on W. Edinborough Ave. The Chamber of Commerce, together with the Downtown Merchants Association, will make sure that every letter gets straight to Santa at the North Pole.*

**Cotton Trading Slow**

Trading of spot cotton was slow in North Carolina markets during the week ending Nov. 26.

Growers offered a light volume of uncommitted cotton. Prices received were mostly unchanged at 400 points off December futures for grade 41, staple 34. Grades 50 and 51 brought 600 to 700 points off December futures. Contracted cotton was delivered to buyers at a moderate pace.

Sample receipts were lighter at the Raleigh Cotton Cladding and Market News Office, reflecting the advanced stages of harvesting over the state. Classifications were issued on samples representing 5,860 bales last week, bringing the season to date total classed to 56,642.

Approximately 6,000 samples were on hand awaiting classification, Monday Nov. 29.

Quality of the cotton classed declined sharply last week. Grade 41 remains the predominant quality with 33 per cent, down nine per cent from the previous week. Grades 42 and 51 accounted for 23 and 19 per cent respectively. Spotted and tinged grades represented 13 per cent, compared to eight per cent last week. Staple length measurements are mostly unchanged with 76 per cent measuring staple 35 and 19 per cent measuring 36. Micronaire readings indicate 94 per cent tested in the 3.5-4.9 range. Fiber strength test averaged 85,000 pounds per square inch on zero gauge measurements.

**Deaths And Funerals**

**Eddie B. Tew**

Funeral services for Eddie B. Tew were conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Crumpler Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Richard Gardner. Burial was in Highland Biblical Gardens.

Mr. Tew, 79, died Nov. 22.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mable T. Tew; a stepson, Clyde Helms of Elgin, S.C.; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Lucille Helms Stewart of Raeford; a brother, Jessie D. Tew of Raeford; and two sisters, Mrs. Lillian Campbell of Fayetteville and Mrs. Mary Pierce of Garner.

**Frances B. Boyd**

Funeral services for Mrs. Frances Beck Boyd of Woolvine, Va., 84, who died Nov. 24, were conducted last Friday in Moody Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Oscar Harris officiating. Burial was in Overlook Cemetery in Eden.

Mrs. Boyd, a native of Henry County, was the daughter of the late Samuel and Ella Hairfield Beck and was the widow of James Samuel Boyd.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. German Shields of Martinsville, Va., Mrs. H.H. Dillon of Raeford and Mrs. Fred Price of Collinsville, Va.; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

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**Rep. Elect Locklear Favors Moving Primary**

Freshman Representative - elect Horace Locklear of the 21st District has joined with Rep. Robert A. Jones of the 40th District to co-sponsor a bill to be introduced on Jan. 12, the first day of the General Assembly, to change the primary voting month from August back to May.

The last time state voters were able to cast votes in the month of May was in 1974. It was during the

following session of the General Assembly that the primary voting month was changed to August.

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