

HALL OF FAME -- Kathy McMillan, Olympic silver medalist, was named as the outstanding high school female track athlete of 1976 in the newly established National Track and Field Hall of Fame in Charleston, W. Va. Miss McMillan received a large trophy like the one to be installed in the Hall of Fame just before returning home from Tennessee State for the holidays. She attended the ground breaking ceremonies for the hall Nov. 27 along with a number of other Olympic stars. Four athletes will be inducted into the Hall of Fame each year, two women, one high school and one college, and two men, also one from high school and one from college. [Photo by S.H. Aplin]

Needy Families 'Taken', Bragg Help Refused

Response from the community for the needy families' Christmas drive coordinated by the Department of Social Services has been so good that DSS Director Benjamin Niblock has decided to turn down the goods collected by Ft. Bragg groups for Hoke families.

The 35th Signal Group at Ft. Bragg and the Main Post NCO Wives Club have jointly made the Christmas project for Hoke County families an annual program in recent years. The two groups have been seeking used beds, baby cribs, furniture and stoves and other appliances since November for distribution to poor households.

Niblock said Tuesday that the response from Hoke County groups to the appeal made for the families on the DSS list was "the best since I've been here". Out of 30 families who had requested special assistance, 28 had already been "adopted" by individuals or groups here in the community, he said. The remaining two families should get help before Christmas, he said.

Niblock said last year the military group never contacted anyone at the DSS office ahead of time and they brought a truck with the articles, some of which had to be stored for a time.

"They didn't have much in the way of toys for children, it was more appliances. This year they

wanted a list of families and their requirements and when it appeared that we could take care of all the families, it was decided that they would keep them at their warehouse for emergencies -- when we get a family who has had losses from a fire or other disaster," he said.

Kay Thomas, a former Hoke social worker and the wife of city councilman Crawford Thomas Jr., was critical of Niblock's decision to refuse the help from Ft. Bragg.

"With the number of poverty level families in Hoke County it is unthinkable to refuse any free aid. There is a great number of low income families that the DSS hasn't heard of," she said.

Dayna Pate, another ex-case-worker who is now the Chamber of Commerce manager, was also sharply critical of the decision.

"Weeks ago I offered to help find another agency who would be willing to help distribute these articles to needy families. At the interagency meeting this month, the home agent's office in the county extension service requested some assistance for a family of eight who had been burned out. Mr. Niblock gave a flat 'no' and said the DSS office would have nothing to give," Mrs. Pate said.

"There is a number of marginal income families who are not on the DSS caseload, such as food stamp families, who could use these articles. If storage is a problem, the county extension service office has already offered the use of the assembly room in the county office building," she said.

Chairman of the Hoke County Social Services Board, J.H. Blythe said Tuesday that he hadn't had time to study the decision yet.

"I intend to contact the rest of the board about it, as I've been made aware that some people have different opinions about it. I personally hate to see that they are not going to come into the county if they can be used. One worker in the social services department did tell me that they had started too late to be able to distribute the things," Blythe said.

"It is Mr. Niblock's job to take care of these things and he is an excellent administrator. I would have to say I disagree with him about this decision, but I do respect his judgment," Blythe said.

"I don't think that anyone at social services would object if any civic organization would make arrangements to deliver these items," Blythe said.

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Area Incidents

Valuable Art Goes Up In Smoke

Three paintings valued at \$1,800 were destroyed in a fire Dec. 14 near the Hitchin' Post on U.S. 401 - business.

According to a report filed by Deputy J.E. Murdock, an unoccupied trailer owned by Edward M. Deeb, P.O. Box 262, Raeford caught fire sometime after midnight Tuesday damaging the 1974 Sholts mobile home valued at \$9,747.50. Also lost in the fire were two single beds valued at \$200; a clothes dryer valued at \$160; a stove valued at \$500 and a dishwasher valued at \$225. The Hillcrest Fire Department answered the call for the fire which apparently started at the back of the trailer.

Marion L. Jackson, Rt. 1, Box 129-B, Lumber Bridge, advised deputies of a breaking, entering,

and larceny at a trailer located off S.R. 1003. The report filed by Deputy J. Peterkin Dec. 14 indicated that Jackson and his father had returned from shopping that afternoon to find the storage house lights turned on. The two men then discovered that the lock on the storage house was broken. Missing from the storage house and the trailer were a Zenith color television valued at \$500; AM-FM stereo radio valued at \$250; a turntable valued at \$60; refrigerator valued at \$500; Mossberg .22 rifle, \$100; a automatic Winchester, \$90; a .20 gauge shotgun, \$40; 410 shotgun, \$80; M-1 rifle, \$150; a .38 Smith and Wesson, \$125; Ruger 357 blue steel, \$200; Polan chain saw, \$450; skill saw, \$40; Seiko watch \$110; AM-FM clock radio, \$69; Westinghouse dryer, \$200; tires, \$140. Damage was listed at \$20.

James Jacobs, Rt. 4, Box 232, Raeford, reported a breaking, entering, and larceny Dec. 15. Listed as missing were a Philco black and white television valued at \$60; a .12 gauge single barrel shotgun valued at \$50; a G.E. alarm clock valued at \$7; and Christmas presents valued at \$50. The thieves apparently entered the residence by removing tape from a window where a previous break-in had occurred.

Bobby Pose, Rt. 2, Box 270 B, Raeford, complained to deputies Dec. 15 of a breaking, entering, and larceny at his residence. The glass was broken out of the back door to gain admittance. Posey listed as missing an AM-FM radio valued at \$25; a Sony black and white television, \$100; tape player, \$80; a .12 gauge Winchester pump weapon, model 1200, \$150; a .12 gauge Springfield Savage Arms single barrel model 944, \$50; and miscellaneous jewelry, toiletries and two cameras. Total value on the property lost was \$797.

Wilton Strickland, Box 574 Aberdeen, reported the larceny of four axles, eight tires and wheels, and two tongues for towing double wide trailers Dec. 16. The missing articles were priced at \$500.

In the city, police arrested Benjie Stephens, 20, of 520 E. Sixth Ave. and charged him with larceny in connection with a reported shoplifting Dec. 15 at Macks Variety in the Edenborough Shopping Center. Reported missing were a Juliet multi-band radio and Juliet clock radio worth \$74.90, police said.

Stephens was released on bond. Jimmy Soles, 415 W. Donaldson Ave., reported a Beta CB radio was stolen out of a truck parked in his yard sometime between 8:30 a.m. and 3:40 p.m. Monday. The loss is listed at \$140. The vehicle had been left locked, police said, and the thief apparently forced a window.

A minibike reported stolen from Ervin Williams, 103 Cole Ave., sometime Sunday night or Monday morning was recovered by police Monday night behind a Harris Ave. restaurant. The bike was taken from the Williams home.

Alfred Galloway Jr., 17, of Rt. 1, Red Springs, was arrested by Off. L. Foster and charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana Friday night at the high school. Foster, who was patrolling the school for the basketball game, arrested Galloway in a parking lot. He allegedly had one marijuana cigarette on his person, according to the report filed.

Deaths And Funerals



Rev. Arthur D. Carswell

Aberdeen, Md., Mrs. Joyce McDiarmid of Rosemont, Pa. and Mrs. Marie Warner of Raeford; one brother, Archie McCormick of Rowland; two sisters, Mrs. Annie McCormick of Rowland and Mrs. Flora Apple of Raleigh; 18 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Asbury R. Wilson

Funeral services for Asbury R. Wilson of Rt. 3, Lumberton were conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Biggs Funeral Home chapel with Dr. Russell T. Cherry officiating.

Wilson, 69, died Saturday night at Southeastern General Hospital following an extended illness. He was a retired North Carolina Highway Commission employee.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Reva C. Wilson of the home; three sons, Charles of Raeford, Jerry of Fayetteville and Knox Wilson of Rockingham; three daughters, Mrs. Isabel Miles of Lancaster, S.C., Mrs. Melba Peterson of Camerillo, Cal. and Mrs. Betty Fields of Aberdeen; one stepson, William Davis of England; one brother, Zora Wilson of Sanford; three sisters, Mrs. Clara Britt of Bladenboro, Mrs. Mary Russ of Lumberton and Mrs. Lois McMillian of Lumberton; and several grandchildren.

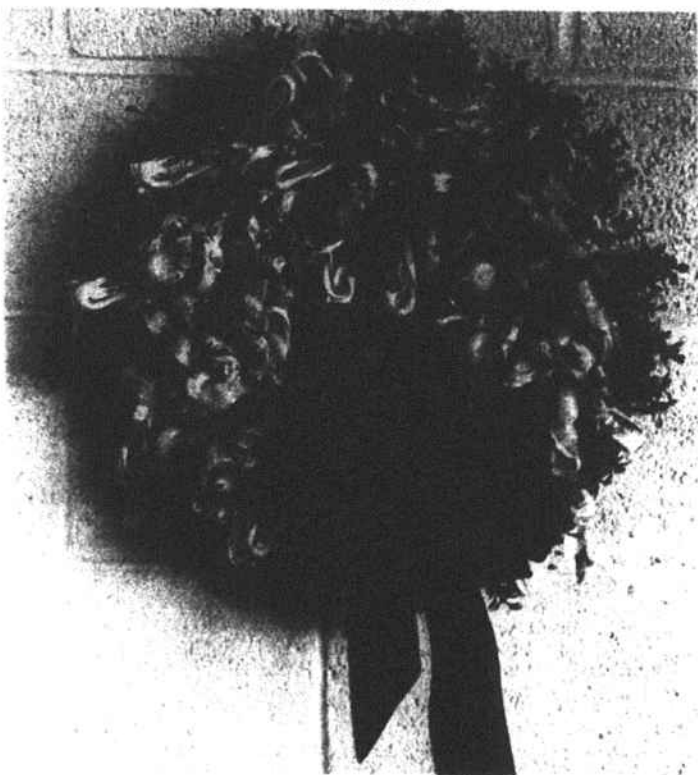
Jessie D. Jones

Jessie David (Dave) Jones, 74, of Rt. 1, Raeford, died Saturday.

Funeral services were held 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Freedom Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church. Burial followed in the Silver Grove Cemetery. The Rev. James L. Glenn officiated.

Jones is survived by four sons, James B. Jones and Raymond B. Jones of Washington, D.C., Henry L. Jones and Jessie David Jones, Jr. of Raeford; a daughter, Mrs. Annie Mae Dockery of Raeford; a foster daughter, Mrs. Eloise Rattcliff of Brooklyn, N.Y.; two brothers, William H. Jones of Philadelphia, Pa., and George W. Jones of Washington, D.C.; a sister, Mrs. Fannie Mae Graham of Raeford; 35 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Jones was a retired courthouse worker.



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EAGLE SCOUT -- Jerry Graham, a sophomore at Hoke High School, is the first member of Troop 434 to attain the rank of eagle scout. Called the "spark plug" of the troop, Graham earned a total of 32 badges for his award. Only 24 merit badges are required for the eagle scout award. He has also earned eleven skill awards. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Lyons of Raeford.

Weekly HEALTH TIP



M. Wood



W. Coley

Gout, a form of arthritis that affects joints of fingers and toes can be dramatically helped by eating cherries, states Texas Reports on Biology and Medicine. It cites case histories of gout patients cured by eating cherries, canned or fresh, sour or black. No side effects (except perhaps mild diarrhea). It may be worth a try for gout sufferers.

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