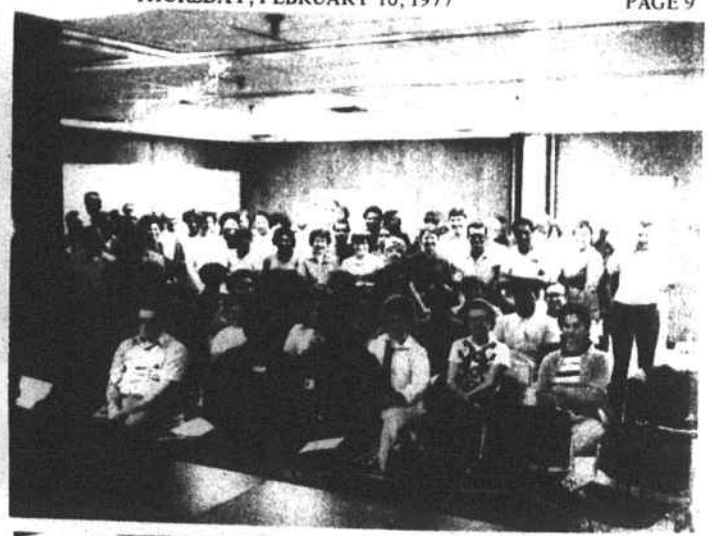




PINE -- Rediscovering the natural beauty of a heart of pine baluster with pine balusters is Mamie Gatlin. Mrs. Gatlin has spent about three weeks in her home scraping off a 40 year-old layer of mahogany paint. When she finishes scraping the paint off and smoothing with a special liquid sand paper, Mrs. Gatlin plans to seal the wood with tung oil. The project has been carried out in consultation with the extension home economics agent, who is available to county residents for free remodeling advice. (Photo by S.H. Aplin)



ATTENDANCE AWARDS -- The Raeford Plant of Burlington Industries presented perfect attendance awards for 1976 to 13 percent of all its hourly paid employees. Individual awards were presented by supervisors and department managers during special meetings where the plant management and staff members served refreshments. Plant Manager Jack



Bradford praised the workers for their outstanding attendance records and for the extra effort necessary to be "on the job" every day for a year without missing a day. Also honored were Harold D. Pipkin with 20 continuous years of perfect attendance, Dorothy R. Bennett with 14 years and Prince A. Black with 12 years.

\$200 In Fuel Fund

The emergency fuel fund set up to help needy families through the cold, energy guzzling winter months has gotten off to a slow start in collections and disbursements.

Social services director Benjamin O. Niblock reported that \$200 has

been collected from individuals and from a donation by the Kiwanis Club, and about \$80 of that has been paid to two families requesting assistance.

Niblock said, "We should get some more donations in shortly. Some of the clubs will probably start taking up collections. For example, the American Legion in considering starting a collection."

As to the few requests for aid, Niblock indicated that he expected that to pick up too. "Many didn't get their papers until Thursday and when we were closed Monday as part of the conservation effort, so I think more people will be in later this week," he said.

Qualifications for receiving the 100 gallon allotment per family require that the applicant be receiving Aid to Families with Dependant Children (AFDC) or Supplementary Security Income (SSI) or be unemployed.

Retail Sales Dip During December

Gross retail sales in Hoke County dipped to \$2,529,918 during the month of December, according to state revenue officials. The total for the previous month exceeded \$2.67 million.

Gross retail sales throughout the state for December topped \$1.98 billion.

Churches To Hold Bake Sale 12th

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship of Parker and Sandy Grove United Methodist Churches will sponsor a bake sale Saturday, Feb. 12 beginning at 10 a.m.

The sale will be held in the Edenborough Shopping Center lot.

Area Incidents

Guns Target Of Thieves

Police are investigating a break-in at Hugh's Texaco Station at Campus Ave. and Main St. in which a large quantity of guns was taken.

Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said the break-in was discovered Wednesday morning last week when the station was opened. A restroom was broken into and entry into the station itself where the guns were displayed was made by crawling through a vent from the restroom.

Listed as stolen are: one double barrel, 20-gauge shotgun; one 12-gauge Remington automatic shotgun; one 12-gauge, double barrel shotgun; one 12-gauge shotgun; one lever action .22 magnum Winchester rifle; one .38 caliber Charter Arms pistol; one .22 caliber Remington pump rifle; one 20-gauge Remington automatic shotgun; one Targa .25 caliber automatic pistol; one .22 caliber pistol; and one .22 caliber, single action Ruger pistol with 6 1/2 inch barrel.

Also missing are two CB radios, a 40-channel RCA 'Copilot' and a Cobra, model 29.

Wiggins said the store's ultrasonic beam alarm system failed to sound. It was not known if the intruders had turned the system off. The system was turned on, however, when the break-in was discovered.

No arrests have been made.

In other incidents, police arrested two youths and charged them with shoplifting in unrelated incidents. Orlando Fairley, 19, of P.O. Box 910, Raeford, was picked up Feb. 2 and charged with shoplifting a \$5 pair of sunglasses from Mack's Variety Store. He was released on personal recognizance pending a Feb. 18 District Court appearance.

Michael Priest, 18, of 511 E. Fifth Ave., Raeford, was charged Feb. 3 with shoplifting a \$1.99 T-shirt from Mack's. He was released under \$100 bond pending a Feb. 18 court appearance.

Harley Cummings Jr., Rt. 3, Raeford, reported to police \$15 in cash was stolen out of his car while it was parked in the Marks Food Market lot sometime Friday. The car was unlocked and the glove compartment, where the money was, was forced open.

Riley M. Jordan, Fulton St., complained his 1977 Oldsmobile was stolen from his office parking lot on Campus Ave. early Saturday morning. The car was found later the same day parked in the driveway of the Open Arms Rest Home on Main St. by state trooper J.E. Stanley.

Jack West Well Drilling Co., 513 Harris Ave., reported a forge blower, two drive shoes, a six inch pipe cutter and one log chain were stolen from the office lot sometime over the weekend. The loss is listed at \$436.

Pernell Locklear, Rt. 2, Raeford, reported four wheel covers were stolen off his auto while it was parked at the House of Raeford Farms lot on Central Ave. Monday. The loss is listed at \$130.

Samuel E. Ferguson, 603 N. Stewart, complained a Krayco, 23 channel CB radio was stolen from his auto while it was parked in the Tar Heel Hatcheries lot off Campbell St. Monday afternoon.

Dennis Jackson, Bladenboro, complained a Pace, 23 channel CB radio was stolen from his car while it was parked Monday afternoon in a parking lot on Campus Ave. The loss is listed at \$75.

Four persons were injured in a one-car smashup last Thursday about 9 p.m. on Harris Ave. near Magnolia St. Police said a car operated by Virginia B. Scott, 17, of Rt. 1, Box 293, Raeford, was traveling east on Harris Ave. when she swerved to avoid hitting a dog and struck a utility pole.

Mrs. Scott was taken to Moore Memorial Hospital. Three passengers in the car, Ina Lentz, Cindy Baker and Kirk Floyd, were treated by a local physician and released.

Property damage totaled \$1,400, according to police. No charges have been filed.

One driver was ticketed following a two-car accident Monday about 2:30 p.m. at Main St. and Donaldson Ave. Police said a car being operated by Theodore R. Hicks, 72, of P.O. Box 601, Raeford, was attempting to turn right onto Donaldson Ave. from Main St. when it collided with a car passing it on the right. The driver of the second car, Annie R. McNeill, 30, of Rt. 3, Box 225, Raeford, was cited for making an unsafe movement.

Property damage was estimated at \$350. No injuries were reported.

In the county, deputies responded Feb. 2 to a larceny complaint filed by Mrs. Lonie J. Reasner, 610 Main St. She indicated that she left Mae's Pizza and Cafe and returned to discover a .22 pistol, model 23, and a black holster missing from beside the cash register. The items were valued at \$53.95.

Family Dollar Names Executive

Family Dollar Stores, Inc. has named Douglas B. Sullivan, an attorney, as real estate manager, according to an announcement made by Lewis E. Levine, executive vice-president.

Sullivan's principal area of concentration will be the selection, development and construction of new store sites and ensuing lease and other contract negotiations, which are important factors in the growth of a retail chain, according to Levine.

Sullivan graduated from Wake Forest University School of Law in December of 1976.

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Grass Fires Put Out

North Raeford firemen were called out to extinguish two grass fires in the past week.

Assistant fire chief Elwood Baker said one blaze broke out Friday night and a second fire was reported Saturday. One fire was off Vass Rd. and the other was near Upchurch School.

About five and one half acres of

grass were destroyed in the fires, he said.

Baker also issued a reminder to citizens to refrain from burning trash outdoors when it is windy.

"This is very dangerous and these trash fires frequently get out of control. The firemen would like to please ask everyone to think before burning trash."

AUCTION SALE

Next Farm Machinery Auction Sale at Lloyd Meekins Auction Yard in Dillon, S. C. Thursday, Feb. 17 at 9:30 A.M. If you have tractors, trucks, farm equipment or anything else to sell, now is the time to sell. We buy and sell daily. Open everyday for consignments. LOOK: If you plan to have an Auction Sale CALL US. Lloyd Meekins & Sons Realty & Auction Co. Dillon, S. C. Phone: 774-8993