

Area Incidents

High School Target Of Break-In

Thieves made off with \$1,227 worth of photo equipment from the high school sometime between Saturday and Tuesday morning.

Assistant principal Don Steed notified police about 8 a.m. Tuesday that the property was removed from a storage cabinet in the old principal's office. Police Chief V.L. Wiggins said the intruders may have used a key to enter the office as no signs of forcible entry were found. The lock on the cabinet was broken off to gain entry. Cameras, lenses and other photo equipment were taken. No arrests have been made yet.

In other incidents, James Earl Jackson, 29, no address listed, was arrested and charged with common law robbery by police after Richard Deal, of Fayetteville, reported he was robbed of an undetermined amount of cash while at an E. Edinborough Ave. residence March 11.

Jackson was jailed in lieu of \$5,000 bond to await a March 25 District Court appearance.

Don Petersen, owner of Kash & Karry Market on S. Main St., reported to police someone had broken into a coin-operated

machine in the game room sometime March 8 and removed \$20 in quarters.

The old railroad depot downtown used as a warehouse was broken into sometime Saturday night or Sunday morning. Police discovered the break-in at 3 a.m. Sunday. A roll of newsprint paper was damaged along with the door.

A window at the residence of Robert E. Capps, 103 Lamont St., was found broken Friday night while the house was empty. The front door was found open but apparently nothing was taken, police said.

Virginia W. White, 16, of Rt. 2, Box 495 - IA, Raeford, was arrested Monday about 11 a.m. and charged with shoplifting a child's suit worth \$14.95 from Raeford Department Store. She was freed under \$75 bond pending a March 25 court appearance.

In the county, an additional charge was brought against James R. Baker, Rt. 3, Raeford, who was charged with unlawful burning and driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages Mar. 5. Following the burning incident, Baker attempted later that day to elude Chief Deputy Alex Norton and Deputy J.E. Murdock, according to a report. Deputy Murdock, driving a marked

vehicle, pulled up to the left side of the 1969 green and white Ford truck driven by Baker and drove along side for approximately three quarters of a mile. According to Murdock's report, he then attempted to pass Baker hoping to force Baker to the side of the road. As Murdock passed, Baker's truck ran into the right side of the Sheriff's car, damaging that side and leaving a dent on the right front quarter panel at the wheel well. Baker was charged with DUI and failure to stop for a blue light and siren. Bond was set at \$2,900.

James Allen, Rt. 1, P.O. Box 602, reported a hit and run incident March 8. Gladys Allen was witness to an accident in which John Lee Hines, (alias Lemont Hines), allegedly backed out of the driveway and hit the Allen car parked near their residence. Damage was set at \$85.56. Hines was charged with no insurance, driving without a license, hit and run, and property damage.

Wilson McBryde, Rt. 1, Shannon, complained of damage to personal property March 9. The deputies report indicated that a car ran off NC 20 crossing the right shoulder and into the fence. The vehicle then turned around in the field and drove back onto the road. Damage was set at \$25.31.

Democrats Name Chairmen For Jefferson-Jackson Day

A Raleigh woman with a distinguished record for civic activities and Democratic Party affairs, a North Carolina State Senator, and the State president of Young Democrats have been named by State Democratic Party Chairman Mrs. John L. McCain as co-chairmen for the pending Peoples' Jefferson-Jackson Day Celebration scheduled April 30 for Raleigh's Dorton Arena.

Mrs. William T. Hatch, Sen. John W. Winters and Carl Darden will share the responsibility as Co-chairmen for the annual fund-raising affair.

Mrs. Hatch has been an active Democrat since age 18 and has served as precinct chairman, Wake County chairman of the state YDC. Additionally, she has served as a member of the Congressional District Legislative Advisory Committee and the State Democratic Executive Committee.

Along with her busy role in Democratic Party activities, Mrs. Hatch has found time to play an active role in civic affairs, community and church life. She has been a member of the Board of Directors for the Art Society, State Personnel Board, Woman's Club of Raleigh, Inc., the Raleigh Garden Club, the State Health Commission

and the chairman of the Board of Deacons.

Sen. Winters was born in Raleigh and in 1961 was elected as Raleigh's first black city councilman, where he served three two-year terms. He was vice-chairman of the Wake County Democratic Executive Committee from 1964 to 1970.

As a director of the North Carolina Housing Corporation, Sen. Winters has served on a variety of state and national advisory committees on human relations and economic development. He served as a member of the Board of Governors for the University System of North Carolina and on the Governor's International Student Relations Commission. He is a director of the Wake County Red Cross and a life member of the NAACP.

Sen. Winters was elected to the State Senate in 1974, serving Wake, Harnett, and Lee Counties.

Co-chairman Carl Darden is a native of Sampson County and was educated in the public school system there. He attended East Carolina University. In January of this year he began his own business, Darden Realty in Greenville.

Darden's Young Democrats activity has been impressive. He was President to the Pitt County YDC, a district YDNC officer and served two terms on the State Democratic Executive Committee. In 1974 he was presented the J. Albert House Award as the state's "Most Outstanding Young Democrat." Darden was elected President of Young Democrats of North Carolina in 1976.

"We're honoring Mrs. Hatch, Sen. Winters and Mr. Darden for their outstanding contributions to the Party over the years", says Mrs. McCain. "But I think it is particularly appropriate that they will receive recognition at this year's Jefferson-Jackson Dinner where we'll be stressing a theme of Democratic strength through unity."

Fire Sweeps Home

The home of Richard Monroe in the Pine Hill fire district was extensively damaged when a fire broke out about 3 a.m. Tuesday.

According to Pine Hill Fire Chief Walter Purcell, the blaze began in a utility room near the carport of the home. The rest of the home suffered heavy damage before firemen could extinguish the blaze. The Pine Bluff and Aberdeen fire departments assisted.

Cause of the fire has not been determined.



RE-LOCATING--Billy Bowers, assistant manager of B.C. Moore & Sons store in Raeford, was promoted to manager by the company and transferred to Rutherfordton. He had been with the Raeford store for the past two years and worked for Moore in Sanford previously. He and his wife Wanda moved last week.

PROMOTED--Cleo Bratcher was promoted to assistant manager of B.C. Moore & Sons in Raeford last week. Bratcher, a Raeford native, has worked for the company for the past year. He and his wife Margaret have two children.



CRASH--Five persons were taken to Moore Memorial Hospital with injuries Monday after a crash about one mile south of Raeford on N.C. 211 at the intersection of RPR 1116 leading to South Hoke. (Photo by Henry Blue)

Five Hurt In Crash

Five persons received injuries in an accident Monday about 2:30 p.m. on N.C. 211 at the intersection of RPR 1116 (McLean's Crossroads).

According to Highway Patrol trooper J.E. Stanley, a car being operated by Lee Otis Chavis, 28, of Rt. 2, Box 91, Raeford, was traveling east on 211 when it stopped to make the turn at the intersection. A car being operated by Harriet B. Furrage, 26, of 821 E. Donaldson Ave., Raeford, struck the rear of the Chavis vehicle

at a speed of about 45 m.p.h., knocking the Chavis car into the path of a tractor trailer.

Chavis and two passengers, Wanda Chavis, 23, and Linda Chavis, 18, and Mrs. Furrage and a passenger, four year-old Patrick Furrage, were taken to Moore Memorial Hospital in Pinehurst with injuries.

The driver of the truck, Byron H. Sykes, 40, of Burlington, was uninjured.

Stanley said that Mrs. Furrage was charged with careless and reckless driving.

Service Personnel

Army S/Sgt. Ronald E. Bannister, a member of the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, recently completed a jungle operation training course at Ft. Sherman, C.Z.

The course provided training in jungle survival, techniques of camouflage, patrolling and various aspects of jungle warfare.

Sgt. Bannister entered the Army in 1971 and is an operations sergeant in Company C, 3rd Battalion, 325th Infantry of the division.

He is a 1969 graduate of Pepperell High School in Rome, Ga.

His wife, Delois, lives on Rt. 4, Raeford.



PUBLIC SPEAKER-- Mrs. Gib [Donna] Bernhardt received first place in public speaking at the competition for clubwomen in the Fine Arts Festival district competition in Southern Pines Mar. 5. Also, Mrs. Norman [Susan] McKenzie won first place in the literature category. Mrs. Allen [Brenda] Edwards won a second place in art and Mrs. Joe [Mary] Stanley won a third place in fabric crafts.



FLYING-- The Harris Street Gang of Eddie and Becky Mac Brown, and Carmen and Franklin Fowler have made good use of the March winds by constructing a seven-foot kite with a 40-ft. tail. The children decorated the project with their names and various doodles. Eddie, 4, declined to be photographed, saying that he was no publicity hound and sent instead his hound, Lady, to take his place. (Photo by S.H. Aplin)

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