



INITIATION -- The Upchurch Junior High Beta Club held initiation ceremonies Friday. New members are Eva McPhatter, Judy Scull, Ginny Leach, Fran Bouyer, Gena Jackson, Pam McNeill, Rose Parish, Gary Douglas, Linda Goodman, Tammy Locklear, Donna Lamont, Carla Sappenfield, Susan McNeill, Sam Tripp, Brenda Kelly, Dana Connell, Angela Conley, Wendy Linthicum, Elaine Godwin, Tarena Maloy, Thomas Gilchrist, Shirley McPhatter, Patricia McRae, Donna Holland, Debbie Williams and Mary Beth James.

Board Of Equalization Okays One, Nixes One

County commissioners sat as the Board of Equalization and Review Monday night and granted one reduction and denied another in the only two requests heard.

According to Clerk T.B. Lester, the board ordered a revaluation for Rockfish Enterprises at the request of B.B. Bostic and Herman Koonce on two parcels. A 22.86 acre tract listed at \$34,290 was reduced to \$16,380 and a 14.14 acre tract listed at \$14,140 was reduced to \$7,070. Lester said the land had been appraised for development and no development had taken place.

The board denied a request from Tommy Macko concerning a swimming pool.

In other business Monday night, the board named eight persons to the newly created Hoke County Council on the Status of Women. Emma Mims, Hank Richards, Mrs. R.E. Neeley, Ralph Plummer, Avery Connell, Ethelynde Ballance, Sarah Leach and Mrs. Winifred Rogers have all accepted appointment to one-year terms.

The commissioners agreed to purchase a surplus generator from the state worth \$10,000 for a cost of \$750 to provide emergency power at the jail to keep the radios and other equipment running in the case of a power failure.

The board unanimously voted to put both the solid waste disposal and county ambulance service out for competitive bids this year. Both services operate under contracts which run out in June.

Andrea Garrison was hired to replace Gloria Nash as accounting clerk with employment to begin in May. Miss Garrison is presently an assistant in the city government.

Paul Cole, Frances Turner, D.R. Huff Jr., Alvin Robinson and J.W. King were appointed trustees for the Ashley Heights Community Building.

Bids were ordered solicited on grass and shrubbery for the county office building on Magnolia St.

The meeting adjourned after 10 p.m., Lester said. All commissioners were present except Ralph Barnhart.



Read Romans 8:31-39

"I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." (Romans 8:18 RSV)

Leslie D. Weatherhead tells of watching a group of Persian carpet weavers at work. As they worked from the wrong side of the carpet, their fingers moved deftly under the direction of the master artist who designed the pattern and who was responsible for seeing that it was executed faithfully. Weatherhead asked what would happen if a weaver made a mistake, either in color or in design. He was told that usually the artist did not interfere but would simply weave the mistake into the pattern.

The interruption of death does not remove the threads of life, but they continue with the Father's master pattern for the totality of our existence.

As we continue to pass the dayposts and yearposts that mark off our lives, let us recognize that death is God's final benefit here after a long and fruitful life. Abundant living, inspired by the leadership of God's love, means the threads of life are woven into the faith of resurrection.

PRAYER: Gracious Lord, thread into our living the eternal design of resurrection. Give us faith to commit our lives to You that in the world to come we may have life everlasting. In the name of Him who is the resurrection and the life. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: With God, we always have a glorious future.
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--J. Don Jordan (Canton, Georgia)

There are more than 3.2 million veterans receiving monthly compensation or pension checks from the Veterans Administration.

Area Incidents

Bomb Hoax Empties Textile Mill

Officials at the Raeford plant of Burlington Industries announced Tuesday that a reward would be offered following a weekend bomb scare.

A female caller telephoned the plant switchboard about 11 a.m. Friday and said a bomb would go off at the plant at noon on Saturday, police said. A few minutes later, a male caller phoned and repeated the threat, after asking the operator "Did you hear what my wife said".

A search turned up no bomb and the calls were apparently a hoax. Harry Williamson, personnel manager, said the company would offer a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the identification, arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

In other incidents, Donald Daughtery, of Dudley, reported to police three boxes of ham products worth \$46.50 were stolen from his delivery truck early Tuesday morning while parked at Home Food Market.

Allen Edwards, principal of Hoke High, notified police Friday morning that a soft drink machine at the Gibson Building had been tampered with and extensively damaged. Entry was not made, however, according to police.

A seven-year-old juvenile was picked up by police April 13 for shoplifting a toy at the Super Dollar store. No juvenile petition will be filed, police said.

A one-year-old child was injured and taken to Moore Memorial Hospital about 4:30 p.m. Friday after he fell out of a car traveling on S. Main St. According to police, the child was riding in a car being driven by his mother, Shirley J. Locklear, 37, of Rt. 2, Box 18, Raeford, when the door on the passenger side came open. The child received cuts and bruises and was later released.

In the county, sheriff's deputies received a larceny complaint April 11 from David Warren, Rt. 3, Raeford, who notified them of the theft of \$257 worth of tools from a shed at Upchurch Pork Farm.

Roosevelt McPherson, Fayetteville, told deputies April 9 that he had been stabbed with a hunting knife. The incident was reported by Bernice McGilvary, who told deputies that McPherson and she got into an altercation. No charges have been filed.

Mrs. Albert Carter, Rt. 4, Box 880, Red Springs, told deputies March 21 that her son's bicycle had been discovered missing March 19. The bicycle was described as a 20" dirt track style bike.

John Letie, Rt. 1, Box 219, Lumber Bridge, advised deputies of the larceny of two Lodestar chain

hoists from his farm March 1. Valued at \$800, the hoists were stored in a pack barn. Arrested in connection with the theft were James Scurlock, Jimmie L. Robinson, P.K. Melvin, Curtis Smith, John Henry Smith, no addresses given.

Daniel Duane Scholtes, Rt. 2, Box 265, Raeford, reported a breaking, entering and larceny at his residence April 15. Property valued at \$407 was taken. Listed as missing were a watch, cassette player, gold cuff links, and silver dollars. Damage to the door was estimated at \$50.

Mary Locklear, Rt. 1, Box 616, Red Springs, complained April 15 of the larceny of \$120 from her unlocked residence.

C.A. Rose, Rt. 2, Box 15, Raeford, notified the Sheriff's Department April 17 of a breaking, entering and larceny at the Highway Department. Approximately \$25 was taken from a soft drink machine and a snack machine. Damage to the machines was estimated at \$100 each. Damage to the back door was listed at \$15.

Kitchen Items Needed For Classes

The Parks and Recreation Commission needs donations of bottle caps, margarine tubs, brown paper bags, paper milk cartons and salad dressing bottles for its crafts classes.

Recreation workers will go out and pick up any of these items if they are called at 875-5603.

Crafts classes for senior citizens begin Friday, April 22 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. The first 20 people to call and register will be able to join and there are still openings.

A \$2 fee will be charged to defray expenses.

Library Board Meets

The Board of Trustees of the Sandhill Regional Library System scheduled its quarterly meeting on Wednesday, April 27, at 3 p.m. at 1104 E. Broad Avenue in Rockingham.

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Sandhills Arts And Crafts Exhibit Slated April 24

The fourth annual Continuing Education Arts and Crafts Exhibit will be held on Sunday, April 24 from 1-5 p.m. in the Student Building at Sandhills Community College.

Exhibits will be prepared by students in drawing, ceramics, painting, cooking, crafts, furniture refinishing, knitting, macrame, needlecrafts, pine needle crafts, pottery, quilting, rug hooking, sewing, upholstery, woodcarving, and woodworking classes.

Special class performances will be scheduled from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. The square dance class taught by James McCracken will perform from 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. From 2:15 - 3:00 p.m. the students in the sewing classes taught by Margaret Crowder, Ruth Klingenschmidt, Sadie Maurer, Betty Morgan and Joy Tatum, will present a fashion show modeling outfits prepared in class this past year. The students in logging class taught by Mrs. Annette Nix Pulley will perform from 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. in the Student Hall.

The public is cordially invited to see the exhibits and enjoy the performances by the special classes.

Turn Your Clock Ahead

A Diller, a dollar, a ten o'clock scholar -- you'll really be late to Sunday school if you forget to turn your clock ahead this weekend.

Daylight Savings Time will go into effect 2 a.m. Sunday. Residents are reminded to set their clocks AHEAD one hour.

Health Tip OF THE WEEK

The rate at which a wound heals can be controlled by the amount of oxygen reaching the injured area, a professor of surgery informs. Oxygen can be applied directly to the wound, or systemically, by face mask or nasal tube. As an example, a woman's ulcerated heel resisted skin grafts, and amputation seemed necessary. Instead, the doctor encased her foot in a plastic bag, and pure oxygen was continuously piped in. Within 24 hours there was evidence of healing.

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