

**FIRE STATION** -- Construction of the new city fire station on E. Prospect Ave. is nearing midpoint. The \$184,000 facility is financed through a bond issue approved by voters earlier this year. General contractors on the building are DWC Contractors Inc. of Fayetteville. [Photo by Marty Vega]

**Area Incidents**

**Two Arrested On Break-In Charge**

Two local youths were arrested in connection with a breaking, entering and larceny complaint filed Sunday.

Lawrence E. McLaughlin, Rt. 1, Raeford, found his house and station wagon ransacked and \$599.95 worth of goods including a Sony television, clock, pocketbook and a bumper jack missing. Deputies arrested Ricky Jacobs, 17, of Rt. 1, Red Springs. Jacobs was charged with breaking, entering and larceny and placed under \$1,000 bond. No charges have been filed yet against a second suspect also being held.

Judy Cummings, Rt. 1, Aberdeen, told deputies Saturday of the theft of \$592.50 worth of household goods and jewelry from her house.

A complaint was lodged by the Buffalo Missionary Baptist Church, Rt. 3, Raeford, July 31. A Commander Water Pump valued at \$350 had been stolen from the church.

Tommy Wright, P.O. Box 70, Raeford, told deputies Aug. 1 of the larceny of a 24 volt Douglas battery valued at \$230 and a 12 volt battery valued at \$48. The batteries had been taken from a truck and motor grader and sand had then been poured into the gas tank, oil spout and carburetor. The vehicles had been left parked on Vass Rd. near Eddie Baker's house. The 24 volt battery was later recovered at the site of another break in.

Gene Thacker, Rt. 1, Box 878, Raeford, reported a breaking, entering and larceny Aug. 1 at the Raeford Aviation, Inc. hanger. Property, mostly tools, valued at \$3,700 was listed as missing.

J. Willard Singletary, Rt. 2, Box 136A, Raeford, told deputies Aug. 3 of the theft of frozen meats and vegetables and two guns, a .22 semi-automatic Marlin with scope, and a 12-gauge Sears automatic shotgun, from his residence. The property was valued at \$225.

C.L. Ellis, Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge, complained Monday that a window had been knocked out of his truck and everything taken off of the dashboard. No value was listed on the missing items.

Peter Dockery, P.O. Box 225, reported the theft of a \$169 chain saw July 29.

Aug. 3, Roger Locklear, Rt. 1, Box 64, Red Springs, advised deputies of the theft of a stereo, tape player speakers and a turn table valued at \$350.

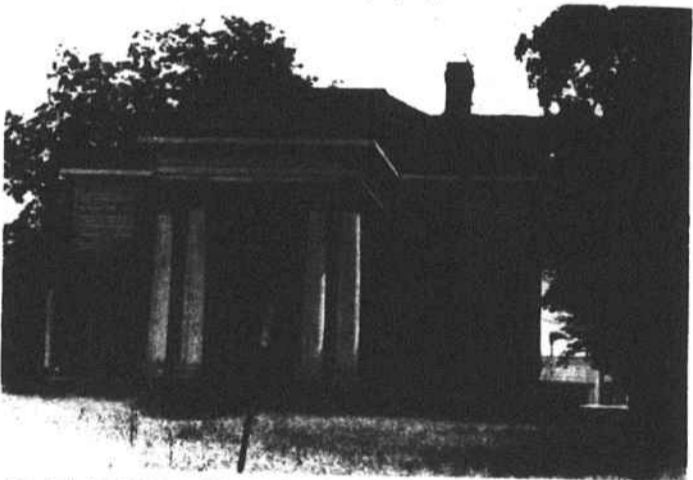
Ricky Sandy, Rt. 3, Box 254G, filed an injury to personal property report Aug. 3. His 1976 Monte Carlo had been sprayed by a crop dusting airplane.

In the city, Saturday police received a report from Harry Singletary, manager of the A&P, who said that a man had been seen shoplifting groceries. Raymond Simmons, P.O. Box 784, was arrested in connection with the theft of \$4.40 worth of goods.

John McDonald, 110 Magnolia, reported that his 10-speed Schwinn bicycle valued at \$120 had been taken from the Presbyterian Church sometime Friday.

Jack West of West's Well Drilling on Harris Ave., told police of the theft of a 1972 GMC truck. The vehicle was recovered Tuesday in Hope Mills.

Two persons were slightly injured Friday in an accident at E. Central at Jackson St. A vehicle driven by Annie Stephens, 52, Box 183, Raeford, turned left onto Jackson St. into the path of a motorcycle driven by Fairly D. McNeill, 27, Rt. 4, Box 62, Raeford. Stephens was cited for a safe movement violation.



**TO BE RAZED** -- The badly deteriorated old Sinclair home on W. Edinborough Ave. had been purchased by the city and the building will be razed to put a public parking lot on the property. The city acquired the property last month for \$39,000. [Photo by S.H. Aplin]



In most any business or profession, as well as in regular day-to-day life, there is often a fine line between what is right and what is wrong. The difference caused by one misplaced decimal point can mean financial disaster for a company. The wrong dosage of medicine for a patient can have serious consequences. The interpretation of one word, or the misplacement of a comma, can change the entire meaning of a sentence.

For agriculture, a growing problem has been -- in many people's image of the farming industry -- the omission of a single letter. Compare the sentence, "Farming is big business," with the sentence, "Farming is a big business." The omission of the important letter "a" changes a true statement into one that is false. That one little letter can change the attitudes of people toward farmers and agriculture as a whole.

Farming is a big business; it has to be in order to feed and clothe the world's growing billions of people. But farming is not Big Business.

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But farmers are also well aware of the economic facts of life. As agriculture, treated as Big Business, is brought under increasing restrictions and controls, the result can only be fewer farms and the possibility of less food production.

**Social Services Association Elects 1977-78 Officers**

Bruce D. Marshall of the Burke County Department of Social Services has assumed the presidency for the 1977-78 fiscal year of the North Carolina Social Services Association.

Marshall is social work supervisor of the child welfare unit and holds a master's degree in social work from the University of North Carolina.

The North Carolina Social Services Association is a professional organization of individuals employed in social services, with affiliates being those with interests in social services. The organization's membership last year was 3,200.

John Link, Jr., director of the Stanly County Department of Social Services, was elected vice-president of NCSA and will serve in that role for this fiscal year. Link holds a master's degree in social work from the University of North Carolina and has been director in Stanly County for three years.

Catherine Holman of Rockingham County Department of Social Services was elected secretary. She is a graduate of UNC-G and is presently day care co-ordinator with the Rockingham County Department of Social Services.

Judy Furr of Lincoln County was elected treasurer. She is a graduate of Wingate College and is responsible for determining eligibility for the AFDC program with the Lincoln County Department of Social Services.

The North Carolina Social Services Association is composed of ten districts in the state. Hobart Freeman, social work supervisor of

the Hoke County Department of Social Services, is chairman for this district.

The North Carolina Social Services Association is a non-profit organization whose members voluntarily join the association.

Primary objectives are to improve social services in North Carolina, promote the development of progressive social legislation and social policy and to improve personnel conditions within the field of social services.

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**Deaths**

**Mrs. Beale McIntyre**  
Mrs. Bessie Mae McIntyre, 47, died Monday night. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Buie Funeral Home.

That old saying about rats leaving a sinking ship is probably based on fact, the National Geographic says. Not motivated by prophetic powers, the rats leave because their homes in the bilges flood first, driving them to safety.



What becomes of your money after you deposit it?

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