



**PANCAKE SUPPER** -- The Raeford Kiwanis Club will hold its annual pancake supper Thursday, Dec. 8, from 5 till 8 p.m. in Gibson Cafeteria at the Hoke County High School. Tickets are selling for \$1.75 for all you can eat. Earl Fowler is shown above buying a ticket from Kiwanis Club Member Avery Connell.

## Medical Group Hires Director

James R. Fout, Jr., of Fayetteville, has been hired as project director for the Hoke County Medical Betterment Association, it was announced this week by Wyatt Upchurch.

The association has as its goal the betterment of medical services for Hoke County residents. To that end, the association has initiated a recruitment program to bring doctors into the area.

The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) has awarded the association a \$15,000 planning grant for the preparation of an application that could mean as much as half a million dollars for Hoke County in the next three or four years, Upchurch said. He said that Fout's main duty will be the preparation of this application for funds.

Fout is a retired Lt. Colonel in the Army Signal Corps. He and his wife, Helen, have two sons. He was executive director of the Sandhills Community Action Program, Inc. in Fayetteville and has received training at the Institute of Govern-

ment, the U.S. General Service Administration, and the Specific Action Corporation.

The 56-year-old Fout has served as chairman of the board for the Southeast Economic Development Commission (EDA), chairman of the Industrial Development Committee (Sandhills Area Development), of Hoke CAP, Inc., and of the Council of Executive Directors of N.C. Community Action Agencies.

From 1964 to 1968 he was manager of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce and Executive Director of the Hoke County Planning and Development Commission.

## Social Security Rates Explained

From time to time in the Fayetteville social security office someone will say to us, "Why is my monthly benefit so low? I have paid thousands and thousands of dollars into social security." Now for the facts:

The most any American wage earner could have paid into social

## Area Incidents

# Deputies Investigate Area Thefts

A number of thefts were investigated by deputies of the Hoke County Sheriff's Department during the week.

Two youths were arrested for the Nov. 27 break-in at a house trailer owned by Beatrice McRae, Harmony Heights Trailer Park. A .38 caliber pistol valued at \$125 was taken; it was recovered, deputies said. According to the report, Gene D. Flint, 19, and Judy K. Flint, 20, were charged with breaking, entering and larceny.

William Thomas Niven, 505 College Dr., Raeford, reported the theft of an \$80 tape player from his truck on Nov. 30.

John Walter Winston, 2198 Scurlock St., reported the theft of a car battery on Nov. 30.

Also on Nov. 30, Earl Locklear, of Rt. 1, Raeford, told deputies that four tires and four rims, worth \$355, had been stolen from his car while it was parked outside his brother's garage on Rt. 4.

A juvenile was taken into custody this week, charged with the Nov. 29 break-in at the Rt. 3 home of Mrs. Pearl D. McRae, deputies said. Nothing was reported missing in the break-in.

A 1970 International truck loaded with plywood and tar paper was reportedly stolen from the site of a new home on the old Singleton farm on Dec. 5, deputies said. The truck and materials belonged to Edgar Vivian Edens, III, of Fayetteville, and were valued at over \$6,000.

On Dec. 1, Thomas R. Daly, of Ft. Bragg, notified deputies that the tires and rims had been taken off his car while it was parked off Highway 401 near Rural Paved Road 1317. His car broke down and was gone when he went back

for it, he said. Deputy C.R. Wilson located the vehicle in the area. Both back tires had been taken, according to the report. They were worth \$166.

Two break-ins were reported during the week at Willis' Open Air Market on Highway 211 West. On Nov. 30, thieves entered the market through a hole cut in the rear wire fence and made off with \$51 in merchandise, deputies said. The second entry came on Dec. 6, when the store was entered through a hole cut in the front fence. This time \$66 in merchandise was removed, according to the report.

Martin Laton, Rt. 4, Raeford, reported on Dec. 1 that the front wheels have been taken off his car while it was parked at Wayside Store and Motors on 401 north of Raeford. They were valued at \$160.

Robert Grace, Rt. 1, Raeford, reported the theft of a battery from his car while it was at Pete's Exxon on North Main St. Extension.

In the city, police received a report of breaking and entering from Cliff McMillian, 1210 N. Stuart Street Dec. 5. McMillian said the incident occurred Dec. 2. He was away from home and had left the door unlocked when some-

one entered and took a .22 rifle, valued at \$75, and \$8 in cash.

Linda Collins, Rt. 1 Box 366, Shannon, reported to police on Dec. 5 that on Dec. 1 a tire and wheel were removed from her car. The car was parked at Raeford Turkey Farms at 4 p.m. and when she returned to it at 2:30 a.m. the tire and wheel were missing.

On Dec. 3 Charles Davis, 309 Adams St., reported the theft of a C.B. antenna. Police said the antenna was removed from his car at his home and was valued at \$50.

Police investigated a break-in at Hoke High School Dec. 2. Officers found a bank bag on Bethel Road at 2:30 a.m. and upon investigation discovered that someone had entered the high school through an open window and had taken the bag. The bag the officers recovered had contained one dollar, which was missing.

Police report an accident involving two cars occurred on Dec. 2 at 11:15 p.m. A 1977 Chevrolet, driven by Frankie Townsend, 18, Rt. 1 Box 182-A, Red Springs, drove into the rear of a 1967 Ford at the traffic light at Edinborough and Main. The Ford was driven by

Edward Ozier Goodman, Rt. 1 Box 225, Shannon.

Albert McArm, Jr., Rt. 1 Box 230 Shannon, a passenger in the Goodman car, was taken to Cape Fear Valley Hospital with minor injuries.

Damage to the Goodman car was estimated at \$700 and the Townsend car received approximately \$600 in damages. Goodman was charged with driving under the influence and unsafe movement.



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A relative humidity of 50% has a lethal effect on nearly all infective bacteria and viruses. It causes germs emitted by sneezing or coughing to quickly settle to the floor and die. If the air is unusually dry, mucus and saliva particles dry up and may float as infectious agents for several weeks. Proper humidity during winter heating is essential to ward off colds and respiratory infections.

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## 'Star Of Bethlehem' Begins This Month

Advance group reservations for the Morehead Planetarium's annual Christmas program are filling up rapidly, according to Reservations Secretary, Sandra Wilson.

Many of the regularly scheduled weekday performances of "Star of Bethlehem" have already been closed out due to capacity crowds, and Ms. Wilson urged interested groups of 20 or more persons to make early reservations in order to secure choice program times.

"Even weekend shows are being reserved up to our limit," she said, adding that a certain number of spaces must be held for the general public and groups smaller than 20 persons, for which advance reservations are not accepted. "There are groups coming all the way from New Bern and even Halifax and Richmond, Va.," said Ms. Wilson. "Star of Bethlehem" is offered every evening and weekend for general audiences, and at special weekday times for organized school, church, and senior citizens' groups.

Special group performances are as follows: Mondays through Fridays at 1 p.m.; Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10 a.m.; and at other unscheduled hours by special arrangement.

The above hours apply for the current period through Jan. 9, except for Dec. 19 through 30, when shows will be at 3 and 8 p.m. only. The Planetarium will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25.

Regular public programs are nightly at 8, plus weekend matinees as follows: Saturdays at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. and Sundays at 2 and 3 p.m.

Admission rates are \$1 for children through age 11 or grade six; \$1.25 for students through

college and senior citizens; and \$1.50 for other adults. A discounted rate of \$1.25 is given to adult groups of 20 or more. One chaperone is admitted free with each 10 members of organized youth groups.

For reservations call (919)933-1236 weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. or write:

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security from 1937, when payroll taxes began, is \$8,728.35. An equal amount would have been paid by his employers. From 1937 through 1949, the most a wage earner could have paid in taxes was \$30 a year, or a total of \$390 for all those years.

Now let's look at benefits. Let's assume that you have paid in \$8,728.35 since 1937 and you retire this January at age 65. Your monthly benefit will be \$459.80. At that rate you will recover what you have paid in 19 months. If you have a wife of the same age, your combined check will be \$689.70, so that it would only take 13 months to get back all you paid in.

What if you had taken this money you paid to social security and invested it? If one assumes a rate of return based on compound interest payable at prevailing savings bank rates in the years since 1937, a worker retiring at 65 say in 1983 would get back in monthly benefits his and his employers' social security taxes, plus interest, in about six years.

Also bear in mind that since 1966 your social security taxes have also paid for Medicare hospital insurance. This protection is valued now at about \$55 a month and will climb to about \$105 a month by 1983. Also during your working years, your social security taxes are protecting your family right now against the risk of your death or disability since monthly cash benefits are paid to the families of workers who die or are severely disabled during working years.



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