

Area Incidents

Larcenies Reported In The County

A number of larcenies were reported to the Hoke County Sheriff's Department during the last week, and arrests were made in some cases.

John C. Jones, of Rt. 1, Raeford, was charged with second degree burglary on March 2 after he allegedly entered the home of Barbara Brown, Rt. 1, Raeford, deputies reported. Miss Brown came home to find Jones asleep in a chair, according to the report. Deputies said he had been drinking. A warrant was drawn. He was released on bail.

Two days later Jones reportedly attempted to break into the same house.

Three youths were charged with the Feb. 28 theft of a large cast iron wash pot from the home of Boyd Hussey, Rt. 1, Aberdeen. Charged with larceny were Ricky Cummings, 17, Rt. 1, Aberdeen; Henry Locklear, 19, Rt. 1, Raeford; and Amon Locklear, 18, Rt. 1, Aberdeen. Hussey said he used the pot to steam oysters and valued it at \$30.

Mrs. Jessie James Locklear, Rt. 4, Red Springs, reported March 25 that two chairs and a couch in her home had been cut by vandals. The damage was estimated at \$325.

A fire which caused \$1,500 damage to the Rt. 1, Red Springs home of Lissie Henderson on March 20 was investigated by deputies who determined that there was no evidence of arson. The home suffered smoke damage to three bedrooms, the livingroom

ceiling, bathroom, and to personal property, the report said.

On March 23, N.L. McFadyen, 111 S. Highland St., Raeford, reported the theft from his farm on the Rockfish Road of \$225 worth of sprinkler heads.

Marshall J. Bullard, Rt. 2, Raeford, reported March 16 that 500 pounds of copper worth \$75 had been stolen from his barn.

Rosie Lee Blue, Rt. 3, Raeford, reported March 24 that someone had vandalized her trailer, located on the Lake Elizabeth Road, by throwing eggs on the carpet.

Danny Locklear, Rt. 1, Aberdeen, told deputies on March 26 that a mini-bike valued at \$150 had been taken from a storage building at his home.

A break-in March 26 at Vance Aircraft Sales, Inc. at the Raeford Municipal Airport netted \$139 in cash, according to a report. Deputies said a window had been pulled open on the back side of the trailer. A cash box was removed. It was found in the woods nearby along with checks made out to the

company, deputies reported. The investigation is continuing.

Harold Smith of Fayetteville reported March 26 that a tape player, a spare tire, some tools and a battery worth a total of \$130 were stolen from his car while it was parked at Parks' Grill.

Albert McLean, Rt. 1, Raeford, reported the theft of a \$100 chainsaw from his home.

And on March 9, C.L. Leach of Raeford reported the theft of seven tires and rims worth \$980 from Leach's Auto.

In the city, police report a two-car collision that resulted in about

\$700 in damages and minor injuries on March 20.

Rita Taggart Davis, Rt. 2 Lot 9, Raeford, stopped for the traffic light at the intersection of Harris Ave. and Main St. She told police her foot slipped from the brake pedal and hit the gas pedal causing the car to jump forward. The vehicle struck a 1973 Pontiac driven by Virginia Baker Scott, Rt. 3 Box 252-A, Raeford. Ms. Baker sustained minor injuries, and damage to her car was estimated to \$300. The Davis vehicle, a 1973 Pontiac incurred approximately \$400 in damages. Ms. Davis was charged with unsafe movement.

Charles Eugene Davis, 306 N. Jackson St., Raeford, told police that on the night of March 24, his car, parked in front of his home, was sideswiped. The incident resulted in \$150 in damages to the Davis vehicle. The matter is under investigation.

Police report that William W. Lentz, 206 East Prospect Street, Raeford, lost a golf bag and 13 clubs when his pick-up truck was broken into on March 23. The thief broke a window in the truck to get the clubs, which were valued at \$450.

Resident Appointed To Council

Mary K. Thomas of Raeford was appointed February 15 to the Advisory Council of McCain Correctional Center of the North Carolina Department of Correction by Gov. James Hunt.

One of the goals of this administration is to improve the corrections system in North Carolina. The appointment was made effective immediately and expires December 31, 1979.

Mrs. Thomas was also recently appointed Minority Affairs chairman for Hoke County. In this position, she is to represent the Democratic party in various minority events and activities.

Mrs. Thomas, accompanied by her husband, James, attended the state-wide meeting of all county Minority Affairs chairmen held in Raleigh March 25 at the Hilton Inn Democratic headquarters.

Mrs. Thomas is a full time student at Pembroke State University, assistant pastor at the St. Matthew Church of God and an active member and officer of the Silver City Community Federated Women's Club. She was appointed last October 25 to the Sandhills College advisory committee by college President Raymond A. Stone.

IRS News

Last year almost 228,000 North Carolina citizens filed claims for the Earned Income Credit with the Internal Revenue Service, and each received a check averaging about \$200.

The Earned Income Credit is for working parents who earned less than \$8,000 in 1977 and can be as much as \$400, the IRS said. To qualify, a person must have an adjusted gross income or earned income of less than \$8,000 and must have maintained a household for the entire year for their child under 19, a full-time student or a disabled dependent.

The credit is 10 percent of the first \$4,000 or earned income and is reduced by one dollar for each \$10 of earned or adjusted gross income over \$4,000, phasing out completely at the \$8,000 mark. Even if the person paid in no income tax during 1977, he may be eligible, but must file a Federal tax return to claim it.

An example: Mr. & Mrs. A made \$5,000 in 1977 and have a child in college full-time. They would compute the credit by taking 10 percent of the excess over \$5,000 (\$1,000) which is \$100 and subtract that from \$400, arriving at a credit of \$300.

For further information call the IRS toll-free number 1-800-822-8800 or order Publication 596

This Is The Law

Attorney's Responsibilities

In North Carolina, the legal profession must provide counsel for all defendants, including the most unpopular ones. Counsel must be available to every person charged with crime, if our system of administration of justice is to survive.

An attorney should not be penalized because of his client's reputation, views or character. The attorney is like the banker who handles other people's money or the minister who handles other people's spiritual problems.

The obligation of the attorney is to bring forward for his client such facts, principles of law, and arguments as may be properly presented for his client, leaving it to the opposing counsel to do the same for his side, and to the judge or jury to weigh the conflicting claims and to decide between them.

If an attorney is appointed by the court to defend an indigent client in a criminal case, he has no choice. The attorney is an officer of the court. His highest loyalty is, first and always, to the court. The fact that he may sincerely believe his client is legally guilty is immaterial. Every client is entitled to the best defense his lawyer can muster.



WOMAN'S CLUB -- Mrs. Clyde Knox (right) is the new president of the Raeford Woman's Club, and Mrs. Hubert Cameron is the club's new treasurer. They were elected March 13 and will take office in May. Both will serve two year terms. They replace Mrs. A.K. Leach, president, and Mrs. Belton Wright, treasurer.

Veterans Corner

The Veterans Administration this week reminded former servicemen and women it's smart to ask for VA counseling when considering educational and vocational training benefits.

VA Regional Director Kenneth E. McDonald said veterans short-change themselves when they fail to take advantage of the agency's free counseling service.

"It can make a big difference in whether you have the future you want or no future at all," he said.

"The fact is, it makes good sense to use counseling resources if you need help in achieving training and employment goals."

McDonald pointed out that veterans entitled to VA schooling benefits also are eligible for the counseling service and may request it.

VA vocational counselors are professionals who have in-depth knowledge of job markets, occupations, schools, VA benefits and the problems people face from money to marriage.

The counselor and the veteran sit down together and go over the veteran's education, training, employment and career desires.

"They have no axe to grind and are interested only in what will help the veteran," McDonald said.

"They will help the veteran identify his or her interests and best abilities, assist in the selection of a suitable career goal, and will be specific in recommending programs or other assistance on the basis of their knowledge of available training, employment opportunities and other circumstances," he said.

While there is no charge for VA counseling, the veteran must pay his or her own transportation costs, if any. McDonald said the agency "will do its best to minimize that cost by scheduling an appointment as near the veteran's home as possible."

You can have full information on VA's vocational - educational counseling program by calling a Benefits Counselor on VA's toll free number 1-800-642-0841.

Deaths And Funerals

Hershel Kerr

Hershel Elvert Kerr, 60, of Route 4, Raeford, died Sunday.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Hope Mills Pentecostal Holiness Church by the Revs. David Butts and James Wilson. Burial will be in the Raeford Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Joella Kerr; four daughters, Mrs. James R. Baker of West Jefferson, Mrs. Jill McKeithan of Grassy Creek, Mrs. Sandra Rutter of Lewiston, Idaho and Mrs. Bonnie Bundy of Rockfish; three sons, Hershal E. Jr. and Allen D. Kerr, both of Ft. Myers, Fla., and Dale R. Kerr of the home; four sisters, Mrs. Lee Hanby of Booneville, Ark., Mrs. R.C. Baker of Fayetteville, Mrs. Thelma Kindrix of Magazine, Ark., and Mrs. Aileen Montepusco of Lake Worth, Fla.; and 12 grandchildren.

Carolyn McCoin

Carolyn Black McCoin, 49, of Red Springs, died Monday. Funeral services are scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Trinity Methodist Church in Red Springs. Burial will be in Alloway Cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Bob McCoin; four sisters, Mrs. Nita Quick and Mrs. Eva Hendricks of Raeford, Mrs. Julia Rushin, and Mrs. Bonnie Mize of Red Springs; one brother, John Black of Raeford.

Isabelle Brown

Mrs. Isabelle Brown, 56, of Red Springs, died Friday. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Piney Grove Baptist Church in Red Springs. Burial was in Community Rest Cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, John of Patterson, N.J. and Harold Brown of Red Springs; five sisters, Mrs. Maggie Hollingsworth of Raeford, Mrs. Clara Griffin of Fayetteville, Mrs. Mary Peterkin, Mrs. Flora Alston and Mrs. Shadie Haywood of Red Springs; two brothers, Willie and Edward Peterkin of Red Springs and seven grandchildren.

Thomas Works For Newspaper

Vernice Thomas, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas, Jr., was recently hired as the circulation director for the Greensboro *Carolina Peacemaker*.

A native of Raeford, Thomas earned a degree in sociology at A&T University. He enrolled at A&T in 1969, but his education was interrupted in 1972 by a stint in the service. He served for two years at Fort Hood, Texas. The degree in sociology was awarded to him last summer.

Thomas began work after completing a two-month training session that included work in the circulation department of other successful newspapers.

He and his wife, the former Linda Smith, live in Greensboro. They have a daughter.

"I have all the confidence in the world in his abilities," said Stan Davis, general manager of the paper.

Day Honors N.C. Doctors

March 30, Doctor's Day, is a day set aside by the North Carolina Medical Society's Woman's Auxiliary to honor members of the medical profession, both living and dead.

Doctor's Day was suggested in 1933 by Mrs. C.B. Almond of Georgia, a physician's wife.

The auxiliary adopted the red carnation as the symbol of Doctor's Day in 1949. The flower means divine rejoicing and is said to have appeared on earth for the first time when Christ was born.


Auxiliaries have honored doctors through many projects across the state. Donations have been made to help young people with educational expenses, members have participated in blood recruitment programs, as well as undertaking many other such projects.

The Southern Medical Association Woman's Auxiliary gives monetary awards and honorable mention certificates at its annual convention each year in addition to two trophies. Each state prepares a scrapbook showing auxiliary projects from across the state. North Carolina has won awards for each of the last five years.

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