First Baptist, Pittman Grove in Initiative

# Jimbo Hughes Case Gets Action

In the wake of last week's News-Journal story on the plight of Jimbo Hughes and his mother, Spring, ("Nearly - drowned Child Clings to life"), telephones have been ringing and interest has been high as to further details and what a person might do to help.

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The News-Journal is pleased to report that the Dr. Julius Jordan Sunday School Class of Raeford's First Baptist Church has taken the

Hughes case as a priority project. Eugene Williams, a member of that class, is coordinating at the moment with all interesed churches in the county and with various key religious and civic figures in several communities, to establish either a trust fund or a church administered drive to and through

which all contributions for the Hugheses may be channeled.

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Williams says he has personally visited with Jimbo and Mrs.
Hughes in the hospital since reading the article in this paper, and that he is "thoroughly impressed with the need" in this case.
He has also visited with the Rev.
D.M. Musselwhite, pastor of Pittman Grove Baptist Church, the church near the Hughes home, which took a special collection for

which took a special collection for the family in July.

The Rev. Musselwhite said his church had had plans for further help for the Hughes family but would be "pleased to fit itself firmly into an ecumenical countywide drive that would include appropriate the county include appropriate the county include appropriate that would include appropriate the county include appropriate the county include appropriate that would include appropriate the county include appropriate that would include appropriate that would include appropriate that would be appropriate that the county include appropriate that the county include appropriate that the county include the county included the county include the county included the county include the county included the county include the county include the county included the drive that would include everyone, and, in that way, of course, be so

much more effective.

Until a meeting of the various church and group representatives can be held this week to iron out the details. Williams said that anyone wishing to make a con-tribution or pledge for the Hughes tribution or pieage for the riughes cause is urged to drop by, call, or mail such contributions to the Secretary, First Baptist Church, 333 N. Main St., Raeford, N.C., 28376, telephone 875-3508.

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Checks and money orders should be made payable to "The Jimbo Hughes Fund," he said.

The Rev. Billy Beaver, pastor of First Baptist Church, has given his full approval to this interim measure and to the project itself.

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In the Rockfish community, the Rev. Musselwhite, Pittman Grove's

pastor, announces that he will personally be happy to "go any-where at any time to talk with any organization or group about the merits of the Hughes case." His telephone number is 875-4569.

In recent developments in the Hughes case, it is reported that Jimbo's father has been located, out of state, and that he has an insurance policy that will "help some but not nearly all" with paying the expenses of Jimbo's medical care thus far. It appears also that the Department of Social also that the Department of Social Services will be successful in awarding Medicaid and food stamps in the case.

Someone is also reported to have given Mrs. Hughes an automobile. Meanwhile, on Tuesday Jimbo was moved from Cape Fear Valley Hospital to Bethesda Nursing Home in Eastover, with his condi-tion remaining essentially un-

Mrs. Hughes will be permitted to live in the room with her son there, just as she has done at Cape Fear Valley since his near-drowning on

## Personnel Director Announced

August A. Zitzmann, general August A. Zitzmann, general manager, Faberge, Inc., announced Thursday that Gregory Clark has joined Faberge as director of personnel, Raeford Plant.

Clark attended Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, and received his B.S. degree from East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C.

He and his family currently reside in Edenton, N.C.

### Deaths And Funerals

Mrs. Ruth McDowell Mrs. Ruth McDowell, 85, died

The funeral was conducted in Second Baptist Church Monday afternoon, and burial was in Raeford Cemetery.
Crumpler Funeral Home was in

charge of the arrangements.
Surviving are her sons, Maxie and Perlie McDowell of Baltimore, Md., Walter McDowell of Columbia, S.C., and Curtis McDowell of Raeford; her daughters, Mrs. Erlie Mae Smith of Raeford, and Mrs. Geneva Barefoot of High Point; 19 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchil-dren; and her brother, J.A. Barn-

#### James Wilkerson

The funeral for James Wilkerson, 59, of Rt. 1, Aberdeen, who died August 25, were conducted August 27 in Shiloh Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Allan Smythe.
Burial was in the church cemetery.
Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ruth
Calloway Wilkerson; his son, James
T. Wilkerson II of Aberdeen; his daughters, Mrs. Oliver H. Perkins, Jr. of South Boston, Va., Mrs. Morris Crouch of Southport, and Mrs. Lola Matthews of Aberdeen; his brothers, William E. Wilkerson of South Boston, Charles B. Wil-kerson of Mechanicsville, Va., George Y. Wilkerson of Richmond, Va.; his sisters, Mrs. Carl Bridges of Chase City, Va., Mrs. Fred Toombs of Red Oak, Va., Mrs. Harold Peterson, Ir. of Drake's Harold Peterson, Jr., of Drake's Branch, Va., Mrs. Jane Wright of Walkersville, Md., and Mrs. Kenneth Sturgeon of Aberdeen; his mother, Mrs. Thomas E. Wilker-son of Chase City; and seven grandchildren.

James Hallford James Hallford, 54, of Hope

Mills, died Friday. He was the stepfather of Robert

Powell of Raeford.

Surviving in the addition to Powell are another stepson, Frank of Greenville, S.C.; his daughter, Mrs. Janet Drew of Bellabelle, Ga.; his wife, Mrs. Grace Hallford; his sons, S. ASgt. Lewis Hallford in the Army stationed in Germany, and SSgt. Bruce Hallford of Ft. Bragg; 11 grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Trudie Yocum of Hope Mills; and his sister, Miss Irene Hallford of Los Angeles, Calif.

The funeral was held Monday in Biggs Funeral Home of Lumber-ton. Burial was in Singletary Baptist Church cemetery.

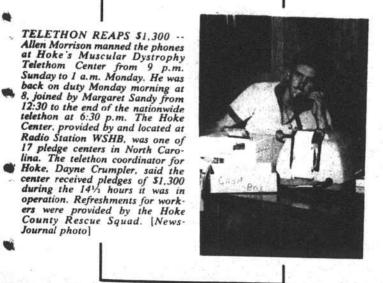
#### Correction

A deputy with a group of children in a picture in The News-Journal of last week was identified incorrectly as "Deputy Murdock.

The officer in the photo is

Deputy James W. Jones.
Deputy Murdock (James E.)
made a talk to the children at school during the July Day Camp.

The picture was taken, however, during the students' visit to the Hoke County Jail during the Day Camp, and Deputy Jones was the Sheiff's Department's host on that



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