

Area Incidents

Thieves Get Hub Caps

The following were reported to the Raeford Police Department during the past week, Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said.

Two school buses, Nos. 5 and 11, were vandalized during the week-end of December 7, while they were parked behind Raeford United Methodist Church near Mc-Lauchlin Elementary School. Mc-Lauchlin Principal James B. Bowles reported the contents of a fire extinguisher were sprayed on the interiors of the vehicles and the contents of a first-aid kit stored in one of the buses were scattered in the inside of the bus. The damages totaled about \$100.

Two sets of four hubcaps each were reported Friday stolen from cars of Harriett McDonald and Robert Taylor, teachers at Hoke County High School, while the vehicles were parked at the school. Mrs. McDonald's hubcaps are valued at a total of \$360, and Taylor's at \$200.

Patrolman J.R. McNeill while making a routine patrol Sunday saw a light on in the Hoke High administration building. He notified Principal Lenwood Simpson and called for a backup. After Simpson arrived, a man was found in Simpson's office. Also found was \$136 worth of merchandise which had been moved from its regular place.

Lawrence Ray, Jr., 22, of Rt. 1, Raeford, was charged with breaking and entering, and larceny in the

case. James Allen Morrison reported Monday two gold rings valued at \$225, a tool box at \$50 and \$150 worth of tools in the box were stolen from his room in the Crumpler Funeral Home building during the previous three weeks.

The following were filed at the Hoke County Sheriff's Department.

A Persian rug, a five-piece set of silverware, and a \$50 bill were stolen from the residence of Helen Comer on Rt. 3, Raeford, Thursday by someone who broke into the home. The rug and silver are valued at a total of \$1,700.

A microwave oven and a chain saw valued at a total \$575 were stolen in a break-in Thursday from the home of Robert Moon on Rt. 3, Shannon.

Joseph R. Monroe of Rt. 3, Raeford, reported a .30 caliber Rossi gun valued at \$129 was stolen from his store while he was away between November 4 and December 5.

Bennie Lee Hamilton, 21, of Rt. 3, Raeford, was charged with possession of marijuana after deputies with a search warrant allegedly found three plastic bags, and three brown envelopes containing the substance, and two hand-rolled cigarettes of marijuana in his residence Thursday night.

Furniture, a refrigerator, draperies, a hot-water heater, and copper water lines owned by Future

Mobile Homes of Cumberland County were reported stolen from a trailer on Rockfish Road near Scurlock School December 5. The loss was reported by Carl Gardner, a company employee, after he had gone to the trailer to repossess it for the company.

The missing property is valued at \$1,235.

A total of about 698 feet of copper cable valued at \$298.40 was stolen between December 4 and 9 from the Carolina Power & Light Co. substation at Dundarrach. The thief or thieves got into the property by cutting an opening in a link fence.

Julius Vanner reported three cases of beer worth \$45 and 100 pennies were stolen from the ice cream store at Jones Hills on Saunders Street December 8 or 9. The damage done to a window by the thief in breaking into the building amounted to about \$40.

A stereo cassette, an eight-track deck, and a stand valued at a total of \$709.85 were stolen from the residence of John Samuel Malloy, on Rt. 4, Red Springs, December 5.

Two wheels, two tires, a radio and tape player and two speakers were stolen from a car at Arabia Auto Sales on Rt. 2, Raeford, the weekend of December 5. The car is owned by Michael Stokes of Fayetteville and had been left there for repairs. The stolen property is valued at about \$650. About \$75 damage was done to the car's dashboard by the thief.



WEST HOKE CHORUS -- West Hoke Elementary School's chorus, shown here, gave a Christmas concert Tuesday afternoon for the student body. The chorus is directed by Mrs. Miriam McNeill. [Staff photo by Bill Lindau.]

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass Set

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church, located on 401 South and Palmer Street across from the Party Shoppe, will have carols beginning at 11:30 p.m. with a candlelight service.

A huge indoor manger with a wooded setting of fir trees will highlight the pre-midnight Mass.

A little boy and girl will represent Mary and Joseph as Infant Baby Jesus is placed in the manger.

Poinsettias will represent the different families' gift of love of their relatives.

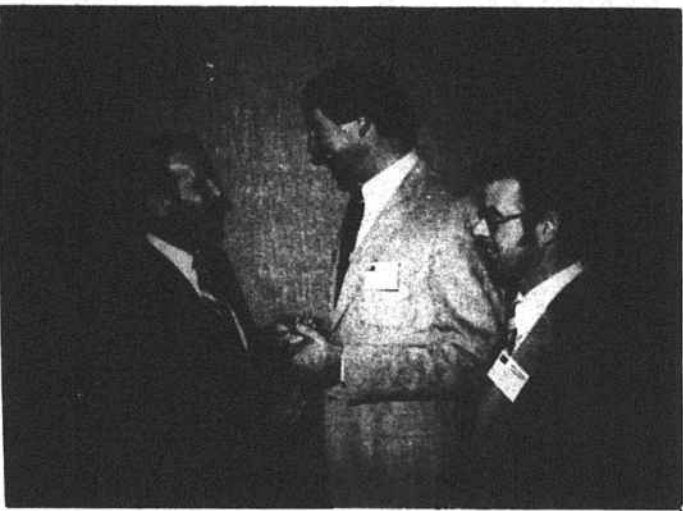
It will be a traditional High Mass, interspersed with carols and a special Christmas sermon.

The lector will be Leo Salzer, and the organist will be Billie Postel. There will be a special guest soloist.

All boys of school age from the parish will be serving the Mass, dressed in red and white cassocks.

The public is cordially invited to attend the pre-Christmas carols and the traditional Christmas Mass.

The pastor, the Rev. H. Paul Strassle, said he hopes "many of our Christian friends of all denominations will come and celebrate the birth of Christ, beginning at the very first moment, midnight, of the birth."



L-R. John Sledge, William Boyles, and Earl Rose, manager of the Farm Bureau insurance agency in Raeford.

Boyles Wins Award

William R. Boyles, president of Hoke County Farm Bureau, was announced as the winner of a special award by John Sledge, president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, at its annual meeting in Raleigh last week.

The award is presented in recognition of outstanding production by Farm Bureau insurance agents in the county in a statewide contest in which agents had an opportunity to win this honor for their county presidents who serve on a voluntary basis.

Hoke Highlights

by Donna Holland

Hoke High juniors received their high school class rings on Friday of last week. It was an exciting day for all of these students and one they had been looking forward to for many weeks.

A Christmas box for a needy family was prepared by the Students in Action for Education as their Christmas project. The box was filled with groceries and canned goods for the family to enjoy. Helping others is always appreciated especially around the holidays. I am sure this family was very thankful.

The Hoke High Chorale entertained at the Raeford Presbyterian Church on Tuesday night, December 16th for the men of the church supper. Their performance was great.

Also this week, the chorale will be singing at the Hoke High Chorus and Chorale Christmas concert. Hopefully many of you will attend. These students have been practicing very hard and they have prepared an excellent concert.

Another club at the high school has also prepared Christmas boxes for needy families. The Student Government Association fixed boxes containing a ham, canned goods and a family game for two families. Hopefully, the gifts will help brighten their holiday.

A Christmas dance will be sponsored by the SGA during lunch on Friday. It will be in the Gibson gym and all students are invited to attend. Admission price will be twenty-five cents.

Many of the clubs are busy during this time of year, and the Health Occupations club is certainly one of these. They have planned several projects at the Open Arms Rest Home for Christmas. These projects include delivering fruit from Florida to the residents on December 18th, selecting special

individuals to give a Santa stocking and gifts to, along with visits from the HOSA members. The HOSA students decorated a tree for the rest home with eatable decorations on it, December 10. A group of Health Occupation students will accompany Open Arms Rest Home residents to the Cross Creek Mall on December 16th, so that they may do their Christmas shopping and see all of the decorations.

HOSA club members went on a hayride and Christmas caroling December 15th. They will visit the homes of the Hoke County Home Health Agency patients to sing and fruit will be delivered to these homes. Following the hayride, these students will return to the school for a party in their classroom. Mrs. Judy Ferguson will accompany the singers.

A Christmas tree will be decorated for the main office at the high school by HOSA members. Decorations for the tree will include red velvet bows with medicine supplies attached to them, and it will be topped by an Angel of Mercy complete with a stethoscope and nurse's cap. Test tubes, medicine droppers, cotton balls, thermometer covers, applicators, bell made from medicine cups, band-aids and tongue blades are among the many medical supplies that will be used to decorate the tree. The HOSA students have been very busy lately, as you can see.

Members of the Raeford Juniors Club visited the Open Arms and Open Arms II Rest Homes this week to deliver Christmas stockings. These stockings were made by the Juniors for each of the residents to enjoy.

Friday of this week will be the last day of school for Hoke County students. I hope all of you have a nice and safe Christmas vacation!

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