

Banquet, Ceremony Held

11 Graduate From 'I Can' Course

A graduation ceremony and banquet was held Monday night for the students who successfully completed the "I Can" Motivational Training course at Sandhills Youth Center.

Members of the sponsoring Education Department of the Raeford Women's Club and the women's organization of Raeford United Methodist Church were among those who attended the program, held in the Lester Building.

The members of the graduating class -- No. 12 -- are John Pond, Peter Colclasure, Darryl Crook,

Tim Brown, Stanley Choruzek, Jimmy Tilley, Sidney Overcash, Eddie McNeill, Carleton Bell, Jeffrey Shelton, and Kevin Spivey.

The principal speaker was Hosea Brower, director of Samarcan Manor juvenile correction center near West End.

The certificates were presented to the graduates by J.P. Smith, Jr., Youth Center program director, and Roosevelt Johnson, programs instructor at the Youth Center, welcomed the guests and presented the program. Mrs. Shir-

ley Gibson, chairman of the Women's Club Education Department gave the invocation and introduced the speaker; and F.D. Hubbard, superintendent of the Youth Center, made the congratulatory and closing remarks and gave the salutation.

Others participating in the program included Steve Smith, chairman of the "I Can" Alumni Association; Crook, association co-chairman pro-tem; Brown; Pond, chairman pro tem; Colclasure, acting secretary; Clark Dillon, Youth Center volunteer instructor.



AT GRADUATION -- Sandhills Youth Center residents who graduated Monday night from the "I Can" course are shown here with program leaders and others who participated in the ceremony and banquet Monday night. Standing, L-R -- Clark Dillon, volunteer instructor; Roosevelt Johnson, programs instructor; Brant Jackson (a previous graduate); Stanley Choruzek, Steven Smith, Tim Brown, Jimmy Tilley, Sidney Overcash, Darryl Crook, Peter Colclasure, John Pond, Jeff Shelton, Carleton Bell, Eddie McNeill, and J.P. Smith, program director. Kenneth Spivey was the other member of the graduating class. Seated, L-R -- Hosea Brower, the principal speaker; Lorena Upchurch, Raeford United Methodist Church; Jean Wilson, Raeford Women's Club Education Department; F.D. Hubbard, Sandhills Youth Center superintendent; Sarah Howell, Raeford United Methodist Church; and Shirley Gibson, chairman of the Raeford Woman's Club Education Department. (Staff photo).

Area Incidents

Antique Shop Operator Robbed By Couple

Fred Riley, 83, was robbed Monday afternoon at gunpoint of an as yet undetermined number of articles at his Riley's Antique Shop, on N.C. 211 West, Rt. 1, Aberdeen, the Hoke County Sheriff's Department reported.

A white couple in their 30s were being sought.

A list of the missing articles was not completed up to Tuesday afternoon.

Riley reported this is what happened.

The couple entered the shop, and told him they wanted to buy a present and were prepared to pay up to \$500 for it. Riley was showing them some items when the man pointed a pistol at him, told him this was a holdup, and ordered Riley to do what he was told.

He forced Riley to open two locked show cases, and the gunman and his companion took some items. Then they took Riley to the building's rear, which is used for living quarters, and tied up Riley and his wife. The robbers used pillow cases to put the items in, and the man also took Riley's watch off his arm.

Riley managed to free himself about 30 minutes after they left, then drove to Huff's Ahsley Heights Excon about a quarter of a mile away to telephone the sheriff's department, because one of the robbers had torn the telephone in his shop off the wall. The sheriff's department received the report at 3:20.

Riley described the man as being 30 to 40 years old and about 6 feet tall, and the woman as a brunette in her 30s, about 5 feet tall.

Other reports filed in recent weeks include the following.

Someone broke nine windows of Carter's Excon on U.S. 401 south Friday or Saturday by throwing rocks at them. The damages amounted to \$100 to \$150.

Barbara Lupo reported someone broke in and stole four rings from her home at 1209 E. Prospect Ave. Extension between March 8 and 13. The rings included a Red Springs High School 1963 class ring, whose value was not listed; a Pembroke State University ring valued at \$250; a \$60 dinner ring; and a man's \$130 ring.

Linda Blanton of Rt. 4, Raeford, reported March 5 someone stole \$1,495 worth of jewelry from her mobile home after breaking in. The articles stolen were an \$800 set of wedding rings, a \$40 necklace, a \$60 June birthstone ring, antique pocket watches valued at \$300, a jewelry box and costume jewelry, all worth \$200, and a \$95 diamond ring.

Willie Williams of Fayetteville reported March 12 his Disco equipment was stolen from Elmore Campbell's club, the Nitespot, on Vass Road. The property consists of two turntables valued at \$350 each, and a \$1,500 power amplifier. A \$75 television set was reported in a separate complaint the same day as stolen from the club also.

Accent On Agriculture

A national farm publication recently warned producers of livestock and poultry that "animal rights" may well become the big agricultural issue of the 1980's.

According to the magazine, animal welfarists are arguing that producers are contributing to "abnormal behavior, distress and physical disorders" among livestock and poultry by overcrowding them into pens and cages.

Actually most farm animals and poultry today have a better life than their predecessors did years ago.

Consider the typical North Carolina hog in winter weather. If he's like most, he lives in a sophisticated enclosed swine facility. The temperature is controlled and electric fans ventilate for his well-being.

There was a time when practically every Tar Heel hog was outside in the cold blasts. Often, mud was his bed.

As for feeding, the hog of today

A \$738 typewriter, \$50 adding machine, and \$125 calculator were stolen from the secretary's office at Scurlock School Monday or Tuesday. The thief or thieves got into the building by breaking glass on an outside door. Inside, three doors were forced open.

A 10-foot aluminum boat was stolen from the home of Carroll Gene Powell, 236 Wrightsboro Rd., Fayetteville, while he was away on a construction job March 8 - 14. The boat is valued at \$300.

Joan F. Wirth reported someone stole \$625 worth of tools and household goods and \$4 worth of toys from her home on Rt. 1, Red Springs, the weekend of March 12 - 15. She said she discovered the loss when she returned home from Virginia Beach, Va. The stolen property included cooking utensils, an electric heater, and a hot plate.

Gearne Jones of Rt. 1, Shannon, reported Friday someone stole a television set and a .22 rifle from his mobile home after breaking into it.

An electric heater and a radio - tape player were stolen from the home of Lorenzo Murchison, Rt. 1, N.C. 211 cutoff, Raeford, Murchison reported March 8. The combination radio and tape player was recovered later by Murchison.

A 12-gauge shotgun valued at \$175 was stolen from the home of Ivory Henderson of Rt. 2, Red Springs, March 4.

Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins reported the following complaints were received by his department in the past week.

Someone broke into the home of Hoke County Manager James E. Martin at 915 E. Prospect Ave., Thursday, breaking a window pane on the west side of the house. Martin reported \$15 in cash was missing.

Jimmy Lupo reported four hub-caps valued at \$40 each were stolen Saturday from Northside Auto Sales, 304 E. Central Ave.

Thieves stole 100 to 125 pieces of lumber valued at a total of \$2,500 from a building being torn down on the Hoke Concrete Works property, Joe Oxendine, who is doing the razing, reported Saturday.

A tapeplayer worth \$100 was stolen Saturday from the home of James Elbert Freeman, 527 E. Sixth Ave.

Someone shot pellets or BBs at Hardee's, breaking a plate glass window Friday. The damage amounted to \$125.

Martha Campbell of Rt. 2, Raeford, reported Friday someone put sugar in the gas tank of her car, causing \$90 in damage.

It looked as though a pickup truck had hit two women walking across Main Street at Elwood Avenue last week, but three witnesses said the women weren't struck by the vehicle, Wiggins said. He said the investigation showed the truck stopped short of the

gets his nourishment systematically or automatically about the same time each day. Today's hog gets a better balanced feed ration, one that's out of the mud, and is more wholesome and more nutritious. The facilities are also much cleaner today for the hog than ever before.

Much the same advantages can be said for cattle, as well as for poultry, being cared for under controlled environment.

Controlled environment for livestock and poultry has helped lead to improvements in management, genetics, nutrition, housing, animal health and streamlined production methods that produce a happier and more healthy animal.

In fact, no element of society has more compassion for poultry and livestock than the producer. This is best exemplified by the high levels of production and low mortality rates being achieved modern livestock and poultry operations.

women but one of the women jumped back when she saw the truck. She bumped into her companion, and both fell to the street, Wiggins said. They were taken to a doctor's office a few blocks away but were found not hurt.

By Hoke County Health Department

Rabies Shots For Dogs, Cats Advised

Rabies is rapidly becoming a threat to the general public health in counties near the South Carolina border.

Recent confirmed reports of rabies in cats and dogs have alerted North Carolina animal control personnel. Vaccination of dogs is required in every county; however, many people fail to get their dogs vaccinated. Dogs that are free to roam or hunt are particularly susceptible to rabies.

Rabies has been confirmed in a number of raccoons found in the South Carolina counties near the North Carolina border.

Recently, two large counties, Wake and Mecklenburg, enacted mandatory immunizations of cats for rabies. A bill requiring the vaccination of cats has been presented to the North Carolina General Assembly. Cats are hunters by nature; and in rural areas they are frequently exposed to raccoons and bats, both of which are possible carriers of rabies.

Cats potentially pose a more serious problem than dogs since very few have been vaccinated, and they roam freely throughout the area.

Local public officials, animal control officers, and local veterinarians support the vaccination of animals for the prevention of rabies.

Hoke County citizens are urged to call any of these offices if they have any questions.

Dogs and cats can be vaccinated at the nearest veterinarian office for a modest fee or at the annual rabies clinic sponsored by the Hoke

Talent Shows Slated For Area

Five talent shows will be held in this area to raise money to help the Atlanta police investigation of Atlanta black children. Michale Coleman, president of the Tiger Club of Red Springs, announced Tuesday.

Local talent will be used, and the first of the shows will be held April 2 at Upchurch Junior High School, he said.

Anyone wanting to enter is advised to call Melinda Leggett at 875-5233, Raeford; or Coleman, at 843-5539, Red Springs.

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