

Area Incidents

Mail, Water Pump, Shotgun, Bike Stolen

The following were reported recently to the Hoke County Sheriff's Department.
Betty Thompson of Rt. 1, Red Springs, reported March 2 someone was stealing her mail.
Harold Boyles reported someone stole \$500 worth of goods from his property March 8 or 9; a \$400 water pump, \$10 worth of gasoline, \$60 worth of electric wire, and two

tool boxes worth \$30 total.
Someone broke into the home of Duncan Thomas of Rt. 1, Shannon March 9 and stole a 20-gauge shotgun valued at \$90. Thomas said the gun was the property of another person.
Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins reported the following were received by the Police Department.

Dwayne Beatty, 506 Forrest St., reported he parked a bicycle by the Job Service office to attend a class, and when he returned to get the bike, it was gone. It was a girl's 10-speed valued at \$80.
Theodore R. Jackson, 232 Maxwell St., reported Saturday someone took a Go-Kart from his yard between March 9 and 11.

Poster Contest Winners Announced

Winners of the 4-H Traffic Safety Poster Contest sponsored by Hoke County 4-H program have been announced.

First-place winner is Laura Osowitt, second is Jennifer Brock, and third is Sabrina Holt.

All are in the Fifth Grade of J.W. Turlington School. Miss Osowitt is the daughter of Karies and James Keating, Miss Brock is the daughter of Catherine and Jesse Brock, and Miss Holt is the daughter of David and Dianne Johnson.

The contest was designed to help youth learn about traffic safety and to give youth a chance to compete and win awards.

Participants developed an idea about Bicycle Safety, Pedestrian Safety, Automotive Safety, Motorcycle Safety, School Bus Safety or Safety Belt Usage.

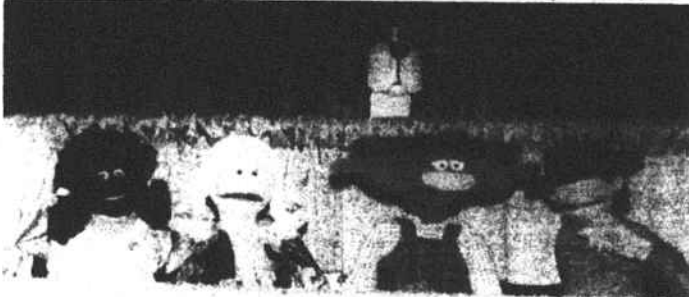
Posters were judged on Subject Matter Content, Creativeness, Attractiveness and Educational Value.

Each participant received a safety belt game, and the county winner receives a bicycle decal and maintenance kit.

The poster of the county winner, Laura Osowitt, will be entered in state competition.



With place-winning posters, L-R, Laura Osowitt, Jennifer Brock, and Sabrina Holt. [Staff photo].



The puppets who were 'stars' of the South Hoke show. [Staff photo].

A Hoke United Fund Agency

4-H Is For City, Town Kids, Too

The Hoke County 4-H program is among those which receive help from the Hoke County United Fund, whose United Way campaign is underway.

The following article describes the 4-H service.

What is 4-H? According to Alice Lancaster 4-H agent, a lot of people still think that it is just for farm kids. But today's program is for rural and urban youth ages 9-19 from all backgrounds. 4-H'ers get into just about everything that has to do with learning.

"4-H - Pathways to the Future", the national theme, reflects the basic mission of 4-H -- to help youth become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society. 4-H emphasizes social responsibility and promotes family involvement.

4-H reaches youth in a variety of ways. Youth can be members of organized community 4-H clubs, which are usually associated with a certain area, such as the Hillcrest 4-H Club or Rockfish 4-H club. Membership may range from 8 or 9 to 20 or 25. The club meets regularly, elects officers, and has an educational program at each meeting. The members enroll in projects according to their interests.

Another way that 4-H reaches youth is through special interest groups, which are special intensive short term groups who get training in one particular area. Examples are special interest groups in sewing, bicycle safety, foods, photography, model rocketry, or anything that youth are interested in.

4-H also has special activities to supplement the rest of the pro-

gram. These include public speaking contest, Fashion Revues, talent contests, tours, camps, and retreats. These events are held on the county, district and state levels.

4-H is an excellent program for youth, but it doesn't happen by itself, according to Alice Lancaster, Hoke County 4-H agent. She says, "It takes time, people, and resources. One reason that 4-H works is the adults that work with it. Volunteers are utilized to expand the program, by serving as leaders of community clubs, teachers of special interest programs, and resource persons for special activities. They give valuable services to the youth of Hoke County, and to the community by freely sharing their time, talents and resources through 4-H." In addition, they help youth use their skills to contribute to community development through such projects as beautification, work with elderly and low income, energy conservation and crime prevention.

4-H, America's largest out-of-school program for boys and girls, is the youth program of the Agricultural Extension Service. Alice Lancaster is the 4-H extension agent in Hoke County who coordinates the program, activities, and volunteers. She says that local support received from United Way

is very important to provide programs and activities, and much of the money is used to provide scholarships to youth who participate in projects and activities. These scholarships can be used by the youth for any 4-H educational activity such as retreats, 4-H camp, and 4-H Congress. Awards are given to provide incentives for youth to participate in public speaking contests, talent shows, demonstrations, fashion revues, and other activities. 4-H also offers advancement to district, state, and national competition.

Some of the money from United Way is used to provide recognition to volunteer leaders and to help defray expenses of adults who participate in training workshops and who provide leadership for Hoke County youth at district and state activities.

Today, as never before, activities are needed which can stimulate, motivate, guide, enthuse, and give meaning to ideals of youth. 4-H can be that strong and positive force. For more information about 4-H, contact the 4-H office at 875-2162.



VISITING MUSICIANS -- The Brass Quintet of the North Carolina Symphony is shown here playing a concert Friday in the Band Room of Hoke County High School. This group, the Woodwind Quintet and the String Trio, both also part of the North Carolina Symphony, gave performances and held Master Classes at Hoke County schools that day. [Staff photo].

Christian Life, Witness Course

The Christian Life and Witness course, taught to hundreds of thousands in Billy Graham Crusades around the world, will be held at Fort Bragg March 19-21 at the Main Post Chapel.

Friday and Saturday evening sessions begin at 7:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon classes begin at 2. The six hours worth of classes are: "The Effective Christian Life," "The Well-Balanced Christian Life," "The Christian's Witness," and "Effective Follow-Up."

These classes will be taught by John Lenning of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond J. Wade, chairman of the Counseling Committee, emphasizes that these classes are free and open to all who are interested in learning how to better share their faith in Christ. Counselors for the Spiritual Life Crusade to be held April 11-15 will be chosen from those attending the classes.

Free child care will be provided at the Post Nursery for the Friday and Saturday evening sessions. Reservations at the nursery are not

required, but highly advisable. The nursery telephone number is 396-4733.

For more information contact Chaplain (LTC) Dan Davis, Corps and Post Chaplain's Office, 396-1121/1122.

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