

# Air Conditioner, Go-Kart, Auto Stolen

The following were filed with the Raeford Police Department recently, Police Chief Leonard Wiggins reported.

Ptl. Frances Patterson while patrolling Sunday noticed an air conditioning unit missing from Raeford Farm Supply building on South Magnolia Street. It was valued at \$100.

Russell Knowles of 308 S. Bethel Rd. reported Thursday someone had stolen a girl's bicycle from under the carport June 14. The bike is worth \$100.

Jane Meadows Jackson of Laurinburg reported four wheel covers worth \$250 were stolen Thursday from her car while it was parked in the House of Raeford parking lot.

Orlando Tillman, 514 E. Sixth Ave., reported Thursday his bicycle was stolen while it was parked at The Grocery Mart on West Prospect Avenue while he was in the store. The bike is worth \$35.

The following were received recently by the Hoke County Sheriff's Department.

Someone broke into the car of Dorothea Finkley Douglas of Rt. 1, Raeford, about 1:30 a.m. Saturday, ransacked the glove compartment, took the cap off the gas tank, left the cap on the ground, and spilled some gasoline on the ground.

Mrs. Boyd Hussey, Rt. 1, Aberdeen, reported a Go-Kart worth \$329 was stolen from her storage shed between July 12 and 17.

A 1972 Ford car owned by Johnie James Bratcher was stolen Thurs-

day from the McCain Hospital parking lot.

Mailboxes were taken from in front of homes and scattered along a road. Among those reported taken were those of Frank Schaker of Rt. 1, Aberdeen, and Mary Dale Greenwood of Rt. 1, Aberdeen. The boxes were reported taken between July 13 and 14.

Donald Lowery, Rt. 2, Raeford, reported his \$325 aluminum boat was stolen from behind his store, between 9 p.m. July 12 and 9 p.m. July 13.



ATTENDED 4-H ELECTRIC CONGRESS -- Hoke County 4-H members Gerald Bundy, Rt. 3, Fayetteville, and Lisa Weaver, Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge, were delegates to the State 4-H Electric Congress at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, July 12-14. Lavon Tyson, Carolina Power and Light Company senior customer service representative (right), accompanied the delegates. The 4-H'ers were selected for achievement in their electric projects. Carolina Power and Light Company sponsored their trip. The Congress was conducted by the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service. [N.C. State University photo.]

## Hoke County Represented At Meeting

# NC 2000 Leaders Discuss Concerns

County leaders, who met in Chapel Hill July 13-14 to talk about local concerns for the future, found that they had a lot in common with each other.

"The issue that concerns us most here in Hoke County are generally the same ones that are on the minds of people in Cumberland, Robeson, or Alleghany County," said Wes

Williams, who represented Betsy Ann McNeill, the Hoke County NC 2000 chairman at this meeting.

"We were talking about water supplies, clean air, adequate housing, better education, and full employment," said Williams.

"Results of the Hoke County NC 2000 survey would indicate that those of us in Hoke County, however, do appear to have a greater concern about the availability of jobs than people in other parts of the state."

The meeting was sponsored by the commission of the Future of North Carolina, the group appointed by Gov. Hunt to direct the NC 2000 project, to conduct a study of the next 18 years in North Carolina and to recommend courses of action for the long-term future. The county leaders have worked with the Commission for the past eight months to ensure that their local citizens have a strong voice in the planning effort.

During a question-and-answer session, Commission members responded to a number of concerns raised by local leaders:

What thought has been given to the people on the production lines who might be replaced by technological advances in the future?

"We will have to change our ways of preparing people for jobs. During a 15-year period, we may have to retrain a person four or five times to keep up with technology. And we must gear up our community colleges, high schools, and universities to do this," replied Richard Wynne of Asheville.

What will happen to our environmental programs as federal policies change?

"North Carolina will have to attend to its own resources. That will mean taking a look at what we have here in this state and developing suitable protection laws," replied Jim Dockery of Winston Salem.

How is the Commission addressing rural re-development?

"We believe North Carolina must look closely at the peculiar attributes of a country. We must go beyond a look at the Fortune 500 businesses. It may mean providing high risk capital for counties cooperating to attract industry," replied Wynne.

The goals we are discussing are admirable. These are things we all want to happen. But will we have to create a massive bureaucracy to pursue them?

"In considering ways to implement these goals, we are looking first to the people themselves for solutions. What can individuals do? What can businesses do? Can the state provide them with supportive services? Only when other solutions cannot be found should

we have a bureaucracy in place to do it," replied Nathan Garrett of Durham.

UNC President William C. Friday who chairs the Commission, commended the county leaders for their intense concern about all the people in the state, and specifically about their concerns for the future of the family and the relationship of work, jobs, and education.


"You have taken seriously our role as trustees of what we have inherited in North Carolina and our obligation to pass it on," Friday said.

In the closing session, county leaders expressed concern about how the NC 2000 recommendations would be carried out. One suggestion was a "Futures" study in the high school social studies curriculum. Antother was for counties and cities to establish their own goals and objectives for the future.

Other proposals were made that follow-up should be done by chambers of commerce; by local task forces working with city and county officials; and by involving the league of Municipalities, the Association of County Commissioners and Council of State Governments.

Consensus was reached that some form of state leadership would be necessary to assure action at the state as well as the local level.

County concerns and recommendations will be presented to the Commission at its meeting August 26-27.



## Farm Focus

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### READY FOR CORN HARVEST?

With corn harvest just around the corner, Hoke County corn producers should be readying their equipment before the operation starts.

Harvesting machinery should be checked according to your manufacturers information that accompanied the equipment when it was purchased. The best way to do this is to get your operators manual and follow the recommendations for protecting the equipment. Taking time to go over the machine "with a fine-tooth comb," checking belts, bearings, chains, and housings will save time during harvest.

Grain handling equipment should also be checked out before putting it to work. Such items as screw conveyers, bucket elevators, belt conveyers, recirculating augers, dump gates, and leveling equipment should be looked over carefully. Grain spreaders should also be looked at before drying operations begin.

Bearings must be inspected, non-sealed ones should receive lubrication according to the manual. In particular check for worn belts, chains, and gears.

Drying areas can have problems which cause fires and unsafe conditions for those working near the equipment. Be sure to check the burner and fan for operation. If the fan blade has got large amounts of foreign material caked on it, get it clean before using. Check the dryer burner for proper

operation. Be sure that a leak does not allow flames to burn after the equipment is turned off. Inspect all hoses and fittings for signs of wear.

If you notice an odor of raw gas, take immediate steps to solve the problem. Remove all trash and other flammable material from the area. Check control boxes and sensing devices for foreign material, rat nests, or insect nests. You might want to recalibrate your thermostat and be sure it is still accurate.


Remember lost time at harvest means money lost from your pocket, so check out equipment before it has a chance to break down.

### INSECT SITUATION

In tobacco, green peach aphid threshold situations are still being reported in Piedmont and Coastal Plain counties. With topping in progress, populations have declined somewhat in eastern counties.

In cotton, some locations of spider mite buildups have been observed on a few acres of cotton in the southeastern counties. If dry weather continues, scouts should be on the lookout for more trouble.

Japanese beetles have peaked in most eastern counties and should start to decline shortly. By the later part of July, most Japanese beetles will be gone for this season. For now, spot treatments may be needed on grapes, roses, tree fruits, and beans.



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## Cubs Receive Awards At Meet

Awards were presented to the following Cubs at the July meeting of Pack 404.

Webelos: Scott Edwards -- Outdoorsman and Aquanaut; Britt Bernhardt -- Outdoorsman and Aquanaut; Patrick Furmage -- Athlete; Chad Jones -- Engineer; and Chris Gray -- Athlete.


Cubs: Richard Wolf -- Bobcat;

Detrick Mayer -- Gold Arrow point and Silver Arrow point Nathan Stec -- Recruiter.

Den of the Month -- Den 3. The monthly Pack meeting was held Saturday at Camp Rockfish. Members of the Pack and their families swam, canoed and picknicked besides participating in the meeting.

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