



North Raeford firemen check the chimney of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hayes' house Monday morning.

1st Cold Snap, Ignites Blaze

A call sent North Raeford volunteer firemen to the home of Horace Hayes on Turnpike Road about 7:45 a.m. Monday.

But, George Baker, North Raeford assistant fire chief reported, nothing burned but the logs in the fireplace, which is the way it had been planned.

He said Mrs. Hayes telephoned the alarm after the fire started in old debris in the chimney. It had been started when the wood in the

chimney was ignited to take off the early morning chill. He said a little damage was done to the chimney and the firemen had the blaze out within about a minute after they got to the house, which is about two miles from the North Raeford fire station.

Hayes was driving to work but turned around and came back home when he heard the fire reported on his radio. Hayes is a member of the West Hoke Volunteer Fire Department.

The Hoke County Rescue Squad sent men and equipment to the scene in case they were needed, and about 10 to 12 North Raeford firemen answered the alarm also.

Baker said it was believed to be the first fire of the fall in Hoke County.

He added a warning that people ought to check their chimneys before starting their first heating fires since the last winter or early spring cold spell.

Raeford Man Gets 3 Years

A Raeford man was sentenced here last week to three years on stolen-property and forgery and uttering charges, and a woman was given a suspended sentence for food-stamp and other Social Services assistance fraud on condition she make restitution of the payments to the Hoke County Department of Social Services.

The judgments were imposed in Thursday's final session of the September term of Hoke County Superior Court by Judge Sam Britt of Lumberton.

Charles Jones of Carolina County Mobile Home Park was given the active sentence but the judge recommended he be placed immediately on work release. Jones was sentenced after he pleaded guilty to possession of stolen property, uttering a forged paper, and two counts of forgery.

The food stamp and welfare-aid fraud defendant was Grace (Gracie) Ray of 805 Saunders St., Raeford. She pleaded guilty to charges of fraudulent misrepresentation to obtain food stamps and to obtain assistance from the program of Aid To Families With Dependent Children.

The judge sentenced her to three years suspended for five years on condition she make restitution to the Hoke Social Services Department of \$426 for the food stamps and \$941.21 for the AFDC assistance she received.

The other heard and the judgments issued Thursday follow.

James Francis Smith, Sandhills Youth Center, McCain, pleaded guilty to felonious escape, one year, to begin at the expiration of any and all sentences the defendant is currently serving; the defendant shall serve as a committed youthful offender.

Henry L. McNeill, Rt. 3, Raeford, possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, and sale and delivery of marijuana, two years suspended for three years, \$150 and costs, and \$20 restitution to the SBI Special Drug Fund.

Lola Murle Locklear, Carolina County MHP, Raeford, pleaded guilty to possession of stolen goods,

three years suspended for three years, probation for three years, \$250 and costs.

Joseph Junior McEachern, Fayetteville, pleaded guilty to possession of stolen goods, three years suspended for three years, probation for three years.

Cecil Jerry West, Rt. 1, Box 629, Raeford, three counts of uttering a forged check, and three counts of forgery; two years for forgery and two years for uttering, to start at the expiration of the forgery sentence, the sentences suspended for three years, probation for three years.

David Roper, also known as David Thomas, Saunders Street Extension, Raeford, possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, and selling and delivering marijuana, two years suspended for three years, probation for three years.

Ervin Bennie Ross, Oakwood Avenue, Raeford, possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, and selling and delivering marijuana, two years suspended for three years, probation for three years.

Dennis Bethea, Rt. 1, Raeford, pleaded not guilty, found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, three years suspended for three years, probation for three years on condition of the suspension is he reimburse the victim for medical and hospital expenses.

The following pleaded not guilty to the charges against them in arraignments.

Julius Locklear, Rt. 1, Box 64GG, Red Springs, sale and delivery of marijuana, and possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana.

Barbara Ann Campbell, Rt. 2, Box 74, Raeford, possession of counterfeit controlled substance (caffeine represented to be amphetamine), and sale and delivery of marijuana.

Yancey Conrad McLaughlin, Rt. 3, Raeford, possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, and sale and delivery of marijuana.

Gwendolyn Bullard, Rt. 1, Red Springs, possession with intent to

sell and deliver marijuana, and sale and delivery of marijuana.

Clarence Bratcher, 403 Robeson St., Raeford, possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, and sale and delivery of marijuana.

Regina Bullard McMillan, Rt. 1, Red Springs, manufacturing marijuana, possession of marijuana with intent to sell and deliver, and sale and delivery of marijuana.

John Wayne Davis, Rt. 4, Raeford, manufacturing marijuana, and possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana.

Elwood McNair, Rt. 1, Raeford, possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, and sale and delivery of marijuana.

Ervin Bennie Ross, Oakwood Avenue, Raeford, possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana (a charge separate from the similar one to which he pleaded guilty).

Bobby Peterkin, 603 Forrest St., Raeford, possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, and sale and delivery of marijuana.

James Thomas White, also known as Tony White, Rt. 4, Box 25, Raeford, possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, and sale and delivery of marijuana.

Hiawatha McLaurin, Rt. 2, Raeford, breaking and entering a motor vehicle, and larceny.

The arraignments of Robert Earl Middleton, 33, of Fayetteville, on a charge of first-degree rape, and of Beverly Bowman, Raeford Hotel Apartments, on a charge of sale and delivery of marijuana, were continued Thursday to another term of Superior Court. The next term will start October 25.

Middleton is accused of committing the alleged offense against a 15-year-old girl near Davis Bridge the morning of June 30. He was arrested in Cumberland County July 29 and the Hoke County Grand Jury on September 20 returned a true bill of indictment on the charge.

Middleton has been under \$50,000 bond on the rape charge and \$25,000 on a Moore County charge of breaking and entering, which he is accused of committing several years ago.

Rape Law Change Urged

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in some of those cases. We knew there was rape," the sheriff said.

"Under the present law, the most sick people are apt to go free. A person who rapes a child is a whole lot sicker than one who rapes an adult. It's easier to convict the man who raped the adult," Barrington said.

The local DSS office has also received a number of calls from concerned citizens, Witherspoon said.

Because of state regulations and

because the case involved a minor, Witherspoon noted that he could not say whether or not DSS was involved and would not comment on the present status of the child.

"I'm always concerned about trials where minors are called on to testify," Witherspoon said.

"I encourage individuals to contact their legislators," he added.

Although Witherspoon would not comment about the case, Miss Powell said that if the child was returned to the home with the

father, the state would take immediate action.

"The child definitely is not with the father," she said.

The mother was not at home when the incident allegedly occurred, and she reported it to authorities after she took the girl to the hospital, Miss Powell said.

The mother is separated from the father and lives out of the county, she added.

The child will also live out of the county, she said.

Unemployment Up

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think there will be a recovery," he said.

During August there were 910 persons out of work in Hoke County, which is up from the 820 jobless during July here.

The August figures with 11.4% of the 7,960 work force jobless, is the highest rate in the county since May when unemployment reached 12.2%.

The total unemployment rate in North Carolina dropped to 9% in August after four months of steady increases, said Glenn R. Jernigan, chairman of the state commission.

The August rate of 9% represents 266,700 jobless persons.

The national unadjusted rate of unemployment in August was 9.6% or 107 million unemployed.

In July, the state rate reached 9.8% and matched the national rate.

"The turnaround," said Jernigan, "occurred when workers returned to work after temporary layoffs."

Manufacturing jobs overall showed a net gain of 8,500. Noticeable gains were realized in durable and nondurable goods.

Employment in Furniture and Fixtures rose by 2,300 and contributed to durable goods improvement.

In nondurable goods, Tobacco Manufactures increased 4,400 as employment in stemming and re-drying increased.

Textile Mill Products gained 3,000 jobs for a modest reversal.

In nonmanufacturing, the Trade category added 2,400 as the to-

bacco warehousing and sales position improved. Government employment remained unchanged.

The average hourly earnings of North Carolina's production workers in manufacturing stood at \$6.34 in mid-August up 1 cent from mid-July and up 30 cents from August 1981.

The average weekly hours worked by production employees in manufacturing increased to 38.4, above mid-July's 37.3 hours per week.

In August 1981 workers averaged 39.5 hours.

Jernigan concluded, "In August 1975, we were moving well out of the recession. The current August 1982 figures show some improvement but not at the same accelerated rate experienced in 1975."

Study Line Helps Students With Homework Assignments

Study Line, a telephone program to help students who are having trouble doing their homework, will start Monday, manned by 98 teachers and other professionals of the Hoke County school system.

Study Line will be held Mondays through Thursdays daily, 7-8 p.m.

Each teacher has been asked to volunteer to work the four evenings. Three to four teachers will be on duty each evening.

"We will have four telephone lines available to the students -- 875-4106, -4107, -4108, and -4109," Raz Autry, county schools superintendent, said in the announcement made last week.

He said the teachers won't tell them what the answers to the homework questions are but will try to get the students to find their own solutions and think the problems through.

Study Line will operate through the whole school year except on Fridays, weekends and holidays. Friday was eliminated because most teachers do not assign homework for the weekends.

The volunteers from each school are:

Hoke High -- Lenwood Simpson, Milton L. MacDonald, Harold Livingston, Linda Steed, Betty Rogers, Jessie Josey, Harriett McDonald, Nancy Smith, Cordelia McNeill, Jessie McNeill, Sarah McCallum, Teresa Marion, Eleanor Gentry, Marie Brown, Deborah F. Davis, Phyllis Fahrenbruck, Hilton Villines.

McLaughlin -- Peggy Gillis, Florence Weaver.

Turlington -- Emma Mims, Faye Best, Betty Upchurch, Sylvia Barkley, Ginger Johnson, Henry Cobb, Helen Sellers.

South Hoke -- Frank H. Richards, Wanda Ingram, Pandora Autry, Beatrice Freeman, Jane Johnson, Linda Dubois, Virginia Smith, Beckie Sutton, Bobby Doby, Betty H. Oxendine, Darlene Clark, Cohidia Lyons.

Scurlock -- Willie Horsley, Doris Austin, Patricia McNeill, Janet Plummer, Yulla P. Hines, Jo Hudson, Mildred Mitchell, Faye Williams, Verna Barnhill, Linda

Richards, Dorothy Villines, Belinda Coleman, Joan Butler, Brenda Edwards, Maxine Colston, Gay Killens, Mary A. Scott, Linda Pittman.

Upchurch -- Billie R. Evans, Linda Fisher, George McNeill, Teresa Mills, Carroll Coley, Hazel A. Ross, Carol M. Tolin, Thomas R. Williams, Marsha Currin, Susan Phillips, Joyce A. Simpson, Carolyn McGee, Steve Chason, Stanley Callendar, Betsy Bailey.

West Hoke -- Lou Ann Moore, Jeanne Wood, Sandra Horne, Mary K. Thomas, Martha W. Brown, Donna Bernhardt, Joyce Edwards, Louise Barnwell, Pamela Ward, Barbara Lupo, Mike Sutton.

From the Central Office: Autry, J.D. McAllister, Gloria Williams, Marilyn Semones, Mary A. McNeill, Earl Oxendine, Woodrow Westall, Harold Gillis, Clara Pope, Don Steed, Rhonda Cameron, Joe Soles, Glenn Langdon, Robert C. Bostic, Eleanor Harward, Betsy P. Collins.

Merchants Kickoff Parade For Christmas Season

This year's Raeford Christmas Parade is expected to kick off the season with a spirit and flair.

The event, which is sponsored by the Raeford-Hoke Merchants Association, will be held on Main Street at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 11.

Sponsors hope to attract more than the 53 units that participated last year, and are expecting not only local bands but groups from the surrounding area to take part.

A raffle is being organized to help defray some of the cost of the event and to aid in making the parade "bigger and better."

Association members agreed Tuesday during the regular monthly breakfast meeting to raffle a color television to raise the

needed additional funds.

Bands have been lined up from Hoke High, Upchurch and Red Springs Schools, and association members are attempting to get additional units from Fayetteville and other nearby areas.

Local participation is being actively solicited. Sponsors hope more groups will enter floats in the parade this year than did during last year's event.

There were 11 floats in the 1981 parade.

Entry participation is free and open to anyone who wishes to demonstrate the season and the community, parade Chairman John Howard said.

All entries will be screened by the parade committee.

"We're not interested in anyone whose purpose is self-serving," Howard said.

In other business, Hoke High School Job Placement Center Director Eleanor Gentry told members the center needs the help of local merchants in hiring high school students.

Last year 122 students left Hoke High without graduating, and Mrs. Gentry hopes the job service program will help pupils stay in school.

"We want local merchants to hire students," she said, adding that the purpose of the placement program is to reach the point that the high school is working for the community.

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