



REMAINS TO BE SEEN -- This elderly house near Hoke Concrete Works, 220 Wilmouth Ave., is being torn down gradually by Tom Pilkington on arrangement with the company, which owns the building. Pilkington, who is the county game warden, is razing it in return for the lumber in the building. The project has taken more than a year.

Around Town

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played at the same time and it will be impossible to watch them. The Orange Bowl and the Sugar Bowl are played at the same time, if I am not mistaken.

It was a year ago Thursday that I was surprised with a retirement party in the office by the staff of *The News-Journal* and the workers at Dickson Press. I will never forget the gifts and warm words that were bestowed on me that day, but I also won't forget the wonderful time that has been mine over the past year.

A very close friend of mine, when he heard that I was going to retire, stated that it would drive me up the wall not having anything to do. He was thinking of my continuous work for approximately 46 years and during that time he had insisted that I take more time off from work. My reply to him was that some people find enjoyment in their work, which others have to get away to relax and calm down after the pressure and strain of their work. This was the reason for his comment.

I would advise anyone that can retire to do so if the conditions so warrant. A few of these conditions will follow.

If you have had a good relationship with management for a number of years and then the chain of command is soon to pass to someone else, then bow out with the relationship still on the best of terms. This will let you have an option, if the opportunity arises, to continue to be of valuable assistance to the business. It will

also give you something to do during the years ahead.

My desk at the office is the same and I believe the people there welcome me to come in at any time to assist when needed. Of course this is a small business and might be impossible in other places.

Another thing is that my wife retired six months before me and this helped break the routine that we had been following for many years. We now can visit her people just as well in the middle of the week as we could on the weekend. We do not have to arrange for days off to do anything.

I play golf and had for many years played with the same foursome every Saturday and Sunday. Now it is possible to play any day of the week that suits me. This means that increased the people I played golf with and also increased the number of friends in this section of the country and these I value very much.

The trips to other towns in the middle of the week with my wife to eat lunch and then go to the theater can only be after you are retired.

My health at the present time is good and I am able to do what I want to do. The writing of this column takes some of my time, I even gave out cheese for the Department of Social Services. This is retirement; doing things that you couldn't do when your life was just a routine from Monday to Friday. No pressure now, just the fun of living. It has been a great 1982.

Happy New Year to the readers of this column.

Sandhills Youth Learn Holiday Crafts

Sixty-five inmates of the Sandhills Youth Center at McCain were taught by Hoke County Extension Homemakers Club women this month how to make Christmas decorations, artificial and with living greenery from the center's grounds.

The inmates returned the favor by making wreaths and giving them to the Extension Service home economics staff.

Ellen Willis, county Extension home economics agent, said nine women taught each of the workshops, which were held at the center December 1 and 15.

The Extension Homemakers Clubs hold the workshops each December at the center before Christmas. Last year, Mrs. Willis said, 45 inmates participated. The attendance was voluntary for them.

Inmates were enthusiastic about the lessons. One who attended the December 1 workshop said he was looking forward to participating in the second.

Another said he learned things in the workshops that he could use when he returned home.

Another said he was impressed because he could get something around the house, such as a photo, and make something beautiful of it. In a workshop a regular potato was ornamented with greenery to make a decorative ball.

Escape Charged In Court Session

Three Sandhills Youth Center residents were charged last week in Hoke County District Court with felonious escape.

The youths were among other cases ruled on by the court during the December 17 session.

Ricky Wayne Scott, Steven Carson Johnson, and Jeffery Smith, all of Sandhills Youth Center, McCain, each waived probable-cause hearing on a charge of felonious escape.

Carl Dean Goins, Rt. 1, Red Springs, driving under the influence, six months suspended for 12 months except for three days, on payment of \$200 fine and costs, surrender license and not drive for 12 months; taken into custody Friday and to be released to 9 a.m. December 19.

Rodney Brown, Sandhills Youth Center, misdemeanor escape, 90 days, to start at the expiration of the sentence the defendant is now serving.



L-R, Sandhills Youth Center inmates William Moe, Raymond Hammonds and John Felyam with wreaths they made and gave to the Hoke Extension Service.

Wreath of natural greenery with artificial ornaments made by Sandhills Youth Center inmates hangs on a wall at the entrance to the Agricultural Extension Service.

Raeferd Marine Sgt. Serving In Lebanon

Marine Staff Sgt. Bobby H. Kearns, son of Mary F. and William M. Kearns of Route 3, Box 146, Raeferd, is serving as a member of the international peacekeeping force in Lebanon.

He is a member of Battalion Landing Team 3/8, 24th Marine Amphibious unit (MAU), Camp Lejeune.

In conjunction with Lebanese Army, French and Italian troops, approximately 1,200 Marines of the 1,800 member 24th MAU began patrolling East Beirut.

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Magistrate's Court

The following Hoke County magistrates' judgments were issued last week.

Brenda S. Brewer, Rt. 4, Box 125-C Raeferd, worthless check, \$8.84 restitution to Jackson's FMA, and costs.

Garry A. Thompson, Rt. 1, Box 91, Lumber Bridge, worthless check, \$38.07 restitution to Auto Speciality, and costs.

Henry Lee McPhaul, 302 Scurlock St., Raeferd, worthless check, \$17.20 restitution to Jackson's FMA and costs.

Joseph Lupo, 409 E Central Ave., Raeferd, worthless check, \$60 restitution to Jackson's FMA, and costs.

Leon Hough, 611 N. Jackson St., Raeferd, worthless check, \$10 restitution to Jackson's FMA, and costs.

Barry Christian Foley, Charlotte, speeding 70 in a 55

zone, \$10 and costs.

Paul Everette, Rt. 1, Raeferd, red-light violation, costs.

Craig Locklear, Rt. 4, Laurinburg, speeding 67 in a 55 zone, \$10 and costs.

Michael Anthony Judd, Fayetteville, no registration, costs.

Julius Vonzel Jacobs, Elizabethtown, red-light violation, costs.

Mary Thomas Morrison, Raeferd, speeding 48 in a 35 zone, \$10 and costs.

Cleo McPhatter, Rt. 1, Box 669, Red Springs, speeding 50 in a 35 zone, \$10 and costs.

Larry Cecil Matlock, Clearwater, Fla., speeding 67 in a 55 zone, \$10 and costs.

Jack Anthony Tench, Belmont, speeding 66 in a 55 zone, Hubert Teasley, Jr., Rt. 1, Wade, speeding 67 in a 55 zone, \$10 and costs.

William Davis Stevens, Raeferd, red-light violation, costs.

Area Incidents

Man Finds Burglar

The Raeferd Police Department received the following complaints in the past week.

Allen J. Lundy, Jr., 602 E. Donaldson Ave., said he was awakened by a noise about 2:30 a.m. Friday in his home and found someone crouched at the back door. He said the intruder ran out of the house when he appeared. The burglar stole a \$1 bill, a pocket book, two cigarette cases, and two disposable lighters, valued at a total of \$12.60.

B.C. Moore & Sons department store reported Friday three pairs of women's jeans valued at \$33.97 total, were stolen. Janie Lee Blue of Vass Road, Raeferd, was charged with larceny of the clothing.

Kathy Ann Bratcher, 511 E. Fifth Ave., reported December 21 someone had stolen her Aid to Families with Dependent Children check from her mail box.

On the same day, David Smith of 308 N. Wright St., reported his black leather jacket valued at \$150 was missing from the Hoke County Ambulance Service base when he returned to get it.

County Dog Warden William Hales reported December 22 that someone had stolen the cat trap from the County Dog Pound. The trap is worth \$35. The trap, a cage, catches stray cats without injuring them.

Barnhart Joins Carter Realty

Ralph Barnhart of Raeferd has joined W.E. Carter Realty of Raeferd as an associate.

Barnhart had been an associate with Home and Land Real Estate,

Jesse M. Sinclair, 116 N. Magnolia St., reported his auto battery worth \$50 was stolen between December 17 and 23.

Pope's Dollar Store reported December 23 someone stole a \$3.19 leaf rake which was on display outside and at the front of the store. James Peterson, Rt. 1, Raeferd, was charged with larceny of the rake.

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

Someone broke into a mobile home between Thursday and Christmas Day on Rockfish Road and stole furniture and a lamp worth a total \$1,500. Mrs. Francis K. Fromant of Rt. 4, Raeferd, reported the property belonged to her son and daughter-in-law, who are in Germany where her son is serving in the Army.

Earline Jones Watson of Rt. 2, Raeferd, reported someone broke into her home December 21 or 22 and stole a color television set worth \$450.

A \$55 battery was stolen from Herman Koonce's car Thursday or Friday while the car was parked under Koonce's carport at his home on Rt. 2, Raeferd.

A window, a door and some shingles valued at a total \$231.40 were stolen from a construction site on Rockfish Road between December 17 and 20.

Inc., near Raeferd for three years when he joined Carter December 1. His is a former Hoke County commissioner.

The Carter firm is headed by Gene Carter.

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