

**Area Incidents**

**Wake Man Shot Accidentally**

A man and a woman arrested January 5 on Scotland County charges later were charged by Raeford Police with larceny of \$105.44 worth of cigarettes taken earlier that day from the A&P in Raeford, Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said.

The local warrants were issued against Robin McLeod and Ezous Bethea, both of Fayetteville, after several cartons of cigarettes bearing the A&P stamp were found in the suspects' car, Wiggins said.

Wiggins said \$92.26 worth of the stolen cigarettes were recovered. In other local cases, Miss Audrey McDowell reported December 31 her \$10 billfold, two pair of hose costing \$2 total, a \$1.50 container of shampoo, a \$1.59 can of deodorant and 77 cents worth of candy were stolen from her car while it was parked in Edenborough Shopping Center.

Mary Quick Farmer, Box 714, Raeford, reported January 6 she lost her billfold from her handbag but did not know where or when.

Someone broke into the apartment of Donna Marie Griffin at 426 E. Donaldson Ave. and stole several pieces of clothing, a pillow case, and an orange, all valued at \$178.15, police were notified.

Larry Upchurch of St. Pauls Drive reported someone stole his son's 1979 Yamaha motorcycle from his garage. The vehicle is valued at \$600.

Mrs. Mark Atkinson, 1042 Mohawk Dr., Fayetteville, reported she found her camera and camera equipment missing from the nursery of Raeford United Methodist church after she returned to the room from a wedding at the church.

The equipment is valued at \$575. Police Sgt. Michael Dial, while on patrol Saturday, noticed a window at Hoke County High School had been broken. His investigation turned up no evidence of a break-in or theft from the building. The damage amounted to about \$75.

Someone broke into Room 22 at Hoke County High School and stole Christmas gifts and a cassette player-recorder, all valued at \$78.46. The room also was vandalized. The window found broken Saturday was on another room.

The following were among the reports filed in recent weeks at the Hoke County Sheriff's Department.

A color television set worth \$519.94 was stolen from the home of Thelma Barbour on U.S. 401

Business, the victim reported.

Gordon Treadwell of 135 Chilton Dr., reported he found the window on the passenger side of his 18-wheel truck shot out when he returned to the truck at the Pig-'N'-Chicken on U.S. 401 South after leaving it parked Friday afternoon.

A long-haired white man was seen attempting to siphon gas from a tractor behind a store at County Line Plaza by a deputy responding to a report that the theft was in progress. The deputy, A.R. Odom, reported he chased the would-be thief on foot but lost him in woods. He said the man didn't get any gas.

William W. McBryde of Rt. 1, Raeford, U.S. 401 South, reported he found January 4 his pool tables cut and \$140 taken from them, and a \$400 set of eight-pistol, crank shaft gaskets for a Cadillac, a \$40 battery, a \$30 radiator, and a \$5 butcher knife stolen in a break-in January 3 or January 4.

Barney Jones, Rt. 1, Red Springs, reported one of two people he found sitting on his steps when he got home cut him on the back as he stepped between them

to enter his residence. He said one was a male and the other a female.

A Wake County man shot himself accidentally Saturday on a shooting range, the Hoke County Sheriff's Department reported.

Deputy Sheriff Weaver Patterson quoted the victim, Nelson Earl Diber of Rt. 5, Apex, as saying he was wounded when his .45 caliber automatic pistol discharged accidentally while he was inserting a fresh clip after ejecting an empty magazine.

Patterson reported Diber suffered a fracture of the left patella (knee cap) and was admitted to Moore Memorial Hospital at Pinehurst for treatment. The target range is on U.S. 15-501 North.

Other reports received recently by the sheriff's department follow.

A thief stole \$2,280 worth of property of Suzanne and George T. Ashford, Jr., of near Red Springs, Ashford reported January 11. The thief got into the home by prying open a window. Stolen were jewelry, two pistols, a shotgun, three knives, and the holsters and some of the ammunition for the pistols.



**NEW TROOPER HERE** - Scott Burgess, above has been assigned to Hoke County's State Highway Patrol force, filling the vacancy created by the transfer of Joe Stanley. Stanley was assigned to Richmond County, and Burgess was on duty in Richmond when he was transferred to Hoke. He is 23, single, and a December 30, 1981, graduate of the Patrol Candidate School. Before joining the patrol he was working at Harris-Teeter. Burgess is qualified as a radar and breathalyzer operator and is serving on regular patrol duty, which includes investigations of accidents. Burgess is a native of Charlotte and is a graduate of East Mecklenburg High School.

**Rape Trial Continues In Hoke Superior Court**

The trial of two men on charges of rape got underway Tuesday morning in Hoke County Superior Court.

Mrs. Cabel Ross, a sister of the prosecuting witness, Linda Allen, 25, of Raeford Apartments, Raeford, had been testifying when Judge F. Gordon Battle of Chapel Hill called a recess for lunch.

Weldon Harris (Moose) McKenzie, 29, of Rt. 1, Raeford, and Raymond Wallace, 32, of Rt. 3, Raeford, are being tried for the alleged attack, which Miss Allen told sheriff's officers occurred last October 21 in an unoccupied house on Rt. 1, Raeford.

The testimony was being heard by jury which includes three women.

Mrs. Ross testified her sister's

face was swollen and she was screaming when Mrs. Ross, responding to a banging on a door of her house, admitted Miss Allen.

Replying to another question put by the prosecutor, Assistant District Attorney Jean Powell, Mrs. Ross said she had never seen her sister act like that before.

The investigation report filed after the alleged attack occurred quotes Miss Allen as saying she had gone to school with both men and that she believed they were "all right," indicating this was the reason she accepted an invitation to accompany them to a fish fry at the home of McKenzie's mother.

The report says the McKenzie house is near the house where the alleged assaults occurred.

**Sheriff: Jail OK**

Hoke County Sheriff Dave Barrington said Tuesday corrective action has been taken to bring fire extinguishers at the Hoke County Jail into compliance with state standards.

He also said new units have been ordered for the two jail laboratories found by a state inspector to need repair.

Barrington was referring to deficiencies found by jail consultant Robert Lewis for the State Department of Human Resources, in an inspection he made last November 29.

The requirements for jail fire extinguishers are that they bear a current inspection tag and be maintained in a fully charged and operable condition. Lewis had marked this item on an inspection form "not in compliance."

Another criticism in Lewis's report were: a medical clinic area is not provided in the jail, to which Barrington replied that prisoners needing medical attention are taken to local physicians, since physicians have their equipment and other necessary supplies at their offices and cannot carry them to the jail whenever they are called.

The sheriff has been trying to get more space for the jail.

The inspection report on the laboratories noted that they were compliance but attention was needed.

The jail also was marked "not in compliance" in regard to bedding. The sheriff said a mattress cover or a sheet is required, that the jail

beds have mattress covers.

The jail menu also was criticized for providing the same meals at lunch and dinner. The report says "The same meal served at dinner as at lunch does not provide a variety of foods to encompass good nutrition." The diet and meal schedule were marked in compliance, but needing attention. Elsewhere in the report, the diet was found "adequate as required" by the State Minimum Standards for Operation of Local Confinement Facilities.

Barrington said the jail's meals are as good as any served in jails anywhere in the state.

The jail was found in compliance with regulations covering 15 other items, including fire safety, supervision of prisoners, medical care and sanitation.

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