

# Ambulance Service Seeks Extra Funds

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\$64,000, the ambulance service owner has now told the commissioners, that he needs an additional \$26,000 to stay afloat.

About \$6,000 of that figure could be trimmed if the county provided space for the ambulance service's base of operation, Upchurch said.

"He will be willing to work with

us anyway possible. As far as Jim, his wife and their crew are concerned, they are devoted to providing a number one service," Upchurch said.

"Until you have used them in a dire emergency, you don't know how good they really are," he added.

"You're not getting a bad deal here from Jim Henley," Tardiff said.

# Dove Arraigned

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comment on the Dove case, a source close to the investigation said Dove falsified the reports out of laziness and not because of any effort to improve the SBI cases against the four defendants.

The source said Dove realized at the last minute he hadn't turned over the suspected drug material to the SBI lab, and he just faked the report and testified at the September probable-cause hearings in Hoke District Court, rather than admit to Jean Powell, the assistant district attorney, he wasn't ready.

Miss Powell who was in Fayetteville, could not be reached for comment Tuesday on whether the charges against the four defendants would be dropped.

The trials of Bratcher, McNair, and Locklear are pending.

Ross was sentenced in Hoke Superior Court in September to two years total, suspended for three years and placed on probation for three years on conditions which included he pay court costs.

The next term of Hoke Superior Court will be held the week of February 20 but it will be principally for consideration of civil cases and whether criminal cases will be tried is not known.

Dove has pleaded not guilty, and his attorney, Jack Thompson of Fayetteville, requested Judge F. Gordon Battle at last week's ar-

raignment to allow Dove to be free without bond.

The judge, however, on Grannis's request, set a \$1,500 secured bond.

Thompson based his request on the circumstances and nature of the charges. He said Dove has been unemployed since his dismissal, because of the incident, and that he recently bought a home.

Dove was born in New Bern.

The bill of indictment says Dove "did alter evidence relevant to a criminal offense and court proceedings" in altering a report of the SBI lab regarding a criminal offense -- felonious possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana against Locklear.

The bill also accuses Dove of representing to Miss Powell that the evidence against Bratcher, McNair and Ross had been submitted to the SBI lab for analysis and the analyses had been performed and the results set forth in laboratory reports, which the defendant gave to Miss Powell.

The bill says the misrepresentation misled the assistant district attorney and the court, and the "prefabricated reports prepared by the defendant were submitted to the Hoke County Grand Jury on 20 September 1982, in violation of North Carolina Common Law."

The bill of indictment for presentation to the Grand Jury was signed by Grannis.



**FIRE VICTIM** -- This is all that remained of the Bargain Barn store on N.C. 211 west near Montrose after the building was swept by fire Thursday. The Pine Hill Fire Department fought the blaze.



**CELEBRATES 25 YEARS** -- William R. (Billy) Humphrey recently received his 25 year service award from Burlington Industries Raeford Plant. He began his career with Burlington on 1-9-58 on yarn inventory and presently holds the position of Supervisor in the Preparation Department. Billy has received his 25 year Service Certificate, Diamond Service Pin, and B.I. Pocket Knife, in recognition of his service. Congratulations to Billy Humphrey!

# Hunt Makes Restitution

Hoke County Commissioner James Albert Hunt was not permitted to give information over the telephone. Hunt could not be reached by telephone Monday for comment about the disposition.

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\$17,000 in worthless checks including the one on which he brought the charge on but that he and Hunt settled for Hunt's paying \$8,500 restitution and returning five used cars Hunt bought from the Datsun agency.

Hunt was charged last month with writing the \$13,543 in worthless checks.

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# Around Town

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and television and you didn't have a weather forecast except in the almanac.

In those days most folks had food supplies for many days and didn't need to go to the store every day. It wouldn't have done any good because many of the stores wouldn't have been open.

Anyway maybe the forecasters will be wrong occasionally, but they will be right most of the time. All in all they do a good job.

The other night Ashwell Harward asked me a question that con-

cerned sports. He wanted to know if I heard about "Bear" Bryant, the former Alabama football coach, moving to Raleigh.

When I replied no and why had he moved? Harward said that he wanted to get as far away from football as he could.

I told this Sunday to Eddie Baker and Steve Phillips was in the crowd. He asked me if I had heard that Herschel Walker had turned Pro. When I replied, no. He stated that he had signed with Clemson.

Now before the year is over, many other jokes will come forth, but I thought these could be passed to you.

# Area Incidents

## Guns, Food, TV Set Stolen

Break-ins, thefts, and vandalism plagued Hoke County, including Raeford, property owners in recent weeks, complaints filed with the Raeford Police Department and Hoke County Sheriff's Department show.

The sheriff's department received the following.

Someone broke into Allen Craig Walters's home on Rt. 3, Raeford, and stole \$5,700 worth of personal property Saturday or Sunday. The thief or thieves took \$200 in silver and an undetermined amount of pennies, a television set, a microwave oven, two stereos, two speakers, five shotguns, one about 100 years old, and a .30-30 rifle. Some of the pennies filled four one-gallon jars and others were in a bank bag.

David George Schuchard, Rt. 1, Aberdeen, reported Thursday a camera and camera equipment worth \$552.18 were stolen in a break-in.

A color television set worth \$369 was stolen from the home of Nancy Morgan, Rt. 1, Red Springs, Thursday.

Someone broke into McLean's Gameroom on Rockfish Road Wednesday or Thursday and stole

\$40 from the machines, and an electric heater and a case of soft drinks.

Virgil's Drive-In on Rt. 1, Raeford, was broken into last week also, and \$425 worth of candy, chewing gum, cakes, pies, buns, meat and chicken was stolen.

Someone broke into the home of Frances Marion McGee, Rt. 1, Aberdeen, Thursday, and stole \$116 worth of personal property, including a .25 caliber automatic pistol.

An air compressor with a 100-gallon tank valued at \$2,500 was stolen January 18 or 19 from the property of Jack Currie Beasley on Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge.

Myron G. McPhatter, Rt. 1, Raeford, reported a \$100 rifle was stolen from the trunk of his car between January 10 and 14.

The following were received by the Police Department.

Someone broke into McLaughlin Hardware January 18 and stole two shotguns, 12 and 20 gauge, worth \$229.50 each.

A battery from each of two lift trucks was stolen January 18 or 19 from the Hoke Block Plant on South Jackson Street. The batteries are valued at a total \$100.

Someone stole \$250 worth of

furnishings from a vacant house on East Fifth Avenue January 14 or 15. The thief or thieves got four windows, three light fixtures, six wall plugs, two light switches and two pull fuses. The house is owned by the Avery Connell Agency, 132 W. Elwood Ave.

A Carolina Power & Light Co. pole at Harris Avenue and Main Street behind The Medicine Shoppe was struck Saturday. It will cost about \$800 to replace it.

Three cases of vandalism were reported in a single area, committed Saturday or Sunday. Gertrude McKeithan of 113 N. Magnolia St. reported her newspaper box was taken out of the ground and thrown down. The windshield of a Heilig-Meyers Furniture Co. truck was broken, and three windows of a telephone booth at Harris Avenue and Bethel Road were broken. The damage to the truck windshield amounted to about \$200 and to the phone booth windows a total of \$30.

The damage to the newspaper box was not listed.

Bob Clark of 109 N. Highland Ave. reported his car cover valued at \$85 was stolen between January 19 and Friday.

## Hillcrest Receives Lower Fire Insurance Rating

The Hillcrest Fire District's rating has been boosted to 9AA form 9A. The State Insurance Services Office senior field rating representative, Bill Dunn, informed Hillcrest Fire Chief W.F. McNeill recently.

Assistant Fire Chief Earl Conoly of Raeford attributed the improvement to the purchase of a new fire

truck.

He said the new rating will bring a reduction of fire insurance premium rates for the property owners in the district when the word reaches their insurance companies.

Conoly also said the (AA rating is about as good as any rural fire department can get.

The rating a fire district receives is based on the results of the annual inspection made by the Insurance Services Office, Conoly said.

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