

# Shoplifting Adds To Customer Costs

Most of us are aware of the term, "shoplifting." Merchants warn us on radio, on television or by signs posted in their stores that shoplifters face serious consequences from the law.

They add that the millions of dollars of shoplifted goods only add to the price that honest shoppers must pay when they buy goods.

It is good that merchants try to warn everyone about the consequences of violating a shoplifting law. North Carolina has a very strong law against shoplifting. It provides great protection for merchants who try to apprehend and prosecute shoplifters.

Tough shoplifting laws, however, have not always been with us. Prior to 1957 in North Carolina, anyone suspected of shoplifting was charged with common law larceny. This crime required proof of larcenous intent, as well as a wrongful taking. As a practical matter, storeowners had

to wait until the shoplifter had not only concealed the goods, but also had gotten outside of the store with them. Only then might a storeowner be fairly certain of providing the larcenous intent required.

## Law For Layspersons

If the shoplifter were stopped by the merchant before he actually went out the door, the shoplifter would naturally argue that he was going to pay for the goods and had no intention of leaving the store without paying for it.

The shoplifter might also threaten to sue the storeowner for damages resulting from malicious prosecution, false imprisonment and false arrest by the storeowner's stopping and embarrassing him in the store.

The difficulties inherent in allowing the shoplifter to leave the store before stopping him and the possibilities of a suit for malicious

prosecution, false imprisonment and false arrest paralyzed many merchants. Some just stood by and watched their property disappear without a fair, legally protected opportunity to protect it.

In 1957, the North Carolina General Assembly acted to make it much easier for a merchant to convict a person of shoplifting. New section 14-72.1 of the General Statutes provides that if a person, without authority, willfully conceals goods or merchandise before he purchases them, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Upon conviction, he may be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both such fine or such imprisonment.

The difference between the old law and the new law is significant. Presently in North Carolina, if a person conceals goods on his person in a store without paying for them, he is guilty of shoplifting.

He no longer has to leave the store. No larcenous intent is required, and the storekeeper need only show that the person "willfully" concealed the goods.

The new law provides that the mere concealing of goods on the person without paying for them will make out a good case of willful concealment.

A word to the wise for all shoppers is to keep out in the open all goods that you have not paid for. Put them in a shopping basket where everybody can see them or hold them only in your hands. Do not put them in your pocketbook or stuff them in a pocket because you will be setting yourself up for a very serious charge of shoplifting.

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Avenue, also Crowder's corner, thence along the margin of said Avenue, South 88-30 East 125 feet to the BEGINNING, running around and embracing the premises known and used as Lentz Mortuary and Funeral Home.

This being the same property conveyed to James C. Lentz and wife, Larue B. Lentz by Administrator of Veterans Affairs, and as recorded in Book 196, at Page 130 of the Hoke County Public Registry to which reference is hereby made.

This sale will be made subject to all outstanding taxes, if any, and prior liens of record, if any.

This sale will also be made subject to the rights of the United States Government to redeem the property according to the Federal Tax Lien Laws.

CASH DEPOSIT: Ten per cent (10%) of the first \$1,000.00 and five per cent (5%) on any additional amount bid will be required at the sale.

Done, this the 1st day of February, 1983.

BOBBY BURNS McNEILL, TRUSTEE 42-43C

## NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

### CREDITOR'S NOTICE

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix CTA of the Estate of Dixie Reaves McLeod, deceased, late of Hoke County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 11th day of August, 1983, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This, the 1st day of February, 1983.

Joan Scarborough, Route 2, Box 39 Raeford, N.C. 28376

Warren L. Pate

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### NOTICE OF SALE

## NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by WILLIAM H. GILL and wife, BETTY H. GILL, to WILLIAM L. MOSES, Trustee, dated the 10th day of November, 1980, and recorded in Book 217, Page 098, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Hoke County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and the said deed of trust being by the terms thereof subject to foreclosure, and the holder of the indebtedness thereby secured having demanded a foreclosure thereof for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness, and the Clerk of Court granting permission for the foreclosure, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse door in Raeford, North Carolina, at 10:30 a.m. on the 14th day of February, 1983, the land, as improved, conveyed in said deed of trust, the same lying and being in Raeford Township, Hoke County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

TRACT I: Beginning at an iron stake where the southern margin of Prospect Avenue intersects with the eastern margin of Weaver Street and running thence S 88-00 E 193 feet to a stake; thence S 2-00 W 107.5 feet to a stake; thence N 88-00 W 193 feet to an iron stake in the eastern margin of said Weaver Street; thence N 2-00 E 107.5 feet along the margin of Weaver Street to the beginning point.

This being a portion of that property conveyed by deeds recorded in Book 118, Page 161, Book 87, Page 329 and Book 106, Page 306, Hoke County Registry.

TRACT II: Lying and being in Raeford Township, Hoke County, North Carolina, and BEGINNING at the Northeast corner of Elwood Avenue (called in deed from J.W. McLaulchin, dated March 6, 1900, Portland Avenue) and Highland Street at their crossing and runs with east edge of Highland Street North 4 chains and 20 links to Rockfish Avenue. Then East with the south edge of Rockfish Avenue 2 chains and 38 links to a stake. Then South 4 chains and 20 links to a stake in the north edge of Elwood Avenue. Then West with Elwood Avenue 2 chains and 38 links to the beginning, containing one acre, more or less.

Five percent (5) of the amount of the highest bid must be

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deposited with the Trustee pending confirmation of the sale.

Dated this 17th day of January, 1983.

William L. Moses, Trustee  
Post Office Drawer 688,  
127 W. Edinborough Ave.  
Raeford, N.C. 28376  
(Tel. 919-875-2137)  
41-42C

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER OF SALE contained in a certain deed of trust made by HALBERT BROWN and wife, MAMIE LUCILLE BROWN to LLOYD K. SWARINGEN, Trustee, dated the 22nd day of June, 1977, and recorded in Book 199, Page 435, Hoke County Registry, default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured and the holder having directed that the deed of trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale, at the Courthouse door, in the City of Raeford, North Carolina, at Twelve (12:00) o'clock Noon on February 15, 1983 and will sell to the highest bidder, for cash, a residence situate on and together with the following real estate, in Raeford Township, Hoke County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake in the west side of the extension of North Main Street 150 feet South of the corner of S.J. Cameron Lot #2 and 450 feet South of the intersection of the extension of North Main Street and the turnpike road; and runs South as North Main Street 50 feet to a stake; thence North 86 degrees 30 minutes West 150 feet to a stake; thence North parallel with North Main Street to a stake; thence South 56 degrees 30 minutes West 150 feet to the point of beginning.

This conveys one-half of Lot #20 and one-half of Lot #21 of Florie Cameron property - Map Book 2, Page 251.

This sale is made subject to all taxes, prior liens or encumbrances of record against said property and recorded releases, if any.

A cash deposit of 10% of the purchase price will be required at the time of the sale.

This the 17th day of January, 1983.

LLOYD K. SWARINGEN, Trustee  
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### IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 83-E-3

### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

#### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Lillie Mae Shaw of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Lillie Mae Shaw to present them to the undersigned within 6 months from date of the publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 18th day of January 1983.

Lillie Belle Graham  
P.O. Box 517  
Raeford, N.C. 28376  
41-44C

### IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 83-E-1

### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

#### EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Peter S. Sawyer of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Peter S. Sawyer to present them to the undersigned within 6 months from date of the publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 10th day of January, 1983.

Louise B. Sawyer  
206 Patterson St.  
Raeford, N.C. 28376  
39-42C

# Hard To Break Cats Of Canned Food Habit

Dear Doctor: My question is how do you break a cat from eating only canned cat food? My cat currently eats about a can during the course of a day. I would like to feed him scraps from the table and occasionally canned cat food. He also won't eat dried cat food. Have tried to break his eating habits but with little success, he just meow's all day. HELP!!

Answer: Once cats develop a taste for a canned food, it is difficult to get them to eat dry food.

Adult cats generally eat the same texture of food that they were exposed to as a kitten. Another possible cause of eating only canned food may be either gum or dental problems resulting in mouth soreness when eating dry food. If

your cat is over five years of age I suggest having its teeth checked by your veterinarian.

## You and Your Pet

If they are okay, then start making changes in its food. At the beginning mix his most favorite flavor of dry food with the canned and gradually decrease the canned food until you are feeding mostly dry.

Adding some water to the dry food may help. Also, you may experiment with feeding some semi-moist foods mixed with the canned food.

If at any time he doesn't eat the food prepared for him on the first day, refrigerate it overnight and

offer it a second day. This technique does not always work but it is a start in the right direction.

Dear Doctor: I'm writing you concerning my two dogs; one a datson, one a manchester, which we have had many years and love them very much. In fact, they are not treated like dogs - more like children.

The datson wets some on the furniture when we go off for a while and the manchester gets up and digs on the furniture. What can I do to stop this? They are real clean dogs in other ways.

Answer: I think both dogs are getting upset at you for leaving them alone. Also, they do these things to get special attention when you get home even though it may

not be very nice attention. Some male dogs will urinate in the house to mark their territory.

If these habits have persisted for a long period of time they may be difficult to correct.

The first suggestion is to stay away from home for a very short period of time and if neither dog has "done bad," then give both of them a special treat. But if either dog did wrong let them know you are unhappy about the situation by ignoring them and telling them they are "bad dogs."

If the reward technique works then stay away from home for longer periods of time. If none of the above is effective, then strict confinement while you are away is the only answer.

# Women Of The Year Book Names Two Local Residents

Deborah Faye Davis of Rt. 1 Raeford and Brendila Leslie of Rt. 3 Raeford have been selected for inclusion in the 1982 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America.

The Outstanding Young Women of America program is designed to honor and encourage exceptional young women between the ages of 21 and 36 who have distinguished themselves in their homes, their professions and their communities. Accomplishments such as these are the result of dedication, service and leadership - qualities which deserve to be recognized and remembered.

This is the goal of the many leading women's organizations, college alumni associates and public officials who nominate deserving young women to participate in the program. Serving as Chairman of the Program's Advisory Board is Mrs. Dexter Otis Arnold, honorary president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The women listed, along with approximately 23,000 fellow Outstanding Young Women of America from across the United States, will be presented in the prestigious annual awards volume. In addition, they are now being considered for one of the fifty-one state awards to be presented to those women who have made the most noteworthy contributions in their individual states. From these fifty-one state winners, the Ten Outstanding Young Women of America will be chosen. The ten national winner will be honored at the annual awards luncheon held

in Washington, D.C.

Our Board of Advisors and Editors salute all those honored as Outstanding Young Women of America. We take great pride in bringing their accomplishments to the attention of the American public.

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### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF HOKE

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK FILE NO. 82 SP 54

#### NOTICE OF FIFTH RESALE

IN THE MATTER OF THE SALE OF LAND OF JAMES C. LENTZ and wife, LARUE B. LENTZ, UNDER FORECLOSURE OF DEED OF TRUST TO BOBBY BURNS McNEILL, TRUSTEE, RECORDED IN BOOK 197, at PAGE 143, HOKE COUNTY PUBLIC REGISTRY.

WHEREAS, the undersigned, acting as Trustee, in a certain Deed of Trust executed by JAMES C. LENTZ and wife, LARUE B. LENTZ, and recorded in Book 197, at Page 143, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Hoke County, foreclosed and offered for sale the land hereinafter described; and whereas within the time allowed by law, an advanced bid was filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court and an order issued directing the Trustee to resell said land upon an opening bid of \$5,500.00 (FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS);

NOW, THEREFORE, under and by virtue of said order of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hoke County, and the power of sale contained in said Deed of Trust, the undersigned Trustee, will offer for sale upon said opening bid at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the door of the County Courthouse in Raeford, Hoke County, North Carolina, at 12:00 o'clock Noon on the 22nd day of February, 1983, the following described property, located in the City of Raeford, Hoke County, North Carolina, and

BEGINNING at the Northwest corner of Younger Snead residence premises in the south margin of Prospect Avenue, and runs thence South 1-30 West 150 feet to a stake; thence N 88-30 West 125 feet to a stake, O.L. Crowder's corner; thence as dividing line between said Crowder and Lentz, North 1-30 East 150 feet to a stake in the south margin of said

# Sunday School Lesson

Background Scripture: Luke 22:1-23.  
Devotional Reading: I Corinthians 11:23-26

A widow sits and stares at the four walls of her one-room apartment, just as she has for the past 10 months since her husband died. Friends have been "kind" to her and tried to be supportive, but no matter how well-intentioned these efforts have been, she feels all alone and aches in loneliness.

A middle aged father cries alone in his bedroom mourning the loss of his "little girl," a young woman still not out of her teens. Extremely close ever since his wife, the girl's mother, walked out of their life when the daughter was only five years old, he feels utterly "crushed" by her announcement that she is quitting college and going off to live with a young man whom the father is certain will ruin her life.

These are only two examples of the wounds we experience in life. The situations may vary widely, but the results are the same: feelings of unreplaceable loss, of unquenchable grief, unresolved bitterness, unbearable loneliness, and unremitting pain. There may seem to be no possible cure to heal these wounds. With no one to really understand what we are feeling and to share it with us, we may begin to despair of life itself.

It is this mood which seems to hang over the Upper Room when, as Luke puts it, "the hour came" and Jesus "sat at table and the apostles with him." At that table,

along with Jesus and the 12, there was fear, distrust, dismay, and betrayal. Jesus probably knew that his very hours were numbered, that Judas had betrayed him, and that the other eleven apostles would scatter like frightened sheep before the night was over. As in the lives of so many of us, Jesus, too, experienced the coming of a fateful "hour" that would test his soul.

Yet, somber and fearful as was that Upper Room gathering, there was also a light to shine in that darkness. And the light that Jesus offered them (and us) is more than enough to dispel any darkness that falls upon us. For even in the darkest hours, just as Jesus offered an unbreakable fellowship to his disciples, so he offered us that same oneness with him, that same communion that assures us that, no matter what the circumstances may be, we are one with him and he with us. Thus we need never face the wounds of life alone. The bond between Christ and ourselves will enable us to meet and conquer any of life's most painful blows.

"Holy Communion" is not just something that happens in church when we share the Lord's Supper. It is a fact of life with Christ and the ritual is only a reminder to open our lives and let Christ share them. The bread and the cup speak to us of his sacrificial self-giving which, in one way or another, is sufficient to meet all our deficiencies. The bond that links us to Christ will bear any load - if we want it to.

# Fashion Show Successful At Leach Spring

The Young Adult Choir of Leach Springs Baptist Church, sponsored a Fashion Show for the Tiny Tops Choir of the Church.

The Mistress of Ceremony was Mrs. Agganora Blue.

Contestants in the show were: Laytasha Readdy, Patrice Watson, Janice Wooten, Portia McColum,

Deshanda Readdy, Katrine Dobbins, Mathum Barnes, Alloncase Readdy, Eugenia Jones, Devonia McPhatter, George Wooten, and Kelvin Grace.

The two contestants chosen were: Eugenia Jones, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Leak of Raeford, who had a score of 92,

was chosen Best Perform Girl, and George Wooten the son of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Wooten of Lumberton, who had a score of 84, was chosen Best Perform Boy.

They both received trophies.

The other contestants received Certificate of Appreciation. The program was a success.

# Deaths & Funerals

Pearl D. Riley  
Pearl Dawl Riley, 76, of Rt. 5, Charlotte, died February 2 at his home.

The funeral was conducted Friday morning in McKeithan Funeral Home chapel in Southern Pines by the Rev. George McKeithan. Burial was in Highland Biblical Gardens, Raeford.

Surviving are his wife, Annie Bell Brown Riley; his son, Hoover Riley of Charlotte; his brothers, J.K. Riley of Raeford, Kenneth Riley of Hot Springs, Ark., Howard Riley of Hudson, Kans., and Walt Riley of Aberdeen; his

sisters, Mrs. Grace Ard of Sumter, S.C., Mrs. Jewel Hall and Mrs. Nancy Tyson of Fayetteville, Mrs. Susan Roberson of Southern Pines, and Mrs. Dathna Muse of Aberdeen; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Edwin David Newton, Jr.  
Edwin David Newton, Jr., 32, died Sunday morning in an automobile accident.

Services were conducted Monday at 3:30 p.m. at Galatin Presbyterian Church. Dr. David Sutton conducted the services. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Newton is survived by his wife Nancy Capps Newton; his daughters, Carol, Sarah and Patricia Ann all of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.D. Newton, Sr. of Fayetteville; and his sisters, Mrs. Ann Newton Shannon of Raeford and Mrs. Patsy Newton Hurt of Richardson, Texas.

Mr. Newton was the owner-operator of the Western Auto Store located at Lake Rim in Cumberland County.

Crumpler Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.