



Checking for Glaucoma and other ailments
The Raeford Lions Club sponsored a Glaucoma screening two weeks ago that brought a good crowd to the Raeford Methodist Church. According to a spokesman for the club 290 people attended the clinic and 54 were referred for various reasons to other doctors. The clinic was a very worthwhile project, the spokesman said.

Visitors Nailed For Speeding

Visitors traveling on Hoke County highways fared poorly this week in District Court by carrying the brunt of the judgements.

District Court Judge Joseph Dupree handed down these sentences to the out-of-towners:

- Herbert H. Adkins Jr., High Point, exceeding a safe speed, cost.
- Lannes D. Carter, Red Springs, speeding (46-35), prayer for judgement upon payment of cost.
- Jackie Gene Clark, Wagram, driving with a blood alcohol level of .10% or more by weight, 60 days suspended for 12 months, surrender license for 12 months, \$200 and cost.
- Carlton Holmes Colson Jr., Maxton, speeding (70-55), \$10 and cost.
- Mark Dixon Dehaven, Fayetteville, speeding (75-55), 30 days, \$35 and cost.
- Margaret Hargrove, Clinton, exceeding a safe speed.
- Herbert Theodore Walton, Lumberton, speeding (69-55), \$10 and cost.
- Ralph Vincent Wilson Jr., Ft. Bragg, driving without due caution and circumspect and at a speed so as to danger persons and property, 60 days, \$50 and cost.
- Kenneth Neil Lossman, Laurinburg, driving with a revoked license and speeding (66-55), six months suspended for two years, \$200 and cost, not operate a motor

vehicle for two years except as provided by law.

--Reginald Douglas Murphy, Red Springs, speeding (45-35), prayer for judgement upon payment of cost.

Judge Dupree also handed down the following judgements against Hoke County residents.

--Robert Arthur Billinger, 412 E. Donaldson Avenue, driving after consuming a sufficient quantity of alcoholic beverage as to directly and visibly affect the operation of his vehicle, 60 days, \$100 and cost, enroll and complete the alcohol and drug abuse school within 90 days.

--Eric Daniel Cobb, Rt. 3, Raeford, speeding (46-35), prayer for judgement upon payment of cost.

--Isiah Decarlo Jackson Jr., 1210 Stewart Street, damage to personal property, prayer for judgement upon condition that defendant pay \$50 and cost of the action.

--Vernetta Leak, Rt. 2, Raeford, speeding (51-35), prayer for judgement upon payment of cost.

--Elaine Lowery, Harmon Heights Trailer Park, driving under the influence and driving without being a licensed operator, 90 days suspended for 12 months, \$150 and cost, not operate a motor vehicle for 12 months.

--Sharman Lowery, Rt. 4, Raeford, DUI and permitting a

motor vehicle owned by him to be driven by an unlicensed person, 90 days suspended for 12 months, \$150 and cost, surrender license for 12 months.

--Robert Palmer Wilcox Jr., careless and reckless after drinking, \$100 and cost, enroll and complete the alcohol and drug abuse school within 90 days.

--Sharon Elizabeth Berry, Shannon, simple worthless check (two counts) and drawing a worthless check on a closed account, no less than 90 days, no more than 90 days suspended for 18 months with supervised probation for 18 months, \$30 restitution and \$20 restitution.

Madison Arrives For Korean Duty

Staff Sgt. Robert G. Madison, son of Mary H. Patterson of Rural Route 3, Raeford, has arrived for duty at Osan Air Base, South Korea.

Madison, a security supervisor with the 51st Tactical Fighter Wing, was previously assigned at Altus Air Force Base, Okla.

His wife, Hazel, is the daughter of Rosetta Crockett of Rural Route 2, Altus, Okla.

The sergeant is a 1971 graduate of Hoke High School, Raeford.

Two Spring Lake Men Charged For May Rapes

by Pat Wilson
Spring Lake police recently apprehended two men who have been charged with the rape of two Raeford women, according to Spring Lake Police Chief Don Latham.

The women said they were abducted at gunpoint from the Dragon Club parking lot at Fort Bragg, taken to a wooded area off Elliott Bridge Road by two male abductors, forced to strip and raped at gunpoint.

The two women, ages 23 and 25, were left nude. They walked to a nearby home and asked for help, according to a police report.

The incident allegedly occurred the night of May 29.

The two men apprehended by Spring Lake officers on June 1 are Eugene Weldon Sadler and Kenneth Earl Belton, Latham said.

Sadler was being held Tuesday in Cumberland County jail under \$185,000 bond and Belton was also being held under \$125,000 bond, a

Cumberland County Sheriff's Deputy said.

They are charged with two counts of first degree rape and one count of crime against nature, according to Harold Little of the Sheriff's Department.

Details were sketchy at press time but the men are also charged with two counts of armed robbery and two counts of auto larceny, Little said.

The investigation is continuing, Little said.

All Citizens Have Duty To Report Child Abuse

By Ken L. Witherspoon
Child abuse and neglect is a growing social problem nationwide which affects thousands of children and families each year.

Not only is this a problem nationally, it affects a growing number of families in Hoke County. From July 1, 1982 through April 30, 1983, there were child abuse and neglect reports involving 86 families and 137 children in this county.

Every citizen has a duty to report suspected cases of child abuse and neglect in order to protect the children of Hoke County.

In 1971, the General Assembly of North Carolina enacted a mandatory Child Abuse Reporting Law, which places a legal responsibility on professionals as well as lay citizens to report cases of child abuse or neglect.

The law is codified in the North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 110, Article 8, Sections 110-115 to 122.

The statute defines "an abused child" as one who is less than 18 years of age whose parent or other person responsible for his care:

(a) Inflicts or allows to be inflicted upon such child a physical injury by other than accidental means which causes or creates a substantial risk of death or disfigurement or impairment of physical health or loss or impairment of function of any bodily organ.

(b) Creates or allows to be created a substantial risk of physical injury to such child by other than accidental means which would be likely to cause death or

disfigurement or impairment of physical health or loss or impairment of a function of any bodily organ.

(c) Commits or allows to be committed any sex act upon a child in violation of law.

"A neglected child" is any child less than 18 years of age who does not receive proper care or supervision or discipline from his parent, guardian, custodian, or other person acting as a parent, who has been abandoned, or who is not provided necessary medical care of other remedial care recognized under State law, or who lives in an environment injurious to his welfare, or who has been placed for care or adoption in violation of the law.

Reports of child abuse or neglect should be made to the Director of Social Services in the county in which the child resides or is found.

The report need not be made to the Director but to a designated member of his staff.

In Hoke County, reports should be made to the Services Unit Intake Worker.

The report may be oral (in person or by telephone) or written.

Reporters may remain anonymous if they so choose, however, by doing so they waive rights to reports of findings.

According to the statute, the report shall include such information as is known to the person making the report including: The name and address of the child. The name and address of the child's parents or other caretakers. The age of the child. The present whereabouts of the child if not at

the home address. The nature and extent of the child's injury or condition resulting from abuse or neglect.

Any other information which the person making the report believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of the injuries or the condition resulting from abuse or neglect.

Upon receipt of a report of child abuse, the Department of Social Services has 24 hours to respond and in cases of neglect, the Department has 72 hours to respond.

The person making the report may request a report of the investigation or may elect to waive the right to a report.

The reporter will be notified only whether the report is substantiated or unsubstantiated.

Specific information regarding the investigation will not be released as all information in a client's record is confidential.

Any person who makes a report of child abuse or neglect is advised that if the report should result in court action that he or she may be subpoenaed to testify in court.

Therefore, the reporter is given the option of making an anonymous report to relieve themselves of further involvement.

According to the law, anonymous reports must be responded to just as reports where the reporter is identified.

The reporting law does not state whether the County Department of Social Services may release the name of a reporter of child abuse or neglect to the parent or other caretaker who have been reported.

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