

# Woman Sentenced To Jail For Writing Bad Checks

A Raeford resident was taken to a Raleigh women's prison Friday after being sentenced to two consecutive six-month sentences in Hoke District Court.

Myrtle Faye Hammonds, 25, of 1813 Silver City Street, was found guilty on two counts of misdemeanor larceny and six counts of writing worthless checks during Friday's district court session.

Court records indicate that Hammonds had been charged with two counts of uttering a forged endorsement after she apparently endorsed two government-issued checks belonging to Lucille Locklear.

The checks were issued to Locklear by the North Carolina Department of Resources Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC).

Those sentences were reduced to two separate counts of misdemeanor larceny by District Court Judge Joseph Dupree, records show.

In addition to the two misdemeanor larcenies, Hammonds plead guilty to six counts of writing worthless checks.

Those checks, which totaled \$233.10, were written to local merchants.

After hearing the charges against Hammonds, Judge Dupree gave the defendant the two six-month sentences, which will run consecutively.

The judge ordered Hammonds confined to the Raleigh Women's Prison for no less than six months and no more than 12 months on one of the misdemeanor larceny charges and repeated the sentence for the other charges.

The second sentence is to be served at the expiration of the first, according to the records.

Hammonds was escorted to Raleigh Friday by Hoke Sheriff's deputies.

In an unrelated matter, a Fayetteville woman, arrested two weeks ago by Raeford Police, received a suspended sentence after pleading guilty to shoplifting charges.

Charlene Gay of Fayetteville was given a 90-day suspended sentence after she plead guilty to stealing toiletry items from the A&P grocery store in the Edenborough Shopping Center.

Gay had apparently taken two bottles of shampoo, two tubes of

toothpaste and one can of deodorant from the A & P store. The merchandise was valued at \$18.14 and was recovered by police officers after the arrest.

In addition to the suspended sentence, Gay was ordered to pay a \$100 fine plus court cost and was restricted from going on the A & P premises for three years.

A Hoke County man was also given a suspended sentence in district court last week after he plead guilty to breaking, entering and larceny charges.

Kenny Ray Locklear of Rt. 1, Shannon plead guilty to breaking into Chason's Handy Store where he apparently removed two cases of Budweiser beer.

After hearing the plea, Judge Dupree ordered the defendant confined for no less than two years and no more than two years. Dupree suspended that sentence for three years and placed Locklear on three years' probation.

The judge also instructed Locklear to pay \$130 restitution and the court cost.

In other action, James Everette McRae of Rt. 1, Shannon plead guilty to allowing his hogs to run "at large" within the limits of the Stonewall Township.

Judge Dupree ordered the defendant confined for 30 days suspended and instructed him to pay \$50 and cost in the action.

Alton T. Bain of Lumber Bridge plead guilty to driving under the influence (DUI) and was given a six-month suspended sentence on that charge.

Judge Dupree also instructed Bain to surrender his license for one year. The defendant gave notice of appeal.

Curtis Locklear of Rt. 2, Raeford plead guilty to careless and reckless driving after drinking and was given a 30-day sentence and instructed to pay \$100 and court cost.

Judge Dupree also instructed the defendant to enroll and complete the alcohol and drug abuse school within 90 days.

Leonard B. Conrad of Hoffman plead guilty to driving with a blood alcohol level of .10% or more by weight and was given a 90-day suspended sentence on those charges.

Conrad was also instructed to

pay \$150 plus cost. Judge Dupree also ordered the defendant to not operate a motor vehicle for one year. Dupree issued a limited driving permit to Conrad.

In addition, Conrad was ordered to enroll and complete the alcohol and drug abuse school within 90 days.

Lola Brown of Red Springs plead guilty to writing a \$50 worthless checks and was given a 60-day suspended sentence on that charge.

Judge Dupree also ordered the defendant to pay restitution and \$10 court cost.

Bernard Bridges of Rt. 3, Raeford plead guilty to misdemeanor larceny and was given a two-year suspended sentence with supervised probation. Judge Dupree also ordered the defendant to pay \$150 and court cost plus \$100 in restitution.

Bobby Odell Hall of Hillsborough plead guilty to careless and reckless driving after drinking. Judge Dupree ordered Hall confined in the Hoke jail for 30 days.

The defendant was also instructed to pay \$100 and cost and enroll and complete the alcohol and drug abuse school within 90 days.

Larry Hogan of Red Springs plead guilty to careless and reckless driving after drinking and was ordered confined to the Hoke Jail for 30 days. Hogan was also instructed to pay \$100 and cost and enroll and complete the alcohol and drug abuse school within 90 days.

Don Wayne Holland of Rt. 1, Shannon plead guilty to driving under the influence (DUI) and was given a six-month suspended sentence with one-year unsupervised probation. Judge Dupree also instructed the defendant not to operate a motor vehicle for one year.

Holland was also ordered to pay \$300 and court cost.

George Hollingsworth of Rt. 1, Raeford plead guilty to careless and reckless driving after drinking and was given a 30-day stint in the Hoke Jail.

Hollingsworth was also instructed to enroll and complete the alcohol and drug abuse school within 90 days and pay \$150 and court cost in the action.



**Blowing wild in the wind**

As cooler temperatures set in and winds begin to stir, wild flowers growing on and around fence posts and in open fields begin to show signs of life - dancing and swaying to the best of an afternoon breeze.

## Scout Troop Saved, Meeting

By Sherry Matthews

After nearly three months of uncertainty, Raeford Boy Scout Troop 401 is back on its feet with a new leader and "a lot of enthusiasm," Scout Master Ted Cumston said.

Last Saturday marked the first meeting of the newly re-formed 401 troop.

"We had 18 out of 25 boys to show up for the first meeting. It looks like there will be more than that coming to the next meetings," Cumston said.

"Everything is looking fantastic at this point. Everyone is extremely eager for this to work out," Cumston added.

The scout troop, which has been supported by the Raeford Kiwanis since the 1920's, dwindled down to a zero membership with no real leader, no meetings and no outings for the young men.

A "lack of communication" was blamed for the troops "falling apart at the seams, according to Kiwanian Steve Connell, who led

the fight to save the troop.

After a year of "virtual nonexistence," interest in reviving the troop peaked.

"There has been a great deal of interest over this thing, especially from disgruntled parents who are concerned about the future of the scouts," Connell said earlier.

Along with troop parents and the Kiwanis club, a new scout master was found, and the troop started the re-organizational process.

"With the support of the Kiwanis, and the enthusiasm that these boys have, I think things are going to be just fine," Cumston said.

In addition to appointing Cumston and getting the troop re-organized, the troop was able to maintain the number that they have carried for over 50 years.

"As of last Wednesday we were able to renew our charter. We were also able to keep the 401 troop number," Cumston said.

"At this point things are looking

real bright for this troop," Cumston added.

"If there are any boys in the community who would like to join the troop, there is still time," Cumston said.

According to Cumston, the troop will meet every Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Boy Scout Hut across from the Raeford Civic Center.

"I urge anyone interested in joining the troop to call me," Cumston said.

"We are eager to get things together and full of enthusiasm," Cumston added.

## Little Finishes Basic Training

Army National Guard Pvt. Robert L. Little, son of Mary A. Little of Rural Route 2, Raeford, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is a 1982 graduate of Hoke County High School.

## Deaths & Funerals

**Mrs. Merle McKeithan Jarrett**  
Mrs. Merle McKeithan Jarrett, 55, died Thursday in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Memorial services were held Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Crumpler Funeral Home Chapel in Raeford. The Rev. Grady McKeithan officiated the service.

Surviving are: her husband Otto Jarret of Albuquerque, New Mexico; two sons, Jerry Wright of Baltimore, Maryland, and Wayne Wright of Phoenix, Arizona; two daughters; Mrs. Janice Ayres of Ft. Worth, Texas, and Mrs. Joann Owen of Phoenix; three brothers; Cecil McKeithan of Raeford, Weslie McKeithan of Winston-Salem and Willie McKeithan of Fayetteville; and four sisters; Mrs. Lela Butler of Apex, Mrs. Eunice Motley of Berryville, Virginia, Mrs. Blanche Stephens of Emerald Isle and Mrs. Sarah Neil Charles of Albuquerque.

**Thurman Martin**  
Thurman Martin, 38, died Wednesday in a Raleigh Hospital.

Funeral services were held on Friday at 3 p.m. at Biggs Funeral Home Chapel in Lumberton.

Burial was in the New Hollywood Cemetery.

Survivors include two sons; Chris Martin and Stacy Martin, both of Raeford; one daughter, Miss Mellisa Sue Martin; mother, Mrs. Destia Martin of Lumberton, three brothers Hollis Martin of Fairmont; Gerald Martin of Lumberton and Marshall Martin of Parkton; six sisters: Mrs. Ada Dial of Lumberton, Mrs. Betty Shaw of Fayetteville, Mrs. Eunice Herring of Charlotte, Mrs. Sara Campbell of Raeford, Mrs. Reba Pruitt, of Vancouver, Alabama and Mrs. Alice Lunsford of Madison, Florida.

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