

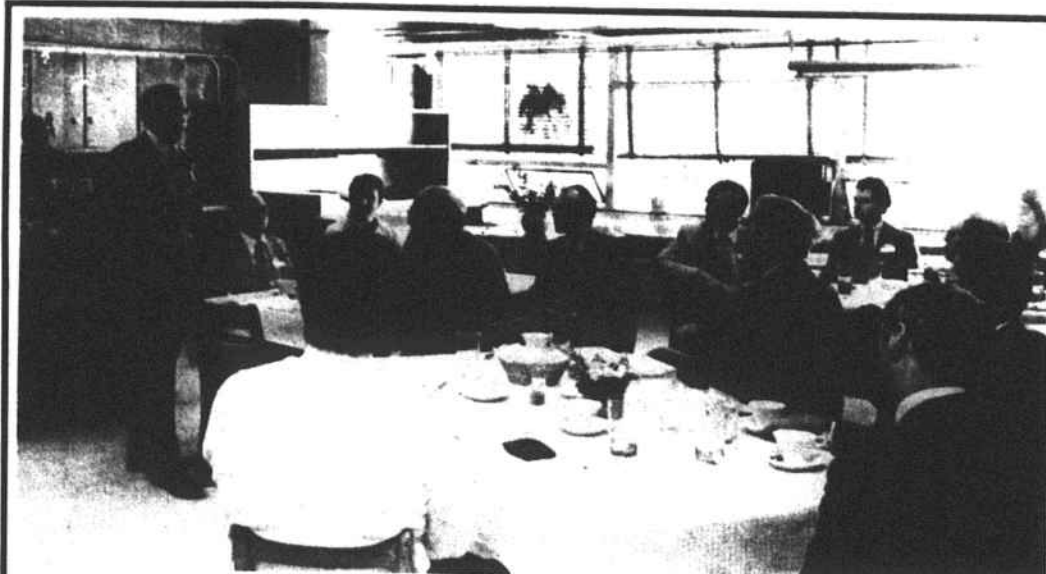
... Murder Trial Ends

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 me. He had me scared to death," Burnette said.
 "I did not try to kill him. I just tried to keep myself from being killed," she added.
 Burnette testified that she went "willingly" with Shannon the night of the stabbing.
 "I agreed to take him to meet some friends down Raeford Road," Burnette told the jury.
 It was only after Shannon's friends did not appear, and he began driving, that they entered the woods just off Rockfish Road.
 "He yanked me from the truck and jumped on top of me," Burnette told Deaver.
 "I knew he was going to try to rape me again," Burnette added.
 Burnette told the jurors she stabbed Shannon "several" times and put the handcuffs on him "sometime" during the struggle.
 Burnette also said that she took the handcuffs off and stabbed him again in the chest at least one time.

her blood-stained sweatshirt in a wooded area near Fayetteville.
 Under pressure from Powell, an apparently hostile Burnette told the jury that she agreed to take Shannon to meet friends near Raeford.
 According to Burnette, the friends Shannon was expecting to meet were those involved with his deviant behavior.
 Burnette also admitted to Powell that she attached a knife, she had found in Shannon's truck, to her belt that night because she knew she would have to cut Shannon down after being tied and abused by his friends.
 She testified that she had the handcuffs in her back pocket only because a friend had given them to her earlier in the day.
 In her second statement to Barrington, Burnette admitted handcuffing Shannon after she had kicked him in the head with a steel-toed boot.

The final knife wound was apparently sustained after Burnette tried to choke Shannon with a piece of rope, fashioned into a hangman's noose, which she found in his truck.
 Under cross-examination by Assistant District Attorney Jean Powell, Burnette admitted knowing about Shannon's history of deviant and masochistic sexual behavior. She also admitted engaging in activities that required her to tie her step-father up and "whip" him.
 "I did those things because he asked me to. He asked me as a favor," Burnette told Powell.
 Burnette also admitted repeatedly returning to live with Shannon and her mother after she became aware of his deviant sexual activities.
 "I came back because I didn't have anywhere else to go," Burnette told the jurors.
 Burnette moved back into the Shannon home just two weeks before his death.
 During cross-examination, Burnette admitted to Powell that she drove away from the crime scene, wiped up blood from the truck, washed her clothes, and discarded the knife, floor mats and

In that statement, Burnette admitted to stabbing Shannon after she had his hands handcuffed behind his back.
 "The truth is my step-father tried to rape me and kill me, and I was just trying to protect myself," Burnette told Powell.
 In closing arguments, Deaver tried to drive Burnette's point home.
 "Vicki acted desperately. She was trying to get out of the grasp of this warped individual," Deaver told the jury.
 "She did it lawfully and in defense of her person," Deaver said.
 "If she had not done what she did, it is very possible that you would be sitting on this same jury hearing the defense of Roger Shannon for rape or maybe murder," Deaver told the jury.
 "She willingly participated in Shannon's perversion. They had an unhealthy and sick relationship," Powell said in closing remarks.
 "She may have started out that night defending herself, but she ended up killing Roger Shannon for what they had done to each other," Powell said.
 "That is revenge, not self-defense," she added.



Appreciation luncheon
 Representatives of Burlington Industries and JRA Inuds Industries were thanked graciously during a luncheon held at Hoke High School Friday. Vocational Education Director Harold Gillis (standing) addresses the group following the lunch prepared and served by members of Mrs. Harriet Archer's (standing far left) home economics classes. The event was a conclusion to Textiles Week and was held in appreciation of the help given by the industries to the school's textile education classes.

... Hunt Pays

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 in debts that were owed in at least five different counties.
 Court clerks in four area counties, including Scotland where he received a three-year jail sentence, confirm that Hunt has met payment deadlines.
 A Scotland clerk confirmed Monday that Hunt had paid off the \$9,615 in bad checks there, and the nearly three year sentence and appeal had been dropped.
 Hunt now is blaming his financial troubles, which resulted in five jail stints, over 38 arrest orders and some 40 suspended sentences, on a \$30,000 debt owed to his trucking company.
 Although Hunt was aware of the debt he claims he was unaware that he did not have the funds to cover his numerous checks.
 Despite Hunt's efforts to get his debts "cleared up", he is apparently still under suspicion for alleged misuse of the telephone.
 Although no formal charges have been issued against the commissioner, an investigation into the over \$200 in telephone calls apparently charged to Hunt's disconnected number is still pending, 12th Judicial District Attorney Ed Grannis confirmed earlier.

Teens Eyed For Vehicle Thefts

Three Raeford teenagers are under investigation and suspected of being involved with the theft of two vehicles last week, city Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said Tuesday.
 The three 13-year old juveniles were believed to be connected with the theft of a bicycle and a Yamaha motorcycle that were apparently stolen from M.K. Sessoms of Raeford last Tuesday, Wiggins said.
 Sessoms reported that someone had broken into his utility shed and had taken the two vehicles valued at over \$700, the chief said.
 Sessoms was not aware that the vehicles had been stolen until he received information apparently connecting the three juveniles with the break-in, Wiggins said.
 "We recovered the bicycle and the Yamaha," Wiggins said.
 The investigation surrounding the three juveniles is continuing, according to the chief.
 In other police action, a local clothing store was victimized for the second time in less than two weeks, this time without either suspect being apprehended.
 B.C. Moore's, located in the Edenborough Shopping Center, reported that a black male and a

black female entered the store and took \$43.98 in clothing, Wiggins said.
 The suspects were able to get out of the store before the manager could apprehend them.
 The investigation into this case is still continuing, Wiggins said.
 In last week's shoplifting at B.C. Moore's, two Fayetteville residents were arrested after a Moore's employee and former Raeford policeman John McNeill apprehended the two on highway 211 heading toward Red Springs.
 James Miller, 28, and Robin Denise McLeod, 27, were taken into custody Saturday after they had apparently removed \$280.92 in clothing from Moore's.
 According to Wiggins, the two were arrested after McNeill stopped them and police arrived on the scene.
 McLeod apparently attempted to back over McNeill after he stopped the two, Wiggins said.
 McLeod was arrested and charged with assault with a dangerous weapon and larceny. Miller was arrested and charged with larceny, Wiggins added.
 Also last week, James Steven Stewart of Raeford reported that someone had vandalized his 1980

jeep while it was parked at the Hoke Emergency Medical Services base.
 Over \$160 in damage was done to hoses, a fender and bumper attached to the jeep, Wiggins said.
 The case was still under investigation.
 In county action, WSTS Radio station in Laurinburg reported that someone had broken into their radio tower, located near the Hoke-Robeson county line.
 Reports indicate that someone apparently entered the radio tower by forcing the door open with a tire tool. An electric heater, valued at approximately \$50 was reported missing after the incident.
 The case is still under investigation, reports show.
 Francis Gail Buoyer reported to the sheriff's department Sunday that someone had slashed four radial tires on her vehicle while she was at a party in the Ashley Heights area Saturday night.
 The tires, valued at over \$200, were apparently slashed with a knife during the time Buoyer was at the party, reports show.
 The case is still being investigated, according to the sheriff's report.

"I have had some problems over the last year, but things are beginning to look better," Hunt said last week.
 Despite his troubles, Hunt said his job as a county commissioner did not suffer although he missed at least three meetings because of his legal problems.
 "My problems did not affect my job on the commission, and I never had any intention of resigning," Hunt said.
 "I had problems, but I am solving them. I am in no hurry to be put back in jail again," Hunt said.
 "It will probably be a long time before I write another check," Hunt added, admitting that he had learned his lesson.

Creech Promoted
 Charles R. Creech, son of Charles B. Creech of Rural Route 1, Red Springs, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of staff sergeant.
 Creech is an air cargo specialist at Pope Air Force Base with the 317th Tactical Airlift Wing.
 His wife, Cindy, is the daughter of James O. Miller of Rural Route 1, Lumber Bridge.
 He is a 1978 graduate of Hoke County High School.

... Around Town

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 there is no better way to show support for your country.
 Let's all march together.
 ...
 From all reports the Halloween Carnival at Upchurch school last week was a big success; not only from the attendance, but also financially.
 This is the correct way to observe a holiday.
 ...
 Have you ever been to a meeting

and a motion was put on the floor and everyone expected the vote to be all "I's" and then a small voice says "No."
 This happened last Sunday morning at the Raeford Presbyterian Church to the surprise of the congregation.
 Anyway, the small one was paying attention to the proceedings.
 ...
 All veterans of Battery "F", don't forget the reunion this weekend at Litchfield Beach, S.C. Come early and get your money's worth.
 See you there!

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