



**Nice curves**  
The white lines of south Bethel Road form interesting curves against the backdrop of winter woods and Tuesday's bright sunshine.

## Accident Claims Fayetteville Man

By Sherry Matthews

A Fayetteville man was killed instantly Saturday when the car he was driving struck another vehicle on U.S. Highway 401 two miles north of Raeford, State Trooper Ken Weston said.

Lester David Ray, 54, of Fayetteville was killed after his 1971 Volkswagen collided with a Chevy pickup truck around 5:45 Saturday morning.

A passenger in the Ray car and the driver of the pick-up, John E. Dvine, 31, of Fayetteville, were also injured in the accident.

Both were taken to Cape Fear Valley Hospital that morning for treatment, Trooper John Glidewell said.

According to Weston and Glidewell, the 1980 pickup that Dvine was driving was headed

north on 401 when it ran off the left side of the road and came back onto the highway sideways.

The oncoming Ray vehicle struck the pickup in the left side, according to Weston.

Raeford Medical Examiner R.G. Townsend pronounced Ray "dead on the scene," Weston said.

Dvine was charged with misdemeanor death by vehicle, according to Glidewell.

"The rescue squad and the Hoke Emergency Services did an excellent job at the scene," Weston said.

"They made our job a lot easier," Weston added.

Saturday's accident brings the county fatality toll to six for the year, three less than last year's final tally.

## Woman Gets 90 Days For Vehicular Assault

By Sherry Matthews

A Fayetteville woman was sentenced to 90 days in jail Friday after pleading guilty in Hoke District Court to shoplifting and to charges that she attempted to run over a local department store employee with her car.

Robin Denise McLeod, aka Donna Swann, 27, will begin her sentence January 3, under orders from District Court Judge Elizabeth Keever.

McLeod was given the active sentence after she plead guilty to a November shoplifting at B.C. Moore's in the Edenborough Shopping Center.

McLeod was arrested after she fled the store with \$280.92 in clothing and was apprehended by Moore's employee and former Raeford policeman John McNeill.

McLeod and an accomplice were stopped by McNeill on highway 211 heading toward Red Springs.

She admitted trying to hit McNeill with her automobile after he stopped the vehicle, court records show.

In an unrelated matter, three Hoke County men were given six-month suspended sentences after pleading guilty to "firelighting deer."

Alan Craig Walters, 23, Harry P. Walters, 23, and Roy K. Whitaker, 22, all of Rt. 3, Raeford, plead guilty to attempting to catch a wild deer with the use of an artificial light and a rifle.

Judge Keever gave each of the culprits a six-month suspended sentence and placed them on two years' supervised probation.

Keever also revoked their hunting license for two years and ordered that each of the men pay a \$500 fine and court cost.

A 23-year old Raeford woman also plead guilty in District Court Friday to an Employment Security Law Violation.

Jewel McLaughlin, of Raeford, plead guilty to charges that she "falsely" reported earning "no income" for the first week of June, 1982, when she was actually employed by Moore County Memorial Hospital.

Although McLaughlin reported no wages to the Employment Security Commission, she had apparently received \$149.20 in pay.

Judge Keever gave the defendant a six-month suspended sentence on the charge and ordered her to pay \$50 and court cost in the action.

Keever also instructed McLaughlin to pay a \$75 fine for court fees incurred during the action.

Edward Earl Shaw, 19, was given a three-month sentence in Hoke Court Friday after pleading guilty to misdemeanor escape from Sandhills Youth Center.

Keever ordered the new sentence to begin at the expiration of the sentence Shaw is presently serving for misdemeanor breaking and entering in Alamance County.

Another Sandhills Youth Center inmate plead guilty to misdemeanor escape in Hoke District Court Friday and was given an additional four-month sentence on those charges.

Gary Dean Young, 20, who was serving time at Sandhills for a forged check conviction, escaped

the youth center December 4 but was soon returned to the institution.

Keever ordered the additional four-month sentence to begin at the expiration of the term Young is presently serving.

In other court action, a Hoke County man was jailed for one day last week after he was charged with failing to display a current inspection sticker on his vehicle.

Nathaniel Lee Legrand was found guilty on that charge and Keever ordered him confined Friday at 10 a.m.

Legrand was released later that evening.

Randy Heath of Rt. 1, Aberdeen was given a 30-day suspended sentence on charges that he kicked another man in the face and back.

Although the defendant plead not guilty to the charges, Judge Keever found him guilty of simple assault and placed Heath on a one-year supervised probation.

Keever also instructed Heath to pay \$25 and court cost in the action.

## ...Break-ins Mounting

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reported to sheriff's deputies last Wednesday that someone apparently removed a T-top piece from his car that had been parked at the Carolina Country Mobile Home Park on U.S. Highway 401.

The sheriff's report says Bell left his car near the mobile home park on Sunday after it "broke down."

Bell returned Monday afternoon to repair his car but was unable to move it.

When he returned Tuesday, the T-top pieces had been removed and the window on the passenger side had been shattered, the report says.

The case was open for investigation.

On December 8, sheriff's deputies began investigating the breaking, entering and larceny at Superior Auto Sales of Rt. 1, Raeford.

According to the report, someone took three batteries out of three used cars on the sales lot.

The batteries were valued at \$90. The case was being investigated.

In further county crime, detectives are investigating the weekend

breaking, entering and larceny of the "Tire Shack" at Rt. 1, Red Springs just off Highway 211 east of Raeford.

Sheriff's report shows that someone entered the tire company through the front door and removed 10 tires, valued at \$710.

The matter was under investigation.

In Raeford, police officers were investigating two reported larcenies, Chief Leonard Wiggins said.

Hoke Concrete Works reported last Tuesday that someone apparently went through the back door of their block plant and took three batteries, valued at \$121.03, from three fork lift trucks, the chief said.

Wiggins said the matter was still under investigation.

An investigation is also continuing following the December 11 larceny at the home of Alton White on E. Donaldson Avenue.

White reported to police officers that someone had taken a \$500 chain saw from his front porch sometime Sunday.

No suspects have been identified in the case, Wiggins said.

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