



Snow clouds?

With Christmas only three days away and winter just around the bend, the skies above Raeford appear to be threatening the chance of a snowy holiday season.

... Shelter Work To Begin

(Continued from page 1A) shelter committee) suggested all along that the shelter be constructed by local labor," McGinnis said.

"The new plan is, in a lot of ways, very similar to the one the committee came up with," Martin said.

"There are some things that we cut back on in the new plan," Martin added.

"The cost is still a little more than I wanted to see, but we have cut every way we possibly could," Upchurch said during Wednesday's meeting.

"I think we should get started on this as quickly as possible," Up-

church said, adding that the city would have to approve the plan first.

City Councilmen are expected to discuss the animal shelter proposal at their meeting January 9.

"If they agree, we should get this thing moving," Upchurch said.

Although Upchurch appeared satisfied with the new animal shelter plan, he said that "the committee was still looking into the equipment shed facility."

"We are still working on the equipment shelter," Upchurch said.

County board members had already tentatively approved the

construction of a 2,400 square foot metal storage building for the county's landfill equipment. The estimated cost of that project was between \$18,000 and \$21,000.

"Nothing has definitely been decided about the equipment shed," Upchurch said.

"I think we need to put some priority on this thing. We should go ahead and begin work on the dog pound as soon as possible," Upchurch added.

Construction cost of the animal shelter and equipment shed, figured at \$45,000, will be divided between both government bodies with the county paying 75% and the city paying 25%.

... Around Town

(Continued from page 1A) he had aided with Hoke County history.

The family lived in the Allendale community and this family graveyard is located there. We hope to be able later to go through the book and increase our knowledge of Hoke County earlier settlers.

The class picture that was mentioned in this column last week was taken in 1917 not 1914. Mrs. Crawford Wright who brought the picture into the office, moved to Hoke County in 1914. Sorry that I got my dates mixed.

Now about the small building that some people say was the Timberland Post Office. This is incorrect, according to Mrs. Crawford Wright who lived a few hundred yards from the building. She has also furnished other people who will verify her position on

this subject.

According to Mrs. Wright the small building across the highway was always kept locked. She said that the children of that community were never allowed to see inside. The building was owned by N.A. McDonald and she states she visited at the McDonald home about every day. Lois McDonald and Mrs. Wright were about the same age.

The post office was located in the rear of the store across the road from the small building. The store was a general merchandise store and the post office was located across the rear of the store. Mrs. McDonald was the postmaster.

The post office also had a rural mail carrier and his name was Tom Cox.

According to Mrs. Wright, Paul McDonald never was in the Timberland Post Office as postmaster. She also states that she is the last member of the Tapp and McDonald families that lived in Timberland.

Thanks, Mrs. Wright, for giving us this information.

I can remember in 1935 when I first starting working for the paper that we delivered papers to Lumber Bridge, Shannon, Red Springs, Timberland and Montrose post offices. This was done to get the papers out in time. The post office at Timberland was in the store, mentioned by Mrs. Wright, at that time.

If anyone can add to this, please do so.

Get your snacks ready and your chair prepared for the many football bowl games that will be seen between now and January 2nd. In many earlier years only the Rose Bowl was seen on New Year's. Now you can't count the bowl games on your fingers.

To all the readers of this column a Merry Christmas.

... Photos Taken

(Continued from page 1A) officials and National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) members received a written statement from the pilot.

"After we get that, I think the investigation will be over," NTSB chief Jay Golden said in June.

Wiggins would not comment on why he thought the pictures of that crash were the only things taken from the rescue squad break-in.

"I just couldn't say for sure," Wiggins said.

"We are continuing an investigation," Wiggins added.

An FAA spokesman in Atlanta said Tuesday that at the time of the crash Morgan claimed to be the owner of the craft.

However, a spokesman for the FAA ownership registration bureau said the plane was listed in the name of Jackie L. Morris of Bisco.

Morgan could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Woman Jailed For Sheet Theft

A Raeford woman was arrested last Thursday after walking out of a Main Street store with over \$11 in merchandise, Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said Monday.

Mildred Peterkin, 24, of Raeford, was caught shortly after she took "two bedsheets" from Pope's Store last Thursday, Wiggins said.

The merchandise was valued at \$11.98, according to the chief.

Peterkin was not jailed in the incident, and the merchandise was returned to the store, Wiggins said.

Peterkin is scheduled to appear in district court this week on the charges.

In an unrelated incident, a nine-year-old Raeford youth was turned over to the juvenile authorities last week after taking four candy bars from a local convenience food store.

Wiggins said that this was the "fourth" consecutive time the youth had been picked up for shoplifting.

The juvenile was caught apparently trying to take four candy

bars from the Convenient Mart on Prospect Avenue. The candy was valued at \$1.80, Wiggins said.

The youth has been turned over to the juvenile authorities for further action and possible prosecution in juvenile court, Wiggins said.

In other city crime, Wiggins said that while his officers were on "routine patrol" last Thursday, they noticed two windows broken out of the Hoke Concrete Company office.

"It appears to be simply vandalism," Wiggins said, noting that nothing was found missing on the premises.

The destruction of the windows was valued at \$50, Wiggins said.

In further crime, two Hoke County dwellings, broken into last Wednesday, are apparently linked to the same suspect, sheriff's records show.

Over \$700 in property was taken from the two homes during the break-ins.

Jimmy Lewis Cameron of Rt. 1, Aberdeen and Reginald S. Boshier of Rt. 1, Aberdeen reported

similar break-ins to sheriff's deputies last week.

A \$158 kerosene heater, \$12 in pennies and a \$30 quartz watch was taken from the Cameron residence.

According to the report, someone entered the Cameron home by breaking three windows and entering through them.

Reginald S. Boshier, also of Rt. 1, Aberdeen, reported to law enforcement officers that someone had broken into his home and removed over \$100 in property.

Included in the stolen property were seven jars of jelly, seven jars of beets and a .22 automatic Revelation.

An investigation into a possible link between the two cases was being investigated by sheriff's deputies, reports show.

In other county crime, Gilbert Worth of Rt. 1, Raeford reported that someone had taken a \$400 lawnmower and a \$40 thermometer from his home after apparently forcing a door open and entering, reports show.

A probe was continuing, records indicate.

... Sabotage Investigated

(Continued from page 1A) damage was not only costly but "dangerous."

"There is a very real possibility that the engine could have quit while the aircraft was in the air if sugar was placed in the tank," the spokesman said.

In an apparently unrelated matter, local and state officials are continuing their probe into the twin engine plane, loaded with an \$800,000 marijuana cargo, that landed at the Raeford Airport nearly a month ago.

"Our investigation is very definitely continuing," a spokesman for the Hoke Sheriff's Department said Tuesday.

Although the case is still open, law enforcement officials would not comment on any possible leads they might have.

County officers are also refusing to comment on the possible ownership of the \$100,000 Piper-Aztec plane, but sources say the aircraft is registered to a North Carolina resident.

Aboard the plane, which touched down at the Raeford Airport

November 26, were 982 pounds of marijuana, compressed into 26 bales and estimated to be worth \$800,000.

Hoke County Sheriff Dave Barrington said in an earlier interview that the plane had been spotted before the November 26 seizure.

According to Barrington, the plane had been spotted in the Raeford area some three months ago and was picked up again in the Laurinburg area just three days before it landed in Raeford.

"We are still digging," a sheriff's detective said Tuesday.

... Dump Site Check Delayed

(Continued from page 1A) up at the Ashley Heights dump sites.

"He has fulfilled all the obligations that we have asked of him," Dover said.

"If our tests don't show anything new, I think this will be over," Dover said.

Three weeks ago, Wilson removed some 900,000 pounds of soil from the dump sites and

transported it to a hazardous waste facility in Pinewood, South Carolina.

Wilson also plowed lime into the upper six inches of the soil as a "preventive measure", according to Dover.

"Once we are satisfied with how everything looks, the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community

Development (NRCD) will make their final tests," Dover said in an earlier interview.

Once those tests are completed and state officials are "satisfied" that the area is not contaminated, the incident will "probably" be over, Dover indicated.

"We will know by the middle of January how everything looks," Dover said.

... Pate Selected As Judge

(Continued from page 1A) The Raeford attorney, along with the other candidates, met last week with Hunt in a final interview.

The interview, along with Pate's Hoke County residency, apparently weighed heavily in the Raeford attorney's favor, observers say.

Pate received heavy support

from local political leaders, as well as some Cumberland County officials and attorneys.

Pate will serve until 1986.

Merry Christmas to Kelly & Kim Love, Dad & Mom

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