

# Hoke Co. High hit by vandals

**By Ed Miller**  
 For the second time this year, Hoke High school's windows have been broken out by vandals. Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins reported that six plate glass windows were broken out of the building last Friday night, but broken glass is not the only manner in which Hoke High suffers from childish pranks. "I have gone out to the school many times at night and on weekends and found kids on the buildings and running around," Hoke High Assistant Principal Locky McDonald said. There have been numerous occasions when the school has had to have shingles and electrical wiring repaired or replaced from children playing on the buildings, McDonald said. It will probably go on until someone gets hurt, McDonald said. The six plate glass windows was just the last in a string of "juvenile mischief" that has plagued the school in the past several months. "The majority of the people seen on the roofs were very young," McDonald said. Ages range from four or five up, he said. In an unrelated matter, Edith Hadding reported a breaking, entering and larceny to her residence to Raeford Police. Intruders took a television set, some jewelry and an AM-FM cassette, 8-track digital clock radio, Wiggins said. Although police have a possible suspect, no arrests have been made in the case; however, all the property stolen in the robbery has

been recovered, Wiggins said. The value of the stolen articles was placed at \$775. In another matter, last Monday an attempted breaking and entering was found at the Four County Headstart Center by sheriff's deputies. Nothing was taken in the attempt and damage could not be estimated because the door on which the attempt was made was too badly damaged in a previous break-in to tell whether a great deal of harm was done this time, reports say. A breaking and entering and damage to real property was reported to the cabin of Jimmy Bunce on September 27, sheriff's reports say. According to reports, a brick was thrown through a window of the cabin. The brick hit and knocked off a bed post. Damage was reported at \$200 for the window and \$100 for the bed. In another matter, an apparent theft which occurred on September 28, was reported to Raeford Police on last Thursday. McLauchlin Hardware and Lock Company reported that a used chainsaw that generally sits on display in the store is missing. "Someone probably picked it up and walked out the back door with it," Chief Wiggins said. The saw was valued at \$300, he said. Jackson's FMA reported the theft of a Fayetteville Observer newspaper box from its premises. There was no value of the box on the crime report.



**Inviting stroll**  
 This old Gilchrist Bridge joining Hoke to Scotland County over Drowning Creek makes an inviting scene for a lazy fall walk.

## Unemployment rate drops

**By Ed Miller**  
 The end of the summer meant a drop in unemployment for Hoke County after a climb the previous month. In August, the county's unemployment rate dropped again into single digits from July's figure of 10% to 9.5%.

Out of an 8,590 person work force in Hoke County, 7,770 of them are working, the report says. Only 820 people in the active job force are out of work. Most surrounding counties have also shown decreases in the rate, says the report.



**Eddie McNeill**

## McNeill campaigning for Board of Ed post

Eddie McNeill has been actively campaigning in the county during the last few weeks in an effort to garner one of the two seats that are up for grabs on the Hoke County Board of Education. McNeill is a life-long resident of Hoke County and says he is interested in making education in the county better for all children. He has one child in the school system, and two more that will be going to school soon. "I'm not running because I'm mad or upset at anyone. I just want to help make the schools better for all children," McNeill said. "McNeill is employed by Home Food Market in Raeford. He is a graduate of Hoke High School, finishing in 1967 and has a

B.A. Degree in History from Pembroke State University. McNeill has served on the School Facilities Blue Ribbon Committee, and that is one of the reasons he is running for the post. He has also been a member of the Raeford Volunteer Fire Department for the past 13 years, and a National Guard member for six years. "I'm keeping an open mind about the policies of the School Board. I don't want to go into office with any preconceived notions," he said. Eddie is married to Pat Hood McNeill and his children are Jim, 9, Katie, 3, and David who is one-year-old.

## Deaths & Funerals

**William L. McIntyre**  
 Funeral services for William Lacy McIntyre, 63, who died Wednesday October 3, in Brooklyn, New York were held Monday from Freedom Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church. Rev. James L. Glen officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery. Buie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Oliver Buie**  
 Oliver Buie, 18, of Raeford died Monday in North Carolina Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Buie Funeral Home.

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