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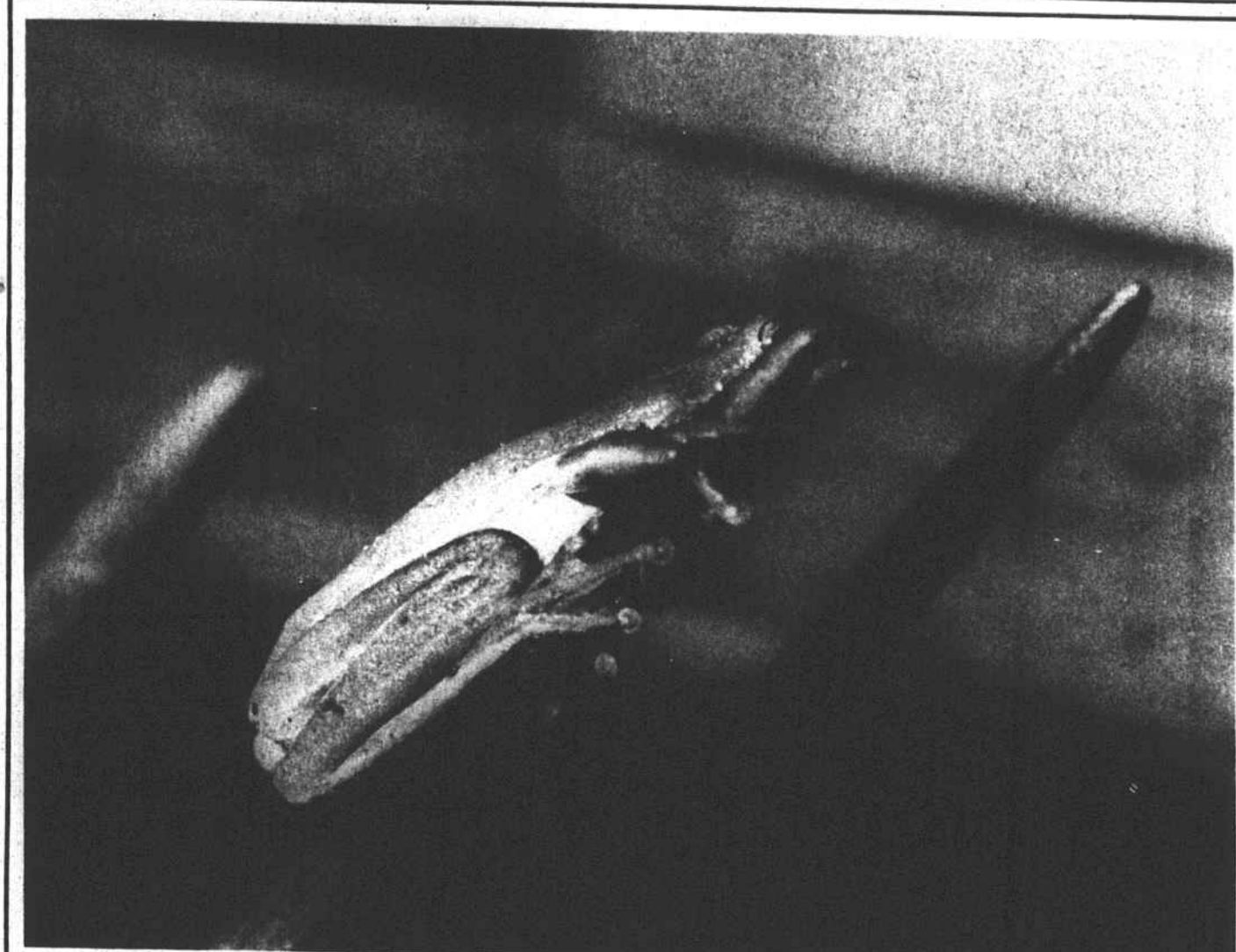
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Horizons
Like a sailor in a crow's-nest, this tree frog gets a bird's-eye view of the world from his unique position on a pitchfork. Even though the

creature may only be seeing as far as the end of a backyard, he remains prepared for whatever may come along.

(Photo by Stephen Ellis)

Deeds office moves to bank

By Ron Anderson
The Register of Deeds office will find temporary quarters in the old Bank of Raeford building while the courthouse is being remodeled, members of the Hoke County Commission decided Monday.
The office is scheduled to move into the two rooms with some vault space on January 6, and remain there until courthouse renovations are completed in August.
Rent for the space is \$400 per month, and with utilities, it is estimated it will cost the county \$4,000 to house the office in the building for eight months, according to County Manager William K. Cowan.
The bank building is owned by Bobby Carter.
Original plans called for the Register of Deeds office to be temporarily located in the conference room of the Hoke County Public Library during the renovations, but because of pleas from concerned citizens asking that the library not be used as office space, commissioners agreed to consider other locations.
The Buildings and Grounds

Committee gave Register of Deeds Della Maynor the option of either moving the offices to the bank building or to the McDonald Building located next to the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce.
Maynor recommended the bank building location and the grounds committee OK'd the plan.
Cowan said positive aspects of the bank building include existing counter space and good security.
"The only disadvantage in the bank location would arise if we had to transfer another person there," Commissioner Wyatt Upchurch commented.
In another matter, the commissioners unanimously agreed to budget changes which will allow the county health department to hire a maternal health social worker and a family planning clerk.
Health Director Bobby Rogers explained that the two new employees will be paid out of the approximately \$34,000 in funds the health department has recently
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Deputies grab LSD, gun in Sunday drug arrest

A Red Springs man was arrested Sunday night and charged with possession with intent to sell LSD and marijuana and possession of a stolen firearm.
The arrest came after Hoke County Sheriff's deputies entered the man's home using a search warrant.
Detective C.E. Harris and four deputies entered the home of Leroy Locklear, Rt. 1, Red Springs, at approximately 10:30 p.m. after Harris was issued a search warrant, reports show.
Locklear, 61, was patted down for weapons, and law enforcement officers allegedly found several knives in Locklear's pockets.
The report says that officers also

found a .22 caliber pistol in Locklear's right rear pocket.
The pistol had been stolen from Deputy Mack High in July, the report says.
A cigarette case allegedly containing a cigarette and 72 dosages of LSD were found in Locklear's shirt pocket, the report says.
Locklear was arrested and taken to the county jail.
The suspect was searched again before being placed in jail, and officers allegedly found seven bags of marijuana in Locklear's shirt pocket.
The report also states that officers also seized a .22 caliber rifle at Locklear's residence.
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Raleigh firm hired for industry study

By Ron Anderson
A Raleigh firm was awarded a contract last week to assist the Raeford-Hoke Economic Development Commission (EDC) in conducting an industrial park and marketing feasibility study for Hoke County.
Members of the EDC unanimously chose Skip Green and Associates as consultants to the study during a commission meeting on Tuesday.
"The firm's award is based on a proposal to spend \$18,000 on the basic work required to fulfill this study with \$7,000 remaining for

contingencies," said John C. Howard, director of the Economic Development Commission.
The EDC applied for a technical assistance grant from the Economic Development Association last July.
In September, the commission received a \$25,000 grant.
The project is to begin immediately and is scheduled for completion next September.
"The whole purpose of the study is to determine whether or not we need an industrial park, and if so, where it should be located," Howard said.

Data to be studied in determining possible sites for an industrial park include: the location's proximity to transportation (highways and airports); the availability of utilities; and the quality of soils.
According to a project work schedule, the EDC will choose two probable sites by the early part of March.
One site will be larger than the other because of the requirements of different industries, Howard said.
Additional phases of the study call for developing a master plan for the two sites and determining the best methods for marketing the

properties to new and expanding industries.
Besides Skip Green and Associates, four other firms responded to EDC's request for proposals. Those firms are: Talbert Cox Associates, Wilmington; Miller Associates, Sanford; Wilbur Smith and Associates, Inc., Raleigh; and Lumber River Council of Government, Lumberton.
"We received five excellent proposals," Howard said.
"It was quite a decision to reach between the five companies," Howard added.

Holidays are good time for break-ins

By Ron Anderson
Christmas has traditionally been known as a time of giving, but in recent years it is also becoming known as a time of illegal break-ins.
"Armed robberies and break-ins increase in the winter months, people need more money in the winter, especially drug addicts," Sheriff David Barrington said recently.
"We increase our number of hours during the holiday season to cover the county more

adequately," Barrington said.
Break-ins in rural areas have been on the increase since the 1970s, according to Barrington.
Before that time, most of the places hit were country stores after they had been closed.
The average rate of break-ins solved nationwide is 20%, according to Barrington.
"In any given year, the percentage of break-ins solved won't vary 5%," Barrington said.
From January to July of this

year, 278 break-ins were reported in Hoke County.
Out of the crimes, 70, or approximately 26%, were solved, according to Barrington.
"For that seven-month period we had a little bit better percentage than last year," Barrington said.
The greatest amount of county break-ins are performed by amateurs, according to the sheriff.
"Most of the time we've gone out, somebody has kicked a back door in," Barrington said.

Barrington estimates that 60% to 70% of the robbers that hit houses in Hoke County are not residents.
A lot of the robbers come from Cumberland County because they feel there aren't as many law enforcement officers in Hoke County, the sheriff said.
The prime time for a robbery is between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. and just around closing time for businesses.
"The public is generally more



Ready for season
Candles and greenery decorate the window ledges of Bethel Presbyterian Church for this Christmas season. A special holiday section in today's News-Journal features the recipes of local cooks. Hoke County decorations, a Christmas tale by writer Raz Autry and letters to Santa.

Around Town

By Sam Morris
Winter weather is with us and according to reports, it is here to stay. The thermometer got down to 17° Saturday night and it only got up to the low 40s Sunday. It was about 50° Monday and the forecasters are calling for it to be about the same on Tuesday.
But what about the rest of the week? Some of the weather prophets are calling for snow Wednesday night and into Thursday. Just flurries, so we shouldn't be bothered with snow.
Anyway, it will be nice to have a cool Christmas, not hot like it was last year.
If you have been in UCB or Edinborough Restaurant in the
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Attorneys file legal briefs with N.C. Utilities Commission

Carolina Telephone argues for keeping approved rates

Editor's note: This argument, filed last week by Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company with the North Carolina Utilities Commission presents the views of the firm about EAS between Raeford and Fayetteville. It was written by Vice President-General Counsel and Secretary Dwight W. Allen.

for extended area service between Raeford and Fayetteville.
The issue was considered previously in 1976 but the efforts were abandoned following a substantial negative vote by Raeford subscribers.
Following consideration at the Commission's May 4, 1985, Conference Agenda, an Order was issued on May 22, 1985, requiring the Company to develop and file individual cost studies under a variety of assumptions.
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Hoke County's Future

Fayetteville rate hike not needed to pay costs

Editor's Note: This legal brief was filed last week on behalf of the Public Staff with the North Carolina Utilities Commission. The argument which was written by staff attorney James D. Little presents the views of those in favor of establishing EAS between Raeford and Fayetteville exchanges.
Introduction
The question before this Commission is a simple one: is it going to allow EAS between Raeford and Fayetteville if the Raeford

telephone customers will pay for the cost associated with providing that service.
The controversy, induced though it may be, centers around two subsidiary issues raised by Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company (Carolina) that if accepted by the Commission will certainly defeat this EAS proposal despite the proven need:
1) The Matrix increase should be applied to Fayetteville.
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