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Stolen car recovered

A stolen car was recovered last week by law enforcement officers, according to records at the Sheriff's Department.

A 1984 Datsun Sentra, worth \$5,000, had been taken from the residence of Harley Adams Jr., Route 5, Raeford sometime between 8:30 p.m., January 8 and 5:45 a.m., January 9.

Records say the car, in which the keys had been left, was parked in the yard of Adams' residence.

A report said that on January 9, Detective J.R. Riley received information from Trooper R.L. Murray in Brunswick County that the car in question had been recovered and that it was discovered wrecked and abandoned.

Riley reported that Murray said that three boys had been seen in the car when it was wrecked.

Records say that on January 11, the Brunswick County Police Department picked up five boys, who were from Hoke County, and were brought to the county and placed in the Juvenile Center in Fayetteville.

Riley reports that the five juveniles were arrested in connection with the theft.

In an unrelated incident, Archie Conley, Route 1, Shannon, reported a first degree burglary at his home.

Records say that between 12 a.m., January 17 and 1 a.m., January 18, two subjects came into his house, tied him up and demanded his money.

When he said he didn't have any, they ransacked the house, according to records.

Missing from the house is a .22 gauge shotgun.

David Michael Odom, Route 2, Raeford, reported a break-in at his residence.

Records say that someone opened the bedroom window and entered sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 3:35 p.m., January 15.

Firearms worth \$770 were taken from the house. Footprints were found outside.

Bill Harold reported a larceny of \$538 worth of lumber belonging to the Rouse Construction Company in Hope Mills.

Records say the lumber was taken from a construction site between 4:30 p.m., January 5 and 8 p.m., January 6.

Tracks were found in the vicinity.

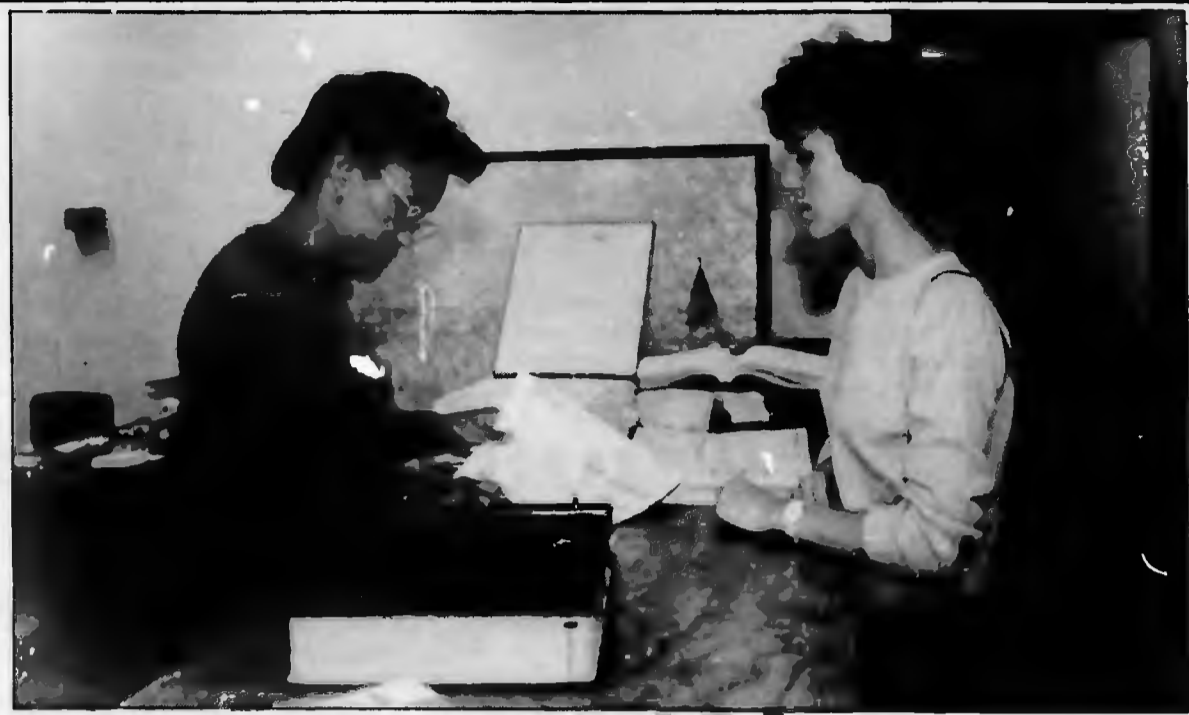
Randy Bullard, Route 4, Patterson MHP, Raeford, reported that someone broke into his residence by pushing in a window sometime between 6:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., January 7.

A VCR, worth \$500, was taken. Earlin McLauchlin, 1703 Holmes Court, Raeford, reported that someone removed a 125 Yamaha three-wheeler from his back yard.

Records say that the vehicle, worth \$500, was taken between 3 p.m., January 10 and 9 a.m., January 11.

Betty Wilson, Davis Estates, Rockfish, reported that someone stole \$400 worth of wood from her residence on Hope Mills Road.

Records say the wood was taken (See AUTHORITIES, page 11)



Listing Taxes
JoAnn Tillman helps a taxpayer list real and personal property for her family, the McVickers. Residents in the county have until February 2 to list their property with the county. People who live in the Raeford Township can list at the Tax Office, 227 N. Main. Those in all other townships file at the Hoke County Library.

Tax listing deadline extended

By Sally Jamir
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The deadline for filing property taxes in the county is extended until February 2, according to Tax Supervisor Dale Teal.

Teal said this week that a spokesman for the Ad Valorem Tax Division Office in Raleigh stated that if the last filing day falls on a weekend day, the deadline must be extended one day.

Teal said changes have been made in the law affecting filing for 1987.

This year, household personal property has been excluded from taxation. Previously, this kind of property, including household furnishings, clothing, pets, lawn tools and lawn equipment, would have to

be filed.

This year this property is not required to be filed. However, pet dogs must still be registered with the city.

Another change this year affects senior citizens.

Teal said this year, those 65 years of age and older, if listing a total income of \$11,000, can claim a \$12,000 exclusion on the value of their residence.

Previously, only a \$10,000 exclusion could be claimed, based on a total listed income of \$10,000.

This year, a tax law regarding the tangible personal property in the inventories of a retailer or wholesaler was amended.

The law names these inventories as a special class of property and gives the rate at which this property is taxed.

General reappraisal of real property will not affect filing this year as this is done on an eight-year schedule, the next time coming up in 1990.

Property which should be listed includes buildings, farm equipment, livestock, farm supplies, motor vehicles and business property.

People may list their property at two locations. The Raeford Township lists at the Tax Office, 227 N. Main Street. Alledale, Antioch, Blue Springs, McLauchlin, Quewhistle, and Stonewall Townships list at the Hoke County Library on N. Main Street.

These offices are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. On Saturday, the hours are 8 a.m. until 12 noon.

Funding sought for countywide water system

By Sally Jamir
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Members of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners on Monday unanimously approved a three-item package that would initiate the establishment of the Hoke Regional Water System.

The commissioners accepted the amendment to the preliminary engineering report prepared last February, moved to make application for federal assistance from the Farmers Home Administration (FHA) and moved to make arrangements for engineering services for the project.

If the FHA responds positively to the commissioners request for a loan application, a date will be set for a bond referendum in order for the public to decide on the issue.

The total water system project will cost \$2,500,000 and it is hoped it will be funded by a FHA loan of \$1,874,600; a Clean Water Bond grant from the state; \$255,400 in local monies; and other grant monies possibly from FHA.

Larry Anderson, speaking on behalf of the engineering firm of Koonce, Noble and Associates, said that the water system would be self-supporting since the system would be available for payment by the user.

In this way, Anderson said, the system would pay for itself and pay back any loans that were taken out.

Anderson said that if the FHA loan comes through, the fee for use of the water system would be approximately \$14 per month. If the loan is not approved, the monthly fee would be close to \$19.

Commissioner Tom Howell voiced the opinion that the "county should not get a water system that people could not afford."

Anderson responded to concerns of the commissioners about commitment to the project by saying that at several points in the decision-making process, the commissioners could say "no" to the project.

The water system project is Phase I of a 10-year comprehensive plan of construction. Phase I includes 56 miles of pipeline, two elevator storage tanks, one well and well treatment facility, and can serve 1,135 potential customers.

Phase II will serve about 1,450 additional customers and Phase III will serve about 1,000 more customers.

In other business, the commissioners moved to make available to county employees the Benefit Plus Cafeteria compensation plan.

Marshall Waren of the Employee Benefit Systems Inc., who oversees the same benefit plan in Cumberland County, gave a presentation to the commissioners on the plan.

Waren said that through this plan, employees have the opportunity to have the county pay their medical benefits for them before taxes are taken out of their pay.

In this way they have a lower gross income that is taxed and, therefore, bring home more spendable income each month.

County Manager William (Bub) Cowan said that 136 employees in the county were surveyed on the plan and that 81 responded (See COMMISSIONERS, page 11)

Nursing home construction may get underway next month

By Sally Jamir
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Autumn Care Corporation may begin building a nursing home in Raeford as early as next month, according to spokesmen from the Cardinal Health Care Agency.

Craig Smith said he had spoken to Doug Suddreth, Director of Corporate Development last week who reported that plans for the 70-bed nursing home are being approved at the construction section of the Division of Facilities Services in Raleigh.

"There has been a delay because numerous appeals by corporations in the courts system were dropped at approximately the same time and for this reason there has been a backlog at the DFS," Smith said.

Autumn care had not been able to proceed with construction because another nursing home company (Britthaven) had appealed a decision made against them by

the state.

Suddreth said that the company had hoped to get started by the first of next month. Smith said the construction would depend on the weather.

"There are no problems with the soundness of the plans," Smith said.

Suddreth said that Autumn Care has a "working set of drawings which are in the system now."

"We're moving along as fast as we can," Suddreth said.

"Hopefully, we will start in the next 60 days."

Suddreth said the total cost of the building will be \$1.4 million. He said they are negotiating at this time with a construction company for the job.

The architectural firm working on the building will be Wilmot and Bower, Ed Williams and Jim Turner representing the firm.

"You will probably see Jim Turner frequently in the community," Suddreth said.

Suddreth said the building will total 22,000 square feet, have two nurses stations, a physical therapy and a recreational area, a dining area, a lobby and a portico.

"The facility exceeds all the quality speculation required by the state," Suddreth said.

He said of the 70 beds, 24 will be reserved for those who need skilled care, eight will be for those who need rest home care and the remainder will be for those who need intermediate care.

Suddreth said he was anxious to get started in Raeford in order to provide needed care for elderly residents who wanted to stay in the area.

"These services need to be provided so that residents won't be displaced from their communities," Suddreth said.



Accident
A driver was injured Tuesday in a single-vehicle accident on Highway 401 just east of the Green Pines Trailer Park. An eyewitness said a military convoy stopped, administered first aid and directed traffic until an ambulance arrived on the scene. The accident occurred at approximately 10:30 a.m. No further information was available at presstime.

Around Town

By Sam Morris

The rain came in over the weekend and stayed around until Monday afternoon. We have reports that over two inches of rain fell in Hoke County during that time. The ground is wet and most fields looked like small lakes last Monday morning. This should bring the water table up to normal, if not above.

The temperatures have been cool, but not cold; mostly in the 50s for the past week. The forecast is for more wet stuff Thursday, maybe snow, and for the temperatures to be in the low 40s during the day and in the 20s at night. This isn't too bad.

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Jimmy James

Community will honor James on Saturday

By Sally Jamir
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Many are looking forward to the Jimmy James Appreciation Day on January 24 when friends, former students and parents alike will gather to honor the former Hoke High School band director.

According to Mary Archie McNeill, of the Appreciation Day committee, many have been diligently planning the event in order to "create an occasion that will significantly honor Jimmy James and one that he will fondly remember."

The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. at the MacDonald Gymnasium of Hoke High School.

Several will be participating in the program.

The Hoke High Pep Band will be playing music during the begin-

ning and end of the program.

Piano selections will be performed by Susan Howard Phillips, Barbara Plummer Johnson and Marvin Lynn Maxwell.

Six speakers will give brief presentations including Jimmy Plummer, Sam Morris, L.E. McLauchlin, Delaine Peckam McDonald, Glen Langdon and W.K. Morgan, former Hoke High teacher and coach.

There will be a scrapbook on display portraying the time period in which James was band director, 1964 to 1986.

Physical arrangements for the evening are being arranged by Hoke Schools Finance Officer Don Steed and the Hoke County Schools maintenance department, who are setting up the gym for the program.

Art and decorations are being provided by Teresa Marion, Mary Lee Chalaire, Miriam Barringer and Betty Gill Jackson.

Members of the appreciation day committee are Raz Autry, Terri Frahm, Lawanna Hayes, Mary Archie McNeill, John Morris, Sam Morris, Jimmy Plummer, Clara Pope, Nora Scull and Jean Wade.

During James' stay at Hoke High, the band, particularly the marching band, won numerous awards.

McNeill said of James that he "not only made music, but molded lives."

"The students not only learned the value of fine music, but he made it fun for them to do this (See JAMES, page 13)

Staff member to visit Raeford

Congressman Bill Hefner will send a staff member to Raeford on Friday, January 23 to be available to any citizen of Hoke County who has a problem which they feel the congressman can be of help in resolving.

The staff member will be available to see people from 1 until 3 in the Raeford Town Hall.

This announcement was made by Elvin Jackson who serves as administrator for congressman Hefner in the 8th Congressional District. Jackson stated that his matters taken in during this visitation will be processed in the Rockingham District Office before being forwarded to Washington, D.C.