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Thieves get over \$8,000 in property

A Hoke County residence was recently robbed of \$8,551 of property, including jewelry, clothing and firearms, according to records at the Sheriff's Department.

Deputy Wayne Gardner, in a report submitted February 2, said that Mrs. Ledford Vernon, Route 2, Raeford, reported that someone broke into her residence near Arabia.

Records say that a subject broke a side window and entered the dwelling at approximately 4 p.m. on January 12 and went through all the rooms on the downstairs level, searching through all the closets and drawers.

Earl Locklear, Harts Mobile Home Park (MHP), reported a break-in at his residence on Phillippi Church Road. Records say someone opened the rear door with some type of crowbar.

Property worth \$862, including tables and bedroom furniture, was taken from the dwelling.

The property was taken between 6 p.m. and 11:45 p.m., February 6.

According to records, footprints were found at the residence leading to an adjacent mobile home.

Clayton Buchanan, Lot F Hidden Acres MHP, Route 1, Raeford, reported that someone entered his residence and vandalized property in his dwelling.

A report about the incident said that the subject came in the residence through the kitchen door which had been unlocked.

Property, worth \$395, was taken from the home between 4 p.m., February 3 and 3:30 p.m., February 4. Included in the stolen (See AREA, page 16)



Waiting

Lawn chairs lean against a tree, waiting for the arrival of spring. Early greenery and warm afternoons are signs that the season will be arriving in Hoke County soon.

N.C. General Assembly DeVane looks forward to busy schedule

By Sally Jamir
News-Journal Staff Writer

The biennial long session of the North Carolina State Legislature's General Assembly began Monday, and Sixteenth District Representative Danny DeVane looks forward to working hard during the next six months.

After the week's beginning formalities and selection of House and Senate committees, work will begin on the pressing issues relating to such topics as education, liability insurance and the environment.

DeVane was a member of the House Appropriations Committee during the 1985 session as well as on several other subcommittees.

DeVane worked on the Water and Air Resource Committee, the Judiciary Committee, the Health Committee, the Pension and Retirement Committee, the Rules Committee and the Banking Committee.

In addition, he worked on the Law Enforcement Officers Committee, the University Board of Governors Nominating Committee and the State Government Committee.

DeVane, who hopes to sit on the same committees this year, says he would rather be a member of a working committee than chair a committee which does no more than "rubber stamp" bills which come through the session.

He and the other representatives have been doing a lot of traveling to find out what the constituents of the area want from the state, either financially or legislatively.

DeVane said that when he sat on the Appropriations Committee the special appropriations (or "pork barrel") funds were "distributed as evenly as possible."

He said that this year several projects have come up in Hoke County for which organizers have requested "pork barrel" money.

"We're not sure what money is available yet," DeVane said. "There's been a shortfall. We'll probably need to trim for six months."

Although the revenue that was expected may not be there this year, DeVane said that for the four years he has been representative, there has always been pork barrel funds.

"It's not likely to change this year," he said.

Projects whose coordinators are seeking monies include the re-roofing of the depot building which

houses the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Commission offices.

The Tylertown Fire Department has requested funds for equipment. DeVane said that he had already secured some monies for them.

"We try to obtain monies for projects which don't otherwise get regular funding or those which need one-time funding," DeVane said.

Of the subcommittees, DeVane said that the "Water and Air Resource Committee is the most important committee" because two hazardous waste treatment plant sites have been proposed for Hoke County.

County officials have cited the establishment of these plants as being potentially dangerous to possible future water systems.

The Basic Education Plan will be given full support by DeVane. He said measures must be taken to involve the state, financially, in capital improvements and to reduce class size.

"Steps we've taken in the last four years have paid off," DeVane said. "We plan to continue this trend."

DeVane said that counties are not able to afford building new school facilities and that the state needs to assist financially in the one-time costs connected with building school buildings.

The Community Schools Program has requested a \$6,000 increase for its \$29,000 per school system budget, DeVane said. The program promotes community involvement in the schools and promotes full use of school facilities by residents.

DeVane said another issue representatives will be standing by to help on involves the county subdivision ordinance for which there is a public hearing next week.

If residents want the ordinance and the county commissioners approve it, there may be a need to change the amount of land for which developers are required to fulfill obligations.

If there is a request to reduce the number of acres from ten to five, DeVane said representatives will be standing by to push through an amendment allowing the change.

DeVane said he will take steps to insure the "four-laning of Highway 401 all the way to Fayetteville." He said with the increased growth in the eastern part of the county, this is an essential step in Hoke County's development.

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Vocational Education changes with technology

Vocational education students in Hoke County are joining students across the United States in a celebration of National Vocational Education Week, February 8-14.

This year's theme is "Building America's Future," and vocational education instructors are preparing their students to meet the challenges they will face in the world of work.

Across this country, advances in technology are changing the way vocational education is being taught. Hoke County is no exception.

"The vocational system is

changing to meet the needs of the technological age," said Harold Gillis, vocational director for Hoke County.

Six years ago, a computer could not be found in a local vocational education class. Today, the machines are not only available to students, but the number of computers is on the increase.

"For over two years, teachers have been teaching typing on all-electric typewriters," Gillis said. "In the near future, one-third of those students will be using computers."

Approximately 80 percent of the

students at Hoke High School take at least one vocational education class. Those classes are offered in seven program areas.

An exploratory program at Upchurch Junior High School gives younger students a chance to gain hands-on experience at what may later turn into a trade.

There are 22 vocational education instructors at the high school and six more at Upchurch Junior High.

A recent study prepared for the General Assembly by the Research Triangle Institute recommends the elimination of job training courses in the public high school. The

study says the courses should be moved to the community colleges.

Gillis was one of a group of 200 educators, students, employees and business leaders to oppose the recommendation at a series of four public hearings held in December.

"The public hearings created an outpouring of support for vocational education," Gillis said.

Funding for the local vocational education program is on a percentage match. The state funds 76 percent and the county 24 percent.

Gillis said one of the goals of the state Vocational Association is to obtain full state funding and

eliminate that need for local monies.

A 1985 Gallup Poll found that the primary reason parents want an education for their children is "job opportunities/better jobs."

"That is why it's so important that the local system attempts to do the best possible job in preparing students for the world of work," Gillis said, commenting on the poll's findings.

On Wednesday, Upchurch Junior High School held a Career Day program. Another career program is scheduled for the high school on April 8.



Harold Gillis

Around Town

By Sam Morris

The weather was perfect over the weekend with the temperature reaching over 60 degrees on Sunday. Monday was a different day. The wind was blowing out of the northwest and the temperatures got up to about 40 degrees. With the wind blowing, the wind chill factor was below freezing all day.

The forecast is for the temperature to get into the 50s by Wednesday and for the remainder of the week to be nice weather.

Glenn Langdon, chairman of the Constitutional Bicentennial Committee of Hoke, was by the office last week and asked that I run the following information in this column. He would like for the committee members to make these dates on their calendars.

An organizational meeting to establish such committees for Hoke County celebration will be at 5 p.m., Tuesday, February 17. The meeting will be held at the Audio Visual Teacher Center of the Hoke County Schools on Turnpike Road.

The next full committee meeting

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Black History Month

Ruby Goldman, right, and Susan Mathews show off portraits of famous black leaders done by students. Goldman is coordinator of activities for Black History

Month (February) at J.W. Turlington School. Both women have been preparing activities and a program which will be held February 16, 7 p.m. at the school.

Area schools observe Black History Month

By Sally Jamir
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February is Black History Month, proclaimed so by Governor Jim Martin to recognize the many accomplishments made by members of black communities throughout the state. Locally, area schools are commemorating the month with academic and arts projects.

"This special observance fosters a spirit of cooperation between all segments of our multi-ethnic community," Martin said of the proclamation. "...and pays tribute to the vital role--past, present and future--of our Black Community in the fields of business and commerce, government, science, education, religion and culture."

J.W. Turlington Elementary School will celebrate Black History month and Brotherhood Week, February 16-22, with student and teacher projects and a special program on February 16.

Turlington Principal Emma Mims said the program will begin after the Parent Teacher Association meeting at 7 p.m. The public is invited to come at this time to

enjoy the program which will feature the Turlington chorus and the Voices of Consolation Choir.

The program will also include a choral reading of Dr. Martin Luther King's writings.

Teacher Ruby Goldman, coordinator for the months activities said the school will hold poster, poetry and songwriting contests for the students. A bulletin board and door contest will be held for the teachers.

Goldman said local community leaders have been invited to lunch at the school on February 19, during Brotherhood Week.

The school's Social Studies Club is taking an active part in the planned activities.

Other area schools are participating in Black History month through oral, written and arts projects and planning programs for the end of the month.

The observance of Black History Month was begun in 1968 by Robert Starling Pritchard, founder of the Panamerican-Panfrican Association Inc.