

Policy Adopted For Free Lunches

A new policy has been adopted by the Hoke County School System in accordance with the revised United States Department of Agriculture Regulations of the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Acts.

Hoke County schools serve an average of 3,800 lunches daily of which 1,465 are given free or sold at reduced rates. A sizeable portion of the food used in the cafeterias is sent in through or by federal agencies.

The Hoke County Board of Education has adopted a policy regarding the determination of eligibility for free and reduced price lunches.

Free and reduced cost meals will be awarded consistent with the set policy which will avoid discrimination between paying and non-paying children.

All meals served, whether without cost or at reduced cost to children, will meet the established nutritional requirements and shall be identical to those served to paying participants.

No physical segregation of, nor any other discrimination against any child shall be made because of his inability to pay.

The policy states that the authority to determine which child is eligible for a free or reduced-price lunch will be vested in the principal of the school and/or a committee appointed by the principal.

In selecting the eligible participant the principal and/or the committee appointed by the principal will give due

consideration to the child's economic needs.

Referrals may be submitted by school nurse, teacher, parent, home-school visitor, agent of Welfare Department or other qualified persons. Free or reduced price lunch recipients will be selected using a \$1,300 per capita income as a baseline figure.

Each school will design and maintain a system of collecting payments and accounting for free or reduced price lunches that will protect the anonymity of the recipients.

Each school is to ensure that eligible children are not required to use a separate lunchroom, go through a separate serving line, enter the lunchroom through a separate entrance and/or eat at a different time from paying children.

The school is to refrain from requiring mandatory work, use of a different medium of exchange and/or eating a different meal as conditions for receiving free or reduced cost meals.

Assistant Supt. J. D. McAllister said that this does not mean that the county will be getting additional funds. Nor does it mean that the full scale of commodities received from the federal government as of a few years ago will be restored.

It does not mean that these procedures have not been carried out in the past but that USDA wants to make sure that it is carried out in the future.

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Still no coon. But the dogs continued barking under the first dismembered nest.

Carpenter said the coon may have first gone into the nest, then climbed through the vines, well off the ground and out of the dogs' scenting range, to another tree.

"He's sitting up there now," he said, "covering his eyes with his paws."

Perhaps he was. We never found out.

That remarkable coon lived up to his reputation, was a credit to his species. I wish him well.

The word "pumpkin" comes from POMPION, an old French word meaning eaten when "cooked by the sun" or ripe, the National Geographic Society says.

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What comes after four hard years of college? No one can give you a firm answer to that question. But, Sergeant Charles N. Maynard, local Air Force recruiter can give it a try.

"My answer would be travel, recreation, advancement, pay and allowances and challenge," said Sergeant Maynard. "But this is only part of the picture. Different people have different objectives in life. However, the U.S. Air Force is comprised of more than 850,000 individuals, each with his own ambitions, but all are working toward a common goal -- the preservation of democracy."

According to Sergeant Maynard, a young college graduate enlisting in the Air

Force is giving himself time to plant his feet solidly on the ground. These days progression through the ranks allows a man to reach the grade of Staff Sergeant in a little over three years. With increases in rank come increases in responsibility.

"It's this acceptance of responsibility," added Sergeant Maynard "that makes a man more valuable to the civilian community. In the Air Force a man is judged on his individual merit. In the daily performance of his duties, he faces new challenges, challenges that test both his knowledge and ability. When he leaves the Air Force, he is equipped to face the further challenges of civilian life."

Education is not to be discounted either, according to the sergeant, even for college graduates.

"The current educational program in the Air Force allows a man to progress thru his master's degree to his doctorate, depending on his own ability and desires," he said. "I'm not saying he can accomplish this in four years, but the opportunities are there. The Air Force places great weight on the educational programs available to airman."

For more information on the Air Force College Enlistment Program, contact Sgt. Maynard, local Air Force representative. Sergeant Maynard is located at The Federal Bldg., Fayetteville. Call 483-8608 for an appointment.

often referred to locally as wild chrysanthemum. Prickly sida is given the local name of iron weed or hard weed, and in the Delta states it is called tea weed or Mexican tea. Smartweed in the lingo of many Tar Heel farmers is "sorghum weed" or "cut-thumb."

Worsham is convinced that farmers must spend the time needed "to know what weeds they have if they are going to control them."

"A good farmer or gardener knows the fertility level of his soil. He knows the pH level, the water holding capacity, and something about his disease problems. Likewise, he must know something about his major weeds."

Worsham would like to see extension workers, vocational agriculture teachers and agribusinessmen give more attention to the problem of recognizing and identifying weeds. And for the farmer who wants to learn more about his weeds, Worsham points out that a new extension publication is available on the subject.

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Researcher Urges Better Identification Of Weeds

Tar Heel farmers and gardeners would do well to heed an old military saying - know your enemy - as they gear up for their annual battle against weeds.

At least this is the advice of a weed control researcher at North Carolina State University, Dr. A. D. Worsham.

Dr. Worsham said farmers, gardeners and homeowners are losing money and causing themselves trouble simply because they cannot distinguish one weed from another by name.

"The same weed is called different names by different people, and many weeds are called just that - weeds and nothing else," Worsham explained.

"As long as people were fighting weeds with a plow or hoe the names of the weeds were unimportant. A weed was a weed, and they were all to be killed. Some were just harder to chop out and came back faster than others."

"But herbicides (chemicals for controlling weeds) have changed the picture. Most herbicides happen to kill

specific weeds. That is, some weeds are killed very easily by the chemical. Some are hard to kill and some may not be killed at all. Unless a farmer knows what weeds he has, he has no way of knowing which herbicides to use."

Worsham used nutsedge as an example. Most farmers call it nutgrass and try to control it with herbicides commonly used to kill certain grasses. Actually, it is a member of the sedge family. It is controlled easier by many chemicals that are used against weeds than by chemicals used specifically against perennial grasses.

Worsham cited watergrass as another example of how name differences are making the job of weed control more difficult.

"There must be four or five different plants in this country which are called (by local people) watergrass. A herbicide that may be sold nationally to control watergrass may be useless on the "watergrass found in North Carolina."

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is a department not yet complete in its renovation and one of which the principal says he will be proud. He explained that a 50 ft. by 60 ft. room which was used as a bricklaying department when high school students attended there, is being transformed.

Walls have been re-painted and the floor is being covered. The room will be used for a physical education department where wrestling, tumbling, volleyball and other games will be played.

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Presbyterian ministers. His father was for a number of years the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville. He is a graduate of Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. Dr. Hill served as pastor of the West End Presbyterian Church in Hopewell, Va. for 29 years during which time its membership grew from 75 members to well over 1,000.

Herman Miller, who is coming with Dr. Hill to Raeford, is the evangelist in music

referred to above. This young musician left the business world to employ his talents and witness in meetings such as the Raeford Crusade for Christ.

All residents of the entire greater Raeford area are warmly invited and urged to attend these special services in the Raeford Presbyterian Church, located on West Edinborough Avenue in Raeford. Nursery service for pre-school children will be provided at all services, including the midday Bible studies.

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waiting while a 2 o'clock appointment finally is filled at 4:45.

The proposed law would provide the state with more physicians by enabling and encouraging universities to admit more students into the medical schools, by putting them into the field faster by shortening the training process, and by encouraging medical education along the lines of general practice.

One aspect to be pursued would be an appropriation designed to give students financial aid who would enter the field of medicine. Another would be to establish medical schools at additional universities. Singled out by Gov. Bob Scott as an apt school for such a doctoral degree was East Carolina University. Such an enactment would be a go-send to small towns where there is an acute shortage of doctors, or none at all, such as in neighboring Parkton, where there has been none for more than two years.

On the question of taxes, McFadyen said that proposals for new ways of raising taxes seem to be coming from all directions.

One bill introduced by Rep. Elliott of Lenior would add a 1 per cent sales tax on a state wide basis which would be returned to counties on a population basis, less 10 per cent to go to the state treasurer.

Another, introduced by Rep. C. Leatherman, Lincoln County, would

allow local option (each county would be at liberty to levy its own tax).

A third, introduced by Rep. Norwood Bryan Jr. of Cumberland and Rep. Thus. Strickland of Wayne, would add a 1 per cent surtax to the present 3 per cent. Half the additional reserve would be divided among counties and half would be to the state's general fund.

And so goes proposals to raise extra funds needed by counties and by the state which would hopefully ward off a new tax on cigarettes, soft drinks or alcohol.

"Basically, most people don't want any more tax on anything," commented McFadyen. But those expensive local projects needed and wanted must be paid for.

The Hoke County representative disclosed that he would favor the first-mentioned bill by Elliott. To return the tax actually collected within a county would leave Hoke out in the cold since so much of its income is spent in neighboring counties where there are larger cities.

Everybody approved of the idea of a system of youth councils in a bill introduced last week, said McFadyen. The council would provide young people with opportunities to develop leadership and an interest in government.

young and establishes programs for them.

In reviewing legislative happenings of the past week, the representative related that a bill, presented at the request of Gov. Bob Scott, would require surplus state funds to be kept in state banks which pay highest rate of interest. But these in-state banks should be the depository so long as the rate of interest they can pay the state is not as much as 1/2 of 1 per cent lower than that available by investing the money in federal securities.

A bill which failed to pass during the past legislature and McFadyen thinks may fail again because no agreement can be reached as to specifications, would include tires in the existing auto inspection package.

Under the new bill, tires would be considered unsafe if cut, cracked enough to expose tire cord, or if there is a visible tread separation, or if the tread depth is less than two thirty-seconds of an inch. McFadyen said that the Franklin County representative who introduced the bill claims that tires which do not meet these standards expose the public to needless hazard.

A bill to submit for referendum an amendment to the constitution deleting the requirement to read and write before registering to vote. If passed by the legislature, a state-wide referendum must be held before the act becomes law.

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