



Inspecting the works of art

Students from Upchurch Junior High and Hoke High School participated in an arts contest sponsored and judged by the Raeford Junior Woman's Club and the Raeford Woman's Club. Members are inspecting some of the entries shown here. Students presented drawings, crochet, sewing, knitting, poetry, prose, speeches, drama and music to the judges during the event. The winners were: ART -- Jr. Woman's Club -- Grades 7, 8, & 9 1st place - Terry Purcell, 2nd place - Terry Purcell, 3rd place - Dianne Johnson, Grades 10 & 11 - 1st place - John Ward, 2nd place - John Ward and 3rd place - John Ward, Grade 12 - 1st place - John Downey, 2nd place - Eula Lunsford and 3rd place - Shelley Smith. Woman's Club -- Grades 7, 8, & 9 - 1st place - Debra Wells, 2nd place - Beverly Wood and 3rd place - Alvey Miller, Grades 10 & 11 - 1st place - John Ward, 2nd place - John Ward and 3rd place - Karen Campbell, Grade 12 - 1st place - John Downey, 2nd place - Patrick Blue and 3rd place - Karen English. CRAFTS -- Jr. Woman's Club -- #9 crochet/knitting - 1st place - Rovenia LeGrand, #8 Basic Stitchery - 1st place - Susan Osborne, 2nd place - Susan Osborne and 3rd place - Susan Osborne. Woman's Club -- Crochet/Knitting - 1st

place - Susan Osborne, #8 Basic Stitchery - 1st place - Susan Osborne, 2nd place - Susan Osborne, 3rd place - Susan Osborne. LITERATURE -- Jr. Woman's Club -- Poetry - 1st place - John Ward, 2nd place - Oeidea Jacobs and 3rd place - Michael Suggs, Short Story - 1st place - Andrea Shaw, Prose - 1st place - Andrea Shaw. Woman's Club -- Poetry - 1st place - Teresa Riley, 2nd place - Joey Messo and 3rd place - Kim Smith, Short Story - 1st place - Tresse Roper. SEWING -- Jr. Woman's Club -- 1st place - Yvonne Perry, 2nd place - Angela Walker, 3rd place - Annie McMillian. Woman's Club -- 1st place - Vickie Blue, 2nd place - Kimberly Purcell, 3rd place - Regina Bullard. DRAMA -- Jr. Woman's Club -- 1st place - Emmanuel Baldwin, 2nd place - Tina Baldwin, 3rd place - Tresse Roper. Woman's Club -- 1st place - Wanda Carter, 2nd place - Lynn Blackshear, 3rd place - Wanda Carter. PUBLIC SPEAKING -- Jr. Woman's Club -- 1st place - Anthony Powell. Woman's Club -- 1st place - Deidra Jacobs. MUSIC -- Jr. Woman's Club -- Instrumental - 1st place - Alice Atkins, Girl Vocal - 1st place - Melody Williamson. Woman's Club -- Boy Vocal - Brian Foster and Girl Vocal - Donna Spangler.

Three Revenue Sources Eyed For Restoring Hoke Schools

By Sherry Matthews
Three "possible sources" of revenues that could be used for the construction of at least two new Hoke County schools were discussed Tuesday night during a meeting of the 20-member citizens committee appointed to study the facilities.

A local bond issue, monies from the newly adopted local one-half cent sales tax and funds available through a state "literary fund," were kicked around as ways of funding the school construction projects.

"We really don't have that many alternatives," Hoke School Superintendent Robert Nelson said.

Under the one-half cent sales tax allotment, "at least" 40% of the total funding will be earmarked for the Hoke schools, Nelson said.

Projections show that the school system could receive \$99,400 for the 1983-84 year.

"I think those figures might be a little high," Hoke County Manager James Martin said, noting that "those figures assume" that 85 counties are par-

ticipating and receiving revenues for eight collection months.

Martin also told the committee that the county commissioners "could approve" the total one-half cent allocation to the school system.

"It is legal for them to do that. I cannot say that they will," Martin said.

Even if the commissioners turned over the one-half cent revenues, the schools would be "millions of dollars" short of constructing two new schools, Nelson said.

"It would be a beginning," he added.

Calling for a local bond issue was also discussed during the nearly two-hour "information-gathering" session.

A local bond issue would require a majority vote from the "registered voting public," Nelson said.

"I just do not think residents will vote for a \$15 or \$20 million bond issue," Nelson said.

The county's present tax rate is \$.70 per \$100 value.

A \$12 million bond issue plus total revenues from the one-half

cent sales tax could raise county taxes by \$.60 or to \$1.30 per \$100 value, Martin said.

"We are probably not financially strong enough to bear a \$15 or \$20 million burden," Nelson said.

"It is not going to happen. I don't think it would ever pass," he added.

In 1974, Hoke County passed a \$1,250,000 bond issue "by a handful of votes," but only used some \$350,000 of the bond monies, according to School Finance Officer Don Steed.

The \$350,000 was used to construct new buildings at Hoke High, Scurlock and West Hoke, Steed said.

"The other bond monies were never used up. They finally expired," he added.

"It was an unusual situation," Nelson said.

Another source of revenue that was briefly discussed, called for the use of state literary monies designed for school construction.

Nelson, who checked into the literary fund balance, found a principal of \$400,000.

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"I have never even been to a hospital," she added.

Presently she has 31 grandchildren, 90 great-grandchildren, 58 great, great grandchildren and two great, great, great grandchildren.

Although she is "not able to get around" like she once did, she is still able to move with the help of a cane and can fix her meals "if necessary."

"I have been on this earth a long time by the grace of God," Bention said.

"I thank him every day for my good life," she added.

Bention is a member of the Bowmore Holy Tabernacle Church of Raeford and has been "saved for 65 years."

For the past 18 years Bention has lived in Robeson County with members of her family.

"I have some good memories of Hoke County," Bention said.

"It was a small community so we did not see as much racism. It was not noticed as much," Bention said.

"People were nice there," she added.

With 107 years behind her, Bention said the only advice she could give those growing up today is to "appreciate" a little more.

"Things come too easy now. It isn't appreciated like it used to be," Bention said.

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