



**Awards presented to outstanding students**

Hoke High's 1984 graduation class get a chance to see how graduation day really feels during their "mock graduation ceremony" last Friday. Senior Hall of Fame members were also announced during the ceremony. Members presented with award certificates were Alice Adkins, Donna Baker, Wanda Chason, Angela Copeland, Barriest Easterling, Leslie

Foster, Carmen Fowler, Paulette Leggett, Vickie McLean, Angela McPhatter, James McQueen, Donna Oxendine, Rodney Powell, Mavis Quirk, Beth Shannon, Andrea Shaw, Kim Smith, Gary Stephens, Jackie Thompson, Lisa Upchurch, James Ward, Ruth Wheeler, Lisa Williams, Melody Williamson and Amy Wilson.

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degrees in the daytime for the remainder of the week.

Robert Gatlin was telling me last week that he prepared his land for gardening last Friday. Then on Saturday he said that he had set out cabbage plants. This seemed early to me, but on Sunday a chart appeared in a daily paper that gave the planting time for most vegetables, and cabbage was listed Feb. 1.

I should have known that Gatlin would be right, when it comes to gardening or weather.

Now who doesn't agree with this statement?

Someone also told me last week that Raz Autry said that a few more days of this weather would bring out the buds on peach trees. Since retiring Raz has set out an orchard on his farm below Arabia. For the past two years most of

the peaches in the state have been killed because of cold weather. Now if the trees start budding this early we could lose another crop of peaches. Time will tell.

A church in Durham had the registrar at the worship service last Sunday to register all folks who were attending service and had not registered.

Now some people would debate mixing politics and religion especially at the Sunday morning worship service. Whatever the answer or solution would be, someone got people registered to vote.

Have you registered to vote in the May primary? I don't believe the books will be at your church next Sunday, but they are now open and you can register until April 9th.

So go by the Hoke County Library and get your name on the books. You can't VOTE if you are not registered. Do it today!

Everyday now when you pick up a paper or listen to the news on television or radio you will hear of this or that organization endorsing a certain candidate or a group of candidates.

I don't believe that this means as much now as it did a few years ago. Most people now see, hear or read about the candidates and then make up their minds on who to vote for or against.

Most candidates promise organizations this and that and then fail to keep their promises, so members don't have the faith in either their organizations' leadership or the candidates.

Of course it is good advertisement for the candidate that gets recommended. He or she gets free ads from the media.

Polls, in my opinion, swing more votes than an organization can with its members.

I just hope that I live long enough to ride from Raeford to Fayetteville on a four-lane highway.

**Social Events**

Mrs. Boyce Falls, Social Reporter, 875-4562

**Birthdays**

M.V. Peele,  
Mike Peckham

Mrs. M.V. Peele honored her husband and grandson, Mike Peckham, of Chapel Hill, with a birthday dinner at her home Sunday.

Visiting from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Peele of North Charleston, Beth Dorton of Wilmington, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Terry of Laurinburg, Judy Scull of Chapel Hill, Mr. and Mrs. David Scull, and Randy, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peele and children, Steve and Leah, all of Raeford. Also present was Brandy Hardin of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

**Meta Smith**

Meta Smith celebrated her 70th birthday with a drop-in party on January 24. Hosting the occasion were her children, Mrs. Nancy Buntton of Phoenix City, Alabama, Mrs. Louise Fair, Greenville, South Carolina, Mrs. Mary Pridgen, of Charlotte, and Bobby Parker, San Demas California.

**Mrs. Hicks Feted At Stork Shower**

Mrs. Jim Hicks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Conoly, was honored with a stork shower, February 12 at her parents home.

Hostesses were Mrs. Johnny Nichols, Miss Brenda Conoly and Mrs. Marty Jones.

Mrs. Hicks was presented a corsage of yellow and white baby socks upon arrival.

Guests were invited into the den for several games. Mrs. Hicks then opened and displayed her gifts.

Refreshments were served from the dining room table which was centered with a stork centerpiece and yellow candles.

**RJWC Plans For Bridge, Fashion Show**

Raeford Junior Woman's Club Board members met February 7 at the home of Miss Betty Odom. Plans were finalized for bingo, to be held each Saturday night during the month of March, at the Civic Center.

Also discussed was the bridge/luncheon/fashion show planned for March 10. Lunch will be served at 12, followed by a preview of spring fashions from The Gingham Edition. Three progressions of bridge will follow. Prizes will be awarded to the five top scorers and numerous door prizes will be awarded. Tickets will be \$5.

Reservations must be made by March 1. Interested patrons may call 875-4562, 875-4398, or 875-3875 to reserve a table.

**Garden Club Holds Meet**

The Garden Department of the Raeford Woman's Club met February 7 at the home of Mrs. Earl Fowler.

Hostesses were Mrs. George Shook and Mrs. Fowler.

Mrs. Kay Myers was responsible for the program which was conducted by Dr. Marvin Vick and Leo Hawkins. Their topic was "How to Cope with Everyday Stress". The meeting was held at the Lester Building.

Mrs. Truman Austin won the door prize.

This department secured judges for the literature division of the Fine Arts Festival held February 7 at Hoke High School. Serving as judges were Mrs. Jack Burgess, Mrs. Charles Hosteler, and Mrs. Frances McLean. The District Arts Festival will be held Saturday, February 25, from 8:30-12 a.m. at St. Andrews College.

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**County's Farm Income Drops**

Farm income for Hoke County during 1983 in excess of \$17.6 million, the county Extension Service has estimated.

The income for 1983 was down over \$3 million from the previous year and off by \$5 million over 1981, the extension service figures show.

One of the areas hardest hit was the income from tobacco which dropped by \$2 million from 1982. The decline in tobacco income is attributed to a combination of factors which included cuts in allotments, the severe August drought and a lower average market price.

Tobacco generally provides

about 30% of the total agricultural income, therefore, factors that adversely effect tobacco income for Hoke County will definitely have an impact on total cash income, Extension Chairman Willie Featherstone said.

There is a one-one correlation with a strong agricultural industry and the economy of Hoke County, in that income generated in agriculture supports many businesses and families of this county. Therefore, it becomes easy to understand that if there is less farm income there will be less money spent on other goods and services offered in Hoke County, Featherstone said.

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