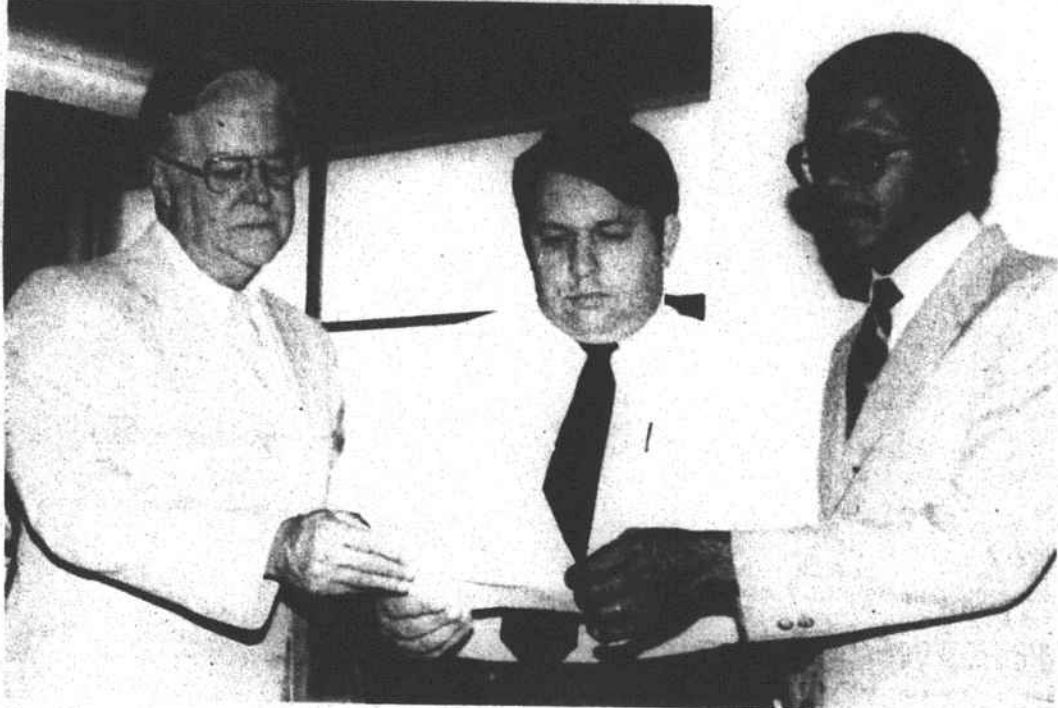


# Literacy tutors sought

Filling out a job application, reading a newspaper or signing a check may seem like simple tasks to many people. However, for one in three residents of Hoke County such tasks are monumental. Their problem is functional illiteracy. Illiterate adults lack the basic skills they need to solve every day problems most people take for granted. Overcoming the obstacles of not being able to read and write isn't easy, but there is a local program that can help.

The Hoke Reading/Literacy Council consists of trained volunteer tutors who battle illiteracy in their own backgrounds, equipped with compassion and basic teaching materials. The Hoke Reading/Literacy Council is one of 640 U.S. affiliates of Laubach Literacy Action which provides free, one-to-one tutoring to non-readers and non-English speakers. In the U.S., more than 26 million adults (one in five) are functionally illiterate. "Most people do not realize how widespread

the problem is," says Barbara Buie, director of the Hoke Reading/Literacy Council. "Illiteracy compounds all our social problems of poverty, poor health and crime," she adds. According to Buie, anyone with reading ability can become a tutor. The council's next training workshop is planned for September 10 (6 p.m.-10 p.m.), at the council office on West Elwood Avenue. For more information contact Barbara Buie at 875-2145.



**Looking over proclamation**  
Raeford Presbyterian minister Dr. John Ropp (left), Hoke County Department of Social Services Director Ken Witherspoon (center) and Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church minister Rev. J.W. Gorham (right) look over a proclamation signed by the Governor declaring state Literacy Day. The day will be observed in Hoke County on September 9.

## Literacy Day set for Sunday

By Ed Miller  
Governor Jim Hunt has proclaimed this week as Literacy Week in the state, and Hoke County is following up that celebration with its own literacy day, to be held on Sunday, September 9. On that date, at McLaughlin Chapel Church on Highway 20, there will be an honors ceremony for those teachers, students, groups and tutors who have done outstanding jobs in the field of literacy. All of the county's churches and the public are invited to the 3 p.m. ceremony that will feature State Representative Sidney Locks as

guest speaker. The Sunday service will also celebrate the end of the annual Hoke County Literacy Fund Drive. The week has been proclaimed as literacy week because it commemorates the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Frank Laubach, who was the originator of the "each one teach one" reading method. The phonetic method has been translated into over 300 languages and is used in more than 103 countries world wide. The Hoke County Ministerial

Association and the Hoke County Civic League are jointly sponsoring the Sunday celebration. International Literacy Day will be on September 8 this year as it has been for the past several, Hoke Literacy Director Barbara Buie said. That date is the actual birthday of Dr. Laubach, Buie said. With churches in the county all pulling together for the cause of literacy, Buie said: "Literacy has probably the largest cross representation of anything else in the county".

## Zan Monroe named division manager for Carolina Tel.

G.A. (Zan) Monroe, Jr. of Raeford, Carolina Telephone's district commercial manager in New Bern, has been named division service center manager. Monroe is responsible for the supervision and direction of the operations of the service center. One of the primary functions of the service center is to match customer applications with equipment and cable information so that the installers can be dispatched for service connections.

A native of Raeford, Monroe is married to the former Virginia Griffin of Reidsville and they have two sons, Allen, 8, and Lindsay, 4. He is the son of Graham and Helen Monroe of Raeford. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in New Bern, is president of the Kiwanis Club, is co-chairman of the Craven County United Way Campaign, and is a member of the New Bern-Craven, Havelock, and Pamlico County chambers of commerce.



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