

# Services growing at library

**By Elizabeth Burgess**  
 September was a busy time for the Hoke County Public Library. Our circulation has increased, and we have enjoyed helping students with reports and projects. Our film service is growing. We may order from the State Library films for public and school use. Please let the library know if we can order a film for you or your organization. With the generosity of the Mayor, city manager, city council, and the state Legislature, the Hoke County Public Library has placed an order for a new microfilm reader/printer. The reader/printer should arrive around the middle of November. Our microfilm collection will be greatly enhanced by this piece of equipment. Not only can one read an article, but one can also make a copy of the article for 10 cents. Those interested in historical research will surely appreciate this fine service. The library has quite a large number of books for sale. The hardbacks sell for twenty-five cents and the paperbacks for five cents. Please stop in the foyer and look in the baskets and the plantation

## Library News

desk to see if any of the titles catch your eye.

### New books at library

These new books were received this week by the Hoke County Public Library, a member of the Sandhill Regional Library System. They are available at the public library and bookmobile in Raeford.

### Adult Fact

Santmyer, Helen H., "The Experts Speak", "Ohio Town"  
 Benderly, Beryl, L., "Thinking About Abortion"  
 Greenbaum, Dorothy, "Love-Strong: A Woman Doctor's True Story of Marriage & Medicine"

### Adult Fiction

Adams, Alice, "Superior"  
 Belle, Pamela, "The Moon In The Water"  
 DeBlasis, Celeste, "Wild Swan"  
 Forsyth, Frederick, "The Fourth Protocol"  
 Schneider, Joyce A., "Stryker's Children"  
 Wallace, Irving, "The Miracle"

### Adult Fiction

Cohen, Anthea, "Angel Of Vengeance"  
 Fast, Howard, "The Case of the Murdered Mackenzie"  
 Harrison, Ray, "Why Kill Arthur Potter"  
 Healy, J.F., "Blunt Darts"  
 Johnston, Velda, "Voice In The Night"  
 Linscott, Gillian, "A Healthy Body"  
 Neville, Susan, "The Invention Of Flight"  
 Ormerod, Roger, "The Hanging Doll Murder"  
 Pollard, Madeleine A., "No Price Too High"  
 Trollope, Joanna, "The Steps Of The Sun"  
 Yorke, Margaret, "The Smooth Face Of Evil"

### Children's Fiction

Giff, Patricia R., "The Almost Awful Play"  
 Heine, Helme, "The Most Wonderful Egg In The World"  
 Henstra, Friso, "The Might Mizzing Mouse and the Red Cabbage House"  
 Hughes, Shirley, "Alfie Gives A Hand"  
 Lexau, Joan M., "Come! Sit! Stay!"



### Giving a hand

Mrs. Rufus Kelly (center) lends some knitting advice to another at the Bowmore Community Center. Mrs. Kelly was one of the prime movers who got the center opened.

# Some county residents are making a difference

## By Sonya Falls

In every community there are people who see a need for things to be better or who hear a cry for help that cannot be answered by established agencies. These are the people who often reach out to help those in need, and they are the ones who have the courage to ask, "Why does it have to be this way?"

In Hoke County, Barbara Buie is one of those questioning persons.

Director of the Literacy Council for six years, Buie spends most of her waking hours absorbed in teaching the illiterate, training tutors to teach, or searching for funds to keep the Council afloat. She frets over her inadequate budget and the future of Hoke County and its illiterate citizens.

Illiteracy is a national problem, and one that rests heavily in Hoke County. We must educate these people, Buie says, or "They will drain us."

Illiteracy is one of the county's largest drawbacks to industries locating here. She sees her program as a possible cure for that problem.

In Scotland County, she points out, the literacy council is promoted in a special brochure designed to advertise that area for locating industry. "Scotland has grown by leaps and bounds," she says, whereas Hoke remains stagnant in its industrial development.

Buie wants to help industrial recruitment through her program, but she often feels stymied by lack of funds.

The Council receives donations, and few state funds.

A fish fry and a yearly canvassing of neighborhoods remain major fundraisers.

Buie spearheads these efforts and any other project relating to her program.

Each year, she hopes for additional funds from local govern-

ment, because she knows the people in vast need of the program are not being seen.

"What we need is transportation, for those people in outlying areas, to the literacy center," she said.

Still, faced with questions, doubts and a tight budget, she greets this year of instruction enthusiastically with eight new volunteers and perhaps, 30-35 students. Buie "prays a lot" and hopes local and state officials will see the need for increasing funds for literacy.

"My biggest fear," she admits, "is that we will begin to drain the private sector of donations, and then what?"

In the supportive private sector is Ruth McNair, a retired nurse who sees the literacy program as "one of the best things that's happened to Hoke County."

McNair, a nurse at McCain hospital for 31 years, has given countless hours of her own time to this community.

Often, she has been asked to administer nursing care to those too ill to visit a doctor. Many times she has just helped explain a doctor's instructions of how-to-care for an invalid at home.

Frequently, these "folks" have difficulty reading instructions for medication or following a doctor's guidelines on proper medical care, she said, noting a concern for a strong literacy program.

Stroke victims and those suffering from cancer have often sought Mrs. McNair's medical expertise and she always, "...tries to be there for the family."

Through her church and her involvement in Eastern Star, she also sees to needs, economic and social, within her community. "This community," according to McNair, "will grow only through a combined effort of leadership, black, white and Indian."

Leadership and education are

also strong interests of Mary Kelly, a resident of the Bowmore community.

Kelly, who has lived in Hoke County for 77 years, sees a need for some sort of jobs training program here.

"It's too easy," she says, "to accept welfare, when it pays more than minimum wage."

There is an element in our society that needs to know how to do those jobs not requiring many skills or technical know-how.

This is a concern in the black community that has to be addressed, but Kelly says: "Who do we ask? We don't know anybody, who knows anybody, who knows anybody, etc."

Although this may be a problem with many people in achieving a goal, Mrs. Kelly set out to meet "those people who know somebody" recently in a drive to raise funds for the Bowmore Community Center.

Frustrated by trying to raise money in communities "where there was no money," Kelly carried her campaign to "bankers, merchants and farm agents" and to those persons whom she felt were in a position to donate to the Center.

The Center became a reality due to Mrs. Kelly's and other efforts, and today she can be found there, on Thursday afternoons, teaching crafts to senior citizens.

Employed as an instructor with Sandhills, she hopes for the satellite college to become reality. It would be "a wonderful possibility for Hoke County."

Hoke County was recently described in a Fayetteville newspaper article as "having grown up so poor."

Yet, when one considers giving, caring citizens like Buie, McNair and Kelly who donate so much of their time to making this community a better place, surely we are rich in one area: humanity.

# Album benefits lighthouse

Music with a North Carolina theme had been compiled for an album which will benefit the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse. Arthur Smith, Del Reeves, Billy "Crash" Craddock, Oliver, Tommy Faile, Dale Van Horne, and Pete Peterson are among the artists who have contributed their songs at no cost. "Carolina Sunshine", "Foggy Mountain Breakdown", "Back to Carolina", "Carolina Dreams", and "My Carolina Home" are on the album with many other Carolina songs. Some titles are old

favorites, some are relatively new.

The album was introduced on September 24 by Gov. James B. Hunt and several of the artists at a ceremony in the old Senate Chamber of the North Carolina Capitol in Raleigh. A marketing plan which includes sales through Food Lion Food Stores and leading banks will be carried out.

Hice Music Company of Charlotte, the new owner of the Arthur Smith recording studio, created the album. One hundred

percent of the sales will benefit the Save the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Committee.

In 1982 school children in Hoke County helped raise money for this project, and thereby helped get emergency measures in place. Artificial seedweed is building dunes and safeguarding the Lighthouse until enough money is raised to match a grant from the National Park Service.

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