

**The overall view**

Mission School Superintendent Rev. Edgar Bryant (standing) calls out spelling words to a couple of the students. Douglass Maynor (seated at desk) is getting

ready for the next lesson of the day. On this particular day, one of the regular teachers at the school

was ill and had to be replaced by the Superintendent. While there may be 16 children enrolled at the

school, only half the total number of students were present that day.

# 'Missionvill' offering public education alternative

By Ed Miller

There is an alternative to public schools in Hoke County.

The other choice is called "The Mission School" and is located in Missionvill, about six miles out of Arabia.

"We are recognized by the United States Department of Education as an alternative Indian school and by the N.C. Superintendent of Non-public School," said Douglass Maynor, a teacher and principal at the school.

All requirements for state recognition as a school have been met, Maynor said.

This school, named and built by the Cherokee Indians of Hoke County, is a place where children can come and get an education, said Maynor.

"We don't spend any time at foolishness. When we come in, we work," he said.

This is the school's second year in operation.

Last year, children at the school spent 184 days in class and this year, classes are planned for 185 days, said Maynor, adding that the state only requires 180 days of attendance in a school year.

All subjects are taught at the school, according to Maynor, including mathematics, U.S. history and spelling.

"I would put my upper level (7th or 8th grade) children up against any spellers in the state on the

same grade level," said Maynor. "We have thought about finding out who wins the state spelling championship and challenging them," he said.

The Reverend Edgar Bryant, Chief of Hoke County's Cherokees and Superintendent of the Mission School, spends a great deal of time helping the students in spelling and teaching them the Bible, said Maynor.

"We're not just a school. We're a church, a tribal organization and a school," he said.

"Education without the Lord is not education."

Some students at the school need special help, like in many other schools.

According to Maynor, there was a student last year who was "slow."

He has been given special, individualized help and is now near the top of the sixth grade class, said the teacher.

"He is maintaining a 92.3 average. He has come out. A child is like a flower. You have to make him bloom," said Maynor.

Last year at the school, the students were given a standardized achievement test much as children in public schools are, said Maynor.

The Miliken Basic Skills Test was used because, according to Maynor, it is better than the California Achievement Test.

"I don't like tests where kids just have to mark a box. I like for them to give the answers," Maynor said.

Along with Maynor and Bryant at the Mission, is Sister Rosie Mae Bryant, who teaches second, third and fourth grades and is the Assistant Superintendent.

However, the superintendent runs the school, said Maynor.

On one Thursday, the school observed a religious holiday, and the children were not in class.

According to Maynor, the Lord has commanded "pledges" of their church to take a bottle of oil and pray for the sick and needy people on September 27.

He said that classes will resume on Friday because that is test day.

"The children have four days to get their lessons together, and we test them on Fridays."

The school is a simple one, according to Maynor.

Even though the Hoke County Board of Education has given them a hard time, everything at the school was built with "blood, sweat and tears," Maynor said.

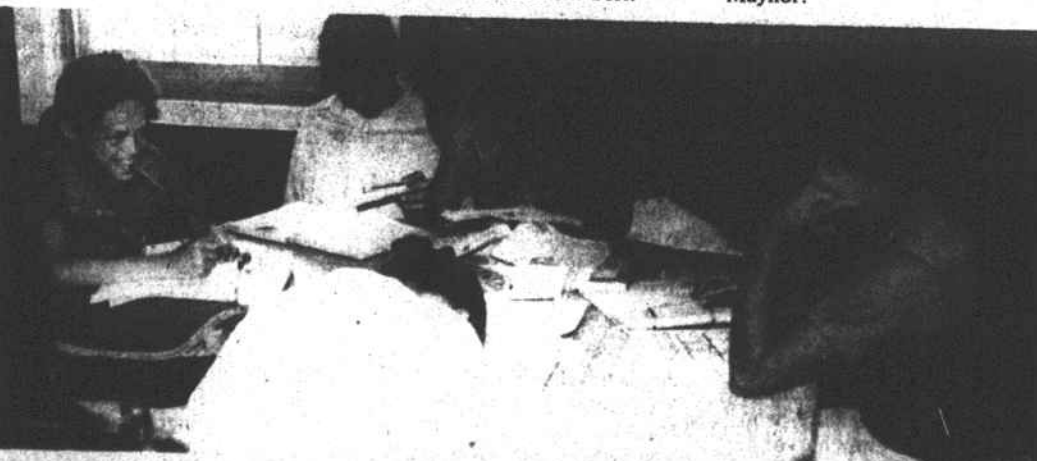
"We're not out to generate any money. We're out here to educate children, live our lives as Cherokee Indians and serve the Lord. Prayer is one of the most important things."

"Above all, we're a mission school, a Christian school," said Maynor.

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~~THIS IS A LETTER TO THE EDITOR. I~~  
THIS IS BIBLE PROPHESEING, OF THE TIMES WE ARE LIVING IN,  
BE CAUSE IT IS A ( ) EVIL, DAY. THE BIBLE SAYS ONE THING AND THE PEOPLE  
SAYS ANOTHER THEYSA I THERE IS COMING A RAPTURE AND ALL THE PEOPLE  
WILL BE TAKEN AWAY, AND ONLY THE PEOPLE THAT ARE SINNERS WILL  
BE IN THE TRIBULATION (BUT) WHAT DO THE BIBLE SAY  
READ MATTHEW CHAPTER (24) AND SEE WHAT IT SAYS,  
I DONT HAVE THE TIME TO READ IT ALLOR .TO. RITE IT,  
VERSE 29 ) SAYS IMMEDIATELY, AFTER THE, TRIBULATIONS OF THOSE DAYS,  
SAYS JESUSTHEN SUN WILL NOT SHINE, NETHER WILL THE MOON,  
AND THE STARS SHALL FALL FROM HEAVEN AND THE POWER OF  
HEAVEN SHALL BE SHAKEN, AMEN,  
THEN SHALL .APPEAR THE .SIGN OF THE SON OF MAN IN HEAVEN,  
YOU BETTER READ YOUR BIBLE FOR YOUR SELF, AMEN,  
WHAT I AM TRYING TO SAY, IF YOU ARE ALIVE WHEN THE TRIBULATIONS COME,  
YOU ARE GOING TO FACE THEM BE READY MY FRIENDS,  
LISON TO THIS  
EVERY BODY GOING TO LEAVE THE EARTH AND GO TO HEAVEN,  
LISON TO THIS JESUS IS COMING TO EARTH FOR A THOUSAND YEARS, RAIN,  
ARE YOU GOING TO BE WITH HIM, OR ARE YOU GOING TO BE SOME WHERE ELSE,  
READ REVELATIONS, CHAPTER (20) BETTER READ IT FOR YOUR SELF,  
AND TO NO WHAT YOU ARE DOING WITH YOUR LIFE,  
MY FRIENDS THERE WILL BE A (GREAT REVIVLE) ON EARTH WHEN JESUS COMES,  
TO TAKE CONTROL OF THIS MISERABLE EARTH, YES THERE IS GOING TO,  
BE PEACE IN EARTH WHEN HE COMES,  
NOW ME -- YOU WILL SAY BUT WEARE GOING TO OUR NEW HEAVEN,  
WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE HERE. O YES YOU WILL MY FRIENDS,  
IF YOU ARE SAVED, TO AND ARE ALIVE WHEN HE COMES YOU WILL RAIN.  
WITH HIM ON EARTH FOR A THOUSAND YEARS NOW LISON TO THIS,  
IF YOU ARE IN HEAVEN YOU WILL COME BACK TO EARTH TO RAIN WITH HIM,  
FOR A A THOUSAND YEARS BUT LISON TO, THIS NOT MANY PEOPLE  
ARE GOING TO HEAVEN, BECAUSE THEY ARE LISTENING TO TOO MUCH JUNK,  
AND NOT THE PURE GOSPEL THE BIBLE IS TRUE LISON TO IT,  
TAKE A CLOSE? LOOK AT WHAT AT AM . GOING TO WRITE NOW,  
AN THE END OF THE THOUSAND . YEARS THE ALMIGHTY GOD IS  
GOING TO TAKE OVER THEN WILL BE THE FINAL JUDGEMENT,  
THE PEOPLE IN HELL WILL BE JUDGED, ALL THAT ARE NOT FOUND  
IN THE BOOK OF LIFE, WILL GO TO THE BURNING HELL,  
I AM TELLING IT LIKE IT IS, SO YOU BETTER GET READY.,  
I AM IN SPIRED, ME AND MY WIFEMRS ROSIE M BRYANT SHE IS A .PROPHETESS,  
ON GOD LIKE MY SELF SHE IS TRYING TO TELL IT LIKE IT IS?  
CLEANSE YOUR SELF FROM THIS MESS OF SIN WE ARE CALLED OF GOD,  
TO TELL THE TRUTH OF THE WORD OF GOD, AMEN,  
AND PEOPLE HATE US BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN THE TRUTH,  
SANCTIFY YOUR SELVES FROM SIN AND WORLDLY LIVING,  
YOU CAN THROW THE TRUTH, AND LIVE HOLLY FOR JESUS.  
HE GAVE HIS ALL FOR YOU, TURN TO HIM BE SAVED TODAY, AMEN,  
WRITTEN BY REV. EDGAR BRYANT  
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**All work and no play?**

These students at the Mission School are hard at study, or are supposed to be. Sitting in their classroom in the rear section of their church, some of the kids are studying mathematics while one child

takes a spelling test. The school is taught in a one room school house atmosphere with all grades together. There are 16 students at the school, according to Principal Douglass Maynor.

**Letter to editor**  
This recent letter to the editor of The News-Journal was not published because of poor grammar and misspellings. The letter was signed and allegedly "rit-

ten" by Rev. Edgar Bryant, the school's superintendent and spelling teacher.