

## Betty McNeill promoted

Betty L. McNeill has been promoted to vice president in the local office of Southern National Bank of North Carolina, according to Senior Executive Vice President Bruce Williams in Lumberton.

McNeill also serves as City Executive here.

Joining SNB in 1965 as a teller here, McNeill has moved forward with the responsibilities of assistant cashier, operations officer, installment loan manager and assis-

tant branch manager before becoming City Executive in 1977.

She has been elected to the Board of the Red Springs Chamber of Commerce, served the Cape Fear area Council of the Boy Scouts, serves the Red Springs Appreciation Day parade finance committee and her church office of Eumenical Missions.

A native of Red Springs, McNeill is married to Everette W. McNeill. They make their home in the Antioch Community.



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## Ashburn decorated

Master Sgt. Odell Ashburn Jr., son of Maida Ashburn of N. Stewart St., Raeford, has been decorated upon retirement from the U.S. Air Force, culminating 24 years in the military.

Ashburn received the Meritorious Service Medal at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas.

The Meritorious Service Medal is awarded specifically for outstanding non-combat meritorious achievement or service to the United States.

He was a telecommunications operations superintendent with the Air Force Cryptologic Support Center.

The sergeant is a 1960 graduate of Hoke County High School, Raeford.

## Farmer reports for Marine duty

Marine Pvt. Ralph Farmer, a 1983 graduate of Hoke County High School of Raeford, has reported for duty with the 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune.

He joined the Marine Corps in March 1984.

Mopping an 8-by-10-foot room can put 2.4 pounds of water vapor into the air.



## Burlington Hosts Retirees

Over 75 retirees from the local Burlington Plants attended a luncheon on Friday, October 26 at the Raeford Plant. They were treated to a buffet and fellowship with their fellow retirees and plant management as part of the Textile Week celebration. Raeford Plant Managers Bill Archer updates the group with business news and changes in the plants.

## Wild horses, burros coming to N. Carolina

The cost of adopting a wild horse or burro in the Carolinas has been reduced to \$125 for each horse and \$75 for each burro, the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has just announced.

Approximately 90 wild horses from Oregon and 70 wild burros from Arizona will be up for adoption at the Union County Livestock showyards in Monroe, North Carolina, December 6-9.

Persons who promise to give good homes to the animals may select as many as four.

The adoption fee in Monroe had originally been set at \$260 for each horse and \$135 for each burro, but BLM officials have decided that transportation expenses will no longer be included in the adoption fee.

According to BLM Eastern States Director, G. Curtis Jones, Jr., the cost of adopting a horse or burro in the East was discouraging many people from adopting.

Jones said this resulted in higher taxpayer costs because large numbers of captured animals had to be fed in corrals for extended periods of time. He added that the substantially lowered adoption fees

should help alleviate the problem.

Wild horses and burros have been, under Federal protection since 1971, and more than 600 of them have already been adopted by Carolinians.

However, Jones explained that wild horses and burro populations grow so fast that thousands more must be removed because of limited food and water on their western rangelands.

With care and patience, wild horses and burros have been tamed and used for riding, farmwork, showing and breeding. BLM requires that adopters have adequate shelter and corral space with sturdy fencing, and at least some experience with horses and burros.

Applications and information about the adoption in Monroe, North Carolina, are available from the Federal Information Center, Room 334, Richard B. Russell Federal Building, 75 Spring Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, telephone (404) 221-6691.

Individuals also may contact the Adopt-A-Horse and Burro Program, Bureau of Land Management, 350 South Pickett Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22304, telephone (703) 274-0068.

## Fruit sales enter last week

The parents and members of the Hoke County High School Band and Choruses and the Upchurch Chorus and Band are into their final week of the annual fruit sale.

This fruit sale has been a major source of money to support the music programs in Hoke County and it needs your support.

There are over 500 students involved in the musical programs at Hoke High School and Upchurch Jr. High.

Please support Hoke County's young musicians when you are ask-

ed to purchase fruit. There is a large variety and it is very reasonably priced. Grapefruit, Tangelos and Honlis oranges are small box: \$8; large box: \$13. Naval oranges small box: \$10; large box: \$15.

The fruit sale will continue until Nov. 21st and will arrive in time for your Christmas holidays. Be an active part of the music program in Hoke County by supporting this fund-raiser.

If you would like to place an order contact any band or chorus

member or call Rita Williamson 875-5815 or Bobby Bounds 875-3589. Your order and support will be greatly appreciated.

## Thomas completes basic training

Army Pvt. Anthony W. Thomas, son of Arthur J. Thomas and Willie P. Hubbard of Rural Route 1, Lumber Bridge, has completed basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

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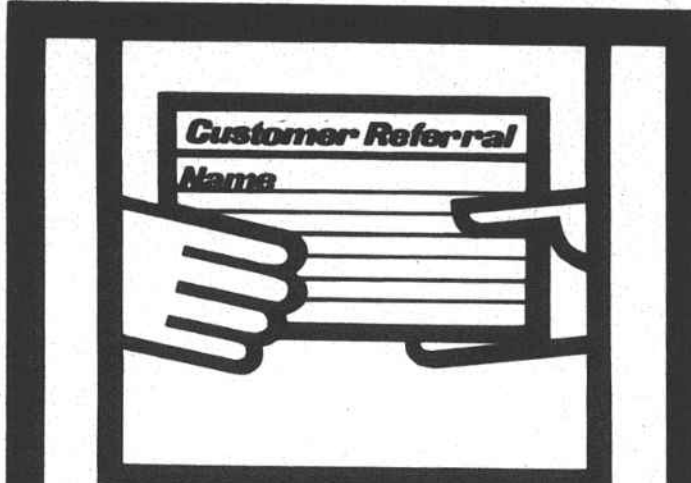


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