



First cookies
Hoke County Girl Scouts Tonya Murdock (left), Yondell McCrimmon (left center), and Lisa Edwards (right center) hand over the first local box of Girl Scout cookies to Melissa Pittman. The cookies will go on sale this week in the area, and according to Pittman, "the cookies are pretty good."

Cookie sales kick off

January 18th marks the start of this year's Hoke County Girl Scout Cookie sale.

An American tradition that dates back to 1933, it's still the main fund-raiser for the Girl Scouts, one of America's finest youth groups.

The very first Girl Scout insignia, the trefoil, decorated the first cookie. It's still a favorite, but over the years, a lot more cookies have been added to the selection. Like peanut butter Dosidos, chocolate Thin Mints, Tagalongs which are peanut butter patties and

the famous Samoa cookies. Also, the newest pure Chocolate Chunk cookie. And, they're all great cookies for a great cause.

About 130 local Girl Scouts and parents held a Kick Off Rally for the sale of Girl Scout Cookies Saturday.

After seeing a film on how the cookies are made and how the funds can aid local troops, the girls sang Girl Scout songs.

At the close of the rally, all were treated to Girl Scout cookies and Cokes. Door prizes were given to the lucky ticket holders.

Dial-A-Story on line at Hoke Co. Library

Libraries lend books, or so people used to believe, but libraries aren't limited to books alone, for increasingly the services provided have been extended to include such things as paintings for loan, records or taped music.

Or stories. Stories that aren't checked out for reading necessarily -- just good, old-fashioned stories told in a gentle, comforting voice.

Instead of checking out the stories, persons are able to call the library and listen to a story over the telephone.

This is now possible through a new program at the Hoke County Public Library. The program is called Dial-A-Story and it means the library will have a sort of round-the-clock storyteller available for anyone who calls a special telephone number that can be obtained at the library.

"It's fun to call on the phone and hear a story but this is also a way of being a spokesman for books," says Elizabeth Burgess, who coordinates the Dial-A-Story system for the library.

"Radios, television, stereos, and every other kind of audio equipment vies for our attention. But it takes a little more effort to pick up a paper or book and read it, and the rewards are so much greater. We felt reading needed something to speak for it."

The Dial-A-Story system is simple for the caller, who only has to dial a phone number to hear one complete story.

When the phone connection is complete, the phone circuit puts out electrical cues to trigger a special tape player that immediately begins playing the story selected for that day.

The tapes last approximately four minutes, each beginning and ending with musical excerpts. "The music helps tie the program together to give it a nice finished sound. It also sets the mood, and gets the children to recognize the different instruments for a total enrichment experience," explained Burgess.

A professional storyteller's soothing voice greets the caller, tells him a story, then invites the caller to come to the library where he can find lots of exciting books to read.

Some of the stories are traditional folk tales like "The Billy Goats Gruff," "The Elves and the Shoemaker," or "Sleeping Beauty."

"One of the prime objectives," Burgess said, "is to get children into the library and reading. This is an attractive way to do that."

"We've tried Dial-A-Story out on kids and they really love it," say the people from Winsor Enterprises. "Even children considered to have short attention spans showed a genuine interest throughout the entire tape."

And children aren't the only ones who like hearing stories. One library offered a similar story service by phone. When they monitored the calls over several 24-hour periods, they were surprised to find many callers -- all night long.

The magic number is 875-2039.



Distributing books
Nancy Morgan, library outreach coordinator, interests a resident at Open Arms Rest Home in new large print books given to the library by the Raeford Lions Club.

Large print books are helping readers

**By Elizabeth Burgess
Hoke Co. Librarian**

The Hoke County Public Library is certainly grateful to the Raeford Lions Club for the gift of 25 new large print books. The library has so many readers who prefer the large print editions that we know the books will be enjoyed and appreciated.

During the past year, the library has been the recipient of many nice gifts from individuals, organizations, and clubs. The library has been able to purchase a piano, has received a video monitor and recorder from the Bicentennial Committee, a new microfilm reader/printer through a legislative grant and a contribution by the City of Raeford, and many new books through memorials.

Businesses have made contributions for the use of the conference room.

Individuals have given the library personal copies of books for the history room and general reference collection.

The library has truly been blessed by the thoughtfulness of the citizens of Hoke County and Raeford, and the library staff wishes to thank those persons responsible for the library's continued growth and posterity. Happy New Year!

The Hoke County Public Library is again preparing for the Quiz Bowl Competition. Mrs. Sarah Baucom and Mrs. Sue Davis, teachers at Hoke County High School, are advisors for the Quiz Bowl team.

The library provides a place for the team to practice and sponsors the team. We are looking forward to the practice sessions, and to the district competition in March.

Library News

New Books At Library
These new books received this week by the Hoke County Public Library, a member of the Sandhill Regional Library System. They are available at the Hoke County Public Library and Bookmobile in Raeford:

Adult Fact
Barker, Felix - "Highgate Cemetery: Victorian Valhalla"; "The Radio Amateur's Handbook"; "The Year's Best Mystery and Suspense Stories"

Collins, Eliza - "Dearest Amanda: an Executive's Advice To Her Daughter"; "The Fallacy of Star Wars"

Hamel, Marilyn - "Sex Etiquette"

Mackoff, Barbara - "Leaving The Office Behind"

Adult Fiction
Bachman, Richard - "Thinner"
Bennetts, Pamela - "RUBY"
Maron, Margaret - "Death of a Butterfly"

SC Nebu - "The Nebula Awards #19"

Puzo, Mario - "The Sicilian"

Tolkien, J.R.R. - "The Book of Lost Tales: Vol 11"

Joseph, Marie - "Lisa Logan"
Klein, Norma - "Lovers"

Mahy, Margaret - "The Changeover: A Supernatural Romance"

Smith, Alison - "Someone Else's Grave"



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HUTTON DISH WASHING LIQUID 32 oz. Bottle 99¢	GLENDALE SUGAR 5 lb. bag 169	JIFFY CORN MUFFIN MIX 4/100
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Makes Dean's List
Valinda Jean Brown, a resident of Raeford, who worked as a substitute teacher in Hoke County for the past two years has returned to Fayetteville State University and has made the Dean's List for the Fall semester of 1984-85. Miss Brown says that she misses working with children of Hoke County; however, she feels that she has made the right decision by returning to complete requirements for certification in Physical Education. She is the daughter of Mrs. Pearl K. Brown and the late John Archie Brown.

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