

# In Weeks To Come

**MUSIC BOOSTER** - Hoke Co. Music Booster Association meetings will be first Monday night of every month at Hoke High School band room at 7 p.m. Parents and friends of the music association are urged to attend.

**AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - The Hoke/Raeford Airport Authority will hold its regular meeting at the Raeford City Hall on the second Thursday of each month at 7:45 p.m.

**AMERICAN LEGION** - American Legion Post 20 of Hoke County meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Edinborough Restaurant at 8 p.m. Those interested in joining are invited.

**COUNTY COMMISSION** - Members of the Hoke County Commission meet the first Monday of each month at 9 a.m. and the third Monday at 7:30 p.m. Pratt Building located at 227 N. Main St. in Raeford. The public is invited.

**CITY COUNCIL** - The Raeford City Council meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in City Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

**SCHOOL BOARD** - The Hoke County Board of Education meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the board offices on Wooley Street. The public is encouraged to attend.

**ALANON** - Meetings are held every Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Library Conference Room.

**JAYCEES** - Raeford Jaycees meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month over Howell's Drug Company on Main Street. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

**Feb. 11** - J.W. Turlington will hold its regular PTA meeting on Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. in the school audit.

**Feb. 12** - The Arts Dept. of the Raeford Woman's will meet Tuesday Feb. 12, at 8 p.m. in the Hoke County Public Library.

**Feb. 15** - The Hoke County Civic League Annual Black History Program will be Friday, Feb. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at St. James Holiness Church. The speaker will be Dr. Fred McQueen, Family Practitioner from Rockingham. The program will include dramatizations and singing of traditional Negro spirituals in dialect. The Annual Black History Program is a cultural experience, and everyone is invited to attend.

## Announcements

**COMMUNITY CHORUS** - Efforts are being made to organize a Hoke County Community Chorus. Once assembled the adult group would perform at community events, at churches and for civic clubs. Interested adults should call John Plummer at 875-2677.

**March 1**  
**BEEF COOK OFF** - If you have a beef dish that you're particularly proud of, now is the time to enter it in the National Beef Cook-Off. You could win an expense-paid trip to Wichita, Kansas Sept. 24-26 where you'll represent North Carolina and compete for a top prize of \$5,000. To enter, send a typed copy of your recipe (including name, address, phone number and a brief statement about the origin of your recipe) to: National Beef Cook-Off, 444 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60611. Entries must be postmarked no later than March 1. Recipes are judged in state-by-state competition. State winners then travel to Wichita to compete in the National Beef Cook-Off. Prizes at the national level: first place, \$5,000; second place, \$2,500; third place, \$1,000; five honorable mentions, \$300 each. Any beef recipe using chuck, round, fresh brisket, plate, shank and ground beef is eligible. All recipes must contain a minimum of one pound of beef and not more than five, and each serving must contain at least three ounces of cooked beef. Meat used must be exclusively beef. Cooking time cannot exceed four hours. The recipe must be specific, with no use of brand names, and must state the number of servings and approximate preparation time. All entries become the property of the American National CowBelles, Inc.

**March 14-16**  
**INDIAN ART CONTEST** - An art contest to recognize the talent of American Indian artists in North Carolina will be one of the many features of the Tenth Annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference to be held March 14-16, at the Bordeaux Motor Inn in Fayetteville. The North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, a member organization of UTNC, will coordinate the contest. For more information on contest rules and regulations, contact Teresa Emmanuel at the commission, P.O. Box 27228, Raleigh, N.C. 27611 or call 919-733-5998.

**FREE HEALTH CHECK** - Men and women over the age of 60 can get a free health screening at the Robeson County Health Department's Adult Health Clinic. The screening includes blood pressure, pap smear, urinalysis, breast examination, blood sugar, cholesterol, glaucoma and many others. For information on clinic schedules and to make an appointment for this free health service, contact the Robeson County Health Department at 738-7231.

**TAX INFO** - North Carolina taxpayers having questions when preparing their 1984 Federal income tax returns may use one of several telephone numbers in addition to the toll-free system, the Internal Revenue Service said. The system is called "Tele-Tax" and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It offers more than 140 information tapes on subjects including filing requirements, itemized deductions, Social Security taxation, tax credits, types of income and adjustments to income. "Tele-Tax" is available only to owners of push-button

telephones, who have a choice of seven numbers to call for taped messages. The number in Fayetteville is 483-0735. These numbers and a listing of tapes by number are included in the tax forms package mailed to individuals and in IRS Publication 910. When one of the numbers is called, a message will be heard giving instructions on how to use the system. THESE ARE NOT TOLL-FREE NUMBERS. Bill Lovelace, Chief of the IRS Taxpayer Service Division, remarked, "Last year we received about 10,000 calls over the "Tele-Tax" system. We highly recommend it for those persons unable to contact us on the toll-free system, or who need tax information during evenings or weekends."

## This Weekend

**Feb. 9**  
**BASKET WORKSHOP** - Join Rosemarie Zanders in a basketry workshop Saturday, February 9 at the Fayetteville Museum of Art. Workshop is co-sponsored by Parks and Recreation. Cost is \$5.50 for instruction and materials. Learn to weave with flat reed while creating a wonderful Valentine's gift. Session will be given Saturday, February 9 from 9:30 - 12 Noon.

**Feb. 10**  
**BLACK HISTORY** - The number two usher board of Silver Grove Baptist Church will sponsor a Black History program, Sunday Feb. 10, at 4 p.m. They will present a series of skits entitled The Black Movement. The public is invited to come.

## Next Weekend

**Feb. 14-17**  
**MY FAIR LADY** - The Carolina Regional Theatre will open its 1985 Professional Showcase Season with one of the greatest musical-comedy classics of all times, "MY FAIR LADY." Scheduled for Valentine's week-end, Feb. 14-17, "MY FAIR LADY" will run nightly (Thursday-Sunday) at 8:00 p.m. with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. All performances to be held at Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. Single ticket prices range from \$25 to \$55 and will be available from Raleigh Civic Center Box Office (755-6060), CRT (755-6916) or at the door. (Season subscriptions will continue to be available through February 17). For more information contact the Carolina Regional Theatre.

**Feb. 14-22**  
**ARTS FESTIVAL** - The Fifth Annual Methodist College Fine Arts Festival will be held February 14-22 on the Methodist College campus. The theme of this year's event is "France and Its Cultural Influences." Opening the Festival will be a performance of the French playwright Moliere's comedy *The Would-Be Gentlemen* at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 14 in Reeves Auditorium. The performance will be followed by a salon with cast members and the audience. Three festival exhibits will open on February 14 and will remain open throughout the Festival

dates. February 16 marks "French Culture Saturday." All exhibits will be open until 5 p.m. and French films will be shown from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. A French lunch will be available in the Methodist College cafeteria from noon until 1 p.m. at the cost of \$2.75 per person. There is no charge for any other Fine Arts Festival events noted. The public is invited to attend all the events of the eight-day festival. If more information is needed, call 488-7110, extension 212.

## Continuing Events

**thru March 10**  
**SKY SHOW** - The Fayetteville State University Planetarium will present the sky show "Cosmic Dimensions." This planetarium program brings into focus the size of the Universe by discussing the relative distance from Earth to the Moon and other planets, then the star, galaxies, and the intense, rapidly receding quasars. "Cosmic Dimensions" will be presented on Sundays at 3 p.m. through March 10. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and students with proper identification. For more information call 486-1681 or 486-1650 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**During March**  
**BINGO** - Raeford Junior Woman's Club will again sponsor bingo games each Saturday night in March at the civic center. Games will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will include a \$50 jackpot, split pots and regular games. Come on out and enjoy the fellowship and fun. All proceeds will be returned to Hoke County in charitable form.

**March 9-June 6**  
**EUROPEAN EXHIBIT** - One of the largest European museum exhibits ever to come to the Southeast will be shown at the N.C. Museum of History in Raleigh in the spring. "Raleigh and Roanoke," scheduled March 9-June 6, documents the motives and history behind the first English attempts to colonize the new world, the struggles of the first settlers and the discoveries they made. Museum hours will be extended, as the show is expected to be very popular. Admission is free, and a catalogue will be available for purchase. Groups planning to visit are urged to make reservations now by calling 919/733-3894. For details, contact the N.C. Museum of History, an agency of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, 27611.

## Coming Events

**Feb. 28**  
**SPECIAL ARTS FESTIVAL** - Very Special Arts Festival for Handicap children of Hoke County will be held on Thursday, Feb. 28 at Upchurch School with performances in the auditorium at Noon by the exceptional children of Hoke County. The students' arts exhibit will be in the gym from 1-2 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

# Cameron views Brazilian farms

Bill Cameron of Raeford is one of 23 southeastern U.S. farmers who took a closeup look at a major rival for world tobacco and soybean markets recently and came away with a new appreciation for the international scope of agricultural marketing competition.

Visiting Brazil on an extensive tour of the heart of that South American nation's most productive farming region, the U.S. farmers discovered the aggressiveness of the country's agricultural export policies as well as the efficiency of its farmers.

The U.S. farmers were participating for two years in an agricultural leadership development program conducted by the Agricultural Extension Service at North Carolina State University through a grant from Phillip Morris U.S.A., which arranged the trip to Brazil.

Farmers from North Carolina, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Virginia participated.

The group, accompanied by NCSU and Phillip Morris representatives, traveled 5,000 miles inside Brazil, most of it in the nation's three southern-most states with the heaviest concentration of commercial farming.

The North Americans visited a number of family farms where tobacco is the major source of income and where the farm families live simply but comfortably on an average farm size of 30 acres, only about four or five of which are tobacco. The tobacco earns them a net profit of about \$600 to \$650 an acre. Most farms grow both flue-cured and burley.

They also visited Brazilian research farms, both private and government owned, and a number of agriculture-related industries, including a modern textile plant, a large soybean processing plant, a fuel-alcohol processor, tobacco processing plants, a cigarette manufacturing plant, a farm equipment manufacturer, an American-owned research farm doing mostly corn breeding, and a large Brazilian farm co-op.

Much of the production technology the farmers saw was modern. "I was very impressed with their agriculture," said Cameron. "They are making very efficient use of their land, and they are doing a good job with their



## Checking on Brazilians

Bill Cameron of Raeford checks out Brazilian tobacco that has been stunted by dry weather. Farms visited by the U.S. group do not use irrigation but usually make a yield of around 2,000 pounds per acre.

tobacco, although I don't believe it is up to U.S. quality yet."

Although the technology is 1985, some of the methods are 1940 but none the less effective. Cheap and abundant labor is one of Brazil's greatest resources, and nearly all farm work is done by hand. Draft animals - mules and oxen - pull the plows on most farms. Much of the land where tobacco is grown is too steep for mechanized equipment, although the expansive and beautifully contoured fields of soybeans in the northwest region of the three-state area are farmed with heavy equipment.

The U.S. farmers were surprised to learn that Brazilian soybeans are much more uniformly free of weeds than U.S. beans. The difference is, Brazilian farmers routinely supplement herbicides

with hand hoeing. One bean grower told the visitors he uses 60 to 70 hoe hands in his fields. They work for \$3 to \$4 equivalent per day. The same farmer estimates that the 650 acres of soybeans that he soon will be harvesting will yield 37 bushels an acre and return a net profit of about \$65 to \$75 an acre. "But only if we get rain," he added.

The soybeans are a major export crop.

The goal of Brazil is to export every dollar's worth of farm products possible to anyone they can sell to, and that includes the United States, Cameron observed. At the same time, Brazil severely restricts what may be imported into the country - no tobacco, for example, and no cotton unless there is a shortage of domestic lint.

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