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### **Dedication** service

The Frances Purcell Voices of Consolation perform during a dedication service held recently at the St. James United Church of God.

# Youth choir continues spirit

The Frances Purcell Voices of Consolation of St. James United Church of God is a group of young people annointed by God to minister to people in song.

The choir gave a concert on March 23 to honor Minister Purcell, who is now living in St. Joseph's Rest Home in Aberdeen. During the service, a flower was used to dedicate the spot where minister Purcell would have been sitting.

This group of young people is dedicated.

In each song that they sing there is a message to the people.

Their main objective in singing is to reach the lost and singing to give deliverance to the sick and needy and bind the broken-hearted.

The person who is responsible for this choir coming together is Minister Frances Purcell, the assistant pastor of St. James United Church of God, Raeford. She has helped and influenced

the lives of so many. Now, she is unable to go

ministering to people, but, this group of young people decided to continue and carry on her work in song and through the lives that they live.

### **Murphy arrives** for Georgia duty

Army Pvt. Craig L. Murphy, son of Dwain and Yvonne Murphy of Rural Route 1, Parkton has arrived for duty at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Murphy, a vehicle driver with the Army Infantry Center, was previously assigned at Fort Dix, N.J.

His wife, Judy, is the daughter of John Glenn of Rural Route 1. Lumber Bridge. He is a 1982 graduate of Parkton High School.

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A question for Easter

by Mattie Jackson)

MONEY

### **Federal cuts** hurting farms

By John Siedge N.C. Farm Bureau Federation If the government took some action to weaken the strong dollar that's hurting agricultural exports so badly, would it do any good?

That's a tough question which needs to be handled by financial . . and what do they experts think?

Well, they start by listing the ad-vantages of a strong dollar. They say it holds down inflation, helps finance the U.S. deficit by attracting foreign money into our. economy and they say the strong dollar contributes to bringing down interest rates.

What would a cheaper dollar do? The experts say it would push up inflation because it would make the price of imported goods higher . and with less foreign competition, prices of many items would rise.

This whole process would lead to less foreign money floating around in our economy. And they say, this drop in foreign invest-ment would eventually increase interest rates.

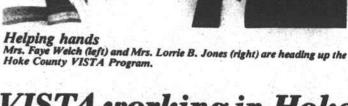
The conclusion of the Reagan administration's financial advisors is that the advantages of having a strong dollar overseas outweigh the disadvantages of a weaker dollar.

The administration's financial experts feel it would be better to have a gradual decline in the value of the dollar and feel it would be better to let this happen . . . and observe the action . . . rather than take action to force it to happen. They add that a drastic drop could injure economies in many foreign countries.

There is some action the federal government can take that would lower interest rates and directly

help farmers . . . and that is . . . cut federal spending. CUSTOMER SERVICE

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## VISTA working in Hoke

The North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs VISTA Program is strong in Hoke County. The program has been in operation in Hoke County since July, 1984.

The VISTA Youth Counselor's are Lorrie B. Jones and Faye Welch.

Mrs. Jones has been with the program since its inception and has been working with the Indian Education Act Program (IEA) in

drugs and alcohol prevention. Her goals and objectives are to expand the students and parents knowledge of alcohol and drugs. Mrs. Jones and the students have been involved in several group counselings on drugs and

alcohol prevention. She is also working with IEA students on cultural enrichment. Mrs. Welch came with the pro-

gram in February, 1985 and is also

working with IEA students and parents.

Her goal is to organize the Indian senior citizens of Hoke County.

Mrs. Welch has met with the senior citizens of Mt. Elem Church and is looking forward to meeting with other groups. Mrs. Welch and Mrs. Jones had

a group meeting with the IEA students of Hoke County March 11.

The meeting was held at Mt. Elem Church in the fellowship hall, and was concerning drugs and alcohol awareness. The guest speakers for the meeting were Lt. Ed Harris, Hoke County Sheriff's Department and District Court Judge Warren Pate. The VISTA Youth Counselor's

attends monthly meetings with the IEA Parent/Student Committee.



### Sworn in

Tony G. Barefoot, (right) of Riley Street in Raeford is sworn-in by Captain Bob Dohrety Army National Guard as a Private First Class on March 8. Tony is a 1983 graduate of Hoke High School, and is cur-rently enrolled as a Sophomore at North Carolina State University. Tony will be assigned to the 2nd 252nd Armor Battalion in Raeford as a Fire Support Specialist. He will attend Basic training in May at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and will complete his training next summer under the Split Training Plan.





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