

Dental Health Month winners Hoke County Schools Superintendent Dr. Robert Nelson (right) assists South Hoke Elementary School Principal Hank Richards (right, center) and program coordinator Darlene Clark (left, center) awards the school received for finishing in the top 24 schools in the state for dental health, while school dentist Dr. Mike White (left) looks on. Special certificates of recognition were also given to Scurlock School and J.W. Turlington. District awards were presented to J.W. McLauchlin School

and West Hoke School. State award went to South Hoke School, by virtue of having the most points, 1211, will hold the County's Dental Challenge Plaque for the third straight year. Only 63 N.C. schools achieved District Awards (1000 + points) and only 24 N.C. schools earned the State Award (1200 + points). The dramatic accomplishments of Hoke County Schools are the direct results of the outstanding efforts by teachers, aides and school leaders.

Illegal use of credit creating consumer woes

(Editor's note: This week has een declared National Consumer Week by President Ronald Reagan. Hoke County 4-H'er Leah Hendrix has written this article to help local consumers be more aware of the snags of the market place.

By Leah Hendrix Counterfeiters, forgers and thieves are making a profit by the unauthorized use of credit card numbers. They sometimes get card receipts or carbons from store trash.

Extra imprints are made on blank forms by dishonest clerks. Dishonest telephone callers pose

as bank representatives or telephone canvassers in order to get a charge card number. Then these illegally obtained

numbers are used to order mer-chandise by phone to be delivered to a "new address."

The Consumer Credit Protection Act states that you do not owe anything for unauthorized pur-

chases if you report the loss immediately before the card has been used. If charges have already been made, your liability is limited to \$50 per card.

Most companies have a toll free number for reporting missing cards.

There are ways you as a consumer can reduce the risk of credit and charge card fraud. It is a good idea to leave seldom used cards at home in a safe place and to carry

cards separately from your wallet. When making a purchase keep your card in view after giving it to a clerk. Ask for and destroy the carbon and any voided charge slips.

Do not lend you card to anyone and do not give your card number over the phone unless you know the company is reliable.

When you receive new cards sign them immediately. Keep a record of the account numbers, expiration dates, phone numbers, and addresses for each card company. Save receipts and reconcile them with your billing statement.

Modern computerized billing systems make careful use of charge cards and record keeping more important.

Consumers should realize that prevention of card loss or unauthorized use is easier than the hassle of trying to correct errors or



New Dept. manager Effective April 1, Don E. Hawks transferred to the Burlington Industries Raeford Plant. He formerly served as Plant Technical Superintendent and Superintendent of Warping and Slashing in the Blended Fabrics Division at the Ramseur Plant. Hawks joined Burlington in 1970 as a Production Planner for the Lexington Plant of the Menswear Division. Since that time he has served as Production Supervisor of Warping, Slashing, and Weaving in the Menswear Division. He is a native of Oxford, North Carolina and received a B.S. Degree in Industrial Management from North Carolina State University in 1966. Hawks is married to the former Patricia Adkins of Danville, Virginia. They have one son and one daughter and plan to reside in

