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Burgess named FMA headmaster

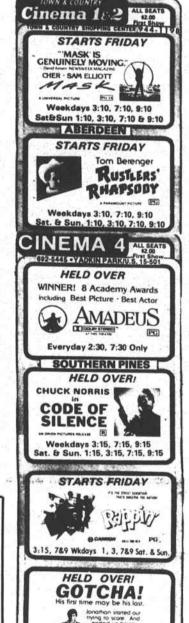
A Raeford man has been chosen to take over the position of Headmaster of Flora Macdonald Academy.

Jack E. Burgess, currently an Assistant Principal at J.W. Turlington Elementary School, will take over operations for Eugene L. McKethan, according to a letter from the Flora Macdonald Board of Trustees.

Burgess will begin at the school on June 16.

'(The Board of Trustees) hired me to administer the instructionals program. I see that as the number one priority," Burgess said last

"Right off the bat, I don't plan to change anything," said Burgess, but the new headmaster does have



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some plans for the school.

"I want to work on starting some scholarships and getting some endowments for the school," said Burgess.

Burgess will also be working to get alumni involved with the school "just to get a link to the past," he said.

According to Burgess, one of the reasons the school is so strong and graduates such prepared students is because of the good teacherparent relationship.

"I will be working to build on that also," he said.

Although there will be no changes in the school for the first semester of Burgess' tenure, he will be working to establish some new

course offerings later, he said.
"It will be on a small scale, but students need to be prepared for college and the workforce," he

Burgess has held various



Jack Burgess

teaching, coaching and administrative positions in his 13 years in education.

He is a certified school administrator and received his master's and educational specialist degrees from East Carolina

Former resident chosen as outstanding educator

Mrs. Jo Nicholas of Columbia, Maryland and formerly of Raeford, was chosen as one of the 15 Prince Georges' County Maryland Outstanding Educators for 1984-85 school year. Mrs. Nicholas is a 5/6 grade teacher at Springhill Lake Elementary School in Greenbelt, Maryland. She was nominated for her fine work by fellow workers, students, and community members.

Prince George's County has a student enrollment of 105,500 and employs 10,648. It is located on the eastern outskirts of Washington, D.C. and is the home of Andrews Air Force Base, Goddard Flight Center, Beltsville Agricultural Center and the University of Maryland.

Mrs. Nicholas' specific achievements and outstanding services to students and programs of Prince Georges County are being grade level chairperson for levels 3, 4, 5, and 6; PTA Vice-President; Person in charge of building in absence of Principal; chaired and assisted transition committees for integration and consolidation of schools; established guidelines, scheduling, grouping, special events of 5/6 Team; Talented and Gifted Coordinator; Science Fair

and Spelling Bee Coordinator; and mainstreaming leader with Special Education students.

Stanley J. Klein, Principal of Springhill Lake Elementary School, says, "Mrs. Nicholas is an innovative, dynamic, motivator who encourages students and instills in them a love of learning. She possesses tremendous ability to relate and interact effectively with students and adults.'

Mrs. Nicholas has also con-ducted inservice training for regular and special education staff members with Houghton Mifflin Reading series. She has worked with the county's Instructional Office team to write Reading cur-riculum for the county's basal reading series, Houghton Mifflin, specializing in modified directed reading activities for specific language and reading disability students.

in piloting and implementing the first county's non-graded elementary school program. Jo is the former Myrle Jo Burnett of Raeford.

Mrs. Nicholas has also assisted

She is married to Dr. Paul E. Nicholas of Columbia, Maryland and they have two daughters, Jennifer, age 13 and Amy, age 11.

Holt to attend Governor's Sch.

Clayton Walter Holt, a rising junior at Scotland High School, has been selected to attend Governor's School - East at St. Andrews College in Laurinburg for the 1985

Clayton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Holt of Laurinburg.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Holt of Raeford.

Holt was selected in the area of instrumental music. He ranked sixteenth in the state on French Horn at the North Carolina Honors Band Auditions held in Winston-Salem in March.

