

## Board Adopts Six Weeks 1985-86 School Calendar

Students will continue to receive their report cards every six weeks rather than every nine weeks in the fall, the Brunswick County Board of Education decided last Thursday night.

The school board tentatively approved a six weeks calendar that includes 180 instructional school days, said School Superintendent Gene Yarbrough.

Col. William Fought, president of the Brunswick County Chapter of the North Carolina Association of Educators, said the calendar is a compromised version of an earlier nine weeks plan submitted by the teachers. Approximately 86 percent of the teachers earlier voted for a nine weeks grading system rather than a six weeks plan.

"We're in agreement with it," Fought said Thursday. "As it stands, it's as good of a school calendar as we can make it."

Fought said some of the principals felt a nine weeks calendar used before did not work, so an alternative six weeks calendar was presented.

After board member Marvin McKeithan questioned why students did not have a Memorial Day vacation listed on the calendar, administrators agreed to present the calendar only as a tentative version, with room for changes.

According to the tentative calendar, school would begin in the fall on Sept. 2 and end on June 13. Holidays would include Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day; Nov. 28-29 for Thanksgiving; Dec. 23-Jan. 3 Christmas vacation and annual leave and March 27-28

Easter vacation. Teachers workdays, for which students would also be dismissed, include Oct. 18; Oct. 25; Dec. 6; Jan. 31; March 14 and May 2. Report cards would be distributed on Oct. 21; Dec. 9; Feb. 4; March 19; May 8 and the end of the school year.

Graduations would be held as follows: North Brunswick High, June 11; South Brunswick, June 12 and West Brunswick, June 13.

In other business last week, the board agreed to transfer by non-warranty deed the old Waccamaw school building to the county for use as a community building. The building is adjacent to the Waccamaw Township District Park behind the Waccamaw Elementary School.

At its Feb. 4 meeting, the board agreed to contact County Manager Billy Carter about deeding the building to the county so the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department can restore it for public use.

"I've had the opportunity to go there and look at the building," board member Douglas Baxley said. "I have also been contacted by a number of people in the area who hope to have the building used actively for community affairs."

With school board attorney E.J. Prevatte absent, Baxley, a Shallotte attorney, recommended the board approve a non-warranty deed to the county. Baxley said he did not think Prevatte would recommend that the board issue a warranty deed of trust to the county for the building.



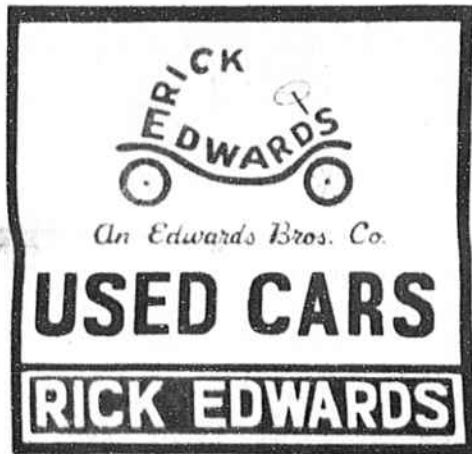
Union PTO Honors Bus Drivers

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Fourteen Union Primary School bus drivers were the honored guests last Thursday morning during a breakfast and awards presentation at the school. PTO officers Pam Roberson, president; Sonya Anderson, treasurer; and Wanda Kinlaw, secretary, organized the event to thank the bus drivers for their service during the school year. Attending the breakfast were, front row, from left, Principal Thurman Gause, shop foreman Thomas Ward,

Assistant Principal Diana Mintz, bus drivers Jacqueline Hardy, Cleo Hankins, Pamela Galloway and Theresa Hewett; second row, school transportation supervisor William Turner, bus drivers James Quinn, Carolyn Wilson, Timothy Bryant, Jeanette Sabiston, Gail Faircloth and Doretha Johnson; third row, Ellen Bryant, Marian Gore, Tony Daniels, Ola Johnson and Rosa Hoiden.

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