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60 Hoke Negroes Ask For School Transfers

Deadline To Apply Is Friday

A total of 54 Negro students have applied for admission to previously all-white schools, except one school, and six others have asked for assignment to Hawk Eye School, the county's school for Indians.

The requests for assignment came as a result of inquiries made by the board of education, which this year adopted a "freedom of choice" policy in assigning students to all county schools.

Cards were mailed to parents of every school-age child in the county asking them to indicate which schools they preferred their children to attend.

W. T. Gibson, superintendent of schools, said at least 95 per cent of the cards have been returned. Tomorrow is the deadline for indicating a preference, he said, after which children who have indicated no preference are supposed to be assigned to the school nearest their home.

Gibson said 30 students at Upchurch High School have asked to be transferred to previously all-white Hoke County High School. Another nine Negro students gave Raeford Elementary School as their first choice and 15 Negro students applied for admission to J. W. McLaughlin School, which last year had one Negro student.

Several other students who at first indicated they wished to be transferred to previously all-white schools changed their minds and chose to remain in all-Negro schools, Gibson said.

Three of the students were from Upchurch High School. Assignment of all students in the county is made by the county board of education, which is expected to hold a special session next week to make assignments.

"Assignment will have to be made before the end of the current school year," Gibson said, "because we indicate on the student's report card the school he is to attend next year."

The board of education adopted the "freedom of choice" policy to bring the county into compliance with the Civil Rights Act. School units which do not comply with the laws regarding desegregation are liable to lose federal funds.

Federal money was not the prime consideration, however, according to school officials here. Schools are compelled to comply with the Civil Rights Act even if they choose not to accept federal funds.

The local plan for desegregation, published in its entirety in last week's News-Journal, stipulates that students will be

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SEEK CROWN -- These four young ladies, all students at Hoke High School, will vie for the May Queen title Saturday night at the school's annual May Dance, to be held in the

high school gym. They are, left to right, Mary McWhite, freshman; Margie Tyler, sophomore; Gayle Maxwell, senior, and Gwen McNeill, junior.



UP AND OVER -- This young rider from Vardell Hall in Red Springs puts her mount over a fence jump in the hunter competition at the first annual Woman's Club Horse Show, staged here Friday and Saturday. The show was termed a success, despite rain and threatening weather which kept down the size of the Saturday night crowd.

First Horse Show Success; May Become Annual Event

Raeford's first horse show, held Friday and Saturday, has been termed successful and early indications are that it will be held again next year.

Raeford's Woman's Club, sponsors of the event, had just begun checking up Monday morning, but Mrs. Walter N.

Coley, show chairman, predicted that the club would "make a little money."

An estimated 1,000 spectators turned out for the four-performance show, staged at the Jaycee fairgrounds. The evening weather was believed to have held down the Saturday night

crowd. Follow The Sun, a classy Tennessee walking horse owned by Bob Stables of Mt. Gilthead and shown by June Batten, took top honors in Saturday night's walking horse stake.

Winner of the five-gated stake was High Tide, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Hal Connell of Warrenton and shown by Margaret Pittman.

Peter Panic, owned by J. D. Starling and shown by J. E. Norris, won the walk-trot stake.

The English pleasure horse championship went to Miss Bourbon, owned by Blue Springs Farm of Fayetteville and shown by Muff Clark, who also won the saddle seat equitation championship.

The western pleasure division was won by Big John of Davanna, owned by Davanna Stables and shown by Linda Lambeth.

Whitby Duster, a quarter horse ridden by Roger Allen of Neuse, dominated the western games, winning Saturday night's barrel race and pole bending, as well as Saturday afternoon's open barrel race.

Grand champion stallion in the American Quarter Horse Association show, held Saturday morning and afternoon, was Bill Royal, owned by J. A. Jones Jr. of Smithfield. Jones also showed the grand champion mare, Miss Tabasco Bar.

Sir Lad, owned by Deep River Farms, High Point, won the regular working hunter championship. Priscilla, owned by Goffolly Farm, Southern Pines, was reserve champion.

Champion of the working pony hunter division was Velvet, See HORSE SHOW, Page 9

Water Nets Half Of Town Income

Almost half of the town's income comes from the sale of water and sewer services, according to facts released last week.

A user, complaining about high water bills, seldom stops to realize that 48 per cent of the town's operational expenses are paid through this medium of collecting funds.

It is true that there was a time when all the water a family wanted to use could be purchased from the town for less than \$1.50 a month, but from time to time, greater demands upon the municipality has caused the town board to seek a greater income.

Now, the minimum water bill is \$3.24 for 3,000 gallons of water. Compared with other towns, this is not above average. In fact, one nearby town has a minimum of \$5.45.

Town Manager Ed Williams said that by collecting revenue through rendered services, every householder head helps to carry the load whether a renter or a property owner.

Property taxes provide for 38 per cent of the town's spending money and the remaining 14 per cent comes from the sale of licenses, permits, state-

shared taxes and miscellaneous items.

In turn, 24 per cent of the town's income is spent in operating the water department. Coming in second with big demands on the treasury is its bonded indebtedness. Last year a total of \$56,000 was paid on bonds and interest. The town owes \$879,000, or \$222 for every man, woman and child living here.

Thirteen per cent of the town's money goes for general government expenses. The Police Department gets 9 per cent; the street department 17 per cent; the fire department 6 per cent; the sanitation department 6 per cent, and 3 per cent goes for miscellaneous items.

The town manager's office is now busy preparing a suggested budget for the town board's scrutiny. It will be based on last year's income and expenditures. Final adoption of a budget will be made by the commissioners before or during the July meeting.

Hoke Gets OEA Funds

Hoke County has been awarded \$17,000 in Economic Opportunity Act funds to conduct a basic adult education program here as part of President Johnson's anti-poverty program.

The funds, appropriated by Congress and made available through the Office of Economic Opportunity, will be administered by Sandhills Community College, which is responsible for the program context here.

G. A. Page, principal of Upchurch High School, will direct the program in Hoke County and will be responsible to Sandhills Community College and Hoke Community Action Program, Inc., which formulated anti-poverty plans for the county.

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Bonds Set For Three Who Appeal

Three defendants this week appealed their convictions in Hoke Recorder's Court and were placed under bond for appearance in Superior Court. They were:

Ernest Wilton Barefoot, Raeford, driving car drunk, six months suspended, \$100 and costs, appealed under \$200 bond.

Nellie Holt, Holmes, Fayetteville Rt. 3, driving car drunk, six months suspended, \$100 and costs, not operated a motor vehicle for one year, appealed under \$200 bond.

Other decisions handed down by Judge Joseph Dupree included:

Joe McCormick, Red Springs Rt. 3, no operator's license and restricted to glasses, judgement suspended upon payment of costs.

Malcolm Holt, Raeford, worthless check, dismissed.

Cleveland McRae, Raeford Rt. 1, illegal possession of whisky for purpose of sale, 12 months (capias and commitment to issue at any time during the next two years at the will of the court), \$100 and costs.

Howard Locklear, no address listed, assault, frivolous prosecution, Lena Mae Locklear ordered to pay court costs.

Thomas Calvin Corney, Fayetteville, Rt. 1, speeding, judgement suspended upon payment of costs.

Eddie Arnold Locklear, Shannon Rt. 1, no operator's license, nol pros.

James Clarence Slaughter, Akma, Ga., driving after license revoked, six months suspended, \$200 and costs.

James Orr McCue, Wilson, speeding, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs.

Fascal Franchot Tone, Chapel Hill, speeding, judgement suspended upon payment of costs.

James Duncan McNeill, Raeford, careless and reckless driving, failure to heed stop sign, four months (capias and commitment to issue at any time during the next two years at the pleasure of the court), \$100 and costs.

Aline Arnette Thompson, See BONDS SET, Page 3

Hoke Budget Shows \$121,000 Increase

As a result of the revaluation program carried on during the past year, upping the property valuation about \$2 million, and the expected income from the ABC store, Hoke County was able to raise its budget by \$121,000 for the coming year.

A county-wide budget of \$720,772.90 was formally adopted by the board of county commissioners at a called meeting Monday night.

In doing so most departmental requests for increases were met totally or in part.

The biggest increase was given to schools. The school board estimated that its needs for the coming year would be \$392,790.60, or an increase of \$78,463.63 over last year.

The county's current expense is set at \$245,672.84; the capital outlay at \$74,832.76, the debt service at \$72,228.

Salary increases included in the budget were:

Tax collector, \$120; tax collector's assistant (who is also veteran's service officer), \$380; sheriff, \$300; two veteran

deputies, \$100 each; two new deputies, \$600 each; register of deeds, \$300; clerk of court, \$240; assistant clerk, \$160; register of deeds office clerk, \$500.

Recorder's Court Judge, \$400; solicitor, \$400; justice of the peace, \$130; civil defense director, \$220; C. D. clerk, \$396; county accountant, \$1,600; clerks in the accountant's office, \$468 each.

Farm agent, \$60; home agent, \$60; (these are paid partly by the county and partly by the state) secretaries in the extension office, \$120 each.

Welfare director, \$1,140; veteran clerks in the office, \$312; new clerk, \$456; three case workers, \$576 each.

Clerk at Health Department, \$288; sanitarian, \$396; nurses, \$984 each.

The library budget was increased \$1,275. Out of this the library board is eligible to give the librarian a raise.

The library also was given an increase by the town and the state.

The county allotted \$920.15 for the forest fire control. This will be added to some \$18,000 supplied for the purpose by the state. The Hoke Rescue Squad, a new item on the county budget received, \$200 and the National Guard \$200.

Some of the raises were made according to rules and regulations of the state merit system because the worker is employed partly by the state.

Wins Awards

Chaminade Music Club of Raeford won three awards at the state convention of North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs, held last week in Hickory.

The club was honored for its programs at McCain Sanatorium, its programs on American music, and for earning more than 100 points on its rating sheet.

Webster Is Leaving Farm Office

The Hoke County extension office will be short of personnel again soon, W. S. Young, county agricultural agent, reported this week.

Assistant agent Henry Webster has resigned his position as of May 31 and will leave the extension service to work with the American Breeder Service, whose home office is in Chicago.

The position of assistant home agent was refilled only three months ago after being vacant for some time.

Webster and his family will be stationed at Black Mountain. As a promotional man, his territory will be in the western part of North Carolina and eastern Tennessee. Aside from the attractive offer, Webster said the type of work involved

"is right down my line. It will keep me in close contact with livestock and that is my first interest," he said.

Webster came here two years ago. A local firm made him an offer last year. But with the help of the state department, the county was able to retain him. The assistant farm agent said he had gained much pleasure from working in Hoke County with the 4-H Club boys and with livestock farmers.

Center Sets Open House

Open house will be held Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock at Anthony's Nursing Center here.

The center, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Gibson, has been established in quarters formerly occupied by Jordan Clinic, later moved to new quarters on Campus Avenue and called Raeford Medical Group.

Extensive remodeling of the old clinic building has been completed and the nursing center is ready to begin operation.



BIG GUN--This big gun, a self-propelled 165 mm howitzer, will be among the weapons on display here Saturday during Armed Forces Day. The 16th Artillery, stationed at Fort Bragg, is in charge of the celebration here, which will feature displays and demonstrations at J. W. McLaughlin School.

Armed Forces Day Set Here May 15

Armed Forces Day will be observed in Raeford on May 15, featuring special displays from Fort Bragg at J. W. McLaughlin School.

The celebration here will be in the hands of the 16th Artillery, which will bring a number of exhibits here and give several demonstrations.

Featured here again this year will be rifle and machinegun blank firing, which last year

was extremely popular among local youngsters.

There also will be displays of artillery pieces, including 155mm towed and 155mm self-propelled.

Local citizens also will see a fire direction center (artillery) in operation, a field kitchen in operation, a first aid station with ambulances, small arms displays, survey and fire control equipment, a

communications display, trucks of all types, and an exhibit of the latest in military uniforms.

Free jeep rides will be given to youngsters, and on the school building rappelling demonstrations will be given several times during the day.

Special motion pictures on military subjects will be shown on an outdoor screen.

The 16th Artillery is commanded by Lt. Col. John F. McCarthy.

The Fort Bragg unit will move into Raeford the afternoon before the celebration, which will last from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Armed Forces Day.