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SINGERS -- Raeford Elementary School's mixed chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Neill A. McNeill, scored a big hit when it performed at the school at the final PTA

meeting of the year. Musical groups at other schools will have a major part in graduation exercises at Hoke County's three high schools, beginning this week end.



TEACHER--A. Smith McInnis, former employe of Raeford Auto Company, has joined the staff of Sampson Technical Institute. He will be director of instruction of automotive maintenance on a recently approved Manpower Development Training Act program, administered by the Department of Labor. The classes over which McInnis will have charge will be held in Hoke County for Hoke students. It is a school designed to make skilled workers out of those who are not able to earn good wages because of unpreparedness.

CAP Board Is Elected

Sixteen persons were elected to the Hoke County board of directors for the Community Action program in a public election held Monday.

Board members were chosen from the various communities in the county. They are:

Leonard Training School and N. C. Sanatorium -- Ben Davis, Walter Green and Wilbur F. Tindler.

Upchurch and Silver City Community -- Mrs. Carrie H. Fisher, Allen Blac, Mrs. Ann J. Kemp, Timothy McPhatter, McLaughlin Chapel and "The Cut" Area Community -- Mrs. Nellie Flowers, Mrs. Ruth McNair, Willie McNeill.

Hawk Eye Community -- James A. Hunt, Mrs. Eva Jacobs, Gerald Dial.

West Hoke School Community -- Willie David, Paul Hurst, Mrs. Annie McInnon.

The board will serve with James R. Fout as chairman.

Jaycees Lambast Softball League

Raeford Jaycees complained this week that they were excluded from entering a softball team in the church softball league and that three other teams were denied access to the United Fund supported program.

In an open letter to The News-Journal, Jaycees said official requests were made to the recreation commission by Jaycees and Rockfish Baptist Church and that Hoke County Rescue Squad and the local National Guard unit contacted individual members of the recreation board, and that all were turned down.

The league has operated for several years with four teams--one from Raeford Presbyterian Church, one from Raeford Methodist Church, one from First Baptist Church of Raeford, and an "Allied" team composed of members of other churches.

"Requests that the league be expanded to include additional teams were rejected in that the church teams wanted to be able to play two games each week, and additional teams would mean one or more teams would not play twice in the same week," Jaycees contended. "Requests that additional teams be added and that more than one game be played in the Armory Park at the same time by setting up an additional diamond were also rejected by the recreation board."

Jaycees said the league should be open to all as long as it is supported by United Fund, which this year budgeted \$2,800 for the summer recreation program.

'Zeke' Takes Police Job

Leonard (Zeke) Wiggins, 28, has been employed by Raeford Police Department and will begin his duties there June 1, according to Chief L. W. Stanton.

Wiggins, a native of Raeford, is a graduate of Hoke High School and for the past several years has been employed by Burlington Industries here. He once worked for about a year with the Laurinburg police force, Chief Stanton said.

He will fill a vacancy on the police force created earlier

Raeford Teacher Is Stricken

Mrs. Willie Peele McPhaul, teacher at Raeford Elementary School for the past 17 years, died of a heart attack Wednesday morning around 3 a. m. Funeral arrangements were not complete late Wednesday.

Mrs. McPhaul became critically ill around 1 a. m. and a doctor was called to her bedside.

She was the widow of James L. McPhaul who was killed in a car wreck in 1957. A native of Scotland County, she was the daughter of the late William and Fairley Peele.

She was a member of Antioch Presbyterian Church. Surviving is one son, Joe McPhaul.

The body is at a Red Springs funeral home.

Draft Board To Call 11

Hoke County draft board has received a call for 11 men to be delivered for induction at Raleigh on June 26, according to Mrs. Mary L. Donnellon, clerk.

The board met Monday to select the 11, but made no immediate announcement as to who they were. An Army major connected with the selective service system met with the board.

Miss Byrne To Show Art

Miss Ann Byrne will hold an art showing Sunday, June 4, in her new studio at 705 N. Main St.

The public is invited to come between the hours of 2 and 5 p. m. and view the works she has accomplished during the past four years.

Report On Sewage Expected In June

Report of a three-way study of Raeford's allegedly pressing sewer problem is expected to be presented to the town board when it meets the first Monday in June, Town Manager Ed Williams said this week.

The survey was conducted here last month by laboratory technicians from the State Health Department, the Town of Raeford, and Southern Testing Laboratory of Wilson, a private firm hired by the town.

Purpose of the seven-day test was to determine how much sewage is being poured into the system by local industrial plants. Samples were taken at all local factories every 15 minutes, 24 hours a day, for seven days.

Consulting engineers contend that the town's sewage treatment plant, completed three years ago, already is overloaded

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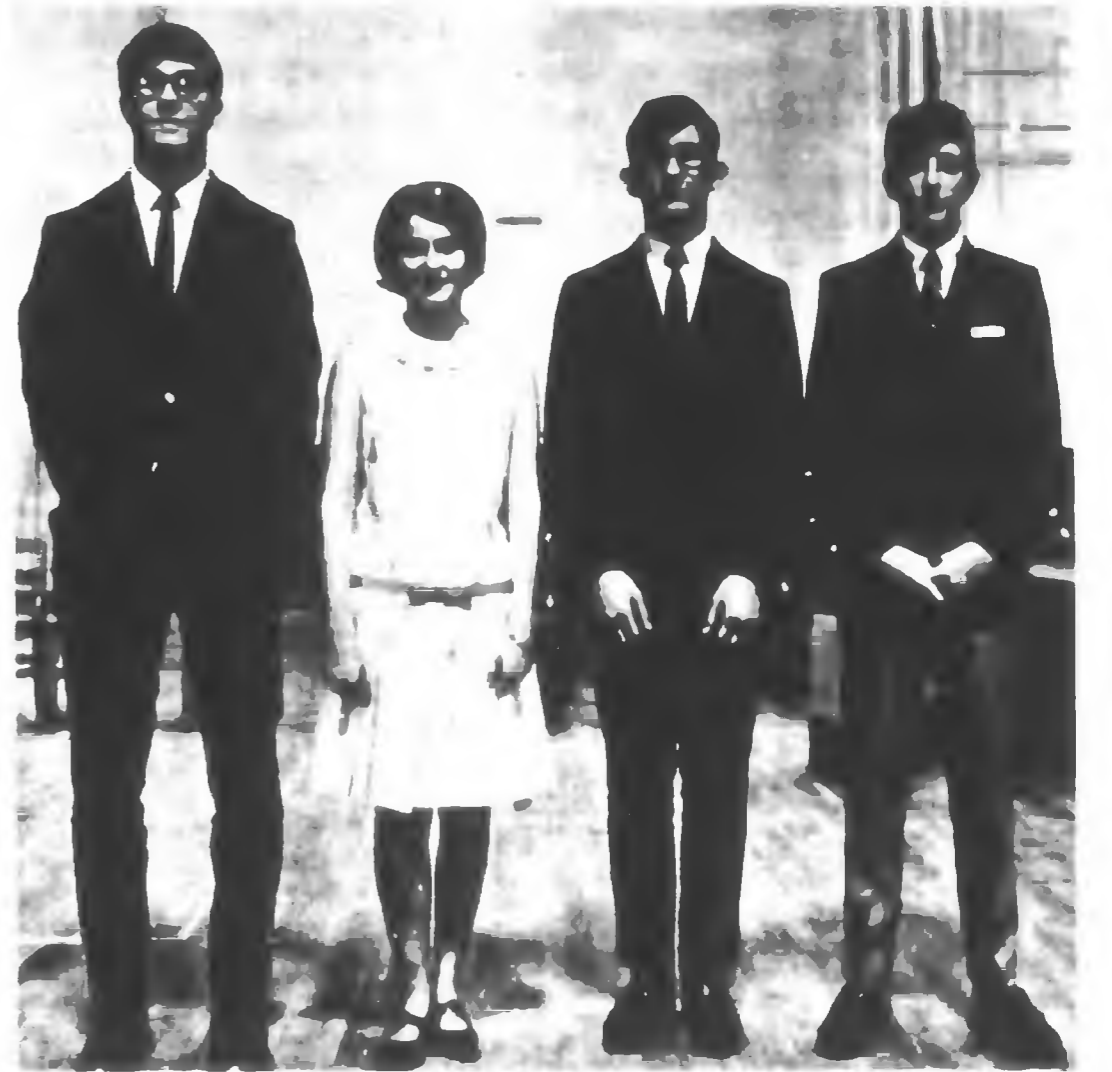
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STUDENT BODY HEADS--Officers of Hoke High School student body for the school year 1967-68 are, right to left: Leslie Ramsey, president; Ronnie Huff, vice president; Diane Upchurch, secretary; and John Morris, treasurer. Election was held last Thursday following campaign speeches.

Fout Chairman Of Board For Development Division

James R. Fout of Raeford has been named chairman of the board of directors of Southeastern Economic Development Commission, a 10-county organization including Hoke County.

It is one of five divisions in North Carolina of Atlantic Coastal Plain Regional Commission. Three of the five divisions have received appropriations to organize and set up offices.

The three-state commission,

set up under the U.S. Department of Commerce, includes North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

Elected to serve with Fout were Mason Hicks of Fayetteville, vice chairman, and Mrs. A.P. Henry Jr. of Winnabow, secretary-treasurer.

Hoke County representatives to the 10-county commission include Fout, Jake Austin and Dr. R. G. Townsend.

Other counties in the set-up include Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, New Han-

over, Pender, Robeson, Sampson and Scotland.

Fout said a district office will be established in the near future. It probably will be centrally located and will be staffed by a full-time executive director and staff.

Two other districts in North Carolina have received funds to organize and establish similar offices, while two more are awaiting federal appropriations.

Purposes and objectives of the commission are: Business and industry development; agricultural development; forestry development; fish and game development; individual and overall economic improvement; human resources development; flood control, particularly as it relates to area development; abatement of water and air pollution, and water supply for domestic and industrial use.

Fout is executive director of Hoke County Planning and Development Commission and manager of Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce.

Louise Blue In Hospital

Louise Blue, office manager of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), is in Moore Memorial Hospital, reportedly in serious condition, following a seizure Sunday afternoon at the home of a friend.

Miss Blue and Mrs. Hubert Wooten were making plans to attend Expo 67 in Montreal, Canada, when she became ill. She was rushed to the hospital

and has been partially paralyzed, according to reports. A visitor to her hospital room Tuesday evening reported Miss Blue seemed to be improved. She recognized visitors and spoke for the first time since the attack, she said.

Miss Blue, a native of St. Pauls, has been employed by the ASCS here for 33 years, according to other employes in the office here.

Finals For 175 Hoke Seniors Will Begin With Baccalaureate

Graduation exercises will begin Sunday night for the some 175 seniors of Hoke County, Upchurch and Hawk Eye high schools.

First function of the several commencement programs will be the baccalaureate services at each of the three schools.

The Rev. R. E. L. Moser, pastor of Raeford Methodist Church, will deliver the baccalaureate for the graduating seniors of Hoke High School. The program will be Sunday night at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of Raeford Elementary School.

At Upchurch, the baccalaureate speaker will be the Rev. Milton Williams, pastor of McLaughlin Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Raeford. The program will be in the school auditorium at 4 p. m. Sunday.

The Hawk Eye baccalaureate will be Sunday at 4 p. m. at the school. The Rev. Venus Brooks will be the speaker. Commencement exercises and award of diplomas will be conducted at the three schools next week.

Graduation night at Hoke High School will be Thursday at 8 p. m. in the high school gymnasium. Dr. Raymond F. Stone, president of Sandhills Community College, will be the speaker.

At Upchurch High School, the commencement address will be given by Dr. Layette Parker, dean of instruction at Winston-Salem State College. Diplomas will be awarded by G. A. Page Jr., principal. The program will be held in the school auditorium at 8 p. m. Sixty seniors are scheduled to be graduated.

Earl Oxendine, principal, will present diplomas to 18 members of the senior class at Hawk Eye School at commencement exercises Wednesday at 8 o'clock. Luther Britt Jr. of Lumberton, state Jaycee president, will be the speaker. Class night will be held for Hoke High seniors Tuesday at Raeford Elementary School auditorium.

The Hoke High School chorus will provide music for commencement programs.

At Upchurch High School, special music will be given by the high school choral club.



HAWK EYE -- Carolyn Rogers highest scorer through her four high school years on an average basis has won the honor of valedictorian at Hawk Eye High School. She will give her address at graduation exercises Wednesday night. Coming in second was Ozell Jacobs. He will give the salutatorian address. Luther Britt Jr. of Lumberton will be main speaker of the day.



REV. R. E. L. MOSER