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**JOB CORPS**--Ranell Hasty is shown here taking the oath of office from James Attaway, Hoke Community Action Program director, to go to Keystone Job Corps Training Center in Drums, Pa. to begin training for skilled work. The anti-poverty program is available to both boys and girls and pays a monthly stipend while the youths are being trained for better jobs. She is the first Hoke girl to take part in the program, although several Hoke boys are now in training.

## Husband Of Raeford Girl Wins Medals In Vietnam

A former Raeford girl possibly was the happiest of mothers on Mothers Day although the fact that she was a young mother had little to do with it.

Mrs. Carolyn Schwarzbach's joy came when her husband, S/Sgt. Alexander C. Schwarzbach, arrived on that day after a year in Vietnam. He saw his five-month-old daughter for the first time upon his arrival.

Mrs. Schwarzbach is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McCoy Maxwell of Raeford. She now lives in Bridgeport, Conn. Her husband is a four-year Army veteran. He is holder of a Purple Heart with Star, the Bronze Star, and two Army

Commendation Medals. He was wounded twice while in Vietnam, once in the arm and once in the leg.

The Bronze Star was awarded as the result of action in Vietnam on December 31 of last year, when, the citation states, "He distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions near Kontum, Republic of Vietnam."

His action was described as follows: "Sgt. Schwarzbach, serving as the company communications chief, volunteered to assume the position of platoon sergeant. As the platoon approached a stream bed which lay between them and their ob-

jective, the point man was suddenly brought under enemy automatic weapons fire and killed, while another man was wounded.

"With complete disregard for his own personal safety, the sergeant rushed forward through the murderous volume of enemy fire to the side of his wounded comrade and administered the needed medical aid. Returning to the main element of his platoon, he picked up his machinegun crew and positioned them where they could fire effectively onto the enemy position.

"Sgt. Schwarzbach then exposed himself again to the enemy fire by crawling forward and carrying his dead comrade to a covered position. Aiding the platoon leader, he helped reorganize the platoon and led a successful assault on the enemy position.

Following basic training at Fort Dix, N.J., he was assigned to jump school at Fort Benning, Ga., transferred to Fort Bragg, during which he served for seven months in the Dominican Republic, and then was assigned to duty in Vietnam.

On his return to Fort Bragg, Sgt. Schwarzbach will apply for transfer to helicopter flight school for a nine-month course of training at Fort Wallace, Texas, and Fort Rucker, Ala.

## High Says Bill Will Be Amended

Hoke County is the center of a move to amend a House re-districting bill in the General Assembly, where moves to alter the measure failed in the Senate and was passed, 24-22.

The bill would make Hoke County part of a new Eighth District composed of Hoke, Moore, Scotland, Montgomery, Anson, Union, Richmond, Stanley, Cabarrus and Rowan counties.

Hoke, of course, would be removed from the Seventh District, which would stand as it is now composed without Hoke and Scotland.

Rep. Sneed High of Cumberland County, chairman of the House Redistricting Committee, says the bill will be amended before it gets through the House.

"I would hope we will make some changes in the Senate bill," High said, "especially regarding Hoke County."

Rep. Neill McFadyen of Hoke and others sympathetic to Hoke's position vow they will carry on the fight until the amendment is made.

It makes no sense to add Hoke to the proposed Eighth District, opponents say, when to do so would make the Eighth 152 persons larger than the Seventh with Hoke included.

They also contend that Hoke County has more in common with counties to the east of it than with those in the proposed Eighth District.

Sen. Hector McGeachy of Cumberland tried to get the bill amended to put Hoke in the Seventh, but his efforts in the Senate failed, 22-24.

High said action would be delayed on the bill until late this week, "but we should be able to bring a bill to the floor in a very short time."

The Senate bill would create two districts--the Eighth and the Fourth--with no incumbent congressmen.

Under the bill, Rep. James Gardner of the present Fourth would face Rep. L. H. Fountain in the Second.

Republican Rep. Charles R. Jonas of the Eighth would be pitted against Rep. Basil Whitener in a new 10th District.

A map of the proposed districts is on Page 7.

## IN REDISTRICTING

# Hoke Friends Fight To Keep It In 7th



**STEP RIGHT UP**--Betty Pope, center, won several awards at Tuesday night's awards night program of the graduating class at Hoke High School. Here, she and

Elaine Cunningham, left, are receiving Jaycette scholarships in the P.A.C.E. program. Mrs. Joanne Hartley is presenting the awards.

## Awards Night Program Held By HHS Graduating Class

Outstanding members of the class of 1967 at Hoke High School and other accomplished students were honored Tuesday night when the 102 graduating seniors held class night at Raeford Elementary School auditorium.

Steve McNeill, president of the senior class, presided at the two-hour affair, during which the faculty and other school officials were spoofed in a number of humorous skits. The class prophesy was read by Margie Tyler and Edward Robinson presented the last will and testament. Zan Monroe read a compilation of statistics about the class to the capacity audience of family and friends of the seniors.

D. D. Abernethy, principal, presented major awards and representatives of civic clubs and other organizations passed out tokens of achievement to high school and elementary students.

Abernethy announced that \$20,885 in scholarship aid had been granted to 26 members of the senior class for use during the next college year. An additional \$1,750 in pledges will

push the total to more than \$22,500.

The education department of Raeford Woman's Club presented awards to Susan Howard, valedictorian, and Sarah Morris, salutatorian, who also won the department's annual scholarship award.

The department of literature of the woman's club gave creative writing awards to Benny Gasque, Sylvia Sellars, Eddie Inman and Dwan Upchurch.

Mrs. Joanne Hartley awarded Jaycette scholarships in the P. A. C. E. program to Elaine Cunningham and Betty Pope.

The citizenship awards of Ellis Williamson Post, American Legion, went to Mac Smith, Sarah Morris and Lorraine Walters. Abernethy made the presentations.

J. D. Black won the Hoke County Farm Bureau award to the most outstanding student of vocational agriculture. T. C. Jones made the presentation.

Carroll Wilburn, president of Raeford Lions Club, presented Lions Club awards to Susan Howard, David Upchurch and Mitchell Cox.

Avery Connell, president of

Raeford Kiwanis Club, made similar presentations to Zan Monroe, Ried Parsons and Kathy Sanders.

Woodmen of the World gave an award for achievement in the study of history to Paul Currie. E. G. Inman made the presentation.

A \$100 scholarship from Howell Drug Company went to Marie McLaughlin.

The Danforth "I Dare You" awards went to Betty Pope and Steve McNeill.

Tommy Wilkerson won the annual scholarship award of Ashmont Home Demonstration Club. Mrs. R. D. Strother made the presentation.

Raeford Home Demonstration Club gave its annual scholarship award to Joel Crissman. Mrs. Earl Floyd made the presentation.

Betty Pope won the scholarship award of Hoke County Home Demonstration Council. Mrs. James Attaway presented the award.

Susan Howard received a certificate of award from Readers Digest and a one-year subscription.

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## Hoke Cotton Plowed Up

More than 2,500 acres of cotton has been plowed up again this year in Hoke County, W.S. Young, farm agent, said this week.

The large amount of acreage has been replanted in most cases with soybeans after the cotton plants became worthless because of unseasonable weather during May. Last year cold, wet weather badly damaged the county's cotton crop as a whole.

The ASC office announced this week that cotton producers in Hoke County disapproved in a referendum the sale and transfer of cotton acreage allotments outside the county.

Even though Hoke County farmers disapprove transferring outside the county by sale or lease, they can still purchase or lease and move to their farm, cotton from other counties in North Carolina which approved transfer.

A total of 204 votes were cast with 101 in favor of sale or transfer outside the county; 103 were against transfer.

## West Hoke Finals Held

West Hoke Elementary School ended its programs for the year with eighth grade graduation exercises Friday.

Honor students were: Ruby McNair, valedictorian; Carolyn Leggett, salutatorian; Joyce Armstrong, Thelma Stubbs, James McLead, Jimmie Purcell, Robert Madison, Owen Black and Patricia Harris.

L.J. Lockamy, state supervisor of elementary schools, Raleigh, was guest speaker. He was accompanied by his wife and son.

He used as a subject "Five Steps to Success" and advised students to: 1. Prepare yourself; 2. Develop perseverance; 3. Have a magnetic personality; 4. Practice good health; 5. Practice Christian living.

Mrs. Cole received an award for being "Teacher of the Year" at West Hoke.

W.F. McAllister, received a gift for the service he rendered during the school year as president of West Hoke PTA.

## Town Board Meets Monday

Two major issues are expected to come before the town board of commissioners when it holds its June meeting Monday night.

The first is a report of a housing survey team commissioned several months ago to study standard housing in Raeford. The survey was asked to determine if there is need here for a housing authority to provide low-rent housing for poor people.

The board also is expected to hear from a water-sewer

survey conducted some six weeks ago by three organizations. That survey was to determine how badly overloaded the sewage treatment plant actually is and how much each industry is contributing to the overload.

Hoke County commissioners will meet, too, on Monday. No agenda of that meeting has been made available, but it is expected that routine business will dominate, since the board already has passed its new budget.



**WINS AWARD**--I.C. Jones, right, president of Hoke County Farm Bureau, is shown presenting an award to J.D. Black, vocational agriculture student in the graduating class at Hoke High School. The award was made Tuesday night.

## Presbyterians Plan Program For Summer

BY REV. C.A. COOPER, JR.

In keeping with the tradition, Raeford Presbyterian Church is again planning to have its expanded summer program with a ministry to all age groups, including adults. This year most of the program centers on the catechism. Youth and adults will meet each Sunday evening in June and July for a biblical and theological study using the shorter catechism. Children's groups are planned for week days.

The staff of the church will be enlarged for the summer by the addition of two outstanding graduate students.

Beth Ann Mahler, a rising senior at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Va., arrived Tuesday and will direct the summer kindergarten, as well as be assistant director of Christian education for the summer. She is from Nashville, Tenn., and



BETH ANN MAHLER



DOUGLAS F. KELLY

is staying with Mrs. Harry Greene and Frances.

She was a music major at Maryville College, where she completed her undergraduate

work. She will use her musical talents as she directs the choir camp for senior highs. She is interested in all phases of church work and has experience in working with choirs,

campers, conferences for youth, and for two summers she worked as an aide in a crippled children's hospital.

Douglas F. Kelly, a rising senior at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va., arrived in Raeford on Wednesday. He will serve as student assistant minister for the summer months, assisting the pastor in many ways as well as serving in some areas of the summer program. Kelly, who will live in the guest house adjacent to the manse this summer, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His undergraduate work included a year's study in Europe.

He has now completed two years' study at the seminary, and spent last summer serving as student assistant minister in First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Miss. He hails from Lumberton, where he grew up in Lumberton Presbyterian Church.