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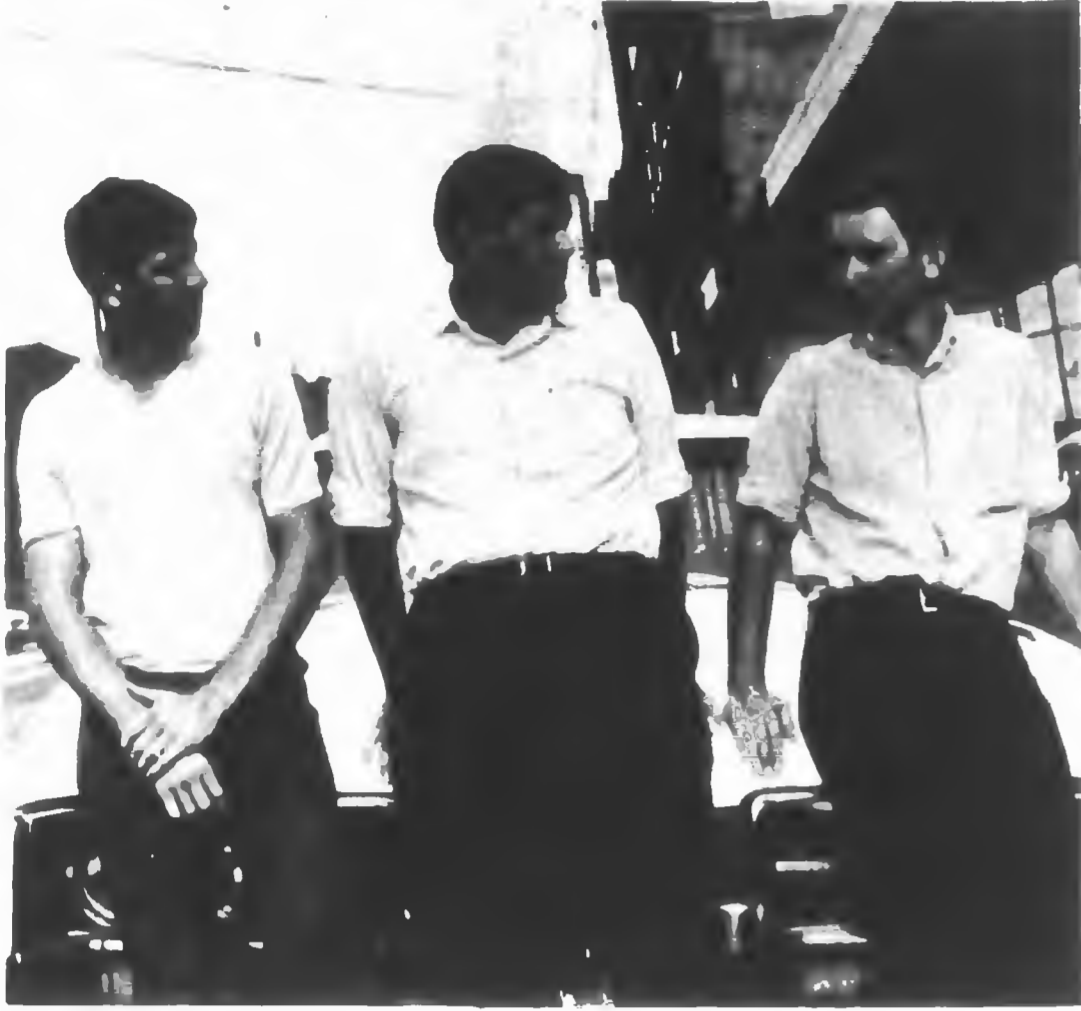
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English College Students End Summer In Raeford

A pair of English university students who have spent the summer in Raeford will leave here this week end for a "grand tour" of North America before going home.

They celebrated the occasion by getting haircuts -- the first they have had since leaving Manchester, England, in May. John Potts, 21, and Gerald Pogmore, 21, are textile majors at the University of Manchester, where they will begin their senior year of study when they return to England next month.

They have been working at the Burlington Industries plants here for the past three months -- holding down regular jobs and receiving regular pay. Potts has been working in the

"la-BOR-atry" (laboratory) at Raeford Worsted Plant. Pogmore was in process control at Pacific Mills Dyeing Plant.

Their stay in Raeford was pleasant, they said, thanks to Buford Davis, former Hoke High football star and a junior at East Carolina University, Davis, whose mother, Mrs. Brownie Davis, is a native of England, also worked this summer at the mill.

"Buford certainly has been great to us," Potts said. "He sort of took us under his wing. Got us a television set for the apartment, and was helpful in so many ways."

Both young men had worked summers in British textile plants, and said working condi-

tions are similar. The pay is slightly lower in England, but, then, so are living costs.

"The big difference is the relationship between management and the worker," Pogmore said. "Here, Burlington makes you feel that you're a part of the business. Individual workers are actually made to feel that they are involved in the operation. In England, the relationship is less personal. And factories are unionized there, too."

Potts and Pogmore occupied an apartment on Central Avenue during their stay here. On week ends, they "got on the Greyhound" and went to various points of interest -- once to New York City, and once to Daytona Beach.

The week end travel wasn't expensive, they said, because they paid a flat fare of less than \$100 and were permitted to use the ticket for transportation anywhere to any place.

They joked about their new haircuts, which were strictly American.

"Our hair was long when we left England, and we hadn't had it cut since May. Naturally, it caused people to wonder, and when they found we were from England, they wanted to know right away about the Beatles. People seem to think that English young people do nothing but plunk guitars and indulge the Beatles," Potts said.

Actually, English youngsters are much more MOD than See ENGLISH, Page 9

Labor Day Closings Set

Both town and county officials will observe Labor Day with closed offices and postponed monthly meetings.

The town board has set its September meeting date for Monday, September 11, one week from the regular meeting time. County commissioners will meet Tuesday, September 5, one day later than the regular meeting date.

One matter of business for the town board will be the opening of bids for 35,000 square yards of street resurfacing.

All county offices will be closed all day Monday, T. B. Lester, county manager reported. Mrs. Lee Cameron said the library also will be closed, as will the CAP office thereby emptying the entire building for the holiday.

Southern National Bank will be closed and the Bank of Raeford will remain open.

The post office and federal offices in the post office building will be closed.

Indications this week were that most retail stores will be open.

Everything Near Normal Hoke Schools Are Opened To Some 5,000 Students

Summer vacation ended yesterday for an estimated 5,000 Hoke County public school students who trooped back to the county's nine schools.

W. T. Gibson Jr., superintendent of schools, said it will be days before enrollment figures are completed, but he expects the school population to be "slightly higher" than last year.

Schools were nearer normal than they have been since 1965, when classes began with three grades housed in downtown Raeford churches. That emergency measure was necessary after fire destroyed the main building of J. W. McCluchlin Elementary School the previous fall.

Last year, six new classrooms were completed at the McCluchlin school site and students were moved out of Raeford Presbyterian Church. This fall, neither First Baptist Church nor Raeford Methodist Church facilities will be used by the school board.

But it will be a few days until seventh and eighth graders will occupy classrooms at the new elementary school off Bethel Road across from Hoke High School. The new school, built with bond money approved by the people last year, was scheduled to have 10 classrooms ready by yesterday; however, recent rains slowed construction and the classrooms will not be ready until Monday.

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said it would be impossible to issue uniforms and instruments and have a rehearsal in time for the game.

The school board decided to transfer the sixth grade of Upchurch School to the new Bethel

Road facility after Office of Education officials recommended there be no "racial identifiability" at the school.

That recommendation came after a federal team inspected the local school system, at the

invitation of the board of education. Earlier, the local board had been warned by federal officials that Hoke schools might not qualify for continued federal aid if desegregation was not

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FIRST DAY--School may be fun, but these dubious six-year-olds will have to be convinced. Right now, most of them are more interested in the camera than in school, except the little boy at left, that is. It appears that he would rather get on with the business at hand so he can go home. The teacher is Mrs. Nell Snead at J.W. McCluchlin Elementary School.

Sgt. Walter E. Holt Wins Pair Of Medals In Vietnam

Sgt. E-5 Walter E. Holt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holt of Raeford, had been awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Army Commendation Medal for heroism for combat duty in Vietnam.

The commendation medal was presented to Holt "for heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force," and the Bronze Star "for distinguishing himself by outstanding meritorious service in connection with ground operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 20 May 1966 to 19 May 1967."

Holt, who enlisted in the Army

in 1963 for a three-year hitch, had his tour extended for eight months in Vietnam, and when that period was over, another six-month extension was attached, his relatives here report.

The Commendation Medal for Heroism was awarded to Holt by the commander 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, The citation states in part:

"Sergeant Holt distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 31 January 1967 in the Republic of Vietnam. Sergeant Holt was a squad leader when the troops were suddenly caught in the killing zone of a well-planned Viet Cong ambush.

Sergeant Holt exposed himself to a high volume of fire to personally direct the fires of his squad. During the fire fight, Sergeant Holt with complete disregard for his own safety exposed himself to the deadly enemy fire to move from position to position to encourage his men and personally supervise the delivery of fire on the enemy. . . ."

The Bronze Star Medal was awarded to Holt by direction of the president. The citation revealed:

"Through his untiring efforts and professional ability, he con-

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Rainy Week At Elizabeth City Knocks Out Hoke County Fair

Raeford Jaycees were forced this week to split the annual Hoke - Scotland Agricultural Fair into two parts when the midway scheduled to appear here bogged down at the rain-soaked Elizabethtown fairgrounds.

Homer Tuttle, Jaycee fair president, said agricultural and homemaker exhibits were entered and judged, as planned, because of the perishable nature of some entries.

The carnival portion of the annual event will be staged September 18-23.

"We are sorry about the difficulty in staging the fair as planned," Tuttle said. "The midway owner telephoned us last Saturday and told us he was stuck in the mud at Elizabethtown. I went there myself and saw his plight. They had had 11 or 12 inches of rain in a period of a few days and the rides and other midway attractions were bogged down."

"The vehicles could have been dragged out of the mire, but

all the engines would have had to be cleaned and the midway could not have been set up until the end of the week. We thought the best thing to do was to postpone the carnival portion of the fair, which will be held in a couple of weeks," Tuttle said.

Meanwhile, a surprising number of exhibits turned up at the exhibit hall in Hillcrest community, although Jaycees actually discouraged entries after the postponement.

Entries were brought in Monday, judged Tuesday, and taken home yesterday.

An official from the N. C. Department of Agriculture, which inspects all county fairs in the state, arrived Tuesday afternoon to inspect exhibits and file a report on the fair.

Fairs must maintain a certain standard in number and of exhibits, as well.

Fairs must have a certain number of exhibits to qualify for certain concessions made by the state to sponsoring or-

ganizations. If exhibits are not satisfactory, the fair is classed as a carnival and is subject to certain state taxes and fees.

Jaycees were not advised by the Department of Agriculture representative whether the split-date fair will qualify for classification as a bona fide fair.

Jaycees announced these prize winners in the various categories of exhibits:

A tiques -- Mrs. Irvin Hubbard, \$17; Mrs. Rosa Gullledge, \$7.50; Javie Johnson, \$5. Horticulture -- Mrs. E. T. Collins, fruit, \$3; Mrs. Woodrow Hayes, peas, \$2; Mrs. Tom Jones, lima beans, \$2; Dale Jones, sweet potatoes, \$1; Charles Willis, corn, \$1; Mrs. Lois Jones, peppers, \$1; best entry in glass, \$10; Arlene Clark, watermelon, \$1. Pansico and 1-rod Cress -- Charles Hayes, tobacco, \$14; Mrs. Woodrow Hayes, tobacco, \$7.50; Tom Jones, tobacco, \$5; John Hamilton, cotton, \$1; Charles Hayes, corn, \$2; Charles

Hayes, other grain, \$1. Flowers -- Raeford Home Demonstration Club, best Club exhibit, \$15; Mrs. Rosie Floyd, flowers, \$5; Mrs. Mary Graham, potted plant, \$4.

Home Products -- Josephine Hall, best in class, silver tray, \$10; Josephine Hall, quilts, \$2; Emogene Stokes, quilts, \$2; Mrs. Ruby Beasley, canned vegetables, \$2; Mrs. Louis Farmer, jams and jellies, \$2.50; Gertrude Papp, baked goods, \$1.50; Mrs. W. I. Strader, candy, \$1; Emogene Stokes, meat, \$12. Household articles -- Mrs. Charles Hostetler, best in class, \$12; Isabelle McClayton, bedding, \$2; J. C. Baker, \$1; Mrs. Charles Augustus, quilt, brocket or needlework, \$1; Mrs. Clayton Maxwell, adult clothing, \$1; Mrs. Ruby Beasley, youth clothing, \$1; Lucille Mitchell, towels, \$2; Clara Mewheater, towels, \$2.

Arts and Crafts -- Best in class, window article, painting, silver tray and \$7.50; Alice See JAYCEES, Page 9



Exhibitors Make Fair Entries