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UPSIDE DOWN—"Hanging Up" doesn't mean a thing to young Barry Salzer, shown here "skinning the cat" in a frontyard pine tree. Anyway, says his brother, Leopold (upright), bats, if not Batman, hang upside down. The Salzers moved to Rockfish Road this summer. Daddy, Barry Salzer, is an Army man stationed in Vietnam.

Meet HEW Requirements Hoke Schools Will Open Free Of Federal Threat

Hoke County's plan for integration of local schools has been approved by federal officials, who continue to give many other school systems in the state a "hard time" for failure to meet requirements of the Civil Rights Law of 1964.

Under threat of losing federal aid unless it moved immediately to eliminate the "dual school system" here, Hoke County Board of Education moved earlier this summer to totally integrate grades six through 12 this year and grades one through five at the beginning of the 1969-70 school year.

The move brought consolidation of the county's three high schools - Hoke County High School, Upchurch High School and Hawk Eye High School - into one 1,400-student school at the Hoke High plant. The new W.T. Gibson School plant, across Bethel Road from Hoke High, was made a part of the new high school.

Upchurch, formerly a predominantly Negro elementary and high school complex, will be used for all Hoke students in grades six, seven and eight.

Telephone communication with officials of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare earlier had indicated the consolidation and integration plans were sufficient to meet federal requirements.

This week, written confirmation was received from Dr. Lloyd R. Henderson of HEW, who said:

"We have reviewed and analyzed the material and your plan, if implemented, will meet the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964."

Meanwhile, D.D. Abernethy, superintendent of schools, said Friday's opening of school is expected to bring some confusion about bus routes, which have been consolidated this year.

Previously, the county operated 51 buses, with facilities largely separated for white, Negro and Indian students. The buses often traveled over much of the same territory.

This year, only 41 bus routes have been established before opening of school, but Abernethy said he is confident the other 10 buses will be pressed into service when routes are adjusted.

"We had an expert from the State Department of Public Instruction here last week to study the problems. He was helpful in planning routes, but we

obviously do not know all the stops, since we do not as yet know who all the students are, or where they will board buses," he said.

Drivers have been instructed to travel their planned routes the first day of school until their buses are filled, then to drive to their school, unload, and return to cover the remainder of the route.

In Raeford, many students will be eligible to ride to Upchurch School, but pick-up points will not be established until a definite distribution of students is learned, Abernethy said.

He estimated that the consolidation of bus facilities will reduce by 20 miles per day the route of each bus. Multiplied by 51, times 180 school days, that would amount to 180,000 miles. At 17 cents a mile, that would represent a saving of some \$30,000.

"That will not be a direct saving to the Hoke County taxpayer, but it will to the state," Abernethy said. School bus transportation is financed by the state.

Abernethy also released a listing of faculty assignments. They follow:

SCURLOCK SCHOOL

Floyd W. Caldwell-Principal, Cecil V. Dargan, Phyllis J. Torrey, Betty S. McCall, Luevenia M. Burke, Lillian E. Simmons, Rosa M. Fowler, Leona M. Coleman, Gertie A. Campbell.

Rosa C. McNeill, Arlicia T. Raye, Flora E. McRae, Addie M. Page, Hannah A. Springs, Rosa S. Anders, Eunice S. Torrey, Elnora S. Miles, Florence Weaver, Juanita McAllister, Vera Malcolm.

WEST HOKE SCHOOL

Maurice B. Hayes-Principal, Viola B. White, Mary A. Scott, Cohilda M. Lyons, Lillian D. Gleaves, Ruth M. Quick, Jennie B. McPhatter, Annie Marable, Clara R. Frierson.

Margaret A. Williams, Sarah S. Blue.

Dorothy J. Villines, Irish Pickett, Catherine Williams, Willie Frances Liles, Dora L. Gilchrist, Bonzie B. Dobbins, Geneva R. Jones, Joycesteen Ruffin, Pollyanna Lawrence, Linda C. Sampson.

UPCHURCH SCHOOL

Lonnie Bledsoe-Principal, Harriet H. McFayden, Marion H. Gattin, Pauline F. McFayden, Georgia K. Garner, Blue M. Woodard, Frank Harrison, Stanley C. McCorkle, Janet Snyder.

Phyllis C. Duncan, Cressie H. Thigpen, Calvin D. Porter, Jimmy Jackson, Donald Cummings, Georgia K. McDowell, Jessie B. McNeill, Jeffrey Campbell, Dwan S. Upchurch.

Gladys S. Colson, Woodrow H. Westall, Katie M. Blythe, Steve Loibner, Magellon D. Robinson, James S. Jacobs, Willie McNeill, Jr., Alexander Geddie, Ida M. Cole.

Brenda Smith, Brenda A. Jones. (See SCHOOLS, Page 7)

Overheated Judge Calls For 'Cool'

Apparently exhausted after a week of holding court in the hot Hoke County courtroom last week, Judge Maurice Braswell issued an order calling for the Hoke County Board of Commissioners to have the place air conditioned by May 1, 1969.

Record-breaking temperatures hovered around and above the 100 degree mark all week and the judge reportedly went home ill on both Thursday and Friday. Temperature in the courtroom was estimated to be around 95 degrees while the sunshine streamed through open windows all through the day.

Judge Braswell's order called for the county board to install an "efficient air conditioning system," in the courtroom, grand jury room and regular jury room of the courthouse. The state pays Hoke County rent for the courtroom and for court-connected offices and the subject of air conditioning the courtroom has on occasion been discussed.

County Manager T. B. Lester said, "We had planned to have the work done by next summer, anyway." He said that the county had been trying to build up enough reserve from the rental fees to pay for the air-conditioning job, but at the beginning of this fiscal year was still about a thousand dollars short. The cost is expected to be at least \$5,000, he estimated.

Solicitor Doran Berry, after court, told a story connected with the Moore County courthouse, where efforts to get the courtroom air conditioned had failed time and again. One hot week while Superior Court was in session, the presiding judge ordered the sheriff to go out and summon every member of the Moore county board to appear before him. Once in the steamy courtroom, they were allowed to just sit until the judge was sure the commissioners had realized what the jurors, the clerks, the witnesses, attorneys and others were experiencing. The courtroom is now air conditioned.



State Garage Tire Case Finally Closed

A Hoke County service station operator was found not guilty of charges attempting to link him with alleged theft and sale of tires from a State Highway Commission garage here when the two-year-old case finally was cleared off the Hoke Superior Court docket last week.

Calvin Foster McBryde had been charged with embezzling and converting in connection with cases involving three other defendants accused of private disposal of state-owned truck tires.

Cases against the three other defendants were disposed of at

earlier sessions of the court, with only one defendant, L.C. Cunningham, being convicted.

Other judgments handed down Thursday and Friday in the waning hours of the session, presided over by Judge Braswell of Fayetteville, included:

Glenn Currie Gibson, Raeford Rt. 2, driving under the influence, second offense, prayer for judgment continued until November term of Superior Court.

Henry Lee Locklear, Wakulla, non support, nol pros.
Pearlie Lee Locklear.
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Labor Day Closings Set

Most Hoke Countians who "labor" will have a three-day holiday this week Saturday, Sunday, and Labor Day (Monday).

County and town offices will be closed Monday. County commissioners postponed their September meeting until Tuesday morning, and town commissioners put off their meeting until Monday night, September 9.

The post office and other federal agencies will observe the holiday, as will all Hoke County schools, Hoke County Library, and its bookmobile unit.

The News-Journal will observe the holiday, but correspondents are urged to file their copy as usual.

Labor Day only recently has gained widespread recognition in the South as a national holiday. For many years, it has signified the end of the beach season, and is one of the more popular holidays in the north.

The North Carolina State Highway
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Unidentified Youth Wrestles With Recalcitrant Bluetick



Upsy Daisy . . .



Get Back Up There . . .



That's Better (But Not Much)