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Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The North Carolina United Community Services held its annual meeting in Southern Pines last Thursday. This organization is better known to most of us in Hoke County as the United Fund. The meeting was well attended and the by-laws were changed due to the fact that the organization now includes groups only from North Carolina. The new president is James B. L. Rush of Winston-Salem.

The speaker at the affair was Robert W. Goldfarb, Associate Director of Urban Coalition under the Nixon administration. He seemed well versed concerning his job and a few things he said still stick in my mind. One was that aid must be given to the large cities of this country or they will deteriorate. He said that people were moving to the suburbs and that as the welfare seekers and low income groups moved in, that the cities were deteriorating block by block. This is one of the problems that faces him in the next few months.

One other comment was that he thought the salvation of this country would come from conservative businesses that would not be told either by the government or labor how their business should be run. I go along with this idea. This was the first time for me to be in attendance at the annual meeting but I feel sure it will not be my last.

A good friend of mine came by the other day and asked if it was her child riding a pony on the sidewalk. When I said no, she then changed her expression and told me in no uncertain terms that she would drive me in Raeford on Saturday. Now I wonder what she would have said if it had been her child on the pony.

The Hoke County Rescue Squad will have a Bar-B-Q dinner and supper at the old airport Saturday according to information received from Jim Wade and John R. Davis. The feeding will begin at 11 a. m. and go until approximately 7:30 p. m. Try to go by for a plate and help.

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Cotton Producers Vote 'No'

Hoke County Cotton Producers, voting in the cotton referendum held May 5 through May 9, disapproved the transfer of cotton allotments by sale or lease to other counties for 1970. Ballots were counted in an open meeting in the county ASCS office, Wednesday, May 14, 1969, by members of the Hoke County ASCS Committee. The returns showed 377 ballots cast, with 192 or 51 percent voting "Yes" and 185 or 49 percent voting "no". A "yes" vote by at least two-thirds of the county's cotton producers was required to permit such transfers.

Thomas Burgess, Hoke ASC Office Manager, reminds cotton producers that cotton allotments may be brought into Hoke County, by sale or lease, from other counties, even though cotton cannot be transferred out.

The following is a breakdown of the

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County Tax Rate Set At \$1.45, 7¢ Increase

Hoke County Commissioners this week approved the county budget at \$1,092,117 and raised the tax rate 7 cents. The budget for the new fiscal year, beginning July 1, is only slightly higher than the 1968-69 budget which was \$1,083,912. The tax rate will increase from \$1.38 to \$1.45 per \$100 taxable evaluation.

Biggest items in the budget were \$597,420 for schools; welfare \$147,774, which includes administration and public and general assistance; law enforcement \$66,638; jail \$10,785; county accountant office \$20,247.

Following is a complete listing of budget appropriations, all of which are on file at the county accountant's office (last

year's totals are in parentheses):

Administration, \$8,945.48 (\$8,490.44) - salary of board, \$2,640; Clerk to board, \$600; County attorney, \$300; Social Security, \$126.72 (\$121.44); travel of board, \$200; supplies and expense \$4,000 (\$3,600); Miscellaneous \$100; Auditing \$900 (\$850); Hospital Insurance, \$60; Workers Compensation \$18.76 (\$19).
Tax Listing, \$17,065.78 (\$14,029.81) - Ass't Tax supervisor, \$5,925 (\$3,800); Social Security and Retirement, \$1,396.05 (\$1,357.81); Travel, \$300 (\$150); Books and Supplies, \$800; List Takers, \$2,000; Tax Receipts, \$400; Raeford Tax Lister, \$4,200 (\$3,510); Mapping, \$500; Postage, \$500; Appraisal Expense, \$1,000; Workers Compensation

\$44,73 (\$12).

Tax Collector, \$18,550.92 (\$13,592.03) - Salary - Collector, \$6,300 (\$5,625); Ass't Collector, \$5,300 (\$4,505); Social Security and Retirement, \$1,489.44 (\$1,632.96); Travel, \$200; Telephone, \$150; Supplies and Expense, \$1,330; Equipment, \$3,600 (was not in budget last year); Workers Compensation, \$61.48 (\$29.07); Hospital, \$120.
Election, \$10,145.58 (\$5,419.20) - Salary - Chairman, \$600; Officials, \$8,000 (\$3,400); Travel, \$150; Supplies and Expense, \$1,250; Miscellaneous, \$100 (not in budget last year); Workers Compensation, \$45.58 (\$19.20).
Law Enforcement, \$66,638.67

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Areas For First Five Grades

Board Announces Plan For One School System

At a significant meeting Monday night the Hoke County board of education took the final step to complete the elimination of racial schools in the county. A year ago when one system for all children in grades six through twelve was established, the board announced that one system for grades one through five would be established and effective for the school year starting in September of this year,

and this has been done.

In making the announcement for the school board, County Superintendent Donald Abernethy also announced teacher assignments for all teachers already under contract for next year, and announced that there would be no further assignments of school children living in Hoke County to public schools outside the county. Children who are assigned this year

to schools outside the county will be reassigned to schools within the county after the next school year, and effective with the 1972-73 school year all students residing in the county will be attending schools in the county if they attend public schools. Calendar for the 1969-70 year was also announced.

About 60 Hoke children now attend Moore County schools, about 40 attend the Red Springs

schools, and an undetermined number attend other outside schools.

Plan For Lower Grades

Approximately 2,300 children will be affected by the reassignments of the first five grades in the county, and the board has accomplished the task by establishing three areas in the county for this purpose. As shown on the county map on this page, the Western area will include the area generally west of a line drawn south from the Fort Bragg reservation boundary to the intersection of Turnpike Road and N. C. 211, thence 1.1 miles generally west on Turnpike to county road 1145, then generally south along county roads 1145 and 1208, by old Will Wright place, J. C. Wright place and Ples Wright place to U. S. 401 near Guy Bullock's station. The line then follows 401 southwest to the Scotland county line.

Pre-school registration of first graders will be held at the first grade schools in each attendance area next Wednesday, May 28, between 9:00 a. m. and 3:00 p. m. Parents living in the eastern area of the county are asked to go to Scurlock school, in the central area to McLaughlin school and to West Hoke school in the western area on this day and register their children who are to enter the first grade in September. Presence of the children is not necessary.

Much Needed Rain Arrives

A much needed rain has poured forth its bounty over Hoke County and the surrounding area early this week. According to W. S. Young, Hoke County Farm Agent, crops should really start sprouting now.

"It's been a 'real' rain," he said. "It's coming down slow and soaking in. The farmers could have waited longer, there hasn't been a lot of damage but this rain will cause the crops to grow a lot faster."

GRADUATION ISSUE

Next week's NEWS-JOURNAL will dedicate its pages to the Hoke County High School Class of 1969. Pictures of each graduating senior will be featured in the issue along with pictures of scholarship winners and new class officers.

All pupils in the first five grades living west of this line will attend West Hoke school, and the percentages have been estimated by the board at 59 per cent black, 25 per cent white and 16 per cent Indian. Total number of pupils is estimated at 430 in the five grades.

M. B. Hayes is principal at West Hoke, and teachers assigned there are Valerie Roach, Bonnie Horsley, Geneva R. Jones, Dora Gilchrist, Willie F. Liles, Peggy M. Gillis, Elsie M. Coleman, Rosa M. Fowler, Thelma McPhaul, Catherine C. Williams, Mary A. Morris, Cohilda M. Lyons, Christine Moore, Reba Holmes, Nannie Thornburg, Wilson Chavis, and Joycesteen F. Ruffin, librarian.

Scurlock For East Hoke

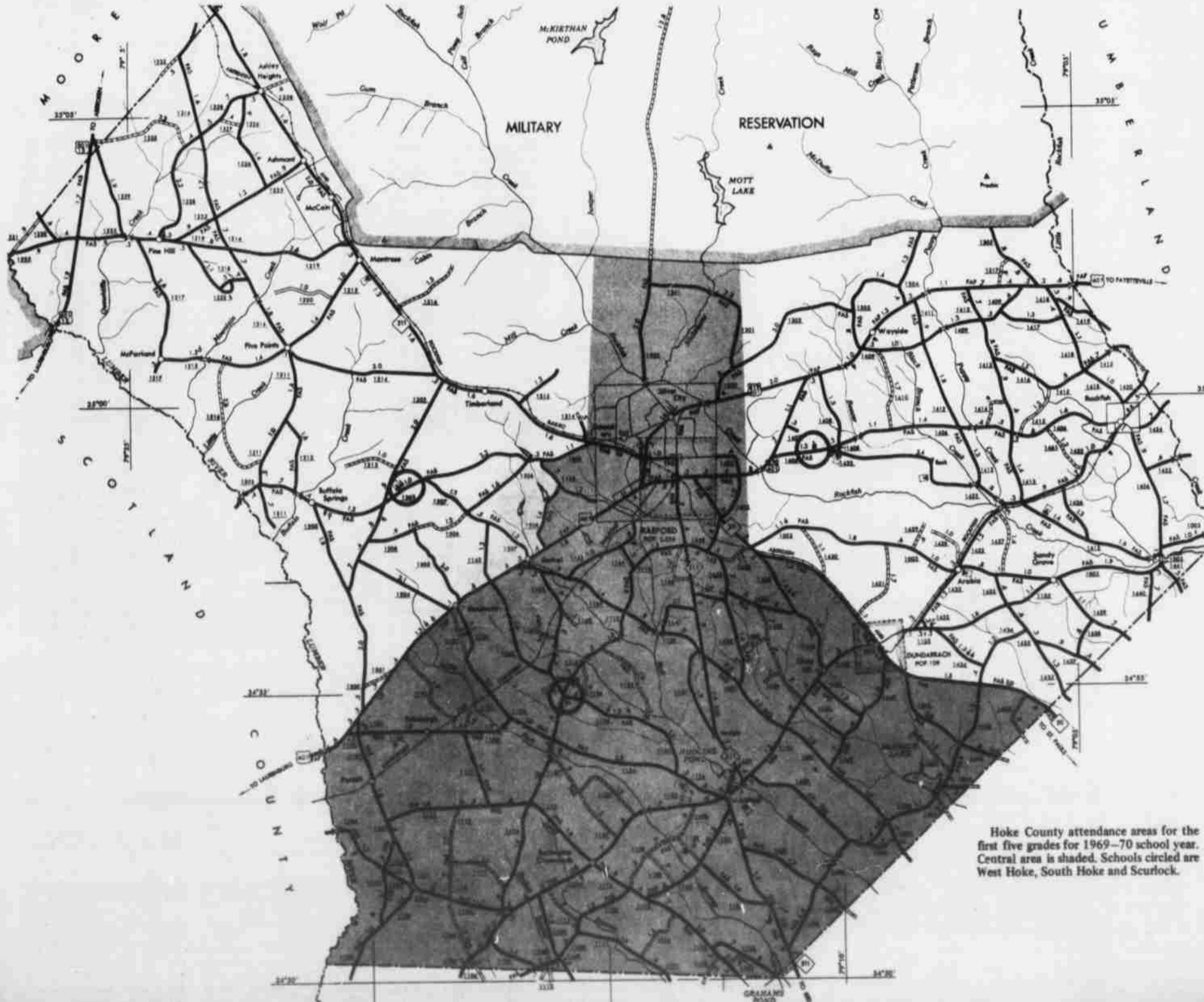
The eastern division of the county has been established by a line south from the Fort Bragg reservation to N. C. 20 where A&R Railroad crosses it, thence southeast along N. C. 20 to the Robeson County line. All pupils in the first five grades living in the area of Hoke County east of this line are to attend the Scurlock School on the Raeford - Rockfish Road. About 470 pupils are involved, with the racial division being estimated at 53 per cent black, 39 per cent white and eight per cent Indian.

Scurlock's principal is F. W. Caldwell and teachers assigned are Mary P. Jones, Rosa S. Anders, Hannah Springs, Elnora Miles, Leona M. Coleman, Addie M. Page, Gerie Campbell, Caroline M. Parker, Sarah S. Blue, Frances H. Bowles, Clara R. Frierson, Luevenia M. Burke, Ruth Quick, Mary Senter, Cecil Dargan and Phyllis Torrey. Florence Weaver will teach reading and Juanita McAllister is to be librarian.

All Others Central

Children in the first five grades in the remaining areas of the county, west of

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Hoke County attendance areas for the first five grades for 1969-70 school year. Central area is shaded. Schools circled are West Hoke, South Hoke and Scurlock.

Hoke County Schools Calendar - 1969-70

August 27	Teachers First Day
August 29	Registration
September 1	Labor Day-No School
September 2	First Day of regular term
September 29	End First Month
October 24	Teachers Prof. Meeting
October 28	End Second Month
November 25	End Third Month
November 27-28	Thanksgiving
December 22-Jan. 2	Christmas
January 9	End Fourth Month
February 6	End Fifth Month
March 6	End Sixth Month
March 26-31	Easter Holidays
April 9	End Seventh Month
May 7	End Eighth Month
June 3	End Ninth Month
June 5	Teachers Last Day