



TEXTILE TRAINING -- Instructor Willett Bissett uses a shuttle while explaining basic weaving operations to high school students at an introduction to textiles class at Hoke High School.

Burlington Created High School Course

A high school vocational textile program, first of its kind in the state, has completed its first year at Raeford, with 80 students participating. Thirty of the more promising students will move into a second-year program next fall, toward completion of a three-year program in classroom and laboratory work leading to textile careers.

Sponsored by Burlington Industries' local manufacturing plants and sparked by the enthusiasm of a plant employee turned instructor, the Raeford course gives a new dimension to the Hoke County school system's vocational program.

Classroom work, tours of the local Burlington Worsteds Raeford Plant and Burlington Worsteds Dyeing Plant, and

use of a wide range of visual aids and other instructional materials have highlighted the curriculum so far.

Next fall, the 30 rising juniors will have access to a new center nearing completion at the local Burlington plants, where they will have two-hour laboratory sessions each day to further their awareness of textile processes in the plant. This will be supplemented in their senior year by actual on-the-job training, with pay, in the local plants.

The new center will be multi-purpose, serving as laboratory for the high school students, as a textile adjustment center for new plant employees, and for training and re-training of present employees.

Willett Bissett, instructor for the new textile course at the Hoke County High School, is a former weaver at the Raeford Plant. His expertise in teaching is praised by Principal R. A. Autry who notes that while it's too early to try to evaluate the textile program completely, "it is helping prepare these young people for meaningful and rewarding jobs after graduation."

"We will encourage them to continue their education, but if they choose not to, they will be prepared to step into good, fulltime jobs here," Mr. Bissett states. All graduates of the three-year course will be assured jobs with Burlington.

Mr. Bissett's enthusiasm and hard work have obviously paid off. Not only has much interest been generated among students since the classes began last fall,

but the three girls and 28 boys who will move into their junior year have performed well academically. Mr. Bissett has proposed the formation of an advisory committee to fully evaluate the textile program.

He credits the cooperation of the N.C. Department of Public Instruction with helping make the Hoke County program a success. Tom Bridges, a state advisor in occupational education, made arrangements between the Department and the Hoke County schools to introduce the program. Entirely supported by Burlington to this point, consideration is being given to joint support of the program by the school system as part of its vocational curriculum in future years.

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Around Town

By SAM MORRIS

Last Friday morning we thought for a while we were in New York City. The traffic in Raeford was jammed on Main Street through three stop lights and this also caused jams on Central, Elwood and Edinborough Avenues. What caused the crowd in the city Friday morning, we haven't been able to discover. The action of Policeman Zeke Wiggins, who started directing traffic at the corner of Main Street and Elwood Avenue, finally let the stop lights catch with the flow of traffic.

We don't know if this occurs very often, but if so we think City Manager John Gaddy should start trying to solve this problem. The work of Policeman Wiggins also goes to show that the city needs an officer on duty on Main Street during the daylight hours.

Talmadge Baker, farm extension agent for Hoke County, was the speaker last Thursday night at the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club. Baker's talk was on the livestock growth in the county. He not only had the facts and figures, but also showed slides of different farms that have livestock. The income from livestock, which is cattle, swine and poultry, was tops for farmers in Hoke County last year of farm produce. Tobacco was second and cotton and soybeans next in line.

Baker's talk was very informative and interesting to the Kiwanians.

Monday afternoon I picked up Jack Bethune and we rode around and talked of our boyhood days in Hoke County. Jack was here over the weekend to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Eva Bethune who died last week in Lansing, Mich., and was buried here Friday. Jack's father and mother are natives of this section and the five children were all born in Hoke County. Jack and his family were staying with Mr. and Mrs. Lacy McFadyen. Mr. Lacy is a brother of Mrs. Bethune. The Bethunes left Tuesday for Tampa, Fla. where they live.

While riding around town we passed the home of Fred Culbreth and Jack recalled the days we played cowboys and Indians in the wooded section behind Mrs. Ryan McBryde's home. We then went past the home of H.L. Gatlin, Jr. and Jack remembered when he and Alvis Dickson went squirrel hunting near Covington's Pond. The Gatlin home is the old Dickson homeplace and the pond is just a few miles from the house. They had killed a squirrel or two. Jack recalls when they spotted some ducks on the pond. They separated and when Alvis fired at the ducks he aimed low and hit Jack with number 8 shot in the seat of the pants. As he was telling me this story it brought to mind the group of boys that built a cabin on Rockfish Creek. They were James Gordon Currie, Alvis Dickson, Harold Keith, Kerr Stevens, John Thomas Walters, R.G. Stone, Jack Bethune, Harold McDiarmid and Sam and Bruce Morris, Jr. We talked of the work that we did and then about the group.

Only Kerr Stevens and myself are living in Raeford. James Gordon, Alvis and John Thomas are dead. The others have moved like Jack to other places. You don't think about the way boyhood friends separate until you run into one and start talking of the past. This is the first time in over 20 years that I had seen Jack Bethune. As we parted Monday he said that he wouldn't stay away as long again and for me to look him up in Tampa. Space cannot be provided for all we talked about, but if any of the aforementioned are ever in Raeford, come by and we can take up where Jack left off.

Interior Decorating Class

Mrs. Edith McGlamery, Extension Specialist in House Furnishings, N.C. State University, will discuss "Principles of Interior Decorating" Thursday, July 9th in the Fellowship Hall of Raeford Presbyterian Church at 3:00 P.M. and 7:45 P.M. The public is invited.

Man Killed In Wreck

Richard McPhatter, 70, was killed Friday morning in a collision with a transport truck at the intersection of Vass Road and 401 By - pass near Parks Grocery.

McPhatter drove onto the highway to cross at the intersection when his car was hit on the left side by the truck, which was traveling north.

The truck driver, Byran Grantham of Salemburg was taken to Cape Fear Valley Hospital for observation.

The accident occurred about 11:30 Friday morning.

McPhatter's death was the fifth traffic fatality for the county this year. The wreck was the only serious accident here during the holiday weekend.

Funeral services for McPhatter were held Monday at Silver Grove Baptist Church by the Rev. W.K. Mitchell and burial was in the church cemetery.

He is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Classic Cox of Milwaukee, Wis., Mrs. Louise Moore of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Havana White and Mrs. Utencil Purcell of Raeford and Mrs. Priscilla Steele of Newark, N.J.; two sons, John C. McPhatter and Richard McPhatter, Jr. of Raeford; three sisters, Mrs. Luverta Huey and Mary Mac Secrest of Raeford and Mrs. Nancy Thomas of Chesapeake, Va.; 26 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Rescue Squad Has Accident

The Rescue Squad's emergency vehicle collided with a pick-up truck Tuesday morning at the intersection of Prospect and Magnolia Street.

James Riley, a member of the Rescue Squad, was answering a call to a wreck on N.C. 211 about 8:30 Tuesday morning, City Police Chief L.W. Stanton said.

He approached the stop light at Prospect and Magnolia with the emergency light blinking and the siren on but failed to see the truck driven by Thomas Conoly, which was crossing the intersection on Magnolia. There was a green light for Magnolia Street, Stanton said.

Students Design Low Cost Homes Here

Custom designed homes for a moderate price are being made available through an unusual project that is the first of its kind in the state.

Architectural students from North Carolina State University in Raleigh are working with prospective buyers in a subdivision developed by Forward, Inc., Hoke County's anti-poverty agency to offer individually designed homes tailored to suit each family.

Eighteen lots are being offered for sale in the subdivision located off Vass Road near the water tower of the Northwest Water Supply company.

Forward, Inc. received a \$10,000 grant and a \$9,100 loan to purchase the land and supply paved streets and water connections. The loan will be repaid to Advancement, Inc. through the sale of the lots.

The development became a project of the School of Architecture about six months ago. Farmer's Home Administration director here, Jake Vinson, and the FHA district supervisor, Robert Fleetwood, went to the school with the idea of providing well designed homes for a moderate cost.

Associate professor Henry Sanoff became interested in the idea and in February a group of graduate students began work on the project.

Since then they have designed three homes for the development. Construction is expected to begin soon on the first one to be built there.

All of the designs so far have been modernistic, with asymmetrical roofs and use of open space. However, not all of the

Commissioners Postpone Action On Board Of Health Resolution

A resolution from the county health board was approved and action on another health board resolution was postponed by the county board of commissioners at the July meeting Tuesday.

City Quiet For Fourth

It was a quiet holiday for city law enforcement officers.

City Police Chief L.W. Stanton reported that there were no wrecks and only one arrest during the Fourth of July weekend from Friday morning until Monday night.

One traffic fatality and two shootings occurred in the county over the weekend.

Richard McPhatter, 70, was killed when a tractor-trailer struck his car on 401 By-pass Friday.

Linnie Farmer, Marvin Woods and Bobby Ray Chavis were injured in shootings Friday and Saturday. Farmer was shot Friday at Virgil's Drive in and Woods and Chavis were shot Saturday near Robeson County. Three men have been arrested in connection with the shootings. They are Julius Dockery, John Wayne Locklear and Nelson Tyler.

Delegates from the proposed Pine Hill and West Hoke fire districts met with the commission. Chairman T.C. Jones assured them that the commission would approve a petition from each group to hold an election to establish a fire district as soon as signatures of at least 15 per cent of the property owners in the district were collected.

James Baxley, the county electrical inspector, complained to the commissioners that trailers in the Harmony Heights trailer park were being connected and the meters set by the power company without an electrical inspection, in violation of state and county law. T.B. Lester reported that the

commission postponed action on the resolution to hire a nurse supervisor pending a meeting with the Comprehensive Health Planning Commission in which the county is participating.

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They are accused of shooting Marvin Woods and Bobby Ray Chavis, both of Hoke County. Both men were hospitalized in satisfactory condition.

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Deputies Alex Norton and Robert Locklear investigated the shootings.

owner of the park, Tom Cameron, has offered in the future to collect the inspection fee from new trailers in the park. Baxley requested that the commission write a letter of complaint to the Lumbee Rural Electric Cooperative.

Harold Gillis, manager of Raeford and Hoke County Chamber of Commerce, protested the reduction of \$1000 in the county's appropriation to the Chamber of Commerce.

The commissioners approved a request from D.D. Abernethy, county school superintendent, to transfer funds from the capital outlay fund to the current expenses fund.

Shootings Mar Hoke's Fourth

Two shootings in the county marred the Fourth of July holidays.

Linnie Farmer was shot in the chest with a small caliber pistol at Virgil's Drive in Friday night, Chief Deputy Harvey Young said. Farmer was taken to Moore Memorial Hospital.

Arrested in connection with the shooting was Julius Dockery, 22. He was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and was released on a \$1,000 bond.

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NEW POLICEMAN -- David L. Dawson began work as a city policeman on July 4. A native of Gray's Creek in Cumberland County, Dawson and his wife, the former Mary Lois Blackburn, have recently moved to Raeford.



HIGH STYLE, LOW COST -- John Sinnett shows off the models of two houses designed by a team from the architectural school at North Carolina State University for a moderate-cost housing development here.