

# Stonewall Report

by Mrs. Harold Chason

The WMU of Ephesus Baptist Church met Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Robert Ellis. Mrs. Marty Jackson gave the program on "Center for European Outreach". Fifteen members were present.

Mrs. Hazel Black and Mrs. Wendell Quick were hostesses to the WSCS at the Sandy Grove Hut Tuesday night. Mrs. Percy Brewer and several other members including the pastor, the Rev. Berry O. Barbour gave the program. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Edgar McGougan and Miss Dell McMillian visited Mrs. Bessie McMillian and daughter Mabe in Fayetteville Sunday p.m. Mrs. Lois McMillian, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Watkins and son of Lumberton and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Daniels and children of Raeford were Sunday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. McGougan.

Mrs. Leta Yates of Fayetteville spent a few days last week with Mrs. Earl Tolar. Chief Petty Officer Robert Maxwell spent several days with relatives in the community on his way from New York to California.

Miss Linda Hayes and Jimmy Maxwell are day students at Sandhills Community College for the 1971-72 year.

Mrs. Luther Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ruskin and Randy Black visited Mr. Jones at the Keller Nursing Home.

Mrs. Meekie Huthison returned home Sunday after

spending last week with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hutchison in Santee, S.C.

Mrs. Lina Quick of Red Springs and Mrs. John Glisson visited Mr. and Mrs. Willie Pate in Bladenboro Sunday.

Mrs. Joseph Hinds and children of Jacksonville, Florida visited Mr. and Mrs. Odell Miller and family Friday. Mrs. Martin Scarborough and children of Raeford were Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGregor and Mrs. Annie Cain visited Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Cain in St. Pauls Sunday.

J.A. Jones was honored with a cook-out at his home Tuesday, September 7 to celebrate his eighty-first birthday. Those attending were Mrs. Maude Gibson, Mrs. John Henry McNeill, David and Al McNeill of Red Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Jones and children of Raeford, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones of Fayetteville. We wish for Mr. Jones many more happy birthdays.

Richard McMillian spent several days this week in Muscle Shoals, Alabama on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Johnson and son Doug of Greenville, Tennessee spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Sandy.

Mrs. C.O. Oliver of Atlanta, Georgia is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Jones.

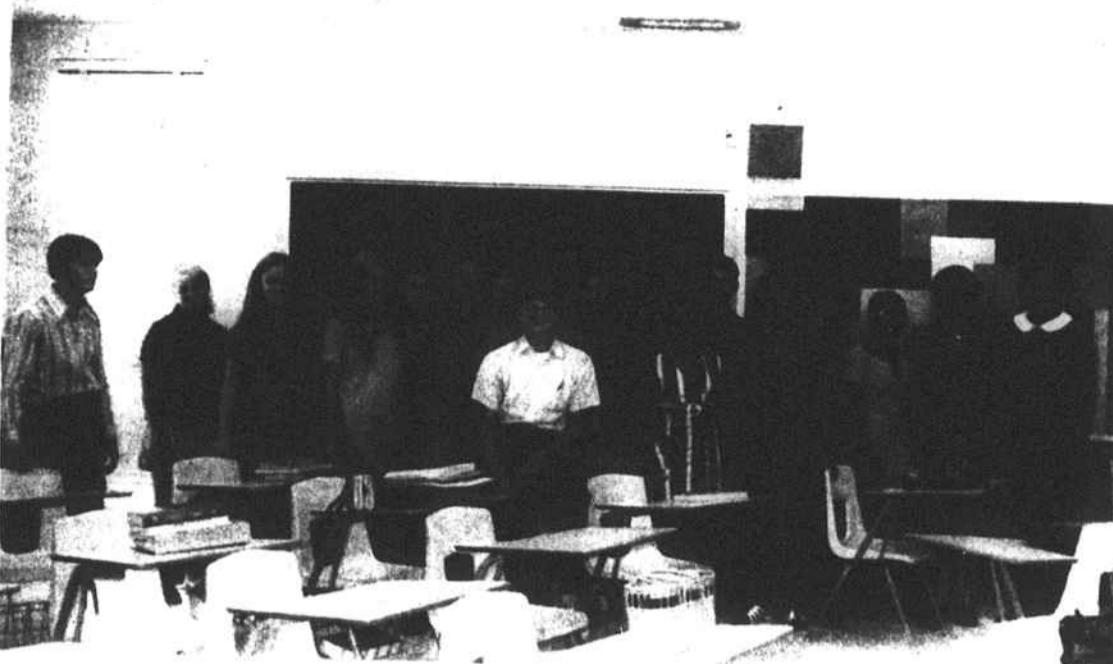
Mrs. Jim Maxwell and children Jimmy, Sally Lynn and Mary Monroe visited Mr. Maxwell at Moore Memorial Hospital Sunday afternoon. Mrs. John Covington is spending this week with Mrs. Maxwell and children.

J.A. Jones and Jessie Jones visited Luther Jones at the Keller Nursing Home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. H.C. Maxwell, Mrs. Myrtle Sappenfield, Mrs. Delia Raynor, Mrs. Dora Chason and Mrs. Harold J. Chason attended the McFadyen family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.L. McFadyen near Fayetteville Sunday. Mrs. Lilly McDougald was the oldest member present.

Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Boyles and Mrs. Cliff Elkins and children Melissa and Glenn visited Mrs. D.L. Boyles in Pinnacle Sunday. While Mrs. Bobby Davis was shopping at the Winn-Dixie store at Bordeaux Shopping Center, someone stole her purse off her shopping cart containing fifty dollars.

The community extends sympathy to the family of Mrs. Ida Mae Culbreth who passed away at Moore Memorial Hospital Monday a.m. Funeral and burial at Sandy Grove United Methodist Church Wednesday p.m.



EKOH STAFF FOR 1971-72 - This year's annual staff members are (from left) Jerry Tucker, Debbie Easterling, Julia Ann Gibson, Judy Faulk, Caroline Niven, Kelly Jordan, Jayne Bledsoe, Eddie Inman, Kathy Currie, Linda Miller, David Lane Jackson, Pat Dial, Eddie Dupree, Faye Davis, William Windley and Cinderella Bratcher. Not pictured are Jeff Davis, Lee Gillis, David Wood, Mac McNeill, Joe Cothran and Carol Fowler. Photo by Jeff Davis.

## \$261,000 Spent On New Babies In Hoke County

(Special to The News-Journal)

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 - Hoke County produced a bumper crop of babies in the past ten years, the Census Bureau's figures show.

Despite the fact that the birth rate was tapering off during the first half of the 60's, babies have been arriving on the local scene in considerable number since then.

According to the government report, a total of 3,725 babies were born to local residents between 1960 and 1970. This is exclusive of the number born in the county to non-residents.

Related to Hoke County's median population during the ten-year period, this was equivalent to an average annual birth rate of 20.9 per 1,000 people.

Elsewhere in the United States, the average rate was 19.9 per 1,000 population. In the South Atlantic States it was 20.4 and, in the State of North Carolina, 20.7.

Throughout the nation as a whole, a total of 39,033,000 births was recorded in the decade. In North Carolina, there were 1,032,000.

Each of the 3,725 babies born to parents in the local area signalled its arrival with a loud clamor for food, clothing, shelter and attention to its various other needs.

Ready to satisfy their special wants, then and now, are a whole group of service businesses and retail stores in the local area.

Available through them are layettes, bassinets, baby food, toys, play pens,

toiletries, diaper service, nursery kits and a host of other items.

Just how much is purchased from them in equipping each new child varies widely from family to family and from area to area across the country.

According to the latest figures released by the Health Insurance Institute, the average outlay per baby, exclusive of medical and hospital expenditures, is about \$700, and \$517 of it for baby clothes and equipment and the rest for

maternity clothes.

This amount would be reduced by gifts from relatives and friends and by articles, if available, used by an earlier child.

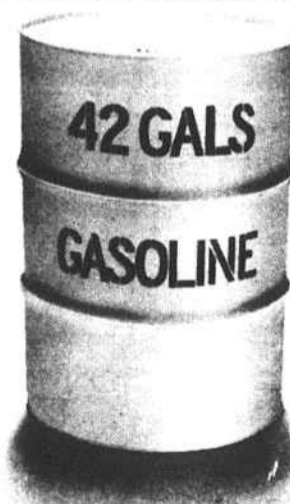
Applying this average cost to Hoke County's annual baby crop, it takes about \$261,000 a year to provide these arrivals with the necessary supplies and equipment.

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FRI. SEPT. 17  
Pizza  
Cole Slaw w/Carrots-A&C  
Buttered Corn  
Biscuit  
Peanut Butter Delight  
Milk

MON. SEPT. 20  
Cheeseburger in Bun  
French Fries w/Catsup  
Tossed Salad - A&C  
Cake  
Milk

TUES. SEPT. 21  
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce  
Steamed Cabbage-C  
Fruit Cup W/Fresh Banana  
Slices  
Combread  
Milk

WEDNES. SEPT. 22  
Hot Dogs w/Baked Beans  
Cole Slaw w/Carrots - A&C  
Banana Pudding  
Rolls  
Milk

THURS. SEPT. 23  
Barbe-Que Chicken  
Fluffy Potatoes-C  
June Peas  
Rolls  
Ice Cream  
Milk

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