

From The Home Agent's Desk

by Ellen Willis & Brenda Canady

Hint: Brush top milk or egg yolk diluted with milk over the top of a two - crust pie. Gives a rich, brown finish.

Schedule:

Monday, February 10, 8:30 a.m. Staff conference

Monday, February 10, 10:30 a.m. Report to county commissioners

Tuesday, February 11, 9 a.m. North Lakes Homemakers meeting at the home of Mrs. Lucille Bullard

Tuesday, February 11, 7:30 p.m. Extension Advisory Board meeting

Wednesday, February 12, 2 p.m. Ashmont Extension Homemakers meeting at the home of Mrs. D.H. Johnson

Thursday, February 13, 2:30 p.m. Allendale - Antioch Extension Homemakers meeting at the home of Mrs. Walter Gibson.

POPCORN PRICES

Popcorn - that favorite evening snack of many families - may be wearing a higher price tag this year.

And there are several reasons for this increase. The main one is less supply.

The 1974 popcorn yields were hurt by the summer drought in some parts of the country. And there was less left from the 1973 crop to carry over to this year.

Also, the strong prices for field corn and soybeans have caused popcorn farmers to put less of their acres and

time into this speciality crop.

On the demand side - popcorn lovers haven't lost their taste for this favorite snack.

The result is higher prices for those who still want crunchy popcorn along with their cozy fire, book, friends or television program on a frosty winter evening.

MANY POTATOES

Remember the old count off game - "one potato, two potato?" The chant ended "seven potato - more." And that's the situation with potatoes this season - more.

For storage potatoes are plentiful and will be in record quantity. And frozen potato supplies are plentiful too. So any way you want them - potatoes should be a good buy.

If storage potatoes are your choice, select well - shaped firm potatoes that

are free from blemishes, sunburn and decay. And, avoid those with large cuts or bruises.

On the other hand : when buying frozen French Fries, look for a government grade on the packages. Those marked U.S. Grade A - or Fancy fries - are top quality in color, size, shape and texture.

Or, if there is no grade on the package, but the fries are in see-through packages, you can check for quality yourself. The best fries are a uniform, light color. The pieces are uniform in width - but not necessarily in length - and have few, if any, dark spots or other defects.

So while the price is right and supplies are plentiful - serve potatoes often. Especially if your family is a meat - and - potatoes type family anyway.

Hoke Highlights

by Terri Tucker

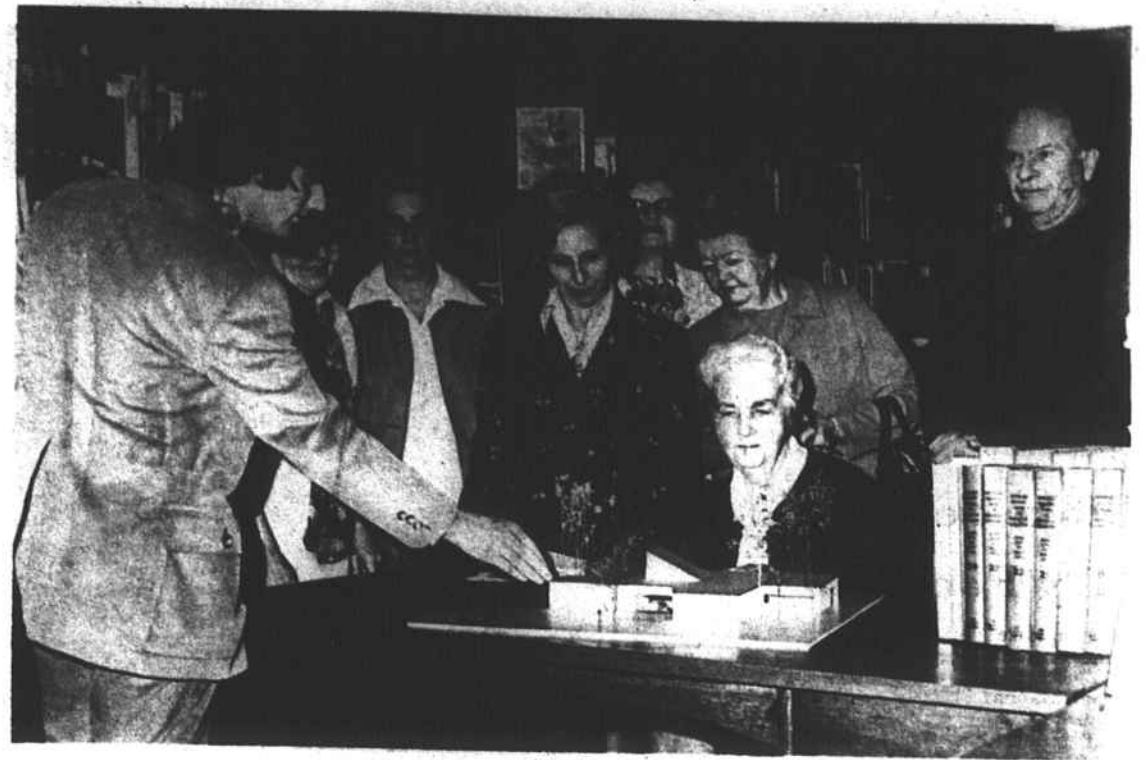
Thursday, January 30, seniors paid their balance on invitations which will arrive later in the school year. Seniors received jewelry that was ordered along with their invitations.

The Senior Executive Committee is busy making plans for the Senior Prom to be held at Hoke High at the end of the school year. Seniors support your prom!

Thursday, January 30, the Hoke High

wrestling team took on Pinecrest at home in the high school gym at 1:30. Tickets were sold during school, and at lunch, students attended the wrestling match part of 5th and 6th period.

The Varsity Bucks now have a record of 16-0 and will play at home Tuesday, February 4, at 8:00. The Junior Varsity and Girls' team will also play at home Tuesday, the boys at 5:00, the girls at 6:30. Make your plans to support the Bucks.



MODEL. - Architect Darryl Wally, Friday, shows the model of the proposed library building to library board members Mrs. Dot Cameron, Mrs. Bruce Conoly, Mrs. Anne Hostetler, Mrs. Louise McDiarmid, Miss Josephine Hall, Mrs. J.M. Andrews and Ralph Barnhart. The board approved the plans subject to any changes requested by the state library board, but Barnhart reported that only minor alterations were made during a conference with the architect, Tuesday.

Library News

Banks Are Topic For Books

By Frances Edwards

"Our banking system grew by accident; and whenever something happens by accident, it becomes a religion. As with other religions, the high priests of American banking have

come to consider almost any criticism and questioning of their system and power as something akin to mortal sin." Martin Mayer has given a provocative and timely chronicle of the revolution that since the 1960s has enveloped the US banking community in his latest book, *The Bankers*, \$15.00.

Banks are our central economic institution; what they do matters to us all even though we might not understand their "doings."

Computers, electronic communications networks, CDs, Eurodollars, federal funds, are just a few items requiring that today's bank leadership be determined by brains rather than "connections."

On one level, *The Bankers* is a journey through a world few of us have or will ever see: global banks of New York, Chicago, San Francisco, London, and Zurich; the suburban banks of Florida, New York, and Missouri and the local banks in Iowa and Arizona.

On another level, *The Bankers* reveals a lot about the day-to-day operations of the banking system, the women who run the machines that encode the checks, the couriers, the computers, people at the trading desks, the young lending officers, and bank examiners. Mayer tries to explain why some banks can offer color TV sets in exchange for new deposits while others offer china, silver, or a dull carving knife - or nothing. He talks about credit cards and travelers' checks. Still, I did not really understand *The Bankers*.

Two novels involving banks and billions of dollars are *Billion Dollar Sure Thing* and *Silver Bears*, both by Paul Erdman who served a 6 month prison term in Switzerland because the bank collapsed - the bank of which he was president. These are novels of intrigue in the money world written by a monetary expert. The action takes place in the

international finance arena where Swiss bankers tangle with speculators from the Near East; where Russia takes on the US in a power struggle over the future of gold, the dollar, and ruble. The story moves from Switzerland to Washington, London, Paris, Moscow and Beirut.

Morris West's *Harlequin*, \$8.00, has a target to take over a highly reputable family - owned Swiss bank with branches in a number of world capitals; the family name is Harlequin, Men, through sophisticated use of computers, literally program human beings to murderous acts, assemble the personnel and procedures for hijacking or kidnapping, a quiet assassination here and there. Focus is on the new wholesalers of violence but at the same time, the story explores in depth a contemporary phenomenon both fateful and terrifying. It poses deeply disturbing questions; for example, in a lawless society, is one justified in taking the law into his own hands? Again, the story moves back and forth between Geneva, London, Washington, Mexico, City, New York; "Hawaii 5-0" fans will recall recent programs dealing with the above - programs which held my interest only because they seemed so unreal!

Bookmobile Schedule

Arabia, February 11 - Mrs. Archie Maxwell, Mrs. Bertha Hendrix, Mrs. Dan Hagan, Mrs. Lillian White, Mrs. Aretha Ray, Mrs. William Harris, Mrs. H. J. Chason, Mrs. J.E. McGougan, Mrs. Buena Melvin, Mrs. Johnny McGougan, Mrs. Gloria Konkol, Mrs. Geneva Coggins, Mrs. Carolyn Pugh, Mrs. Bob Grantham, Mrs. Brenda Tillman, Mrs. Jean Wilson, Mrs. Marlene Russi, Mrs. Janet E. Nubby, Mrs. Susan Skinner, Mrs. Mann Hwa Smith.

College News

Miss Ann Swindell Upchurch, a junior at Meredith College and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Upchurch of 711 N. Main St., Raeford, was recently inducted into the Silver Shield an honorary society at Meredith.

Members of Silver Shield are chosen on the basis of constructive leadership, Christian character, service to the college, and academic achievement. They are selected by members of the organization and the faculty from juniors and seniors.

A graduate of Hoke County High School, Miss Upchurch is majoring in biology. She is a marshal in the Philaretian Society, a recipient of the Ida Potrat Scholarship, and the president of Vann Residence Hall.

Ricky A. Martinez of Raeford has been named to the Chancellor's List for the fall semester at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

To qualify for the list a student must have an overall "B" average with no grade lower than a "C".

Seven other Hoke County students were named to the dean's list at Pembroke University for the fall semester.

Included are Candace Autry Adams of Rt. 1, a junior majoring in music; Teresa Jean Allen, Rt. 2, a freshman majoring in physical education.

Eugene Edward Angstadt of Raeford, a senior sociology major, and Levin Davy Ballard, P.O. Box 231, a junior math major, were also named.

Others on the dean's list were William Joseph Coughlin of Raeford, a freshman in political science; Peggy Fox Frahm, Raeford, a junior in psychology and Louise Burney Wood, Rt. 1, a junior majoring in home economics.

Two Hoke County students have made the dean's list at Atlantic Christian College.

They are Joanne M. Hottel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hottel, and Lester Southern, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Southern, both of Raeford.

To earn places on the dean's list, students must achieve at least a 3.2 grade average (B plus) for the semester while carrying a minimum of 12 semester hours.

RWC Seeking

New Glass Site

Sponsors are looking for a new site for the glass recycling project.

While the collection point by the health department is convenient, the probability of problems this summer stemming from glass left near the heavily-used softball park is obvious, Mrs. Kay Thomas, president of Raeford Woman's Club said.

The recycling project is still popular, she said, with large numbers of bottles being deposited. All returnable green, brown and white glass can be reused, she said.



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