



**EXPANSION** - The new House of Raeford Farms, re-organized from the old Raeford Turkey Farm plant, is expanding with a \$2 million new construction program which will double facilities for processing. Shown here is the facelifting on the Central Ave. side of the plant.

## Edwards Explains Requirements For High School Accreditation

By Mike Steadman

Hoke County High School is in the process of being accredited by the Southern Association according to C. Allen Edwards, principal of the school.

"Accreditation is the self evaluation and improvement of a school by professional personnel, the community, and the students of the school. In other words, it's sitting back and taking a good, hard, long look at the school," he said.

Edwards said that a school must be accredited every ten years and reaccredited every five years.

"In other words, a full account is taken every ten years, and this is checked every five years," he said.

According to Edwards, Hoke High was accredited in 1963, reaccredited in 1968, and was scheduled for accreditation again in 1974, but because of change in administration, and the dismissal of a regional co-ordinator, it was given a one year extension.

He said that the school hires a consultant to work with the school and advise them on the requirements of the Southern Association. Dr. James Batten, professor at East Carolina University is Hoke High's consultant.

Edwards said that Hoke High has to meet certain minimum requirements to qualify for Southern Association.

"Teachers have to be properly certified and teaching within their field. All 78 teachers are doing that now," he said.

He continued, "Staff-pupil ratio cannot be greater than 22-1. Teachers may not teach more than 150 students per day, or more than 35 students per period."

"The school must provide at least one and one half librarians or library positions. We have two library positions, he said. The librarian must also have ten volumes per student in the library," Edwards said.

"At least 25 per cent of the faculty must have a Masters degree or better. Thirty of our teachers have them; this is 38 per cent of our faculty," he said.

"Of course," he said, "we must have maximum facilities and educational environment for the students."

Edwards said that there are four phases that the school must go through to be accredited. A history and philosophy of the school is updated, a school-community survey is taken, a self-study to meet needs is done, and a visiting team composed of members of the Department of Public Instruction, members of the State Department, and other teachers evaluate the school on its progress and improvements.

"The history and philosophy, and the survey has been done," said Edwards, "we are ready to work on the curriculum."

There have been some changes in the curriculum at Hoke High as some courses have been dropped and some have been added, Edwards said.

"The reason we changed and added courses is that we felt that some of the vocational, academic, and physical education courses were not adequate, and we felt like there were not enough "interest" courses for seniors," he said.

"In the past, about one third of the seniors got out of school early. Now, only about 42 get out early, and they either work in a school related class such as distributive education or office occupations, or they are hardship cases," Edwards said.

He pointed out that such courses as drama, journalism, advanced composition, and national and international government have been

added to the curriculum for the college-prep students. He added that a new kind of extension for algebra in which a student may take as long to finish the course as needed has been added. Sociology, photography, and Art I and II were also mentioned.

He said that the ability to concentrate in one area of study has been added to the vocational section of study.

Edwards named co-operative Office Practice which was developed by Mrs. Louise Wright as the number one course needed for accreditation as it gives students actual practice as secretaries.

"We have not had success in getting all our students placed in the community, but I certainly encourage community co-operation as it is needed," he said.

We've gone away from advanced Physical Education and are being more specific in this type of course," said Edwards.

He said such courses as slimnastics and tumbling, dance, weight-lifting and track, tennis and volleyball, soccer and basketball, and others have improved the program.

"We feel like this has improved our physical education program," said Edwards.

Edwards expressed interest in the fact that many of the college prep students are not taking advantage in the new courses.

"Many of our academic students are not taking advantage of the academic program at the high school. This is caused by many of the academic students who attempt to take "the easy way out" as the parents of the college prep students are being too permissive," he said.

Edwards indicated that the school is well underway in their accreditation program.

"Bobby Locklear has been named chairman of the steering committee and we are well underway," he said.

## Lumber Bridge News

by Lib Sumner

Stanley Brown, a student at Campbell College, will deliver the morning sermon at the Baptist Church Sunday, September 28.

Pamela Sumner, Johnny Sumner, Marion Johnson and Ronnie Kelly of Fayetteville attended the wedding of Catherine Sealey and Donnie McArthur at Green Springs Baptist Church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fullford McMillan spent last weekend at Emerald Isle.

Hunter Forbes was able to come home from Duke Hospital on Thursday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tolar of Lumberton spent Sunday and Monday with her sister, Miss Mildred Williford.

Mrs. J.T. Harlow of New Bern spent the weekend with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Balfour and Johnny.

Mrs. George Caddell and Lib Sumner went to Rowland Monday morning and brought their sister, Mrs. H. K. Crawford home with them for a visit.

Miss Verna McGougan is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Frank Collins and Ernest Collins of Red Springs attended a surprise birthday dinner for Mrs. Collins at the home of her niece, Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Jacobs in Whiteville Sunday.

Mrs. A. F. Tolar was presented a pin and certificate for life long membership and service in The Women's work of the Presbyterian Church. Bobby Dean, Sam Booth, Mrs. Evelyn Shaw and Miss Allene Shaw of Rex Presbyterian Church attended a Stewardship Conference at Raeford Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Townzer of Asheville spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Johnson.

Fritz Campbell, grandson of Col and Mrs. Fritz Weber, had the misfortune of breaking his nose while swimming last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Shaw spent Saturday and Sunday in Raleigh with their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ashford and daughters, Cathy, Laura and Heather.

Mrs. Rob Schock and infant son of Vanceboro spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Forbes.

Visiting Mrs. A. F. Tolar Sunday were, Tommy Tolar and daughter Sheila of Spring Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCormick of Red Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Williford of Fayetteville and a grandson, Steve Tolar, a student at Pembroke University.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Covington, Mrs. John Covington, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maxwell and children spent last week at Topsail Beach.

Mrs. Annie Everett was honored with a luncheon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Weaver Hatcher recently. Guests were Mrs. Floyd Monroe, Mrs. A. A. Ray, Mrs. Ethel D. Gibson, Mrs. S. E. Sumner and Mrs. Mary McInnis.

## Ginning Prices Rise

The average charge for ginning and wrapping a 480 pound net weight bale of upland cotton in North Carolina was \$28.10 during the 1974-75 season, an increase of \$3.65 over the previous year. The national average charge was \$29.38 per bale, which was up \$5.64 over the previous year.

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