DECA OFFICERS -- The newly elected officers of the DECA Club are: Glendia Black, president, Gloria Smith, vice-president, Madelyn Miller, secretary, Shirley Baldwin, treasurer, and Jan Dial, Historian.

DECA News

Jan Dial, Historian

The Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) members this year will be taken from the 68 possible students enrolled in the Distributive Educational classes.

There are four classes in the 75-76 year, Marketing I, DE I, and two DECA classes.

The first DECA club meeting was held Wednesday night Sept. 10th. New officers for the school year were elected and installed. The officers are: Glendia Black, President, Gloria Smith, Vice - President, Madelyn Miller, Secretary, Shirley Baldwin, Treasurer, and Jan Dial, Historian.

The members voted and discussed new activities for the year. Several new trips and activities will be added to the existing schedule, a trip to the State Fair, Washington, D.C., and the State and District DECA Conventions.

Mr. Don Steed, former DE teacher and now assistant principal of Hoke County High School, spoke to the club about his expectations for a successful year at the meeting on last Wednesday night.

On Tuesday, September 17th the DECA classes were visited by Mr. Horace C. Robertson, the Chief Consultant from the Dept. of Public Instruction for the State of North Carolina. Mr. Robertson observed the DE classes in session and evaluated the new advisor coordinator, Mr. Robert C. Averette.

The next DECA Club meeting will be held on Wednesday night, October 1st.

Hoke Gets $280,000, Special Ed. Program

The Hoke County Schools have received a grant of $280,076 under part A of Title I, Elementary and Secondary Education act, according to state school superintendent Craig Phillips. This grant will support special education programs during the school year 1975-76.

According to Harold Webb, deputy assistant superintendent for compensatory education for the State Education Agency, "Title I provides funds to local education agencies for use in helping to break the cycle of poverty through equalization of educational opportunity. These funds must be used to expand and improve education programs contributing to the special needs of educationally deprived children."

Nearly all North Carolina school units have used Title I funds to support special reading programs. Seventy-eight units have Title I kindergartens, and 36 units have special programs in mathematics. One unit has started an experimental program in prekindergarten for 4-year-olds.

For fiscal 1976 North Carolina has been granted a total of $48,615,109 in Title I Part A funds. This is slightly more, statewide, than the total of $47,964,045 received during the 1974-75 school year.

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Hoke Highlights

by Barry Ellis

The NHS (National Honor Society) held an assembly for all seniors, juniors, and sophmores Wednesday, September 17, to tap nineteen new members from the senior and junior classes for admission into the 1975-1976 NHS. Dwan Upchurch, president, was in charge of the assembly at which time she read the rules and requirements for becoming eligible for membership into the NHS and recognized the newly elected officers for this year. Robin Holland, secretary, led everyone in prayer followed by Charlotta King, vice-president, who introduced the members already in the NHS and its advisor; Mrs. Sarah Baucom. The main requirement for membership is a 90 or above average and the nineteen new members who were presented a red carnation when tapped, are: Martha Ann Wood, Joanna Best, Knox Matthews, Gloria Smith, Agnes Wilkes, Frank Kicklighter, Debra Mays, Helena Rogers, Ronald Kirkley, Barry Ellis, Ronnie Ellis, Judy Cothran, Susan Townsend, Kathy Hawkins, Wally Jordan, Lori Niven, Mike Peckham, Susan Seagroves, and Kenneth Barnes. Initiations will be in a few weeks and I know everyone is looking forward to that day, (except the new members!).

The NHS isn't the only club that gets to have a little fun during school. The Key Club got a headstart on the NHS by initiating its new members on Wednesday, September 24. During lunch, which was the 'main initiating' time, all you could see were brooms, mops, buckets, and boots, not to memtion shaving lather flying in every direction, plus an occasional wad of chewing tobacco every now and then. All fifteen new members got a pretty fair 'initiating', but I know all they were thinking about were the new people they would be able to 'get' next year when they would be giving the initiations instead of getting them.

The SAE met last week to elect officers and discuss plans for the upcoming year. Hope Williams, president, who was elected at the last meeting was in charge of this meeting. Barbara McCall was elected as secretary, and Steve Morgan was elected as vice-president by acclamation. Dues for this year are $2.00. Plans for the 1975-1976 SAE are to send representatives to the Board of Education meetings every month in groups of two and four, for the purpose of observing the how and why process of education. Also planned is to send a group of students on a tour of North Carolina State University either this fall or in the spring, and attend the SAE District Convention at Fayetteville State University in October. The purpose of this convention is to elect new district officers, discuss district and state-wide activities and enter various contests involved with the SAE.

Annuals go on sale this week. Please buy an annual from one of the Ekoh '76 staff. This year's annual centers on a bicentennial theme and promises to be one of Hoke High School's best! The annuals come out in May, and even though this may seem like a long wait, you'll regret it if you don't have one. Please ... Buy your annual now!

The Varsity or Junior Varisty Bucks didn't have a ballgame this past week and are preparing to meet Sanford on Thursday, September 25 for the JV and Friday, September 26 for the Varsity team. This will be the last home game for the next three weeks so let's see a lot of support for another victory for the Bucks on Friday.

GO BUCKS !!!

FmHA Loans

Disaster Credit Help

Farmers who suffer property damage or severe production loss from natural disasters now may be eligible for an expanded program of credit assistance from the Farmers Home Administration, the rural credit service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, William E. Clark, county supervisor of FmHA for Hoke County said.

FmHA emergency loans to eligible farmers, ranchers and aquaculture operators are to enable them to return to their normal operations after having sustained losses resulting from natural disasters. Individual borrowers must be unable to obtain credit from other usual sources to qualify for FmHA assistance.

Long and intermediate term loans may be made for reorganizing the operation to make it more effective. Also, annual emergency loans may be made each year for up to five years following a natural disaster to permit the borrower to restore his operation and return to usual credit sources for operating funds.

The President may declare a major disaster or an emergency area, authorizing FmHA to make emergency loans available. In addition, the Secretary of Agriculture may designate certain areas as eligible for emergency assistance because of natural disaster upon a request from the governor followed by a county survey to assess damage and estimate dollar loss. FmHA state directors may make limited designations when fewer than 25 farmers, ranchers, or aquaculture operators are affected by disaster in a particular county. State directors can make the credit available at the request of state governors, local governing bodies, or Indian tribal councils.

Interest rates and repayment periods for loans made following disasters vary according to loan purposes. Loans for amounts in excess of actual losses for farm real estate purposes and for operating purposes will be made at the rate of interest prevailing in the private market for comparable long term and intermediate credit. These rates, set semi-annually, are nine percent for operating purposes and eight and three fourths percent for real estate purposes.

Loans for real estate purposes must be repaid within 40 years, most loans for operating purposes may be for up to seven years with a possible five year extension, and production loans will normally mature in one year.

Each person applying for credit will be given equal consideration without regard to race, creed, color, marital status or national origin.

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Two can ride cheaper than one.

Debra Scarboro

Jill Williams

Students Are Pages

Jill Williams and Debra Scarboro served as Governor's pages in Raleigh last week.

They helped the governor in the performance of his official duties.

In the mornings they enjoyed tours of the Legislative Building, the State Capital Building, and the Civil Defense Unit under the governor's office.

Thursday they posed with the governor along with three other pages. Later that day, they ushered at the swearing-in of the new Commissioner of Labor of North Carolina, T. Avery Nye.

Friday they were presented a certificate and a personally signed picture of Governor Holshouser.

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SUPPORT THE BUCKS

Dealers Pick Snead Local Chairman

Younger Snead, Jr., owner of Hoke Auto Company in Raeford, will serve as 1975-76 Hoke County area chairman for the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association. Announcement of his appointment was made by NCADA President T. Carey Ilderton.

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