

PLANNING— Hoke County principals recently attended a planning meeting on the new state energy conservation plan to be used in Hoke County. Seated at the table (left to right) are Woodrow H. Westall, principal of West Hoke School; Don Steed, asst. principal of Hoke High School; Raz Autry, Supt. of Hoke County Schools: Floyd W. Caldwell, principal of Scurlock School; James W. Turlington, principal of Raeford Elementary; James B. Bowles, principal of J. W. McLauchlin School; and George W. Wood, principal of South Hoke.

Energy Saving Plan Adopted By Schools

Principals of Hoke County schools will soon be able to tell how much energy their schools use each month under a new state energy conservation plan recently adopted by the State Board of Education.

Hoke County is the first school system in the State to begin implementing the new state energy conservation plan. Some 25 school units have volunteered to participate in the plan, and state consultants will soon begin conducting indepth surveys of those school units.

Over six million gallons of fuel oil were saved during the 1973-74 energy crisis when every school unit in the state made a concerted effort to save, according to Carsie K. Denning, director of the State Board of Education's Division of Plant Operation.



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Unfortunately. Denning added, when the crisis was over schools drifted back into wasteful habits and during the 1974-75 school year consumed more energy than in any previous year, resulting in a total cost of \$26,000,000 to the taxpayers.

Under the new energy conservation plan principals will receive monthly computer printouts itemizing their school's use of energy and energy costs, said Denning. Data furnished on computer printouts will include such information as total energy consumed, comparison to similar facilities, comparison to estimated requirements for that month based on the month's weather and building characteristics and energy use per student.

For the first time, Denning pointed out, principals will be able to equally compare their energy use to other schools in the system. By monitoring energy use, county school officials can work with state agency consultants to determine where both energy and money can be saved, emphasized Denning.

Denning emphasized that the plan is not designed merely for administrators. It outlines specific ways in which teachers, students, custodians and maintenance and school food service personnel should be involved. The plan calls specifically for the establishment of energy conservation committees for each participating school. each participating school unit and for the state.

"We hope to have all school units in the state participating in the state energy conservation plan soon," Denning added, "But it will only be successful with the involvement of the entire 'school family' and the citizens of each community in the State."

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Tax Overdue? Better Pay

Advertising of delinquent city taxes will begin April 15, Betty Smith, tax collector, announced.

Delinquent taxpayers who wish to avoid the additional penalty of the advertising cost should pay taxes promptly.

Real Estate Class Begins

A course on real estate sponsored by Sandhills Community College will begin in Raeford on April 1 and meet each Tuesday and Thursday night at the high school.

Fee is \$3 per student, plus cost of textbook. Successful completion of the course is acceptable by the North Carolina Real Estate Licensing Board in lieu of the "six months experience" requirement.

Students may register on the night of the opening session and are asked to come at 6:30 P.M.

The course, designed for both beginners and real estate practitioners, includes fundamentals of real estate, brokerage, financing, appraising, real property law, real estate math, and mechanics of closing.

Instructor is Jerry D. Daeke, real estate broker, Gouger, O'Neal and Saunders, Pinehurst. For further information, contact

Ernie Sutton at 875-4358, or D.L. Furches at Sandhills Community College at 692-6185.

Service Personnel

Harold T. McIntyre, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. McIntyre, Sr., of Rt. 1, Raeford, has enlisted in the U.S. Air Force under a special delayed enlistment program.

A senior at Hoke County High School, the delayed enlistment program will allow Airman Mc-Intyre to continue school and start his Air Force training after graduation, according to Sgt. George Painter, Air Force recruiter in Fayetteville.



