

Hearing Scheduled

John D. McAllister, assistant superintendent of schools, announced today a series of meetings in connection with securing funds under Part A, Title IV, Public Law 92-318 (Indian Education Act).

Three meetings are scheduled to provide the public an opportunity to attend in their own area. They will be held at the following places: Dec. 5, South Hoke Community Building; Dec. 6, Hoke County Holiness Church; and Dec. 8, Lowery's Chapel Church.

In addition to the three area meetings, a county-wide public hearing will be held in the courtroom of the county courthouse on Dec. 12. All meetings are scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

The public hearing, required by the Indian Education Act, will provide an opportunity for discussion of special educational needs of Indian children enrolled in Hoke County Schools, and how IEA programs will be coordinated with existing school programs to meet the needs of Indian students, McAllister said. During the public hearing, a parent committee and new officers will be elected.

Farm Items

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Several changes have been made in the Forest Incentives Program for fiscal year 1978. The prior harvest restriction which established a five year waiting period after harvesting to qualify for cost sharing payments has been eliminated. Landowners with over 500 forested acres but not more than 1,000 forested acres may now apply for an acreage waiver at the state rather than federal level, provided more than 40 acres will be involved in the management plan. A waiver must be obtained where a landowner's forested acres exceed 500. Cost sharing is still 60 percent. Cost sharing for hardwood plantings has been taken out of the 1978 program.

Efficient farming is becoming increasingly important as inflation continues to hit the farmer especially hard. The most effective way to improve efficiency is to do all those things that are required for high crop yields. When yields are up, less acres are needed to achieve the same total output, less tractor hours, wear and tear, long distance hauling is necessary.

Nutrient availability is often overlooked. It is a problem which can often be alleviated through the addition of lime, as soil PH is very commonly the limiting factor in nutrient availability. Microbial action takes place in soil organic matter and helps to release nitrogen, sulfur, phosphorous and Molybdenum for plant use. The soil PH also has an effect on Manganese and Aluminum. Soil test can help determine if lime is needed on your farm.

Upchurch School News

All the students at Upchurch were ready to come back to school after our Thanksgiving holidays. We are now looking forward to the Christmas holidays.

Things have greatly changed from last year. We have 12 new teachers this year and we welcome them, but we also miss the teachers that are gone. The new teachers are Mrs. Elizabeth Burgess, Miss Gail Conoly, Mrs. Jean Daniel, Mrs. Nancy Davis, Mrs. Sara Gilmore, Miss Jo Anne Hottel, Mrs. Faye Jordan, Mr. Pete Piestrak, Miss Gwen Pittman, Mrs. Eva Snow, Miss Carrie Tyson, and Mrs. Phillis Watson. We also have Mr. Allen Edwards as our principal. Everyone is use to Mr. Edwards and we like him.

The student body recently elected officers of the SGA, Student Government Association. They are Rose Parish - President, Pam McNeill - Vice President, and Connie Wiggins - Secretary. All of the officers are working hard. They put together a Gong Show for the student body November 23.

The Upchurch Band and Chorus performed at the Turkey Dinner and Bazaar Friday, November 18. Both groups did very well. The Music Booster Club members worked very hard to put this event together. We want to thank Mrs. Nora Scull, chairman of the Upchurch Chorus Division and Mrs. Joyce Jameson, chairman of the Upchurch Band Division. We would also like to thank Mrs. Linda Huff, director of the Upchurch Chorus and Mr. Jimmy James, director of the Upchurch Band.

Fran Buoyer

County Considers Energy Ordinance

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners is considering an ordinance designed to protect local residents from shoddy workmanship by household insulators.

In energy related matters, the board was told at its regular meeting Nov. 21 that, according to law, after the first of the year Hoke County homes must meet certain energy requirements or the electric power will be cut off.

Board Chairman John Balfour said that the county attorney is working on an ordinance concerning both of these energy matters. The ordinance will be presented for the consideration of the board at its next meeting.

Building inspectors Jack Ellis and Bill Altman told the board that last winter's record low temperatures increased the demand for home insulation in this area. As a result, several local residents were victimized by fly-by-night contractors who were more interested in making money than doing a good job.

"We want to make sure that the people who contract to install insulation are dependable," Ellis told the board.

The two suggested that an annual license fee of \$24 be charged to contractors, and that they also be charged \$10 per job. They pointed out that the building inspectors are paid out of money collected for permits and fees.

The building inspectors said that after Jan. 1, houses must meet certain requirements as to insulation or, according to law, the power will be disconnected.

The board took the proposals under advisement for consideration at the next regular meeting, set for Dec. 5.

In other matters, the board heard a report from Lew Brown on the Management Improvement Corporation of America (MICA), a consulting firm which seeks to cut the cost of local government and increase its state and federal grants. The board was told that MICA only gets paid if they save money for its client. After viewing a slide show on the firm and its services, the board indicated that it would take the matter under

advisement. No action was taken.

The board unanimously approved a resolution in support of McCain Hospital. Chairman Balfour read the resolution into the minutes of a public meeting held at McCain on Nov. 22. A legislative task force is studying the state's three specialty hospitals to see if any can be closed or consolidated.

The deadline for applications for the position of county manager was extended from Dec. 1 to Dec. 15. The position was formerly held by the late T.B. Lester. L.G. Simpson has been acting as county manager in the interim.

The board went on record as opposing monthly meetings of the full Council of Governments board. Hoke County has two votes in the COG, while Robeson County has 10. Local commissioners said they felt the voting power should be redistributed in a more equitable manner.

The board discussed the acquisition of a bus for recreation purposes but tabled the matter when insurance questions arose.

Teresa Allen Honored At Pembroke

Miss Teresa J. Allen, daughter of Alice G. Allen and the late Johnny W. Allen of Raeford, has been named to the 1977-78 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Miss Allen is a senior at Pembroke State University, majoring in physical education.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory selected Miss Allen based on her academic achievements, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

"Who's Who" students at Pembroke State University hail from 22 different cities, only two of which are outside North Carolina.



ORGAN MUSIC -- Sarah Leach [left], Nancy McNeill [center] and Janet Best [right] will present a program of Christmas organ music Dec. 4 at the Raeford Presbyterian Church.

Christmas Program

On Sunday night at 8 o'clock in the Raeford Presbyterian Church sanctuary, Mrs. Sarah C. Leach, Mrs. Nancy R. McNeill, and Miss Janet Best will present a program of Christmas organ music. All three ladies are the students of Chris C. Watkins.

Mrs. Leach is the wife of Mr. Alfred Leach and a member of the Antioch Presbyterian Church. She is a graduate of Meredith College and former business teacher for the Sandhills Community College. She is a leading member of the Raeford Women's Club and civic leader in the town.

Mrs. McNeill is a graduate of Wake Forest University. She is a first grade teacher at Scurlock School and organist for the Raeford United Methodist Church. Nancy is the wife of Mr. Stephen McNeill. The McNeills have a son, Mark. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Ramsey of Old Fort.

Janet Best is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Best of Raeford. An active student at Hoke High School, Miss Best is the head accompanist for the Hoke High Choral, a member of the Honor Society, and the organist-choirmaster for the Shiloh Presbyterian Church. Miss Best is also a piano student of Mrs. Kerr Stevens.

Organ selections include "Three variations on 'Wachet auf'" by Bach, Walther, and Nicolai, "Prelude" and "Passacaglia" by

Young, "Variations on 'O Come, All Ye Faithful'" by Wade and Peters, "Prelude and Fugue in G minor" by J.S. Bach, "Litanies" by Jehan Alain, and other beautiful Christmas selections.

After the program there will be a reception for these musicians in the church's fellowship hall.

Mobile Home Destroyed By Fire Here

Fire destroyed a mobile home at Rt. 1, Red Springs, Nov. 21, according to North Raeford Fire Chief George Baker.

The North Raeford Fire Department answered the alarm at 1:30 p.m. The Hillcrest Fire Department assisted with water, according to Baker. Firemen were on the scene until approximately 2:30 p.m.

Baker determined the four-month-old mobile home, owned by Annie Slate, was a total loss. Value was set at \$9,515. The fire probably started as the result of trash-burning that got out of hand, Baker said. No injuries were sustained; Tony Buie, ambulance driver, was on hand and provided oxygen for the fire-fighters.

Club Holds Luncheon

The Raeford Senior Citizens Friendship Club will hold a covered dish luncheon at the Raeford Methodist Church Dec. 6 at 12:30 p.m.

Each member is asked to bring a gift to exchange along with their covered dish.

John F. Greene, classical guitarist and musician in residence at Robeson Technical Institute, will provide the program.

The most common food allergies are to fish, berries, nuts, eggs, cereals, milk, pork, chocolate, beans, and various fresh fruits. The National Institutes of Health reports that some people also are allergic to things like food additives.

INTERESTING FACTS

What should you do when you come face to face with an angry dog? An animal expert recently gave some practical advice and we thought we'd pass it along for you.

First, he says, contrary to what you might think, it's a good idea to clench your fist. Dogs don't interpret that as a fighting sign, since they are used to being hit with an open hand. So clenched fists reassure them.

Next, don't show any fear yourself. Don't try to run away or make any sudden big movements. That will make a dog attack.

Finally, most dogs are conditioned to expect authority from humans. Speak quietly, calmly and confidently to the dog. Let him see that you have no intention of hurting him or the people or place he's defending.

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