

Hoke Children's Center Has A Party

The Hoke County Children's Center held a Christmas party on Dec. 21 for nine children ages 3 to 5 at the First Baptist Church here on Main St.

Staff members, parents, members of the board of directors, and a couple of local merchants attended the festivities, which included a visit from Santa Claus himself. Santa loaded the youngsters with gifts, and there were refreshments for all.

Director of the center, Judy Hendrix, wished to thank J.R. Kennedy of the Decor Center in Raeford for donating a large amount of the toys that were given to the children.

Thanks were also extended to Pete Canady, for his donation to the party; to Moore's Department Store, for gift boxes; to the House of Raeford, which gave large stockings filled with toys; to Mr. and Mrs. James A. Hunt and the Church of God, for donations of fruit and candy; and to Warren Pate, who played Santa Claus.

In operation since 1973, the Hoke County Children's Center is a developmental day care center for disabled children in the county between the ages of 3 and 5. The center has been located in the Baptist Church here but will be moving to a new location on Donaldson Ave. in Jan.

The center is licensed for 15 children, according to the director. "We currently have nine children enrolled at the center, with various



ON SANTA'S KNEE -- The Hoke County Children's Center held a Christmas party last week that included a visit from Santa Claus. The center teaches developmental skills to handicapped children. There were presents and refreshments at the party. Santa was played by Warren Pate, chairman of the center's board of directors.

handicaps, including: cerebral palsy, epilepsy, blindness, deafness, mental retardation, and speech delays," she said.

Anyone who knows of a child with any handicapping conditions is urged to contact Judy Hendrix at the center (875-5074).

Services are available without charge. The center is open five days a week, Monday through Friday, from 8 till 4 p.m. Transportation and meals are provided.

When a child first enters the center, he is evaluated and an individual program is set up for him, the director said. The children are taught individual skills in the areas of running and jumping, writing, language, and personal health and grooming. Each child's program is set up according to his own individual needs, she said.

The staff consists of four members, besides the director. They are: Mrs. Woodie Morrison, teacher and L.P.N.; Miss Brenda Currie, teacher; Mrs. Irene Goins, teacher aide and van driver; and Mrs. Ethel Marshburn, teacher aide.

The center is federally funded and governed by a board of directors consisting of local citizens, with Warren Pate as chairman.

Children are referred to the center through local agencies, such as the Hoke County Health Department, the Department of Social Services, the Hoke County Mental Health Center, the Developmental Evaluation Clinic in Fayetteville, and through local physicians and interested citizens.

The public is invited to come by the center and talk with the

director about the program.

"We are always happy to have people come by," Judy Hendrix said. "So many local merchants have been so kind to the children.

"If you ever see children being pushed down Main Street in wheelchairs or a shopping cart (donated by the A&P) chances are they are from the Children's Center," she said. "They love to go by The Decor Center, as Mr. J.R. Kennedy always has a treat for them.

"We are all so lucky to have what we have, and sometimes we fail to appreciate what has been given us," she continued. "Please think of 'our' children -- these children that depend entirely on the citizens of Hoke County. Come by the center and see what a wonderful job the staff is doing."

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You Can Sue Public Official Wrongoers

A "Taxpayer's Action" is a lawsuit brought by a private citizen or group, to get a court order directing a public official to do his duty to enforce the laws. It is a "safety-valve" law that enables indignant citizens to "do something."

Such lawsuits are brought when public officials fail to enforce laws, or do not properly protect the public interest. Any damages award or court order that is granted, goes to the public, not to the individual who brings the suit. The plaintiffs usually must show (1) that they are taxpayers or citizens of the city, county or state concerned; (2) that they sue on behalf of themselves and of all other taxpayers with the same complaint; (3) that they have formally demanded that the official act and that he has not done so -- or that it would be futile to ask; (4) that the act or neglect complained about is unlawful; and (5) that irreparable injury will result if the official is not forced to act properly.

An excellent and detailed discussion of "Taxpayer's Actions" was published in August 1977 in the *Wake Forest Law Review* (Vol. 13; pages 397 to 444).

Early common law cases on this subject first involved city residents, and then state residents, who sued to force public officials to do their duty properly. For example, North Carolina's history and rules in such cases can be seen in the case of *Styers v. Phillips*, 227 N.C. 460 (1971). But now there are statutes (e.g., N.C. Gen. Stat. Sections 128 -- 10, etc.) adding legislative guarantees of the right to bring taxpayers' actions in many states. New Mexico seems to be the only state that expressly forbids taxpayers' actions.

The chief subject of such lawsuits often are alleged corruption in government. For example, in North Carolina the winning plaintiff may get up to one-third (maximum \$500) of the sum returned to public funds by an official who wrongfully retained public funds. Misuse of public funds or property, or failure to get competitive bids for public works, or tolerating a public nuisance, are typical kinds of cases.

Federal law was growing in the matter of taxpayers' suits, until recently, especially in environmental and civil rights cases. But largely the U.S. Supreme Court has been cutting down this "private attorney general" right to sue. The most drastic handicap was the *Alyeska* case of 1975 (421 U.S. 240), where the court barred attorney fees to citizens unless a specific statute authorizes such a fee in the particular kind of case.

This effectively prevents federal taxpayers' actions in most cases, as few people can personally afford the long and expensive lawsuit in which the accused official usually gets all kinds of defense help at the taxpayers' expense.

But in state cases the right to sue misbehaving public officials still is widely available to a determined and public spirited citizen.

Deaths And Funerals

Ernest McGougan

Graveside services for Ernest Duval McGougan, a Hoke County resident, were conducted at 11 a.m. Dec. 28 in the McGougan Family Cemetery at Lumber Bridge by the Rev. Stacy Wells.

McGougan, 84, of Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge, died Monday at Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville. He was a Lt. Colonel in the National Guard.

Surviving are one son, Ernest Daniel McGougan, of the home; one daughter, Mrs. H.S. Gresham of Virginia Beach, Va.; and seven grandchildren.

Clifton McMillan

Clifton McMillan of Rt. 1, Raeford, died Monday night.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Buie Funeral Home.

Walter H. McLean

Walter Herbert McLean, 68, died in mid-December in Red Springs.



Read Matthew 19:13-15

"Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3)

Christmas holidays were over. Relatives had returned to their homes. Those employed were again on their jobs. The once beautiful tree drooped dejectedly, and the decorations were on their way to the attic. The last item to go was a small creche with a cuddly Baby Jesus, the special possession of the three-year-old granddaughter.

Suddenly and unexpectedly her Baby Jesus became the object of her search. Upon being told that He had been stored in the attic, brokenly she sobbed, "Why did you put my Baby Jesus in the attic?" Nothing satisfied until He was safe in her possession. An innocent heartbroken child's question seized my mind as conviction tore my heart. How often we push Jesus aside until some special need arises! I closed my eyes and prayed.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, forgive us when we push You into an unimportant place in our lives. Strengthen us in our endeavor to crown You King of our lives, not for a day, an hour, or a season, but for all time. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Where do I keep Jesus?
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Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Dec. 29 at Red Springs Funeral Home by the Rev. James H. Shiven. Burial was in the Center Grove Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eilan McLean; three sons, John H. McLean of Baltimore, Md., and J.B. McLean and Robert McLean, both of Red Springs; two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Ellis of Baltimore and Mrs. Rosa Parker of Red Springs; two sisters, Mrs. Nannie Hamilton of Raeford and Mrs. Blanche Blue of Newark, N.J.; a brother, Mallie McLean of Raeford; 18 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The family received friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Dec. 28 at the funeral home.

David J. Wright

David Junior Wright, 56, died Tuesday morning at Veteran's Hospital in Durham. Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Crumpler Chapel with the Rev. John Ropp officiating. Burial is to be in the Raeford Cemetery. Mr. Wright was a retired Army Major.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Alma Wright, of the home; his mother, Mrs. Sally Campbell of Asheville; one daughter, Mrs. Diane Insley of Rochester, N.Y. and a brother, Floyd Wright of Bonita Springs, Florida.

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