

## Around Town

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The winter weather continues, but along with the cold is also rain. Snow is predicted for the western part of the state but let's hope it doesn't get down this far east, at least for the present time.

Football season is over at Hoke High School and the Bucks did real well for the tough schedule that confronted them.

The basketball season is getting ready to start and the Bucks should have another good team. They have lost their coach and this is not good with the season so near at hand.

We hope them the best in the upcoming season and they need everyone's support.

The Hoke County Booster Music Club is sponsoring their annual turkey dinner and bazaar at the Gibson Cafeteria on Friday night, Nov. 16 beginning at 5 o'clock.

The band and chorus will perform during the evening and this should be worth your time, even if you don't like turkey.

Hope to see you there!

The city election came off last Tuesday without any mishap. More people turned out than I expected, but there were less write-in votes.

Usually when incumbents are unopposed it is a fine time for folks to vote for a friend who would not run for office or to vote against someone who has cast a vote that wasn't to your liking.

Only four write-in votes were cast during the election and this was surprising.

Joe Thompson was by the office last Thursday and asked that a classified ad he had placed in the paper last week be stopped and not run this week. Joe said that he had sold all the items except one the first day the paper hit the streets.

So if you want to sell something just advertise in *The News-Journal*. Don't believe me, ask Joe Thompson.

Col. Joseph L. Piotrkowski, (Ret.) of the U.S. Army died November 4 in Portland, Ore. He was the husband of Kay Piotrkowski who was associate editor of this newspaper in 1973-74.

They had moved to Oregon after he retired in 1974 and he had been executive director of the Community Action Team, Columbia County, Ore.

We extend our sympathy to Kay and her daughter and will list below her address in case any of her friends would like to write her.

The address is: Kay Piotrkowski 457 N.E. Laurelhurst Place Portland, Ore. 97232.

We publish the following letter received this week:

"Dear Sir: Many of my friends who also receive *The News-Journal* weekly, the same as I do, have asked me why we always seem to be omitted from the news when we make a visit to North Carolina.

"It has come to my attention that for the last two visits that we have made to see my sisters that we have missed being mentioned in the *Rockfish News*. I always made the news when our good friend Mrs. Mary McInnis, and Louise Watson wrote the news.

"In June we attended the Long-street reunion and again in October we came home again. This time we attended the Monroe Clan Gathering at Bensalem Church in Moore County.

"I have been doing extensive research on my family to complete my DAR membership invitation. This has been authenticated and I have gone in on the Patriot of my maternal line Captain James Campbell, Revolutionary War Veteran. While in North Carolina, my sister, Mrs. Thomas McColl and I visited the site of both Captain Campbell and his father's (Rev. James Campbell) grave. These are located on the bank of the Cape

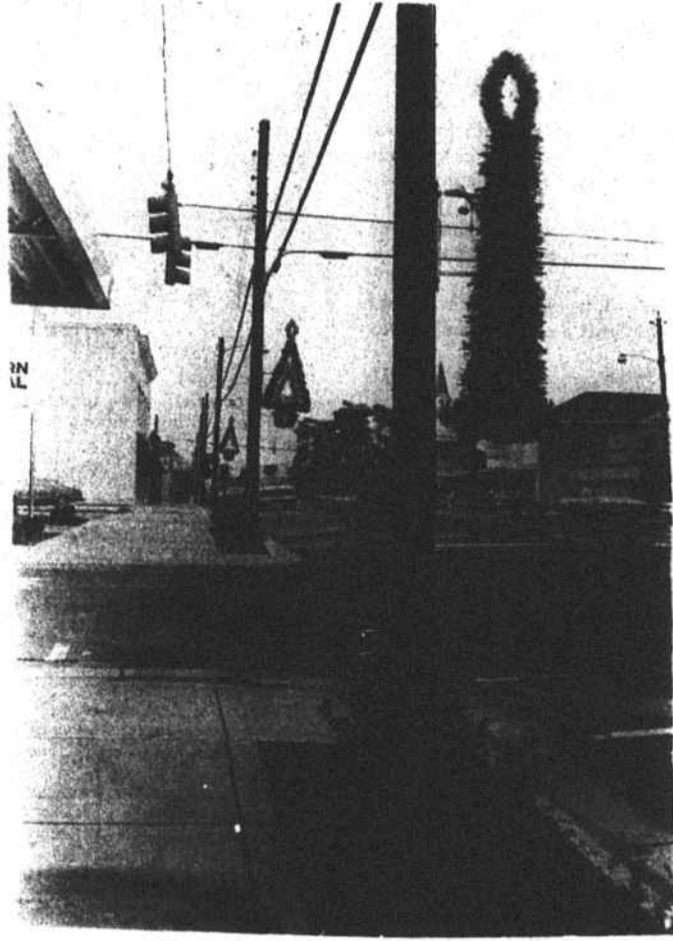
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## At School Board Meeting

# Evaluation, Graduation Discussed



MEMO: IT'S PRACTICALLY IN SIGHT -- These are among the signs which appeared in Raeford in recent days telling us that Christmas is not far away. The decorated Christmas tree with Christmas-wrapped gifts are



in a downtown store window. The outside decorations are among those which appeared on Main Street early this week. Others are on other streets downtown. Santa Claus even made a preliminary call at at least one of the Raeford stores.

Members of the Hoke County Board of Education advised principals Monday night to put more specific information into their written teacher evaluations, discussed a proposed high school graduation policy, and approved two teachers and a center supervisor for employment.

The matters were taken up during the board's regular meeting for November.

Part of the discussion about information for evaluations was held during an executive session.

Dr. Riley Jordan, the board's chairman told the principals to write into a teacher's evaluation all information, "no matter how insignificant it is, good or bad," and have the teacher to sign it.

He said at the outset of the discussion, "Principals are in a position to know the situation." Referring to insufficient information, Jordan added that in the past few years, "We have been caught with teachers" the school system shouldn't have had.

Board member Bill Cameron said the board wants to know whether a teacher is good or not. He advised the principals to put into a teacher's record "something positive" that, if the occasion arose, could provide the board ground for dismissal.

Mrs. R.S. McNair, another member of the board, explained to the principals, "we don't have anything to go on in evaluation" when a teacher problem comes up. She was referring to specific information in the file.

Board member Mrs. Mina Townsend told the principals during the executive session that it was important to give the teachers concrete suggestions, instructions for making improvements, not just criticism.

She told reporters later during the open meeting of this and other suggestions she had made during the executive session. Mrs. Townsend said she suggested principals name the problem when one arose, then give specific examples illustrating it. She also said she suggested they use a narrative form for documenting the subject.

The proposed graduation policy discussed would provide that:

--All students meeting all requirements for graduation, including satisfactory grade on the state competency test, be given diplomas at graduation.

--All other students who complete all requirements except passing the competency test be awarded certificates of attendance at graduation.

At the graduation exercise, however, it would not be announced publicly whether the student being given a diploma or an attendance certificate.

The proposal was submitted by County Schools Supt. Raz Autry.

No official action was taken on it at Monday night's meeting but is to be taken at a future session.

The board's regular meeting for December was changed tentatively to Dec. 4, a Tuesday, at 7 p.m., from the first Monday, the regular day for the monthly meetings. The change was made when Mrs. McNair informed the other members of the board she would be unable to attend Dec. 3.

In action on new personnel, the board adopted a motion to accept Autry's recommendations to employ Mrs. Donna Bernhardt, Mrs. Andrea Cox, and David Smith. Mrs. Bernhardt was added as a teacher of the second grade at West Hoke School because enrollment at the school has increased from last school year's. Mrs. Cox was assigned to teach the third grade at South Hoke, and Smith was named supervisor of the J.W. Turlington School Alternative Learning Center.

Mrs. Cox was chosen to fill the vacancy created by the suspension of Miriam Letie by the board last month for alleged neglect of duty. Autry said Mrs. Letie is to be given a hearing before a state Review Committee at her request. The meeting will be closed to the public, he said, in compliance with state law.

## Raeford Minister's Association Sponsoring

# Union Thanksgiving Service Nov. 21

The Raeford Ministers' Association will sponsor the annual Thanksgiving Service, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 21 at St.

Elizabeth's Catholic Church. The Rev. Paul Strassle, pastor of St. Elizabeth's will be master of ceremonies and will give the welcome.

The Rev. B.V. Childers will preach the sermon and give the Scripture reading. There also will be the singing of hymns by the congregation, with Mrs. Dixie Autry lead. A trio from Second Baptist Church and one from the Church of God will give special music.

The Rev. George McKeithan of Second Baptist Church will give the benediction.

A prelude and postlude will be played by Mrs. Autry.

Everyone of any race, creed, and color in the community are invited to attend.

The members of the association are Ephesus Baptist, First Baptist, Second Baptist, Sandy Grove -

Parker Methodist, Evangelical Methodist, Raeford United Methodist, Shiloh - Bethel, Philippi and Raeford Presbyterian, the Church of God, Four Square Gospel, and St. Elizabeth's.

The officers are McKeithan, Second Baptist, president; Strassle, vice president; and the Rev. Thomas D. Hoogerland, Sandy Grove - Parker, secretary - treasurer.

# Farm-City Week Program At Arabia

A program in observance of Farm-City Week in Hoke County will be held Monday, starting at 3:30 p.m. at Arabia Golf Club and continuing till 7 p.m.

It includes a tour of A Growing Concern where the visitors will see among other things 8,000 poinsettias growing in greenhouses; and a Pig Pickin' at the golf club.

Presentations will be given during the program by Brown Hendrix, Jr., William Poole, and Billy Crawley.

In event of rain or other adverse weather, the Pig Pickin' will be held in the former Mildouson School at the intersection of Secondary Roads 1105 and 1434 near Dundarrach.

The annual international Farm - City Week will open Friday and continue through Thursday, Thanksgiving Day.

It is the week before Thanksgiving every year.

The special week is held to promote better understanding of farm and city people of each other.

The Hoke County observance is being sponsored by Parker Equipment Co., Federal Land Bank, the Production Credit Association, the Raeford - Hoke County Chamber of Commerce, and the Farm Bureau, with the Agricultural Extension Service cooperating.

More information can be obtained from Willie Featherstone, associate Extension agent, at 875-3461.

## Music Club Dinner

The Hoke County Music Booster Club Bazaar and Turkey Dinner will be held Friday, starting at 5 p.m., in Gibson Cafeteria at Hoke County High School.

The high school band and chorus will perform.



PANCAKE SUPPER -- The Raeford Kiwanis Club's annual Pancake Supper will be held Dec. 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. in Gibson Cafeteria at Hoke County High School to raise money for the club's civic projects. Here Vardell Hedgpeth, Jr., president of the club, is giving Myrtle Miller for her business's window a poster announcing the supper. The price per plate of pancakes will be \$2.