New South Hoke Principal

Westall In Hoke Schools Since 1963

Woodrow Westall is going to work July 1 as principal of South Hoke School after serving since June 16, 1969, as West Hoke School's principal.

Westall has been serving in the Hoke County school system since 1963, and before going to the West Hoke position had been an assistant principal at Hoke High (the W.T. Gibson section) and Upchurch Junior High School.

Before coming to Hoke County he taught at Columbia, Bailey, Cornelius and Huntersville, all in North Carolina.

Westall was born and reared in Black Mountain and graduated from Black Mountain High School in 1938.

In August 1941, he recalled in a conversation last Friday, he and some of his friends decided to enlist in the Army, because the draft was going to "get" them sooner or later anyway.

He said they also thought they could stay together all through their tour of duty.

It didn't work that way, Westall said with a laugh. Westall wound up in England with a bomber group of B-17 Flying Fortresses in the Eighth Army Air Force.

Before he came home, he became a veteran of 36 bombing missions over Germany and France, on a B-17 as flight engineer. He got shot down once, he said, "but it wasn't as serious as it sounds." The bomber got hit on a mission too badly to make it all the way home. But one of the crew saw a bombed - out airfield while the crippled craft was flying over France, so the pilot put the plane down in a belly landing between two runways, and noboby got hurt.

Did he get a Purple Heart (for wounds suffered in action against the enemy)? he was asked.

"The only medals I got," he replied, were the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air medal with six clusters."

Back home in Black Mountain after getting his honorable discharge in May 1945 (the same month Germany surrendered), he decided to go to college, so he enrolled at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He graduated in 1950 with a degree of Bachelor of Science in physical education and social studies. Later he earned a Master of Education degree, also from UNC at Chapel Hill.

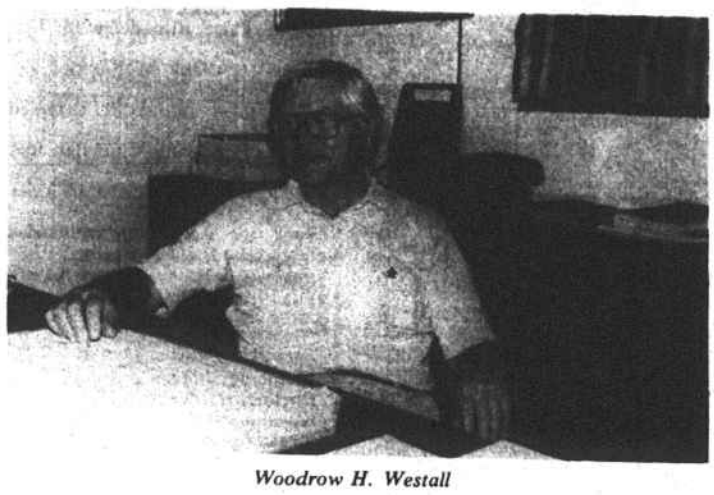
His first job in teaching was at Columbia's "union" school in Tyrrell County. "Union" mean all 12 grades, except kindergarten. There he taught social studies and physical education. He also coached the football, the boys' and girls' basketball and the baseball squads.

Westall is married to the former Susan Duncan of Red Springs. She is secretary at Peterson School in Red Springs.

They have three children, all boys -- Woodrow Hillis Westall, Jr., 28, manager of Wendy's restaurant in Durham; Joe, 27, manager of Kenney's shoe store in Wilmington; and Bill, 22, a rising senior, majoring in business, at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee (about 75 miles southwest of Black Mountain).

The faculty and staff of West Hoke gave Westall a farewell party recently, and he was given a gift from the group and gifts from individual people.

At West Hoke he is being succeeded by Milton Williams, an assistant principal of Hoke High, and at South Hoke he is succeeding George Wood, who is the new principal at Scurlock School. Scurlock's principal, Floyd Caldwell, has been transferred to the same position at McLauchlin School, and James Bowles, McLauchlin's principal, has been transferred to the position of director of remedial programs at Hoke High.



Woodrow H. Westall

State Symphony To Give July 4 Concert

The North Carolina Symphony will perform a free musical tribute to Uncle Sam as part of an all-day Fourth of July celebration in Olde Fayetteville.

Beginning at 5 p.m. in Cross Creek Park (on Green Street), under the baton of Associate Conductor James Ogle, the symphony will play a cavalcade of patriotic arrangements including "American Salute," "Victory at Sea," "Americana Overture," and "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Concert-goers are encouraged to bring babies, blankets, picnics, and chairs.

Hoke Home Ec Teacher Attends Workshop

Mrs. Harriet Archer, a Hoke County High School home economics teacher, participated in a workshop in Raleigh June 14-19.

The workshop was designed to bring the 30 occupational food service teachers who attended up to date in commercial food service practices and equipment, requirements for employment in food occupations, and the most recent teaching materials available.

It was conducted by the National Restaurant Association under contract with the Division of Vocational Education, State Departmet of Public Instruction.

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Lumber Bridge News

by Lib Sumner

Vistors for Sunday School at the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Bill Norflinger and children, Sarah Catherine and Elizabeth Ann of Richmond. They are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. McGougan.

Miss Melba Powers and Mrs. Wynn Wilbanks of Charlotte are spending several days with their sister, Rev. and Mrs. Henry L. Foster.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Colon Ammons during the weekend were her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Watts and son, James from Stanaway, Wash. They also attended Sunday School.

Sunday, June 28th a Special Patriotic Service is planned by the Pastor, Rev. Henry L. Foster. The public is invited to hear this sermon on, "God's Great Gift."

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Colon J. Ammons on Saturday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Tony Watts and James from Washington, Danny Watts, Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Watts, Howard Watts and son H.F. from Clarkton, Mr. and Mrs. Al Alexander, Patricia Alexander and Charles Watts of Alabama, Wanda and Stevie Ammons and Rev. and Mrs. Henry L. Foster. There was a special children and Parents Dedication Service at The Baptist Church at 8 o'clock for Mr. and Mrs. Tony Watts and small son, James. This service was performed by the Rev. Henry L. Foster.

Presbyterian Church

Reverend Dr. Bullock, Professor at Saint Andrew's College was guest minister Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Bullard, attended the North Carolina Women's Conference at Montreat June 11th and 14th.

Mrs. H.E. Horton attended the Montreat Music Conference June 14th - 20th.

Community Daily Vacation Bible School sponsored jointly by Lumber Bridge Baptist and Presbyterian Churches, this week, Monday, June 22 - Friday, June 26, at the Presbyterian Education Building.

Mrs. John Covington and Miss Mary Monroe Maxwell spent last week in Washington, D.C. with Mrs. Covington's nephew, Probert M. Hall.

Col. and Mrs. James A Wyatt, and Mr. J. Wyatt of Wrightsville Beach, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Byrd and Mrs. Nettie Quick of Laurel Hill spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Walter M Chason, Jody and Jennifer.

Mrs. Robey J. Boykin of Alexandria, Va, is visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F.O. Graham.

Mrs. Robert Lee spent several weeks in Colonial Heights, Va., with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Mason. Mrs. Mason has been very ill and has not improved.

Mrs. Ida Smith is home from Southeastern General Hospital and is getting along well.

James Hopkins was a happy person last Friday as he purchased a Coca-Cola from Mrs. Mary Troublefield's store and inside the cap a lucky winner of $100.00. James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Hopkins.

Mr. and Mrs. S.F. Ammons, Stevie and Wanda were dinner guests Sunday of her parents, Mr and Mrs. Russell Prevatte in Lumberton.

Johnny McGougan entered Moore Memorial Hospital Monday.

A Family Reunion - Watts, Page and Granger, gathered at the Clarkton Community Building for this occasion.

Enjoying this picnic dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Al Alexander and daughter, Patricia, and Charles Watts of Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Watts, Danny Watts, Howard Watts and son, H.F. from Clarkton, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Watts and infant son, James from Stanaway, Wash and Mr. and Mrs. Colon Ammons of Lumber Bridge and Rev. and Mrs. Henry Foster of St. Pauls. Approximately seventy-five members of the three families attended.

Walter E. Marley and W.E. Marley, III spent last weekend at Harkers' Island on a fishing trip.

Mrs. D.G. Malloy, III is home from Cape Fear Valley Hospital. She is getting along fine after back surgery.

Correction

The girl identified as Annie McNeill in the picture of the Upchurch Junior High School award winners published in last week's *News-Journal* is Annie McMillan.

SOCIALS — 875-2121

Vets Ask

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q -- What is the maximum amount I can borrow on a Veterans Administration guaranteed home loan?

A -- There is no legal maximum. The VA will guarantee 60 percent of the loan or $27,500, whichever is less. The total amount of the loan is determined by the policy of your lending institution and by your ability to repay the loan.

Q -- My husband died in 1975. At the time of his death I did not want the headstone or marker provided by the Veterans Administration, but I heard recently that the VA pays an amount toward the purchase of a headstone. Am I entitled to this benefit?

A -- No. The law providing for this benefit was not passed until late 1978. The deceased must have been buried after the law took effect in order for the survivor to be eligible for reimbursement.

Q -- Can a veteran get an extension of his 10-year delimiting date for education benefits from the Veterans Administration?

A -- If a veteran was physically or mentally disabled during the period of his eligibility, he may apply for an extension by submitting medical evidence for consideration.

Q -- When are dividends paid on participating National Service Life Insurance policies?

A -- Dividends are normally paid on the anniversary date of the insurance policy

To Plan Reunion

The 1972 Hoke County High School Graduating class will meet at 12:30 p.m. July 5 at the Gibson building, Room 201, to discuss plans for a class reunion.

All interested persons are asked to attend.

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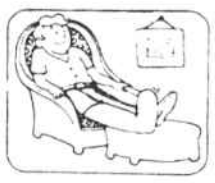

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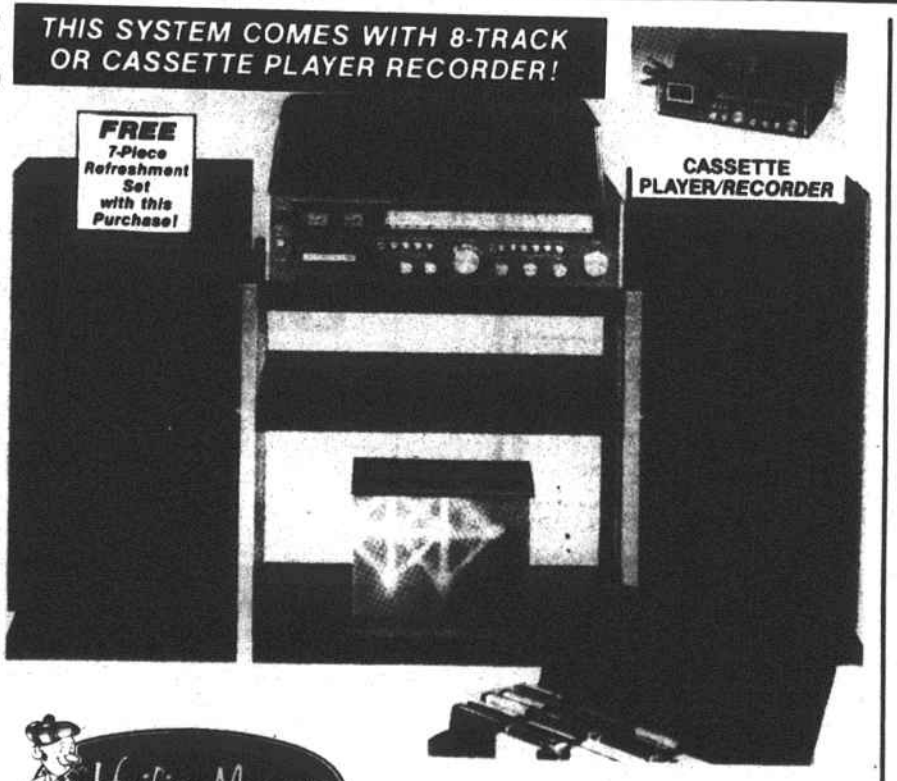

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