

Hoke NAACP Achievements Described

The achievements of the Hoke County branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People were described last week by branch president Jimmy Morrissey in a written report submitted to *The News-Journal* for publication.

After stating the achievements, he pleads in the name of the Hoke branch, for "your support, your know how, your expertise and maybe even just your warm body" in the political arena. "Then we can thrust forward and obtain some of the fruits of life which are so God sent due to us," he adds.

Morrissey calls for total involvement "so you will not have to ask 'what is the NAACP?' or 'what do they do?' because if you become involved then you will know what we stand for and what we do."

Early in the report Morrissey says that during his reign as president, the Hoke branch conducted a voter registration and education program, for which the branch in 1975 was given an achievement award in the form of a plaque. The report adds the following:

The branch in 1972 also successfully campaigned to get food stamp program for the county. Harold Gillis proposed to the all-white county commissioners earlier in 1971-72 that food stamps be authorized and was turned down, one of

the commissioners remarking that surplus government food would serve the purpose. Then a local merchant suggested to Morrissey that Morrissey get a committee organized, and ask the commissioners for a food stamp program.

This was done, after the committee obtained records and other information supporting the food stamp proposal. The commissioners then advised the committee that they would have to have "a state man in before we can approve it."

The committee agreed. "State man came, state man saw, state man said, 'This is a beautiful program, you should have had it a long time ago.' So the food stamp program came in 1972," the report adds.

The report also says the Hoke NAACP has been instrumental in obtaining financial aid for qualified students who didn't know where they could get it; the organization steers them to the proper agency.

Hoke branch members have

worked between businesses and industries, and qualified young people, in helping the latter find jobs.

On housing, Morrissey learned loans were available from the U.S. Farmers Home Administration, then passed the information on to disadvantaged black people in Scurlock community where there was no FmHA-financed housing. Scurlock is Morrissey's home community. The housing situation for disadvantaged blacks has improved since then, the report indicates.

The NAACP members also formed the Scurlock Community Organization, Inc., then worked with the adjoining Hillcrest community to form the Hillcrest-Scurlock water system. "Now we have the community water system," Morrissey adds in his report.

Using the Scurlock Community Organization, the NAACP tried unsuccessfully to obtain low-rent housing. He says the project failed because the land that could have been obtained was five miles out-

side of its water and sewer hook-up. Serving on the Cardinal Health Agency, Inc., which serves Hoke and 14 other counties, Morrissey reports, "we did quite a bit of work for the grass roots people over the 15-county area" in health care. He says "this is an area where you do not see that much relief in Hoke County because of the negative attitude of some of our citizens... which blocked us from receiving all of the health care facilities due to us when we do not have a population to support a hospital."

In education, the Hoke NAACP "over the years has tried to encourage, motivate and educate our young people into the mainstream of life."

In politics, "we worked hard and diligently but this is an area where not only do we need the NAACP but we need the support of ALL the poor and disadvantaged to participate in this area. And you have been rather slack in this area," the report adds.



FOR BURNED-OUT FAMILY -- Raeford Jaycettes are shown with goods they prepared for a Raeford family left homeless by fire recently. L-R -- Sara Norton, Jeannie Gibson, and Barbara Lippard. (Staff photo by Pam Frederick.)



If you have trouble getting your family to like liver, try cutting it into strips, breading and seasoning them and then deep-frying.



BANNER TROOP -- Girl Scout Junior Troop 201 is a Banner Troop. The girls were presented the banner recently by the Carolina Girl Scout Council, for completing these requirements: registering troop members on time, and having three registered adults [one leader and two assistants], a registered troop committee, a signed sponsorship and at least 12 Scouts [the troop has 40]. One of the Scouts is holding up the banner. Troop Leader Betsy Collins is standing at left. (Staff photo.)

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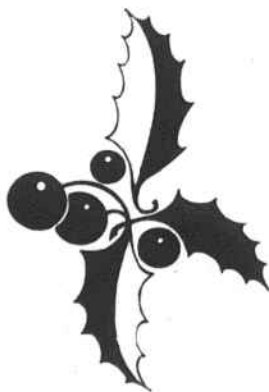
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Map Makers Keep On Top Of Fast-Changing World

by Joy Aschenbach
National Geographic News Service

Pluto has taken Mercury's place as smallest planet. Uranus, it turns out, has rings like Saturn. Jupiter is surrounded by more moons, plus a ring.

Down on Earth, Cambodia has changed its name three times in five years and is now Kampuchea. The Philippines has moved its capital back to Manila after nearly three decades in Quezon City. And on the ocean floor, rifts, ridges, and trenches are being discovered and named in once uncharted regions.

17 New Countries

Above, beneath, and on the Earth's surface, the kinds of changes that inevitably show up on maps happen somewhere almost everyday. In the six years since the last "National Geographic Atlas of the World" was published, 17 new nations have emerged, for a global total of 166. There have been more changes on the African continent than anywhere else. Almost all its nations are now independent.

In the new Geographic atlas, published in October, Rhodesia is Zimbabwe, named after its famed stone ruins, and tiny Bophuthatswana, producer of much of the world's platinum, appears for the first time, but in a state of limbo.

Considered independent by South Africa, it has not been recognized as a separate nation by any other country, the atlas notes.

Out of this world, it turns out that Pluto is not as big as it had seemed. The most distant and coldest planet, it also became the smallest in 1978 when astronomer James Christy discovered that it has a moon so close that telescopes had blurred them together. Both Pluto and its moon, Charon, are now pictured in the atlas. Because of their proximity and similar size, some astronomers consider them a double planet.

China is showing an entirely new face on maps since officially adopting the phonetic Pinyin system for converting written Chinese to the Roman alphabet. The new spellings make many of the familiar names look different -- Canton as Guangzhou and Tibet as Xizang.

What's in a name? Surinam is Suriname. Given to Holland by Britain in exchange for New Amsterdam (New York) in 1667, this tiny South American country gained independence in 1975 and later switched to the Dutch spelling of its name.

Off the Map

Wars wipe some places off the map and put others on. For the

first time in more than a century, Vietnam is one nation. Reunification in 1976 turned Saigon into Ho Chi Minh City.

Throughout Africa and Asia, there are more disputed borders and occupied territories than anywhere else. The African continent has the most countries in the world -- 51; the Asian continent has the most people -- more than 2.6 billion. China and India alone are each adding about 15 million people a year to the world's population.

Continual internal changes keep sending map makers back to their drawing boards. Poland has more than doubled the number of voivodships, or provinces, breaking the country down into smaller units of government, now 49. Cuba also cut up its island into smaller provinces.

In Switzerland French-speaking Swiss separatists finally won their own canton in the Jura Mountain region that had been part of the German-speaking Bern canton since the 1815 Treaty of Vienna.

Throughout the Pacific and Indian oceans many islands are now ruling themselves under new names. The New Hebrides became Vanuatu and the Gilbert Islands, Kiribati.

Britain gave up its last hold on the North American mainland this year when Belize -- its largest colony in the world -- gained independence.

Someday map makers may be putting a new ocean on the globe, the former Red Sea. Its seafloor is slowly spreading, further separating Africa from the Arabian Peninsula.

Attends Meeting

Eleanor S. Gentry of Hoke County High School was among 75 high school guidance counselors who attended the 1981 Counselors' Conference November 22-23 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The conference is held yearly to acquaint counselors with the university. The conferees also were informed about the university's new curriculum which will be started in the fall of 1982.

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