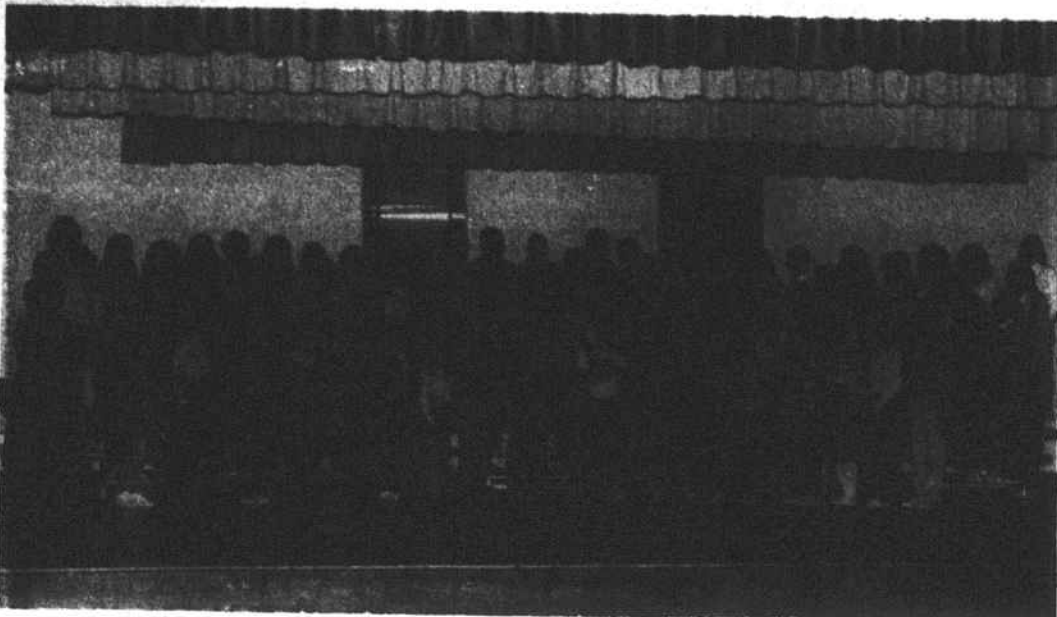


Upchurch Chorus Has Three Concerts Ahead



The Upchurch Chorus and director Anne Freeze (standing at left front) stopped the rehearsal Monday long enough for The News-Journal photographer to take this picture.

by Tripp Simpson

The very talented Chris Watkins roared at the piano, as 90 talented singers in the Upchurch Junior High School Chorus sang "Tambourine- Noel."

Well, not yet, but coming up in Southern Pines on December 13, the Chorus, directed by Anne Freeze, will make its debut.

But, don't worry, the Chorus will return, and have its home concert on December 15 at Upchurch School at 7 p.m.

If you miss that, the Chorus will give a concert for the school on December 18.

From the chorus was picked a special group of singers called the Ensemble. The Ensemble consists of 24 members who will be singing songs such as "The Little Drummer Boy" and a piece in Spanish "Ven Dulce Amado Mio." The Ensemble practices after school.

The Chorus hit its last note, and it rang out, loud and clear. Mr. Watkins calmed his hands; Mrs. Freeze signaled the cut off, and the applause came tremendously.

Please join the Chorus and Ensemble along with the Upchurch Drama Club and Dance Group for a Christmas celebration on Tuesday December 15th at 7:00 at Upchurch School.

Admission is \$1 for adults, and 50 cents for students.



SERVICE AWARD -- James E. (Jim) Fisher completed 35 years with Burlington Industries on December 2. He is a manager in the Planning Department in the Dyeing Plant. During his 35 years with the company, his experiences have carried him through many of Burlington's operations including Greensboro, New York and Oxford. Fisher is shown receiving his Thirty-Five Year Service Pin and Certificate from, L-R, Department Manager, Ray Allen and Plant Manager Gib Bernhardt. He also received a camera for his outstanding record.

Lumber Bridge News

by Lib Sumner

On Saturday and Sunday night at 7:30 the Lumber Bridge-Rex Community Children's Choir presented a Christmas musical - "A Certain Small Shepherd."

The Baptist Church was filled with parents and friends from Parkton, Rex, Lumber Bridge and St. Pauls. Directing this musical were Mrs. Lynne Maxwell, Mrs. Mavis Foster and Mrs. Imogene Horton.

The Lumber Bridge Vol. Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary

held their annual Christmas Dinner on Saturday evening at 6:30 at The Town Hall with eighty-five members and invited guests attending.

A turkey and ham dinner with all the good dishes to make this a wonderful holiday meal was served. Community Choir

The annual Christmas concert, featuring the Cantata, "A Night to Remember" by Harold Decon, will be presented on Sunday, December 13 at 7 p.m. in the Lumber Bridge Presbyterian Church Sanctuary.

On Thursday night Mr. and Mrs. David Davis, Jr. gave a birthday dinner honoring their son, Jamie and their aunts, Mrs. Jeff Davis of Lumber Bridge and Mrs. David Davis, Sr. of Raeford, at their home on Jackson Street, Raeford.

After dinner, cake and ice cream was served to three families who attended.

The community extends sympathy to the family of Mrs. Mary Coit Chason, who died Monday morning, December 7 in Cape Fear Valley Hospital.

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Hoke Highlights

Pamela McNeill

The Hoke County High Chorus and Chorale will have their Christmas concert on December 17th. This will be the first concert of the season featuring only the chorale groups. The students have been working very hard to prepare this concert.

Saturday, December 12th, Hoke County will have a Christmas parade. Youth Council will present their sixteen beauty contestants and Miss Teenage Hoke County, Beverly Farrow, Miss Ekoh will also ride in the parade. The Hoke High Band will march and Student Government will be represented. The students look forward to the town once again having a Christmas parade and having the opportunity to participate.

The French Club and Spanish Club will have an International Dinner on Monday, December 14th. Guests may come by invitation only. Members are exerting strenuous effort in order to present this dinner. The cost will be ten dollars per person, which will pay for a member and his two guests.

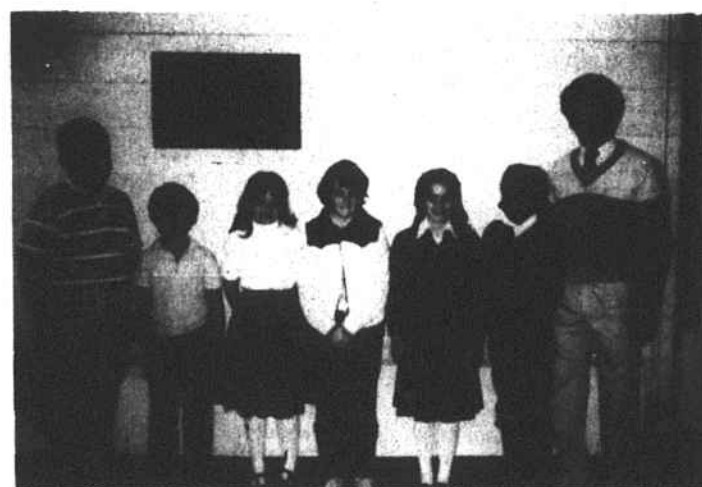
The Health Occupation Students of America have once again been very busy. This week they are celebrating Health Occupation Week, Dec. 7-12. For each day, they will be doing some activity to benefit the teachers, students or community. On Monday they placed health related pamphlets and prescription bottles of medicine (m&m's) in the teacher's boxes. Posters and bulletin boards were placed in the corridors and school. On Tuesday they're taking residents of the Open Arms Rest Home to Cross Creek Mall. Tuesday evening a program is planned for the HO Students, where Mrs. Cromartie, a social worker, will be discussing adoption procedures. Other activities are planned for the remaining week including the placing of Christmas trees in the office and rest home.

Later in the month, the students are planning to go Christmas caroling.

**HAPPY 10TH ANNIVERSARY
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SERVICE AWARD -- Roy Ayers completed 25 years with Burlington Industries on November 27. He is a Kettle Service person in the Dye Process Department in the Dyeing Plant. Ayers is shown receiving his Twenty-Five Year Service Pin and Certificate from back row, L-R, Dyeing Superintendent Frank Sossoms, Plant Manager Gib Bernhardt, Department Manager, Kent Juday, and Department Supervisors Terry Chavis and Irvin Stiles.



WEST HOKE SGA -- These students were elected by the Fourth Grade students at West Hoke School to represent them in the SGA Organization, Student Government Association. The students are shown with their advisor, Mitchell Tyler, a Fourth Grade teacher at West Hoke. L-R -- Keith Walters, president; Jeremy Williams, treasurer; Holly Schuchard, secretary; Pricilla Carson, vice president; Mary Ross, parliamentarian; and Grandella McGregor, sergeant-at-arms.

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The collections in September totaled \$75,748.30 on retail sales of \$3,782,232.

The October 1980 collections grossed \$69,132.82 on sales of \$3,460,041.

