



PLAY AND GIFTS -- These South Hoke School Third Graders entertained the school's Second Graders Thursday, and later each of the 183 Second Graders received a Christmas book as a gift paid for by the Raeford Woman's Club and the Hoke County Board of Education. The students were allowed to choose the books they were to be given. The play, "The Toy Parade," was presented at the Reading Is Fundamental period by Mrs. Vickie Rose's students. [Staff photo].



CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS COME -- Raeford Juniors Judy Scull [left] and Ginny Leach [right] brought Christmas stockings of good things to the youngsters at the Hoke County Children's Center December 15. Here they are with the children who were the first to receive the gifts. [Staff photo].



PRESENT FROM KINDERGARTEN -- Mrs. Dot Cameron, Hoke County Public Library librarian, is shown receiving a surprise Christmas present Thursday morning from the children, teachers and teacher aids of Scurlock School's four kindergarten classes. The present was given at a pause called during Mrs. Cameron's regular weekly story hour for the kindergarten children at Scurlock. Hiawatha Howard [right], one of the kindergarten teachers, presented the gift for the children and the teachers and aids. The other picture shows kindergarten children shortly afterward listening to Mrs. Cameron telling a Christmas story. [Staff photos.]



SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS -- Members of the Raeford Woman's Club are shown here in the Hoke County Public Library working with donations made to the club's "Share Your Christmas" program for Hoke County's needy last week. At the table of toys is Mary Helen Senter, and at left are Shirley Gibson [wearing jacket] and Shirley Maxwell. Sarah Leach is project chairman for the club. [Staff photo.]



BANK VISITORS -- First Graders of J.W. McLaughlin School are shown last week during their visit to The Bank of Raeford office on North Main Street at West Elwood Avenue. At right is their teacher, Glenda Lester, and at left, her aide, Minnie Simmons. Mrs. Ron Parson, a member of the bank staff and mother of one of the First Graders, is in the left rear. Sue Davis of the bank staff showed the visitors around. [Staff photo.]

Single Parents Association To Meet Dec. 30

The Sandhills Single Parents Association met on December 16 at 6:30 p.m. for a covered-dish supper.

Gifts were exchanged among the children.

The next meeting will be on January 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church on East Indiana Avenue, Southern Pines. Officers for the new year will be elected.

There will be a party for the adults on December 30 at 8 p.m. at the Sheraton Motel in Southern

Pines. A non-paid will be requested to pay \$5 at the door.

For further information contact G. Crews, 875-4813.

Cubs Receive Awards

The following awards were given at the recent Cub Pack meeting.

Bobcat badge -- Robert Lowery, Vincent Lowery, Kevin Epps, Bentley Lowery, Joseph Floyd, Torrey Bratcher (also One Year Pin), Chad Hodgins, Andrew Lamont, Chris Long, Michael Long, Nathan Steck, and Jeremy Williams.

Recruiter strip and patch for more than one -- Robert Lowery, Jody Elkins, Jason Flowers, and Patrick Jones (also a One Year Pin); One Year Pin -- George Beatty; Sportsman -- Rusy Wilson; Artist, Athlete, and Sportsman -- Michael Jacobs; Showman -- Trampus Bennett; and Wolf badge -- Patrick Furrage.

The Scouts sang Christmas carols Thursday night at the Open Arms Rest Home.

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TELLING SANTA -- Santa Claus was listening to J.W. McLaughlin School children Thursday morning in Santa House telling him what they wanted him to bring them for Christmas when this picture was taken. Asia Deneen McNeill, in the First Grade, is with Santa as other First Graders wait to talk with him. Other children in the kindergarten are waiting outside with their teacher, Jane Johnson, to see Santa. Mrs. Mary Bounds, is teacher of the First Graders who are inside. Asia is holding an orange Santa just gave her.