

**Tell U.S. Justice Department**

# Hoke, Scotland Favor Present District

City and county officials and officials of the Democratic and Republican parties of Hoke and Scotland counties have signed a letter favoring leaving the present Hoke-Scotland State House district as it is, opposing the N.C. General Assembly's reapportionment plan which would have Hoke and Scotland in a new district with Robeson County.

The letter is addressed to the chief of the Voting Section of the Justice Department.

The Hoke County people who signed the letter are County Commissioners James A. Hunt, John Balfour, Daniel DeVane, Mabel Riley and Neill McPhatter; Raeford Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr.; County Republican Chairman J.H. Blue, Jr.; and County Democratic Chairman Harold L. Gillis.

Each name listed the signer's race. The signers include whites, blacks and Indians.

The text of the letter follows.

Dear Sir:  
We are citizens of Scotland and Hoke Counties, North Carolina, who strongly object to the recent reapportionment of the North Carolina House of Representatives. As the present plan for reapportionment now stands, Scotland and Hoke Counties, with a combined population (according to the 1980 Census) of 52,656 people, was left in a three-county district with Robeson County, which has a population of 101,577 people. It is our contention that the three-county district...

(1) Does not comply with the one person one vote requirement because it denies the citizens of Scotland and Hoke Counties the opportunity to elect a representative from either one of those counties since the population of Robeson County is almost twice as much as the combined populations of Scotland and Hoke Counties; and

(2) It does not dilute the vote of minorities, but, in some instances, actually enhances their voting power. This is readily apparent from the population figures (according to the 1980 Census) shown on Exhibit A attached to this letter.

**HISTORY**

Prior to redistricting in 1965, Scotland County and Hoke County each had one representative. After redistricting, the Scotland County representative was defeated in 1968 and Hoke County's representative was beaten in 1972. Neither Hoke nor Scotland County has had a representative since 1972 -- all of the representatives coming from Robeson County. It is important to note that in the redistricting plan of 1971, Robeson County actually lost population according to the 1970 Census, while Hoke and Scotland Counties gained, but as a result of the loss of population by Robeson County, the total number of seats in the House district was reduced from four to three, even further reducing the opportunity for Scotland and Hoke Counties to have a representative.

As the North Carolina House of Representatives began to consider the present reapportionment plan in the spring of 1981, the County Commissions from both Scotland and Hoke Counties passed resolutions supporting a district made up of Scotland and Hoke Counties with one representative. Delegations from both counties made up of women, men, and minorities appeared at all public hearings held by the House Redistricting

Committee (East) and urged that we have a district composed of Scotland and Hoke Counties and urged that we be separated from Robeson County. As the debate went on in the House during the regular legislative session and during a specially called session to deal with reapportionment in the fall of 1981, there were numerous plans proposed but the end result was to leave Scotland and Hoke Counties with Robeson County, thereby depriving us of any reasonable opportunity to elect a representative from either Hoke or Scotland Counties.

The delegation that went to the General Assembly from Hoke and Scotland Counties received the commitment from each one of our present representatives from Robeson County to not oppose a district composed of Scotland and Hoke Counties.

**MINORITIES**

Scotland and Hoke Counties are proud of the fact that minorities have been able to win elections in our counties on City Councils, County Commissions, and School Boards. Scotland County presently has Blacks serving on the Laurinburg City Council, on the Wagram City Council, and on the School Board. Hoke County has an Indian and Black who serves on the Board of County Commissioners as well as a female. There are also females serving on the Wagram City Council and the Scotland County Board of Commissioners.

As shown on Exhibit A, Whites have 52% of the population in Scotland and Hoke Counties, Blacks have 38%, Indians 9%, and Black and Indians 47%. Robeson County has 39% White, 25% Black, 35% Indian, and a combination of 60% Black and Indian. Dividing the Robeson-Hoke-Scotland district diminishes Black strength in Robeson County by only 5% but at the same time, it would increase Black strength in a Scotland-Hoke district by 8%. With Robeson County as a separate district, Indian strength would be increased in that County by 9%. If Robeson County was to remain by itself the total percentage of Blacks and Indians would be 60% as opposed to 56% if Robeson County is placed with Scotland and Hoke Counties. Therefore, the three-county district as it is now constituted dilutes the Indian population in Robeson County and dilutes the Black population in Scotland and Hoke Counties.

**CONCLUSION**

We argue that because of the size of Robeson County as compared to

**Service Personnel**

Charles D. Hopkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Almon C. Hopkins of Lumber Bridge, has been promoted in the Army to staff sergeant.

Hopkins is assigned at Fort Bragg with the 82nd Airborne Division.

His wife, Debra, is the daughter of Ambrose J. Haney of 603 Montclair Road, Fayetteville.

Marine Lance Cpl. Barry V. Brown, son of Lorraine D. Brown of Rt. 1, Box 835, Raeford, has reported for duty with 2nd Battalion, 10th Marines, Camp Lejeune.

A 1979 graduate of Hoke County High School, joined the Marine Corps in August 1974.

the combined populations of Scotland and Hoke Counties the present plan will deny the people of Scotland and Hoke Counties the opportunity to elect a representative and therefore they will be denied a representative under the present system. It is our contention that this does not comply with the one person one vote requirement. Furthermore, minority voting rights would not be diluted, overall, if Scotland and Hoke Counties

comprised a district and Robeson County comprised another district. The request we have presented is not racially motivated, but is done to insure that the people of Scotland and Hoke Counties might have an opportunity for electing a resident legislator from either one of those counties.

We ask you to consider this information as you study the North Carolina reapportionment plan.

EXHIBIT "A"

1980 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING

NORTH CAROLINA FINAL POPULATION AND HOUSING WITH COUNTS

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

MARCH, 1981

COUNTY	WHITE	BLACK	INDIANS	BLACKS AND INDIANS	TOTAL
Scotland	18,746	11,361	2,062	13,423	32,273
Hoke	8,838	8,875	2,578	11,453	20,383
Robeson	39,989	25,590	35,511	61,101	101,577
<b>PROPOSED DISTRICTS</b>					
Scotland and Hoke	27,584 (52%)	20,236 (38%)	4,640 (9%)	24,876 (47%)	52,656
Robeson	39,989 (39%)	25,590 (25%)	35,511 (35%)	61,101 (60%)	101,577
Scotland, Hoke and Robeson	67,573 (64%)	45,826 (30%)	40,151 (26%)	85,977 (56%)	154,233

## Court Clerk Running For Third Term

Junaita Edmund is running for her third term as clerk of Hoke County Superior Court.

Mrs. Edmund, a Democrat, filed last week with the Hoke County Board of Elections as a candidate. She had served since 1968 as an assistant clerk when she was elected in the general election of November 1974 without opposition to her first term as clerk. Mrs. Edmund was chosen the previous September 21 by the Hoke County Democratic Executive Committee as the party's nominee for the November election to fill the vacancy created by the death of Court Clerk E.E. Smith on September 10. Smith died after being nominated in the May primary.

Mrs. Edmund won her second term in 1978 after winning the Democratic primary of May 2 against another candidate, then running unopposed in the November general election.

Mrs. Edmund was chosen Hoke County Law Enforcement of the Year for 1979 by her fellow members of the Hoke County Law Enforcement Officers Association. She served on the board of the Hoke County Association for the



Junaita Edmund

Developmentally Disabled and is a member of the Advisory Council of the Hoke County Girl Scouts and of First Baptist Church of Raeford.

She will be 56 on May 23. Mrs. Edmund is married to Boyd Edmund, who is retired from Dickerson Construction Co. of Monroe. They have one child, daughter Bonita, of the home.

## Dental Health Fair At Scurlock Friday

Twenty-two Fayetteville Technical Institute dental hygiene students will hold a Dental Health Fair Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Scurlock School, to show children in an entertaining manner how to keep their teeth in good shape.

The students will be accompanied by Kim Woodall dental hygienist for Hoke County.

They will give the program January 22 at West Hoke School, and gave it last Friday at J.W. McLaughlin School.

The FTI students will give a puppet show, show movies and

hold games for children. They also perform as "Tooth Players," playing the roles of a living toothbrush, Mr. Plaque (the bad guy), and other characters which are parts of dental health.

The will also give prizes to children, such as toothbrushes, pamphlets and tooth paste.

If you should witness a robbery, under no circumstances put up any resistance. If possible, concentrate on the physical features and the clothing of the persons, involved so that you can aid the police in apprehending the criminals.

### INVITATION FOR BIDS COUNTY OF HOKE

Sealed bids will be accepted until 3:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 26, 1982, and then publicly opened and read for the lease of 1,532 pounds (1.03 acres) of tobacco quota for 1982.

Payment will be due before quota is transferred. Bids should be delivered to the County Manager's office in the Courthouse Annex Building or mailed to: Hoke County, P.O. Box 266, Raeford, N.C. 28376. Envelope should be sealed and clearly marked: BID FOR TOBACCO QUOTA. If further information is needed, please contact the County Manager at 875-8751. The Hoke County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

# Heart Campaign Chairmen Named

Miss Emma Mims, fund raising chairman of the Hoke County Heart Association, has announced chairmen for the various activities of the 1982 heart association fund-raising campaign.

Mrs. Delia McNeill will serve as city chairman for Raeford. She will direct fund-raising activities in the city. They will include Business Day, Heart Sunday, and Heart Fund Benefits, with the help of Heart Association volunteers.

Mrs. Betty Upchurch will serve as Special Gifts chairman. Mrs. Upchurch and a committee of other volunteers will direct the solicitation of special gifts from individuals as part of the 1982 Heart Fund campaign in Hoke County.

Miss Susan Blackmon will be the chairman for Jump Rope for Heart. This event will be held at participating schools in the county. Many students will be involved in the three-hour event.

Jimmy Wood and Danny McGowan will serve as co-chairmen of the Heart Fund Special Events. They will be planning fund raising activities, which include the annual Heart Association Golf Tournament.

The Rural Community co-chairmen for the campaign will be Mrs. Jessie Dupree, Mrs. Joyce Griffin, Mrs. Bonnie Love, Mrs. Kathy Hendrix, and Mrs. Grover McMillan. They will be responsible for conducting the campaign in the

rural areas of Hoke County.

Many other volunteers will be helping these chairmen.

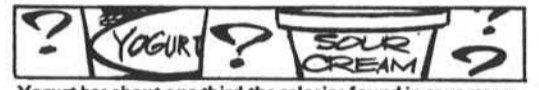
Mrs. Barbara Lippard of Raeford will serve as treasurer of the heart association, Miss Mims also announced.

Mrs. Lippard has served the past two years as treasurer. She is employed at The Bank of Raeford in the Installment Loan Department. She is an active member of the Raeford Jayettes, and is the awards chairman for the Cub Scouts.

Miss Mims said that Mrs. Lippard will receive and account for all local heart association funds, including memorial gifts. Anyone wishing to make a memorial gift should contact her at The Bank of Raeford or by calling 875-5106. Memorial gifts are acknowledged to the next-of-kin and the donor within 24 hours of receipt by the state office in Chapel Hill.

"Memorial gifts are not limited to honoring someone who has died," said Miss Mims, "but may also honor the living, or serve as a remembrance on almost any occasion."

"Memorial gifts are used to support heart research and local programs of professional and public health education, hypertension screening, rheumatic fever prevention, emergency cardiac care, and other efforts to reduce the toll of heart disease."



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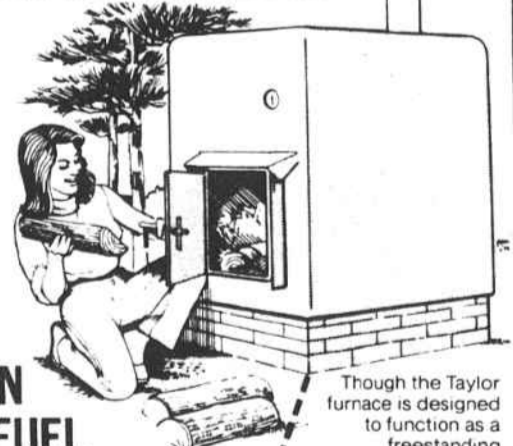
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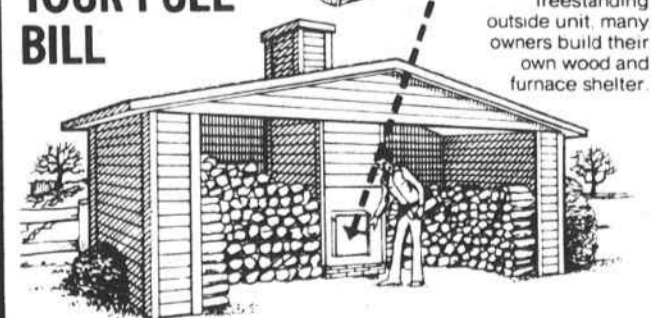
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