

## Hoke Agricultural Extension News

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County Extension Chairman

Help us observe Arbor Day Friday, March 19, in Hoke County. Have you hugged a tree lately and told it how much it was appreciated?

By law, there is a day set apart just for such an occasion. Arbor Day in North Carolina became a legally established day when the 1967 legislature ratified legislation at which time it became law. In part, the bill states, "Whereas, it is desirable that the planting of seedlings and flowering shrubs be encouraged to promote the beautification and conservation of the vast and varied resources of North Carolina and "Whereas the designation of a particular day each year as Arbor Day would encourage and draw attention to a concerted effort by North Carolinians to beautify and conserve the state's resources by planting young trees and shrubs." Arbor Day in North Carolina has been designated as the first Friday following March 15. North Carolina has as its official state tree any member of the pine

family and as its state flower the dogwood.

Arbor was originated back to 1872 in the prairie state of Nebraska by Sterling Morton, who later became United States Secretary of Agriculture. More than one million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day. Today, every state recognizes Arbor Day as trees are a resource of great beauty and value to our country and state.

Forests cover 3 out of 5 acres in North Carolina and everyone benefits either directly or indirectly from them. The forestry industry is the second most important in the state and generates over 2 billion dollars to our economy each year.

Arbor Day is a symbol of our faith in the future. It is our effort to help nature help us. It is a patriotic event. There are many possibilities for observing Arbor Day. Plant a tree or many trees. Dedicate a tree to someone dear. Set aside an area for an annual planting ceremony. Plant a memorial tree. A tree is a gift of God and friend of man.

## Hoke Girls In State Contest

Two members of the Hoke County High School chapter of Health Occupations Students of America will compete for state HOSA championships in May because they won first places in the district competition held March 1 at Fayetteville Technical Institute in Fayetteville.

Cheryl Farmer took first place in Instructive Speech, and Pat Kellerman first in medical terminology and second with her Extemporaneous Health Display.

The state competition will be held in May in Winston-Salem.

Miss Farmer's topic was "The Responsibility of the Health Professional in the Community." Miss Kellerman's display theme was "Diabetes Control and Management."



**BEST SLOGAN** -- Burlington Industries Raeford Plant announced its new Safety Slogan winner. He is Guard Kirkpatrick of the Security Force at the plant. His winning entry is: "Make Safety First, Make Safety Last!"

The other Hoke students who competed in the district events were Deborah Goodman, in Informative Speech; Patrick Locklear, Linda Goodman, and Teresa Pickett, Medical Spelling; Myochi Dudley, Fern Rogers, and Linda Currie, Job Seeking Skills; and Leslie Foster, Extemporaneous Health Display.

Myoshi Dudley placed in the top five of 40 contestants in Job Seeking Skills.

A slide presentation and tour of the health education programs at Fayetteville Technical Institute were planned for the students not participating in the competitive events.

At a business session prior to the awards ceremony, a representative from each school reported on chapter activities this school year. Patrick Locklear, president, reported for Hoke County HOSA.

Other members attending were: Pam Clark, Angel Polston, Betsy Blanton, Beth Wilkes, Patrice Smith, Carol Davis, Laurie Slade, Ruth Wheeler, Vanessa Ferrell, Denise Jude, Deborah Taylor, and Lisa Gholston.

Sixteen clubs were represented at the meeting.



Pat Kellerman (left) and Cheryl Farmer with the district HOSA competition trophies they won. [Staff photo].

## Revival Set For First Baptist

Revival services will be held March 14-18 at First Baptist Church, Raeford, beginning Sunday morning at 11 and closing Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Services will begin each evening at 7:30. The Rev. James Finley from Wilmington, N.C., will be the guest evangelist.

The Rev. Bev. Tillman, minister of music at First Baptist, will be the music director.

Finley is a native of Spartanburg, S.C. He attended Clemson University and is a graduate of Wake Forest University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has pastored church-

es in South Carolina and Virginia and has been the pastor of the Pine Valley Baptist Church, Wilmington, for the past four years.

The public is invited to attend these services.

A nursery will be provided. The Rev. Billy C. Beaver is the pastor of First Baptist Church.

## Blue Springs Meet

Blue Springs Precinct's Democrats will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in South Hoke School.

## Poor Association Dinner March 24

The National Association of the Southern Poor, known as the Assembly, will sponsor a free dinner Wednesday March 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the National Guard Armory.

All Hoke County people age 18 and older are urged to attend. Important business will be taken care of at the meeting.

Churches and other organizations and individuals are required

to advise Hoke association representatives on the number each will have at the dinner. Any one of these association representatives among others may be informed of this: Russell McAllister, Jr., president; Walter J. Blue, deputy president; Jimmy Morrissey, Chief Whip; Julius Vanner, Economic Development; Willie Featherstone, Agriculture; and Charlotte Kelly, Education.

## Foreign Policy

### Programs At Library

"Great Decisions '82" the U.S. Foreign Policy Association's annual discussion program of current worldwide topics, will be offered at the Hoke County Public Library, March 17 - May 5, 10-11:45 a.m., each Wednesday.

Sponsored by Sandhills Community College, the discussion leaders will be retired Ambassador Krebs, Ambassador Burns, and Talmadge Lancaster. A person may register at 9:30 a.m. March 17 at the Library for the program.

The schedule:  
March 17 - Central America: Fire in the 'front yard?'. Max Krebs, retired ambassador, Jackson Springs.

March 24 - Western Europe and the U.S.: Frictions among friends,

Krebs.  
March 31 - America's Defense: What price security? Talmadge Lancaster, Superintendent, Sarmark and Manor, Eagle Springs (former head of Tehran American School).

April 7 - Japan: Strategic ally, economic rival, Krebs.

April 14 - Global Inflation: Is there a cure? Lancaster.

April 21 - The Palestinians: History, politics and conflict, Findley Burns, retired ambassador, Southern Pines.

April 28 - The U.S.S.R. and Poland: Troubles in the workers' paradise, Burns.

May 5 - Protecting the World's Resources: Is time running out? Krebs.

## Wright In Appellate Court Race

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District Court Judge Paul Wright has announced he is a candidate for the North Carolina Court of Appeals seat being vacated by retiring Judge Robert Martin.

Wright is seeking the Democratic nomination in the party's primary to qualify for being named on the November 2 general election ballot.

Wright is serving in his current position in the Judicial District composed of Wayne, Lenoir and Greene counties.

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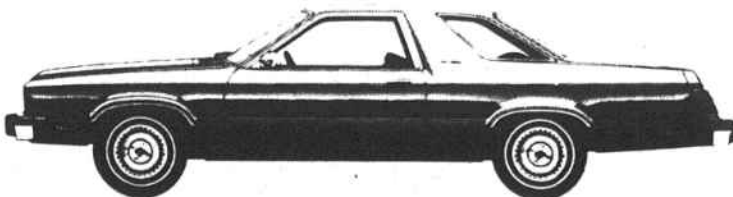
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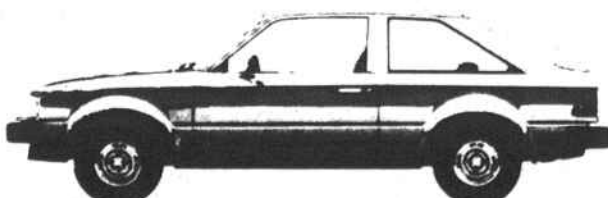


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