



Some of the chairmen of the festival Planning Committee: L-R, teachers Donna Bullock, Gloria Strickland, Mary Timmons, Jack Burgess, Charlene Averitt, Dazarene Page, and Helen Sellars. (Betsy Collins photo).



Working on festival posters: L-R, Dana Hagins, Towanda Leggett, Larry Hammonds, and Michael Ellis, and, front, Ron Parson. (Betsy Collins photo).

## Hoke's 'Celebration Of The Arts '82'

# Turlington Prepares For Festival

Students at J.W. Turlington Elementary School, are busily preparing for Hoke County's Art Festival scheduled April 3-9.

This "Celebration of the Arts '82" is a community and schools affair and open to the public without charge.

Colorful posters, bumper stickers, and modeling clay are just a few of the varied materials being utilized by the students as they "light up" the school with visual evidence that this spectacular event is coming soon. The public is urged to visit, not only Turlington, but also Hoke High School and Upchurch Junior High School, and experience this unique parade of creativity. Talented local and guest artists will be on hand to perform and exhibit their crafts. "We scheduled a wide-scope of artists, and the public can really expect to have their imaginations triggered and excited during the Arts Festival," stated Mrs. Mary Archie

McNeill, Hoke County's director of cultural arts. Mrs. McNeill went on to explain that such varied performers as musicians, dancers, magicians, gymnasts, and innovative road companies will be on hand to make this an unforgettable event." Mrs. McNeill urged the public to check forthcoming editions of the local newspaper for more details.

The administration, staff, and student body at Turlington are certainly gearing up for the week-long festivities. "Everything and everyone is buzzing at our school," proudly beamed school principal, Emma Mims. Miss Mims went on to explain that the delectable school lunches will be enhanced by the melodious sounds of such groups as **Captain Funk** from Red Springs, **Hoke County's Barber-shop Quartet**, pianist Lynn Maxwell, and a bluegrass band.

Further evidence of the excitement prevailing at Turlington can be seen by the decorative doors and walls. Language arts teacher, Iris Barbour has captured the beauty of needlecraft with her door and wall display of sewing, embroidery, weaving, crewel, and knitting works.

Another language arts teacher, Beverly Bowden, has a mural display of abstract art created by her sixth grade students. These students are also transforming their creative energies into abstract sculpture which can be seen during the festival. Sixth grade math teacher, Helen Sellars is coordinating a foreign costume contest in conjunction with the festival. Hungarian, Japanese, Eskimo and American Indian costumes are just a few of the numerous original designs in which the boys and girls may select to model for the contest. Turlington teachers kicked off the excitement for the foreign costume contest as they surprised students by coming to school clad in foreign costumes on March 8.

"We are really working hard to make this Arts Festival an event that will be forever engraved in the memory of each observer," confessed Miss Mims. "Now, we only need for the community to support us with their presence during the week of April 3-9."

The Arts Festival is made possible by an endowment from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation of Winston-Salem.



Bumper stickers of the festival are shown by, L-R, Towanda Leggett, Michael Ellis, Ron Parson, and Larry Hammonds, and, front, Dana Hagins. (Betsy Collins photo).



Iris Barbour's needlecraft display. (Staff photo).



Rene McArthur making a ceramic piece for the festival. She's in Susan Blackman's Fifth Grade home room. (Betsy Collins photo).

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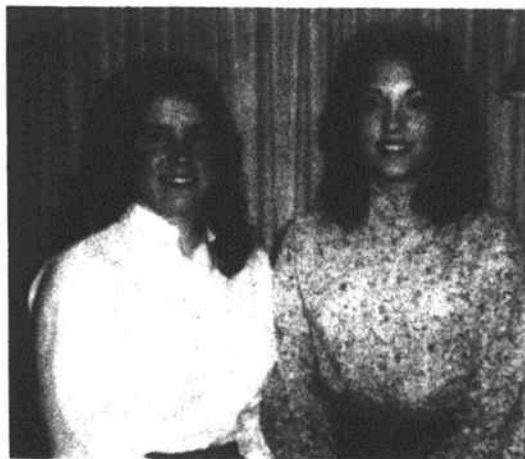
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