THE NEWS-JOURNAL RAEFORD, NORTH CAROLINA PAGE 6 THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1982



BOSS'S DAY -- George Wood, principal of Scurlock School, sits among the sign and gifts members of his staff provided Friday in his honor. It was the last day of National Educational Bosses Week in North Carolina but it was a surprise to the principal. The banner bears the signatures of members of the Scurlock staff. Among the gifts was a home-made and home-decorated cake bearing the words "Happy Boss's Day."

Swan – Man Of Year

A Raeford native has been named the Brooklyn (N.Y.) Club's "Man of the Year." He is Steven G. Swan, foster son

of Mrs. George Jackson of Raeford.

His wife is the former Vernell Fairley, daughter of William and Thelma Fairley.

Swan is a graduate of Upchurch High School and Fayetteville State Teachers College (now Fayetteville State University).

He is now assistant vice president of Metropolitan Savings Bank and branch manager of the bank's Fulton Street office in New York. Swan is directly responsible for all the operations of the Fulton Street branch, whose assets total over \$64 million at the cash flow level. He



also is in charge of mortgages, loans and all controlling applications; and for all hiring and on-the-job training.

He started in Brevoort Savings Bank in 1967 as a teller-trainee.

Swan is a graduate of the American Institute of Banking and completed courses in banking and finance. He is licensed by the State of New York as an insurance underwriter.

Swan and his wife have two children. He attends Community Churches and works on fund-raising projects for the families of deceased policemen. Swan also is a member of the Bonnies Club-East 39th Street Block Association, sponsor of Health Fairs for Senior itizens, and also is active in the Crown Heights Jaycees, the Bed-ford-Stuyvesant Chamber of Commerce. and the Democratic Club.

His hobbies include reading, music, camping, bowling, basket-ball, softball and tennis.



Letter To The Editor

Editor, The News-Journal

It seems ironic that after writing an article concerning the transfer of teachers and administrators around the county for punitive reasons, I recently learned that my name had been on the Board of Education's agenda for May to be RIFed (Reduced in Force) from remedial reading at the high school and transferred to Upchurch. The transfer in itself is not objectionable aside from the fact that I have never worked with junior high school age children, but it's the Apparently, the board was too preoccupied at the May meeting with a college approximation of the second sec

preoccupied at the May meeting with a college-prep student who had been expelled from the high school on a drug charge and is presently attending extended-day classes. The boy's mother felt the extended-day program was in-adequate for her son since he is special, a college-prep student. The boy's mother and the principal had already discussed the possibility of the boy meeting with four of five of his former teachers 10-15 minutes a "at their convenience." day This arrangement does make this student special since no other student has 10-15 minutes of his teacher's time exclusively. After two hours of deliberation

the board took no formal action on the case but assisted in determining the legality of such an arrangement.

That and budget matters including the exclusion once again of a teachers' supplement kept the board busy. The board says the board busy. The board says the majority of teachers voted for a liability policy. Most of the teachers are covered by just such a policy through NCAE (North Carolina Association of Educators).

It's understandable that \$6.00 would not go much farther than to purchase a few gallons of gas or lunch (at present teachers' prices) in the cafeteria for almost one week; but \$6.00 is \$6.00. Then again some of us have wondered how the \$6.00 figure was arrived at anyway because with some simple arithmetic by dividing the ± 250 teachers into the figure of \$3139 Federal Impact Aid given to us by the budget director, the figure is closer to \$12.00, and even with today's high tax rates, we're not yet returning half our salary to the government.

Another question comes to mind about the \$3139 itself. According to NCAE, N.C. received \$11,000,000 in Impact Aid money. Hoke County is eligible for \$6280. What has happened to the additional \$3140?

Last year when Hoke County received \$25,000, the administration said there was not enough money available for any supplement at all.

Also the figures on the voting given to us by the board did not tally with those received by our NCAE president. She waited two and a half hours for the board to break from executive session to question their figures but finally had to leave to attend to their family.

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I apologize for such a lengthy degression. At the beginning of this school year, the first day we returned from summer vacation. the superintendent informed me that I was the only teacher in the county cut from the state budget. I was to have a federal position teaching remedial reading for which I am neither certified or had I ever taught before.

By cutting me from the English Department, the entire schedule, so carefully worked out all summer long by guidance, had to be changed. Courses in Spanish. French and English were omitted. an uncertified teacher had to pick one of my classes, and all English classes were filled to capa-

city. The administration said the position had to be cut from the high school because of lowered enrollment there. At the end of the first 20 days of the 1981-82 school year, the high school enrollment was 1235 as opposed to 1230 at the end of the same period of the 1982-83 school year. Yes, it was down -- 5 students!

Being "vocal" has its drawbacks. and I suppose it is difficult for some administrators "to get to under-stand a "Yankee," particularly a vocal Yankee, but a good teacher and I and my supervisors consider me to be a good teacher - working in his field with students of an age level he was trained to deal with - is invaluable to his students.

Next year the program at the high school will once again be as it was before my removal from the English Department. Therefore, unless enrollment drops drastically. it will be necessary to hire an English teacher to fill my vacancy perhaps the administration plans to cut those same courses and reshuffle students again next year. All that computer input will have then been for naught.

It certainly seems like a lot of ludicrous transferring about particularly since on April 15th the superintendent gave each teacher a memorandum which read, "I realize the rumor is out that we will make a lot of transfers throughout the county but that is not ture. The statement may have been made but there is no merit in it.

A former principal of the high school recently asked me what happened to that sweet, eager, happened to that sweet, eager, desirous to please, young (I guess he meant naive) lady he had hired five years ago? My answer was that because of what I've been through I've become cynical, hard, bitter and a bit wiser.

Who's to say what will happen. One thing I do know, and that is even if I am in exile next year, I will still be able to get letters out. And since Hoke County is still in the United States, I won't even have to do it on finger nail clippings or scraps of paper.

Charles Hottel, Raeford, local epresentative for Mutual of Omaha and United of Omaha, recently attended an advanced seminar on retirement planning at the Companies' Home Office in Omaha, NE.

George Richardson Agency, repre-sentatives for Mutual and United in Winston-Salem.

Rockfish News by Polly Barnard

Rev. Denny Burnette, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville filled the pulpit at Galatia Presbyterian Church for worship service the past Sunday morning as Dr. David Sutton filled the pulpit at Westminster. Rev. Burnette presented a good message and the Westminster Choir, diand the Westminster Choir, di-rected by Bert Sigman and Organ-ist. Karen Troutman presented a beautiful message in song. Members of Tabernacle Baptist

Church declared the past Sunday as "Bob Clegg Appreciation Day" as Sunday May 30th will be Rev. Cleggs last day to serve in the pulpit there. Mr. and Mrs. Clegg were presented a silver coffee service and dinner followed morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn B. Dees attended the funeral of Mrs. E.C. King of Wilmington Wednesday of last week. Mrs. King is the step-mother of Donald G. King of Washington, North Carolina. Funeral service was at Coble Funeral Home with interment in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Mr. and mrs. Leonard Brock are parents of a daughter, Christina Anne born Monday morning, May 24th. Congratulations to the parents, the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Brock, Jr. and the great grands", Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Brock, Sr.

Randy Sheppard of Aberdeen, nephew of Mrs. E.T. Brock, Jr. who is in Moore County Hospital in Pinehurst and has been in a coma for several weeks following an automobile accident has regained consciousness and is out of in-

tensive care. Mrs. Alice Allen has been visiting her daughter, Miss Sandra Allen in Charleston, South Carolina while her other daughter, Mrs. Keith Stika visited her husband in France. Mr. Stika who is in the Navy and aboard ship was docked in France for two weeks. Mrs. Stika and other wives of Naval men on the boat flew over to enjoy the two

week leave with their husbands. Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Barbour of Savannah, Georgia spent several days last week with Mr. Barbour's sister, Mrs. Amos Grant, Jr., Mr. Grant and family. While here he visited friends and relatives in the area, in Fayetteville and also Smithfield.

Amos Grant, Sr. of Chester, South Carolina returned home after spending the past two weeks with his son, Amos Grant, Jr. and family.

David Ray had surgery at Womack Army Hospital in Fort Bragg the past week.

Barry Wood spent the past weekend with Todd Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Don Wood and family in Dillon, South Carolina.

1st Lt. and Mrs. Timothy Blevins of Fort Bragg visited Mr. and Mrs. Alton McCulloch last week. Miss Nellie McFadyen was on the

sick list the past weekend. Those having "Sunday dinner" with Mr.and Mrs. Amos Grant Jr. and Bobby, the past Sunday was Amos Grant Sr. of Chester, South Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Barbour of Savannah, Georgia, and Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn Barbour of Lumber Bridge. Mr. and Mrs. Alton McCulloch

visited Mrs. McCulloch's mother. Mrs. Olivia Pardue the past weekfrom John Wesley Hospital in Greensboro and is in the Nursing home in North Wilkesboro.

The W.M.U. of Pittman Grove Baptist Church are sponsoring a trip to Waccamaw Pottery Shop near Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on Saturday, June 5th. The group will leave by church bus at 7:30

Mrs. Karen Stanger was having a Tupperware party Friday evening. May 21st at her home. However, friends turned it into a combined Tupperware party and surprise "baby" shower. Everyone had an enjoyable time and Mrs. Stanger really appreciated the nice gifts she received

The G.A.'s and Acteens of Pittman Grove Baptist Church had a skating party and trip to Mc-Donalds, Friday evening, May 14th with part of the funds raised with the spaghetti dinner.

Mrs. Althea Miller is seriously ill in the hospital in Chapel Hill. Many in the area will remember her as the former Althea Barbour.

Mrs. Charles Bowen is still a patient at Highsmith - Rainey

Memorial Hospital in Fayetteville. Mrs. Myrtle Sessoms and Mrs. Neda Mae Williams visited Mrs. Charles Chason in Highsmith -Rainey Memorial Hospital in Fay-

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Reynolds and grandsons, Chris and Tony Reynolds attended the dance recital of their granddaughter, Elizabeth Parks at Reeves Auditorium at Methodist College Friday evening May 21st. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Jim McGhee and sons. Edward and Nathan of Raleigh. Elizabeth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parks of Fayetteville. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Reynolds

and sons, Chris and Tony of Aberdeen, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parks and daughters, Elizabeth and Melissa of Fayetteville, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan McInnis of Raeford. visited Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rey-nolds the past Sunday.

Mrs. Grady English spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. Wright Parker of Selma while her daughter Mrs. Hubert Allen and Mr. Allen were away. Mr. and Mrs. Allen attended the graduation of their daughter from Wake Forest.

Wayne Hager, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hayward made the deans list at Fayetteville State University in Fayetteville.

TRAVEL WITH MERLE N.C. OUTER BANKS JULY 8 - 10 Visit reatored Tryon Palace in New Bern - 1st right in Morehaed City - Leeve nast morning for Coder Island to board early ferry for short visit to Quasint Island of Ocracoke on to Cape Hatterss to see Light House. After visiting the museum, drive by the great Atlantic to Negs Head and Kitty Hawk to visit Wright Memorial on Kill Devil Hill. Here we turn South departing from Mantes to onjoy the performance of the "Lost Colony and see Ft. Rabigh. t morning as we start home, we'll visit oric Bath N C and late Madame temuskeet CONTACT: Merle Lancaster P.O. Box 377 Parkton, N.C. 28371 Ph. 919-858-3420 The Upper Line

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