

# **Unbeaten Meet At Upchurch**

The Upchurch Junior High School boys' basketball team, has a 6-0 record going into the New Year's portion of the season.

The next home game is scheduled for January 5 with undefeated

The Upchurch Eagles have five players returning from the 1981-82

### Tournament **Opens Here** Wednesday

The first annual Hoke County Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament was scheduled to start Wednesday at 7 p.m. with Hoke High, Red Springs, Prospect and Pembroke competing in the Hoke

Two games are scheduled for the first night, with the second to start at 9. The Wednesday night winners will play Thursday night for the tisquad, which compiled an 11-3 record -- Charles Andrews, Darcey Cunningham, Steve Hamilton, Marvin Maynor, and Michael McKoy. Rated as promising by Coach Calender are Adell Baldwin, James Carpenter, Wayne Ferguson, Marques Galloway, Sam Hagins, Marvin Harris. Frederick and Ricky Morrison and Alfonza Walton. Calender observed this week:

"The holidays give us a chance to work on areas where we need improving.



GOOD HUNT -- Larry Upchurch (right) and Raeford Councilman Bob Gentry (left) bagged a nice variety of ducks and snow geese on a recent

hunt on Currituck Sound. The hunt is an annual event and is sponsored by Clyde Upchurch.

# 3,000 Sandhills Acres Tapped For Preserve

Fourteen sites in the Sandhills Game Land -- totalling 3,000 of its 56,000 acres -- were recently enrolled in the North Carolina Natural Heritage program. This program is administered by the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation, and is designed to preserve unique natural habitats throughout the State.

The 14 sites represent a broad range of the habitats found in the Sandhills -- including old-growth long-leaf pine savannas, pine flatwoods, evergreen shrub bogs, white cedar stands, hardwood-swamp forests, and black-water streams. The seven rare or endangered animals found in these areas include the Bachman's sparrow, Carolina gopher frog, pine barrens tree frog, red-cockaded woodpecker, red-shouldered hawk, Swainson's warbler, and the tiger salamander.

In fact, on one night 17 species of frogs were recorded at one of the sites -- the richest diversity of frogs ever reported from a single

## **Merchants** Bowling League

Top Ten Bowlers Sylvester McAllister James Nixon Alexander Kelly Luther Taylor 172 Mike Nieves 169 Larry Black Lee Dixon 163 Howard Hendrix 163 George Hendrix 163 Lonzell Kelly

200 + And High Series Phillip Smith 209 215 - 529 Series Larry Black Dwight Crawford

Results of 12-23-82 Shoe Chest () Michael's 4 Foursome 1 Strikers 3 Hollingsworth Bus Co. 3

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Schedule for 12-30-82 Auto Parts vs. Hollingsworth Florist

Hollingsworth Bus Co. vs. Towne Barber Shop Foursome vs. Shoe Chest Strikers vs. Michael's

site in North and South America. Also, eight species of rare and endangered plants are found on these areas.

These unique sites will be managed jointly by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and the Natural Heritage program.

The Wildlife Commission owns the Sandhills Game Land -- unlike most other game lands which are

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owned by private interests or other government agencies and are managed by lease or cooperative agreements -- and has managed the area intensively to protect the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker. In addition, the area offers excellent deer and quail hunting.

'These sites on the Sandhills Game Land offer a rich addition to the Natural Heritage program,"

said Joseph W. Grimsley, secretary of the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development. "We appreciate the cooperation that the Wildliff Commission has shown by enrolling these areas in the Natural Heritage program which plants Heritage program, which plays a vital role in preserving beautiful and unique natural areas throughout our State."

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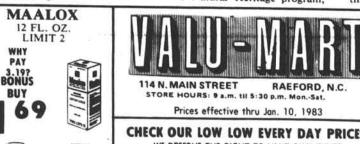
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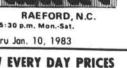
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