

School News



RAISING MONEY — Mark Cameron of Hoke County, a student at the Hoke County Children's Center, is presenting Becky Jones of The News-Journal with a cook book now on sale at the center. The books are being offered for \$5 each to raise money for the center. More information may be obtained by calling 875-5074.

Sterling Named To Dean's List At A&T State

Vaal Sterling was named to the Dean's List at North Carolina A&T State for the fall semester. He maintained better than a 3.0 grade point average during the term.

Vaal is a freshman majoring in accounting and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Sterling of Raeford.

Ella Mae Ransom of Raeford was among those students of Pembroke State University being named to the Dean's List for the last semester. She is a sophomore and maintained a 3.6 average during the term. Mrs. Ransom is majoring in special education.

The Christmas season brought with it a two week vacation from school. All will testify to the fact that it was just what the doctor ordered.

A group of sophomores should certainly be congratulated. Some sophomores have formed a volunteer group. They have been helping with things such as parent-teacher conference days. Thanks a heap, sophomores!

The Raeford Woman's Club Art Festival was held in the library at H.H.S. Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Prom representatives have been chosen for this year's prom. Ms. Long is coordinating the prom once again. Juniors, the seniors are

looking forward to a great prom!

It's never too early to start looking for those prom gowns! The big date isn't all that far away!

Basketball games on Thursday and Friday will be with Scotland County. Varsity basketball will be at Scotland. Wrestling will be at Hoke with Scotland, also.

Order dates for caps, gowns, and invitations have been changed. On Monday, January 17, seniors will order invitations.

All seniors should have already received a brochure showing all articles that can be ordered.

On Tuesday, January 18, seniors order caps and gowns. The cap, gown and tassel are \$11.00. Gown only is \$9.75. Cap only is \$4.25.

Hoke Highlights

by Teresa Taylor & Pam Currie

The cap and tassel is \$5.25. The tassel only is \$2.00.

Everything must be paid in full the day we order, January 18.

FHA met on Monday night, January 10 to discuss their involvement in the District competition of the FHA Proficiency Event.

The competition exists statewide. All eligible members can participate.

Good luck to all participants!

Exams will be given on January 24, 25 and 26. Exams will be divided into first and second periods, third and fourth periods and fifth and sixth periods respectively.

Following exams the students will be given a vacation. Thursday, Jan. 27, and Friday Jan. 28

teachers will have work days. There will be no school for students!

This should serve as a reminder to all students: the teachers sponsor a "homework hotline."

Any student may call for help with their homework between the hours of 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Monday thru Thursday.

The number to call is 875-4106. Many clubs made contributions to the Woman's Club project.

Clubs donated money, and this money was used to buy fruit and candy for the children of needy families.

Welcome back to school. We hope each one of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Local School Officials Working On Re-accreditation

County school officials are proceeding with plans for seeking Level III re-accreditation of the Hoke County school system.

Work on a comprehensive self-study and a six-year master plan for county schools will culminate in January.

An on-site review and evaluation by state school officials will follow on March 9.

If the local plan is approved, the State Board of Education will likely re-accredit the Hoke County Schools in late spring or early summer.

The Hoke County Board of Education filed notice of its intent to seek re-accreditation in September, after which the Department of Public Instruction

in Raleigh assigned James Valsame to serve as consultant to the Hoke County school unit.

Schools Supt. Raz Autry has tapped John D. McAllister, Associate Superintendent, to serve as coordinator for the accreditation effort.

Mr. McAllister, Gloria Williams and Marilyn Semones are on the steering committee. They met with the state consultant, reviewed the re-accreditation manuals, and have appointed a leadership team comprised of committee chairpersons and principals to direct the efforts.

Twenty-one sub-committees have been named to assess strengths and weaknesses in various instructional, auxiliary services, support services and other

areas. By January these committees will submit goals for improvement which will become part of an overall six-year plan of improvement covering grades k-12.

Since 1974, the N.C. Department of Public Instruction has accredited entire school systems, rather than individual schools. Eight-seven of the state's 143 school units are now accredited.

This accreditation from the N.C. Department of Public Instruction is separate and apart from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools which accredits individual schools for 10 years with five-year reviews.

Fayetteville Woman Named Teacher Of Year For Regional Area

Selection for 1983-84 regional teacher of the year (TOY) was completed at South Central Regional Education Center in Carthage January 6.

The regional winner is Ms. Patricia R. Bishop, fourth grade teacher in the Fayetteville City school system.

Sixteen school systems in the region including Hoke have selected a local TOY. Ms. Bishop is one of eight finalist for North Carolina Teacher of the Year. The state TOY will compete for national honors.

Each local TOY produces a scrapbook with biographical information, philosophy of teaching, professional accomplishments, and civic service. The regional selection committee judges the nominees on the scrapbook and an interview. Educators and community members make up the selection committee.

The sixteen candidates for Region IV Teacher of the Year included Hoke County's Ethelyn H.

Baker. The state TOY is an ambassador of the finest in teaching for North Carolina and will represent the state nationally and internationally at speaking engagements and a variety of activities.

The national TOY program is sponsored by *Encyclopedia Britannica*, *Good Housekeeping* magazine and the Council of Chief State School Officers.

The national winner will be announced from the White House.

Miss Teenage Hoke Co. Here Sat.

The second annual Miss Teenage Hoke County Pageant will be held Saturday evening, January 15 at 8:15 p.m. in the J.W. Turlington Auditorium.

The pageant is sponsored by the Hoke County Youth Council which participates in State Youth Council events throughout the year.

The Youth Council sponsored a Dance-a-thon and Punk Contest earlier in the fall in addition to a candy sale in November to raise money for the pageant.

The girls, who are between the ages of 13 and 18 will be judged on beauty, poise and appearance.

Awards will be given to the first and second runners up, and the girl

who receives the most money through people who wish to sponsor her, Miss Congeniality and to the 1983 Miss Teenage Hoke County.

The new queen will be crowned by Miss Tina Martino, last year's reigning queen.

Hoke Co. Union Holds Meeting

On Sunday January 9 the Hoke County Union held its first quarterly meeting of the New Year at Mount Pisgah Baptist Church. Rev. R.L. Davis, Pastor.

They had a presentation by the youth dept. that consist of youth from the following churches: Sharon Purdie, from Laurel Hill

Baptist Church, Veronica Ellebe from Buffalo Springs Baptist Church, and Adrian McPhatter Silver Grove Baptist Church. Their topic was Youth; Roll in The Church Today.

It was enjoyed by all said Sis Clara Davis, supervisor of the youth dept.

The guest speaker was Rev. J. Lide, from the Nazarene Baptist Church. His theme was "The Devenity of Christ." scripture. It was very inspirational.

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