

Few Apply For Autry Job, But Board Is Optimistic

Members of the Hoke County Board of Education are "a little disappointed" in the number of applications that have been received for the school superintendent's position which is being vacated by the retirement of Raz Autry, one board member said.

By the end of last week, the board had only received 15 applications for the plus - \$30,000 - a - year job, Chairman Bill Cameron said.

"We feel like several will come in this week," Cameron said, noting that the board's brochure outlining the position had not been distributed until the end of January.

The deadline for applications is March 4.

Board members have been meeting on a weekly basis to

review applications, and Cameron said some of those applying are "interesting."

Applications have been received from superintendents who are serving in smaller school districts and who would be moving up to come to Hoke County, the board chairman said.

With the help of a consultant, the board distributed through the state board of education and the state association of school boards an attractive gray and black brochure announcing the job opening.

The brochure is packaged in a gray envelope with "Superintendent's Position Open" printed in large type across the bottom.

Inside the envelope, an applicant is greeted with "The First Day of the Rest of Your Life Could Start

This Year in Hoke County, North Carolina," also in large type.

The brochure describes the county's physical and geographical characteristics and pinpoints Raeford on a map of North and South Carolina.

The brochure also notes that the person applying for the job, "must possess the capacity and temperament to appreciate the county's divergent culture. He/she must be a communicator with proven ability to assimilate and inspire all ethnic groups toward achieving their educational potential."

If an applicant is hired, that person could start to work May 1, the brochure says, adding that "May 1, 1983 could well be the start of the most rewarding years of your life."

Autry will retire on March 17.

Turlington Library To Keep Operating

Despite a recent transfer of the school's librarian, the library at J.W. Turlington School will remain open, Superintendent Raz Autry said.

The Turlington Library was the subject of an executive session last week during the monthly meeting of the Hoke County Board of Education.

Since the transfer of school librarian Sarah Ropp to Hoke High, the Turlington facility has been manned by teachers, Autry said, noting that former librarian Betsy Collins has also been assigned to check the library daily.

Normally a librarian would not have been transferred during the middle of the year, however, Autry said he agreed to the move because Mrs. Ropp was "so unhappy."

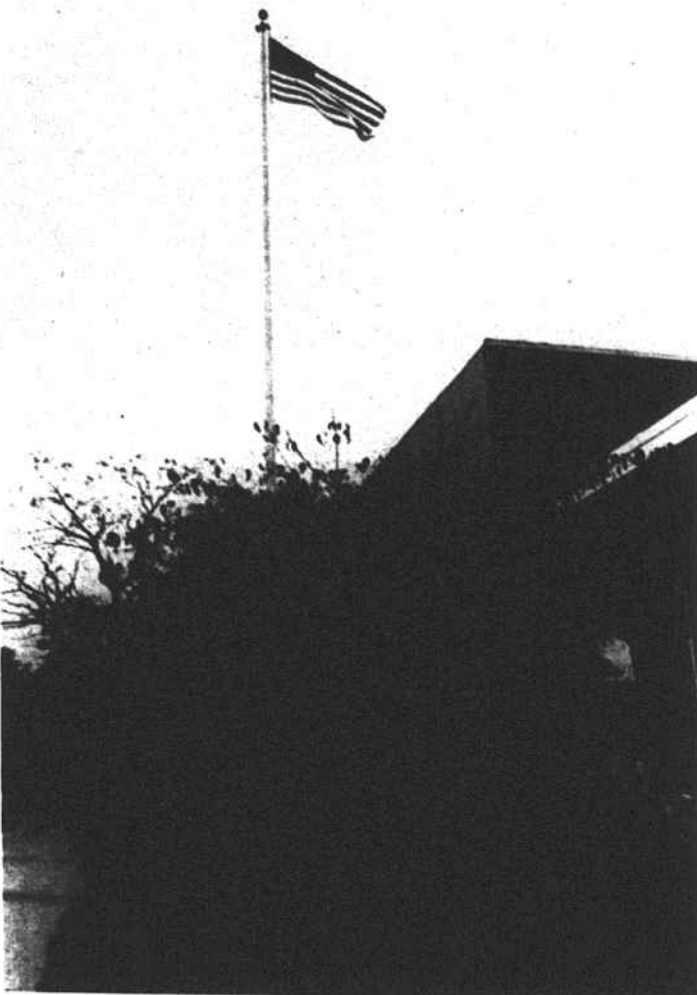
Mrs. Ropp had served for a number of years at the high school and was transferred this school year to Turlington.

"She was having discipline problems trying to control those younger kids," Autry said.

"It is difficult to move someone in the middle of the year, but we felt it had to be done. She is needed at the high school," Autry said.

"The library is open and will stay open," Autry said.

If the present arrangement does not work, then something else will have to be done, he added.



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Legislative Delegation Backs McCain

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hospital administrators conducted by the Hoke County Chamber of Commerce, showed that an overwhelming number of physicians feel that McCain should remain open to treat tuberculosis patients.

Local officials hope the survey will help with efforts to convince the Legislature not to cut the facility from the state budget.

On another matter, District 16 Rep. John Calvin "Pete" Hasty, who serves on the committee studying proposed drunk driving legislation, said a provision for making bar owners liable for harm caused by intoxicated customers will not pass with the bill.

"I'm having trouble seeing any merit in the 'dram shop bill', and I don't believe it is going to pass," Hasty said.

However, the legislature will pass a strong drunk driving bill, which will include some provisions for raising the drinking age, Hasty

said.

On still another matter, the delegation members said they did not believe a state lottery would pass during this session of the General Assembly.

"It will snow in the desert before a lottery will be passed," District 16 Rep. Sidney A. Locks said.

Despite an urging for passage of a lottery measure from Hoke County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Director Jimmy Morrissey, Locks and other

members of the delegation said that moral issues involved with the bill would prevent it from reaching a successful vote.

"My concern is that people without jobs and with naked children running around would be buying a ticket with money they need for putting food on the table," DeVane said.

"To pass the lottery would require a great change in the North Carolina laws," Parnell said.

"Gambling is illegal in this state," he added.

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