



Retirement party

These friends and co-workers joined retiring assistant superintendent John D. McAllister (left) during a tea honoring his work held June 7. McAllister was joined (from left) by former Superintendents Donald Abernathy, Raz Autry, state assistant superintendent James Burch and Superintendent Dr. Robert A. Nelson.

McAllister Honored At Retirement Tea

Friends of John David McAllister assembled June 7 at the Hoke County Board of Education to pay tribute to him for 36 years of service to the education system in Hoke County.

A committee of teachers and central office personnel planned the tea in honor of McAllister, who is retiring effective July 1.

The guests' list included two former superintendents, a deputy assistant superintendent, who is a long-time friend of McAllister, and a retired Hoke County teacher.

Mrs. Nellie F. Flowers, the retired teacher, recited a poem in

tribute to the honoree and commended him on having lived so grandly, the people would want to give him a "reception day." She closed her poem by thanking this "stalwart comrade" for "challenging us to live a noble life" as educators.

G. Raz Autry, retired superintendent of Hoke County Schools, expressed many thanks to McAllister for the many years of loyal and dedicated service to the people in Hoke County, and for being "my friend."

Donald D. Abernathy, former superintendent of Hoke County Schools, reminded Hoke Countians

to be "grateful to John McAllister for his contributions as an educator and in the area of human rights."

James T. Burch, Deputy Assistant Superintendent, State Department of Public Instruction and college friend of Mr. McAllister, said, "John moved through the musical chairs of education." He lived through the educational system during the 60's when it took a special breed to survive.

Mrs. Carolyn McGee, ECIA Chapter I teacher, presented other gifts to McAllister on behalf of the group.

McAllister's wife and children were present at the occasion.

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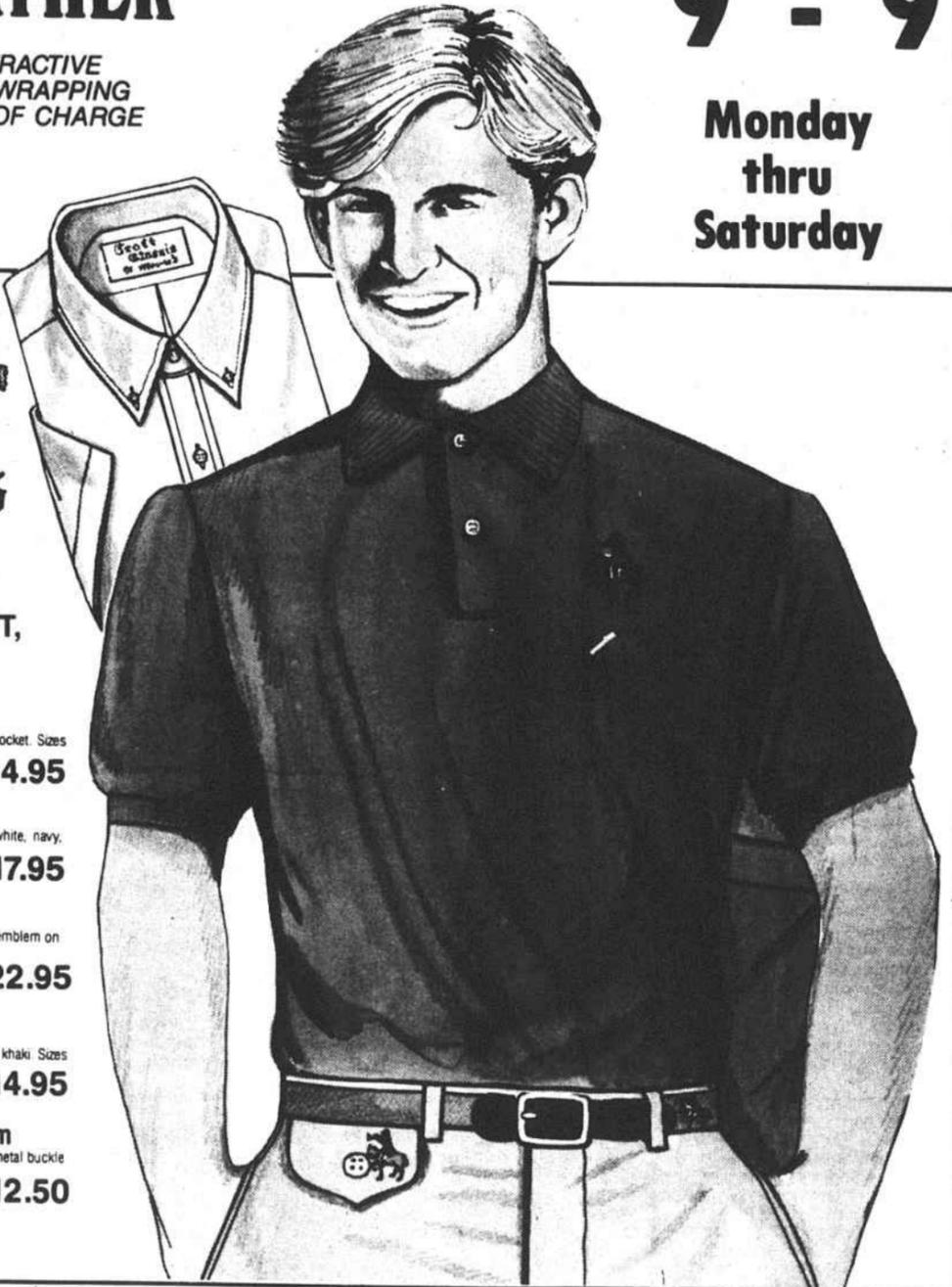
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