

Board of Education OK's summer school plan

By Ed Miller

A plan which will establish a summer school program at each of the county's seven schools was approved in concept last week by members of the Hoke County Board of Education.

In the past, summer programs have been operated at only two schools in the county, and classes have been conducted primarily as "make ups" or for remedial work, Superintendent Dr. Bob Nelson said.

A summer cultural arts program that has also been conducted at the two schools would not be affected by the new plan, Nelson said.

According to the plan, which is still tentative, principals and teachers at each school in the county will organize and operate their own summer school.

The plans were presented in a rough draft last week and will be

redrawn before they are given a final OK by the board during their next meeting.

When in final form, the plans will outline what courses are being offered by the school, how many teachers will be required and how much money is needed for pay and how many students are needed to make the sessions feasible.

Although the plans "need more work," the board passed the concept of the programs with the understanding that Associate Superintendent Dr. Ginny Hayes report back with the updated proposals.

"The principals are getting some good practice at making formal proposals," said Hayes.

According to the tentative proposals, most of the area schools will be offering courses in basic skills, most of them on the remedial level.

Hoke High and possibly Upchurch Jr. High will be offering "enrichment" courses in computer science; however, the Upchurch plans are incomplete, Hayes said.

Under the program, students who attend summer school will have to pay tuition.

Tuition at each school is different and is based on the costs of instruction and books.

Projected tuitions range from \$10 to \$60.

Most of the transportation for summer schools will also have to be provided by parents.

According to Hayes, "Funding just is not available for transportation."

"The sad thing is that some of the students who need it most won't be able to get it" because parents cannot afford the costs of tuition and transportation, Hayes said.

In other business, the board passed a seventh amendment to the 1983-84 budget.

The amendment calls for an additional \$66,577.32 to be added to the budget.

The added expenses are to cover such things as travel, telephones and other "indirect costs."

The board also approved a motion to allow Nelson and Business Manager Don Steed to apply for an American Express Card in the name of the board.

"At conventions and meetings, it (the card) will be better than walking around with a pocket full of the Board of Education's money," said Nelson.

Board member Mina Townsend added that the receipts from the cards will make good records.

The board also discussed making a policy governing Hoke High

students in matters of graduating from that school in three years.

Nelson said that there had been recent inquiries from present students who either wanted to take an English course during the summer or double up on required courses during regular semesters in order to graduate early.

The board decided not to make any general early graduation policy and to handle such cases individually.

In still further business, Tri-County Business Machines was given a contract for sales and service of school systems typewriters.

Steed said that this firm's bid for the contract was not only the lowest, but it is less expensive than last year's contract.

The quality of this service's firm is apparently very good, Steed said.

The board also gave approval

for contracts to Doug Reudlinger Inc. for football insurance and to National School Pictures, of Charlotte, to make the school's pictures.

Both of these firms are the same ones that offered these services last year.

Following a lengthy executive session, the board OK'd "career status" to nine of the county's teachers.

It also approved continuation, on a probationary basis, the employment of 26 teachers from Hoke High, McLauchlin, Turlington, Scurlock, South Hoke and West Hoke schools.

Also, a number of teachers from Upchurch had their contracts renewed.

Finally, the 1984-85 budget for the Hoke County school system was unanimously approved for presentation to the Board of County Commissioners.

HOST students honored at Raleigh conference

A group of 13 Hoke High School student volunteer tutors went to Raleigh, May 2, and attended a Young Volunteers in Action Recognition Day Program.

The students represented HOSTS (Help Our Students To Succeed) which was organized to tutor at the high school in all subjects where needed.

A gold pin was awarded each student.

Three tutors were given T-shirts for tutoring 50 hours or more.

Those awarded pins were: Genise Merrell, Allen, Emmanuel Baldwin, Patsy Baxley, Marilyn Blake, Janice Cox, Annette McPhatter, Rodney Powell, Andrea Shaw, John Ward, Ruth Wheeler and Nichole Woelax.

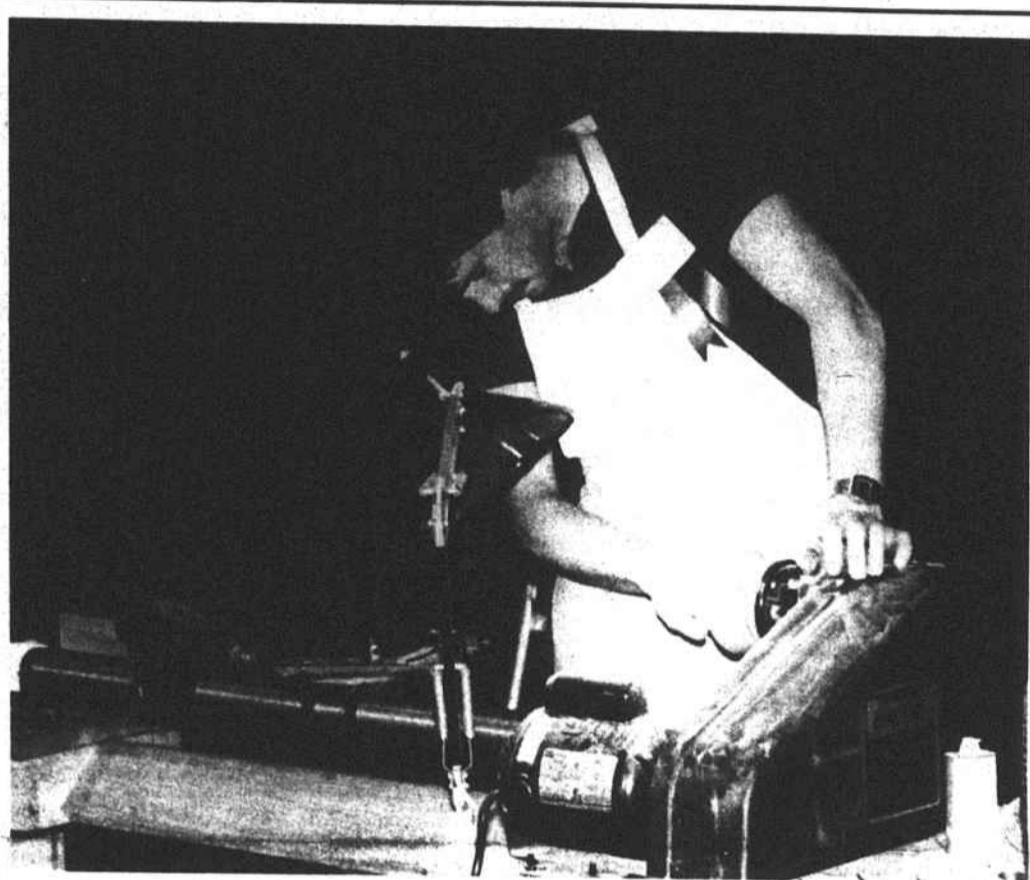
Receiving pins and T-shirts were: Vickie McLean, President of HOSTS, Kim Smith and Mary Jane Henderson.

Accompanying the group were: Alona McNeill, Co-sponsor of HOSTS, and Barbara Buie, director of the Hoke Reading Literacy Council.

Sponsoring organization for Recognition Day was the Commission of Indian Affairs. Gertie Brewington coordinated the day's events and awards program.

Gold pin awards are being sent to five other HOSTS tutors for their services.

They are: Tresse Roper, Michael Dennis, Miranda Cunningham, Dawn Merritt and Tracy German, all of Raeford.



Working at craft

Tim McKenzie works at a lathe during Friday night's Hobnob activities at the MacDonald Gym. McKenzie works with Fred Smith to hand craft furniture. The evening's events drew more than 500 residents and visitors, and most appeared to enjoy

fried and barbecued chicken, musical entertainment from the Great Zucchini Bandits, arts and crafts and an auction conducted by former Superintendent Raz Autry.

Store break-in being probed

An apparent breaking and entering at the Rockfish Store netted about \$1,300 in stolen goods last week, Hoke County Sheriff's reports say.

According to a report filed by deputy Ronnie Odom, he was on routine patrol Sunday Night when he noticed the door of the store open.

Examination of the contents of the store revealed five cartons of cigarettes, five watches, three boxes of candy, three cases of wine, three cases of soft drinks, one case of batteries and two intercoms were missing.

There was about \$200 in damage done to the store also, the report said.

In an unrelated case, reports say that Harvey R. Jones, of Shannon, told deputies last Thursday that someone had taken the rear tires and rims off of his car.

The thieves left the car on cinder blocks, the report said.

The total value of the tires and rims was about \$500.

In other crime, Perry Mansfield, of Raeford reported that his yellow Yamaha motorcycle had been apparently stolen sometime Friday night.

In the sheriff's report, Mansfield said that the bike had

been there at about 11:30 the night before.

The report also stated that Mansfield had noted footprints headed in the Scurlock area and that there was about one gallon of gas in the cycle's tank.

The bike was reported to be worth about \$800.

The investigation is still under way, the report said.

Myron G. McPhatter reported that when he returned home from work last Thursday, he noticed that a .22 caliber rifle was missing from the wall of his closet.

Sheriff's reports say that McPhatter may know who took the gun.

Last Saturday, Charles Purcell reported that he was the victim of an apparently hungry burglar.

In his report to sheriff's deputies, Purcell said that a previously broken window was the point of entry into the house where some cookies, cake and other items of food were missing.

A piece of cardboard covering the window was apparently removed as the unidentified person entered the house.

The reports say that food was the only thing missing.

The matter is still under investigation.

Troop 401 captures scout campery awards

Eleven boys from Boy Scout Troop 401, sponsored by the Raeford Kiwanis Club, went on their first camping trip.

The group went on a weekend camporee with the western district Boy Scouts.

In addition to doing well in dif-

ferent skills and the appearance of their camp site the boys walked away with top awards.

Eagle Patrol was awarded a blue ribbon.

Wolf Patrol was awarded a red ribbon.

Since this was the first trip, the awards are considered excellent.

The troop has only been back together since September and most of the boys had no Scouting experience when they joined.

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Jobless rate declines

The unemployment rate in Hoke County dropped during March, according to figures which were released this week by the state Employment Security Commission.

During March the rate fell to 10.8% from a high in February of 11.2%.

Out of a labor force of 8,260 residents, 7,370 had jobs and 890 were out of work.

In February, 910 county workers had been jobless.

The start of the farming season, which increases seasonal employment, is apparently the reason for the drop in the jobless rate.

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