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United Way tops '86 goal

The United Way goal has been exceeded this year by almost \$3,000, according to Ken Witherspoon, United Way campaign director.

The fund drive is over but pledge monies continue to come in, Witherspoon said, the monies far exceeding the \$33,556 goal for 1986.

Donors include small business, large industries, professional agencies, schools and civic organizations and many individuals.

Witherspoon stressed that the individuals not only give financially, but volunteer their time to help in the solicitation of funds.

"Literally hundreds of volunteers help in the organization of the fund drive," Witherspoon said.

Employees who work at area industries and factories, businesses and schools take on the responsibility to contact their fellow workers and ask for a pledge from them.

Witherspoon said a total figure is not in yet but that the response so far has been very gratifying.

The organizations receiving funds from United Way fall into two main categories.

There are organizations such as American Red Cross, Hoke Rescue Squad and Hoke County Foster Care Association which are located in Hoke County and other organizations such as Children's Home Society of N.C., Epilepsy Association of N.C. and United Health Services for Alcohol and Drug Abuse which are not directly affiliated with Hoke County but which benefit residents indirectly.

Around Town

By Sam Morris

The frost for the past few days has looked like a light snow. Of course you folks that sleep late won't know what I am talking about. It hasn't been a hard freeze, but the thermometer has been below the freezing mark.

The temperature Monday afternoon was in the 50s and the forecast is for the temperature to remain in this range for the remainder of the week. Maybe some rain on Wednesday.

The Christmas section of *The News-Journal* is now being prepared with ads, pictures and features. Pam Frederick is handling the advertisements for the section this year. She has asked that I remind all business firms that would like to be in the section to get their ads into the office by Thursday, December 11.

This is one of the special sections that the paper puts out during the year and everyone looks forward to this feature. So join the group and be featured with the other businesses of the county.

Raz Autry was telling me last week that he had been looking for a large Christmas tree to be used by the Hospice people for the Hoke County Love Light Tree.

This tree will be lighted by donations from the folks of this county. You can donate in memory of, or in honor of a loved one, family member or friend.

The price of a light on the tree is \$5.00 (or more). If you would like to have a light placed on the star atop the tree, it will cost \$25.00 (or more).

Send donations to: Hospice of Hoke County, P.O. Box 879, Raeford, N.C. 28376.

The Raeford Woman's Club, in cooperation with the Hoke County Department of Social Services, is again sponsoring "Share Your Christmas." This is to help the less fortunate of the county.

There are four ways to Share Your Christmas. You may adopt a family; you can take a name off an

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Love Light Tree

The Hospice Love Light Tree illuminates the area in front of the Hoke County Library on Main Street. Close to 50 people attended a special tree lighting

and dedication ceremony on Sunday and were entertained by the Hoke High School Brass Band. Raz Autry officially dedicated the tree.

House of Raeford safecracker gets suspended sentence

A Fayetteville man charged with safecracking at the House of Raeford was sentenced to nine years in the November session of Superior Court, presided over by the Honorable Anthony Brannon. Leslie Robert Stone, 43, 5701 Yellow Stone Court, Fayetteville, was found guilty of two counts of felonious larceny and one count of safecracking.

Stone had been arrested for safecracking, which occurred in August, after House of Raeford

President Marvin Johnson had taken video films of Stone breaking into the safe and taking money from his office desk.

After arrest, Stone confessed to the charges and described how he obtained the combination for the safe.

According to court records, Stone pleaded guilty to three counts of felonious larceny, committed on July 26, August 2 and August 9. He pleaded guilty to

misdemeanor larceny, committed on September 20 and 23.

The nine-year sentence was suspended and Stone was placed on supervised probation for five years.

Records say as a condition of probation, Stone must serve an active prison term of 74 days. He was given credit for 23 days already served.

Stone was also ordered to pay \$9,160 restitution to Johnson.

Share your Christmas by adopting a family

One way to help with Share Your Christmas is to adopt a family. Several families have been identified who need help and can be adopted by contacting the Hoke County Department of Social Services at 875-8725 between the hours of 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Following is a brief description of the types of families who need your help for Christmas:

One family in need of help consists of a father, mother, one boy, and three girls. The father is employed but has a very limited income.

Another family wishing to be adopted consists of a mother and five children. The parents are separated and the family has very limited resources. There are four boys and one girl rang-

ing in age from four to eight years of age.

The next family consists of a father and daughter. The father is over the age of 55 and the daughter is age 15. They currently have no income. The father attempts to work when work is available, however, his health is poor.

Another individual in need of help is an elderly female living on a fixed income who has medical problems.

These are a few of the families that are in need of adoption by an individual, Sunday School Class, a family, a business, a church, or a civic organization.

Individuals wishing to buy a gift for someone in need may

still do so by taking an angel off of the Christmas trees located at Moores, Maxway and Sky City. There are children's names on the Angel Trees located at Maxway's, Sky City and Moores and names of elderly individuals on the Angel Tree located at Moores. These gifts must be brought back by no later than Monday, December 15.

Financial contributions are still needed and can be mailed to Share Your Christmas, c/o The News-Journal, Post Office Box 530, Raeford, North Carolina 28376.

The final way to help others at Christmas is to bring good used and/or new toys to The Hoke County Department of Social Services by December 15.

County needs more tutors

Local literacy project has students waiting for teachers

By Sally Jamir
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Volunteers are desperately needed to serve locally as Project Literacy United States (PLUS) teachers, members of the Hoke County PLUS task force were told last Thursday night.

Barbara Buie, Hoke-Raeford Literacy Council Project Director, said during the task force meeting that there are students in the county who want to learn to read but there are a lack of qualified tutors to teach them these skills.

Task force members discussed the idea that residents in the county do not realize that the education of illiterate people in the county has a relation to individual and collective growth of the community.

This idea was made more apparent by the viewing of a videotape produced by the National Alliance of Business on the subject of education in relation to future employment.

The videotape presented a detailed study of the types of jobs which will be available in the future and stated that many who will need to fill these jobs do not have the basic skills needed to be able to learn the sophisticated procedures required in these jobs.

John Howard, Economic

Development Commission Director and Task Force member, said "there will be no improvement in the county unless the per capita income of residents improve."

Howard said area residents must prepare for the employment conditions in the next fifteen years and that, on the whole, the county cannot afford to perpetuate illiteracy.

Members discussed the plight of the older person, such as those who are in their 40's, who do not have the learning opportunities which young people have to acquire the skills of reading and writing.

Many who are in this situation do not have the incentive to learn and must be helped to understand that better employment opportunities are available if they have these basic skills.

Illiterate people many times have no motivation to "look down the road" and anticipate future needs in a job because most places they work they are "paid as they go."

Buie speculated that the minimum wages people now earn are not incentive enough to learn skills in order to get better jobs because they may do financially better on welfare.

Howard said there is the (See TUTORS, page 2A)

Local farmers eligible for disaster assistance

By Sally Jamir
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Hoke County farmers will be able to apply for assistance from the 1986 Disaster Payment Program which is providing up to \$400 million to farms in the country, according to the county's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Director, Thomas Starling.

On October 18, the Congress passed Public Law 99-500, which authorizes funds for disaster payments to farmers who lost crops due to severe drought or weather conditions in 1986.

Starling said Tuesday that Hoke County was eligible to receive these funds because Scotland and Cumberland counties have been declared disaster counties as a result of the drought this year. Because Hoke County is adjacent to these counties, it will also qualify.

Also, Farmers Home Administration has declared Hoke County eligible for emergency loans due to crop losses caused by drought and heat or excessive moisture during 1986.

According to Starling, the monies are available to producers who have suffered a loss of 50 percent or more on the crops of

wheat, corn, grain, sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton, peanuts or soybeans.

On feed grains, wheat and upland cotton, Starling said you must be enrolled in compliance with the 1986 Acreage Reduction Program to be eligible for payment.

He further states that if you suffered at least a 50 percent loss on tobacco or other crops produced and sold commercially, you may qualify if you suffered at least 50 percent loss of income on all program and non-program crops.

The sign up for assistance from the program will run through December 31 at the Hoke County ASCS office. For those that qualify, payments will be made by March 15, 1987.

"I don't think many will apply for the program," Starling said.

Generally, Hoke County farmers did fairly well in production in relation to surrounding counties, but there are still individual farmers who had losses for which the program's benefits may help.

Contact the ASCS office for information on how to apply to the program.



Angel Tree

Amanda Lewis of Duffie displays a present she brought to put under one of the Raeford Woman's Club's Share Your Christmas Angel Tree.