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## No asbestos hazard say Hoke educators

In a recent anonymous letter to *The News-Journal*, a concerned taxpayer and parent raised questions about the asbestos problem at Turlington Elementary School.

Although asbestos was discovered in four Hoke County schools in June 1983 and is still present in Turlington and Hoke High School, there is no immediate danger from the asbestos, according to Board of Education business manager Don Steed.

In a March 13, 1986, article in *The News-Journal*, it was reported that a ceiling in an upstairs classroom at Turlington was collapsing due to a leaky roof and asbestos was being exposed. The roof and ceiling were repaired and the asbestos was contained, says Steed.

Subsequently, friable (or crumbling) asbestos was removed from the boiler rooms at Upchurch and South Hoke schools. It was relatively easy and inexpensive to remove the asbestos from the boiler rooms because they were small areas.

The asbestos at Turlington and in the Hoke High Gibson Gym is

above the 1 percent level which the Federal Environmental Protection Agency considers potentially harmful, Steed says.

At Turlington, where all the ceilings contain asbestos, test results show the asbestos level to be 12 to 15 percent and would cost between \$60,000 to \$75,000 to remove. Although plans are going forward for other renovations at Turlington and Hoke High, asbestos removal is not part of those plans, according to Steed. Everything concerning asbestos has been put on hold until money is available to deal with the problem, says Steed.

The asbestos in the Hoke High gym is not exposed. It is in the form of insulation within the walls of the building. Asbestos levels in the gym are in the 10-15 percent range.

Questioned on the asbestos issue, Turlington assistant principal Leo Salzer says he has heard of no complaints from parents on the matter. As far as Turlington school is concerned, asbestos has not been an issue since the ceiling and roof repairs were done last year, Salzer says.

## Period costumes



Charles Hostetler, front, and Steve Phillips, back, don costumes for their parts in Town Meeting. The play, the first event planned by the Constitutional Bicentennial Committee of Hoke County, will be performed on July 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Courthouse. Admission is free.

## Car accident sends three to hospital

Three area residents were injured in a three-car accident on Highway 211 near Ashley Heights ten miles west of Raeford last Thursday, according to a Highway Patrol spokesman.

First Sergeant E.W. Coen said Monday that three men traveling on Highway 211 at 12 noon on June 25 were injured after a collision and taken to Moore Regional Hospital.

David George Schuchard, 44, of Route 1, Aberdeen, driving a 1977 Chevrolet car, was traveling east on Highway 211 and stopped to make a left hand turn into a private driveway, Coen said.

He said Henry McNeill III, 23, of Route 2, Maxton, driving a 1980 Oldsmobile, was also traveling east on Highway 211 and apparently

struck Schuchard when he stopped to make the turn.

Dwayne Keith Peele, 22, of Route 1, Cameron, driving a 1982 Oldsmobile, was traveling west on Highway 211 and was struck by Schuchard, who had been hit by McNeill, Coen said.

The three men were injured and taken to Moore Regional Hospital. A hospital spokesman said Tuesday that both McNeill and Peele were treated and released from the hospital last Thursday. Schuchard is currently in the hospital in stable condition.

The Chevrolet received \$4500 worth of damage, the 1980 Olds received \$2000 worth of damage and the 1982 Olds received \$2500 worth of damage, records say.

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## Raeford man assaulted with deadly weapon

A Raeford man was assaulted with a deadly weapon Sunday night in Harmony Heights Trailer Park, according to records at the Hoke County Sheriff's department.

Records say Marone Priest, 26, Route 5, Raeford, reported that he was assaulted by someone who cut him with a knife on the left side in the rib area twice.

The report states that Hoke County EMS units arrived on the scene shortly after the incident oc-

curred at 9 p.m. Priest was taken to Cape Fear Valley Hospital for treatment.

In another incident, Dexter Cornelious Jones, 18, Clay Street, Raeford, reported that someone shot three times at him while he was fishing at a pond near Kirkland Place and Highway 401 in Rockfish.

Records say that a man shouted at Jones and then shot at him. Jones was taken to Moore County Hospital for treatment.

According to records, Frank McFadyen, Stable Place, Raeford, reported that someone broke into his rental trailer in Queenmore.

Records say that someone pried open the window and took over \$600 worth of property, including a stove, a refrigerator, a washer and a dryer.

The incident occurred sometime between 1:30 p.m., June 16 and 5:30 p.m., June 17.

Lucille Bullard, Route 1, Red Springs, reported that someone

broke into the residence of Roosevelt Locklear sometime between 9 p.m., June 26 and 9 a.m., June 27.

Records say that someone cut or tore the screens on two windows in the livingroom, entered and took \$40 in cash and \$45 worth of personal papers and cards.

Found at the scene were a pair of snips and a wrench taken from Bullards shed next door. Records say there is a suspect in the case.

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## No tax increase

# Commissioners approve budget for 1987-1988

By Sally Jamir  
News-Journal Staff Writer

County Commissioners on Monday night approved the county's fiscal year 1987-88 budget with no tax increase; the tax rate will remain at 81 cents per \$100 valuation.

The \$6.9 million budget was reduced from an originally-proposed \$7.1 million total that included a proposed tax hike of three cents.

Commissioner Cleo Bratcher moved to adopt the new budget, and Commissioner Neil McPhatter seconded the motion.

The new budget has a fund balance appropriation, or working budget, of \$411,714, down from a previously-proposed balance of \$453,000.

Chairman Wyatt Upchurch said that the incentive for keeping the tax rate down was "satisfying the taxpayer."

Public opposition to the proposed tax rate hike was apparent at the public hearing June 18 when residents turned out in crowds to voice their opinions on the issue.

Upchurch also explained that there was an "efficient group of county staff" to enable the decreased budget to be adopted.

Last week, a June 22 budget session resulted in over \$88,000 being cut from the originally-proposed budget.

Cuts included areas such as the new central communications system personnel costs, a Sandhills Community College horticultural program, trash collection expenses and salary supplements for the recreation department and the Agricultural Extension Service.

On Monday, additional cuts were made in several areas.

The communications system budget was cut \$22,000, the cost of a proposed new building. However, funds were provided for renovations needed on an existing building which will house the services.

The current cost for the system this year is \$164,819, according to the county finance officer.

In the area of Fire Department Vehicle Liability Insurance, the budget was cut \$14,000. The action resulted in a one-cent tax increase for area fire departments.

Two departments, South Antioch and Stonewall, had previously planned for a one-cent tax increase so their total tax will be two more cents than last year.

The cost for the insurance was previously taken out of the county budget. The commissioners felt this system of paying for the insurance was inappropriate in that residents in a particular area would be paying for the insurance in places where they did not reside.

Upchurch said that in this way the insurance would be paid for by a "users pay" method.

"If we force this insurance on them, they'll have to have the revenues to pay for it," Upchurch said.

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## Where are yellow pages?

### Hoke County telephone subscribers surprised

Raeford telephone customers are surprised not to find yellow page listings included in the Fayetteville telephone directory they received last week in time for the Extended Area Service (EAS) which started June 27.

According to Bernice Barrett, district commercial manager for Carolina Telephone, there are no plans for Raeford to have the Fayetteville yellow pages. Businesses are permitted one free listing in a directory and the cost of advertising prohibits the telephone company from putting business yellow page listings in more than one directory, says Barrett.

Bobby Dixon of Rocky Mount, manager of Directories America, official publisher of the telephone

directory issued to Raeford and Fayetteville subscribers, said it is standard policy not to issue yellow page listings to new EAS customers.

Hoke County residents who would like to have a telephone directory which includes Fayetteville yellow pages can purchase one for \$6.90 at the telephone company's public office in Westwood Shopping Center in Fayetteville, according to Barrett.

Next January Raeford subscribers will receive a new telephone directory which will include white page listings for Fayetteville, Maxton, Raeford, Red Springs and St. Pauls combined in one book, says Barrett.

## Around Town

By Sam Morris

The weather early Monday morning felt like fall of the year. The temperature was in the 50s, but it didn't take long for it to rise to the high 80s. We have been having rain and the grass is growing faster than the lawn mower can keep it down. Instead of mowing every other week, it now needs to be mowed every week.

The forecast for the remainder of the week is for the temperatures to be in the 90s during the day and in the 70s at night. Also afternoon thundershowers are forecast for Wednesday.

NOTICE: The Constitutional Bicentennial Committee of Hoke will not meet on Monday, July 6. Due to the event on Saturday, July 4, Glenn Langdon has called off the July meeting. The next meeting will be August 3.

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## Hoke County representatives attend literacy teleconference

By Sally Jamir  
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Representatives of the literacy effort in Hoke County last Tuesday joined 1,000 other communities across the country for a live teleconference on the literacy problem and how to overcome it. The conference was held on the main campus of Sandhills Community College.

The conference, a project of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, was attended by Hoke Reading Council Director Barbara Buie and a local volunteer tutor.

A goal of the teleconference is to generate 1,000 Literacy Education Action Programs that will assure that the country has a 100 percent trainable workforce by improving the basic skills of present and future workers.

In addition, these programs will help double the number of persons

obtaining a high school equivalency credential through the General Education Development (GED) test and other adult diploma programs.

The conference was an opportunity for representatives of literacy efforts in various communities to hear leaders in government and education offer insights on the problem of illiteracy and participate through phone hook-ups by asking question of panel members.

Video presentations were also viewed which conveyed communities strategies for improving literacy.

Buie recently stated, during a public hearing on the county budget, that making efforts financially and through volunteer efforts to eliminate the literacy problem will enable people in the United States to exercise their basic freedoms in daily life.

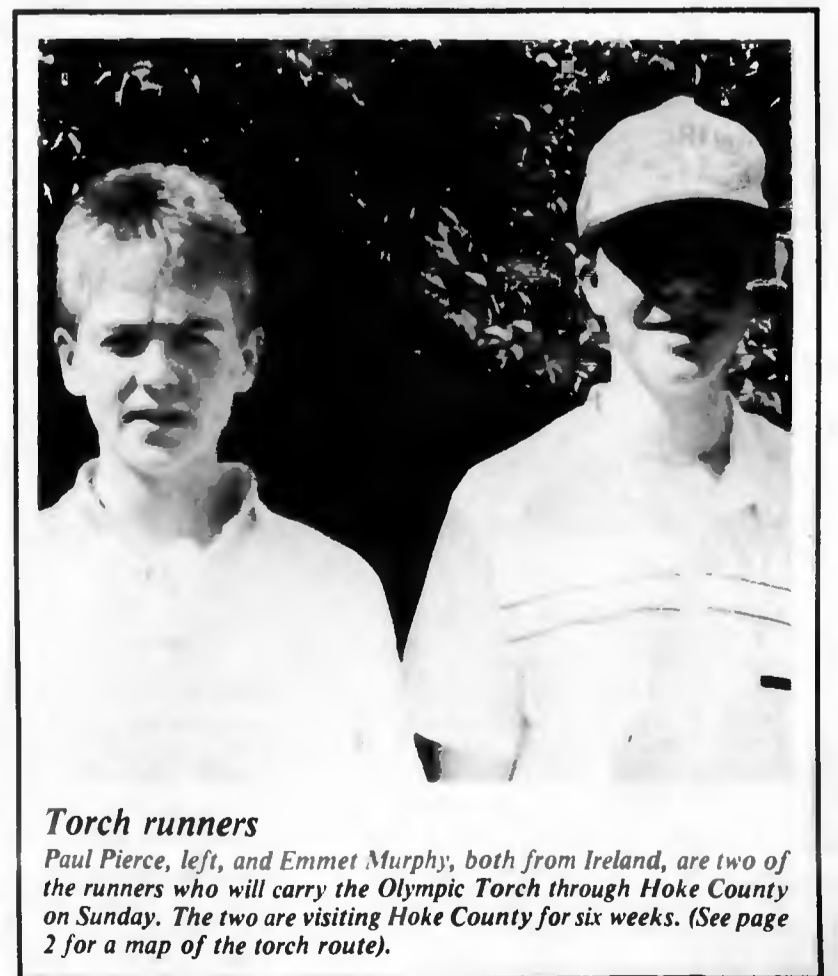
Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) said during the panel discussion that people in America are more literate since the constitution was ratified. However, he said more efforts must be made to help people to read and understand the constitution and how government functions.

Kay Orr, Governor of Nebraska, said that attacking the problem of illiteracy will make a state more appealing to industries which want to move into an area.

"We've made this effort in our state because we know that people are our most important resource," she said.

The urgency of solving illiteracy was emphasized by Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young when he said that the problem was causing a variety of conditions in cities such as occupational hazards, drug dependency, crime and poverty.

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### Torch runners

Paul Pierce, left, and Emmet Murphy, both from Ireland, are two of the runners who will carry the Olympic Torch through Hoke County on Sunday. The two are visiting Hoke County for six weeks. (See page 2 for a map of the torch route).