

UPCHURCH CLASS OF 1965 GRADS IN THE MILITARY

September 1, 1966

Upchurch High School grads John Archie Clark, David Lee Gay, Anthony Holmes, and Clarence William Page were National Guard Soldiers who were on these Summer Camp Maneuvers

Local Guard Unit Wins Top Rating

Headquarters company of the 252nd Armor Battalion, stationed in Raeford and headed by Capt. Daniel Baker, has been commended for its excellence in summer training.

Letters of commendation were received this week by Captain Baker from Maj. Gen. Claude T. Bowers, state adjutant general, and Maj. Gen. Ivan Hardesty, commanding general, 30th Division (N.C. National Guard) for the company's winning a "superior" rating at the summer encampment at Fort Bragg.

"It was indeed a pleasure for me to note that your organization received a superior rating during recent field train-

ing inspection," General Bowers wrote. "You and your men are to be commended and congratulated."

Endorsements and further congratulations were made by General Hardesty; Col. Robert Hughes, commander of the 3rd Brigade, and Lt. Col. Paul Dickson of Raeford, commanding officer of the 252 Armor Battalion.

Other units of the battalion at Red Springs, Lumberton, Laurinburg and Southern Pines also received "superior" ratings. Colonel Dickson said.

The inspection, made by a U. S. Army evaluation board, is a measure of a unit's combat readiness.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER WE LEFT HIGH SCHOOL

August 5, 1965

Head Start Integration Ordered

Government Man Issues Threat

The federal government this week threatened to withhold all financial aid to Hoke County schools unless the faculties of the Head Start classes here are integrated immediately.

The threat was handed down by John Burns, an investigator from the Office of Economic Opportunity, who inspected the anti-poverty pre-school classes Tuesday.

He told W. T. Gibson Jr., superintendent of schools, and Lonnie Bledsoe, director of the Head Start program, that if faculties are not integrated immediately, the government also will sue to recover the more than \$40,000 it has appropriated to the local Head Start program.

Told that the 313 students in the program were given complete freedom of choice in selecting the school they wished to attend for the classes, Burns said he had no control over that policy, but that for the good of the local school system, the faculties had better be integrated immediately.

Gibson said Burns told him, in fact, that the Office of Economic Opportunity would like to have a law suit in this area "to get things rolling."

Beginning this morning, four teachers have been given new assignments, as per Burns' suggestion, to other schools, in effect integrating the faculties of the Head Start program.

The assignments included the transfer of Miss Bonzi Dobbins from West Hoke to McLauchlin Elementary; Mrs. Beulah Turner from McLauchlin to West Hoke; Mrs. Macie Locklear from Hawk Eye to Burlington, and Mrs. Evelyn Durham from Burlington to Hawk Eye.

The Head Start program here involves 313 youngsters, 218 of whom are Negro. There are 39 white children enrolled in the program and 58 Indians.

Assignment to Head Start classes was made on the identical "freedom of choice" policy which the school system hopes to be able to use this fall in complying with the Civil Rights Law.

In addition to the students, some 56 adults are involved in the program, including 15 teachers, each with one helper; 12 lunchroom workers; 10 bus drivers, and various supervisors and directors.

The Head Start classes operate from 9 a.m. to about 2 p.m. The youngsters are given free lunch.

Ironically, a consultant for the Head Start program in the Southeastern United States, visited Hoke County week before last and was high in her praise of the local program.

Miss Camille Schiffman said she was very much impressed with the project that is being conducted here and added that it is one of the best programs she has observed in three southern states.



TRACK SQUAD -- Here are members of the Hoke High track squad, winner of all but one meet this spring. They are, left to right: First row -- Donnie Rose, Steve McNeill, Pete Hales, Steve Duncan, Ronnie Morrison, Bruce Dillon.

Second row -- M. A. Robertson, Jack Pecora, Mike Woodell, Danny Walters, Mack Koonce, Hugh McKenzie and David Keaton.

Routine Cases Heard In Recorder's Court

Routine cases were heard Monday and Tuesday in Hoke Recorder's Court, with Judge Joe Dupree presiding. The following decisions were rendered:

Allen Parks, Raeford Rt. 3, non-support, not guilty.

Nathaniel Armstrong, Laurinburg, drunk driving, six months suspended, \$100 and costs.

Willie D. Lee, Rowland, expired operator's license, \$10 and costs.

Wilford Locklear, Raeford Rt. 2, no registration and no liability insurance, costs.

George Gilbert Calhoun, Raeford, drunk driving, waived trial in Recorder's Court and asked for jury trial in Superior Court. Bond set at \$200.

Steven Ralph Ellis, Fort Bragg, speeding, \$25 and costs.

John D. Pickler Jr., Raeford, speeding, not guilty.

Curtis Harris, Aberdeen Rt. 1, illegal possession of whisky for the purpose of sale, six months suspended for three years, \$50 and costs, not violate liquor laws for three years.

James H. Hines, Fort Bragg, careless and reckless driving, 60 days suspended, \$25 and costs.

Marion Hollingsworth, Raeford Rt. 2, speeding, costs.

Louise Davis, Raeford Rt. 1, assault with a deadly weapon, inflicting serious pain and injury, 90 days suspended, \$25 and costs.

Frank Evans, Raeford Rt. 1, worthless check for \$40, 90 days suspended, costs, make check good.

Roy Lee Northcott, no address listed, public drunkenness, not guilty.

Graham E. Purcell, illegal possession of liquor, (transporting), not guilty.

Viola Torrence, Raeford Rt. 1, illegal possession of whisky for purpose of sale, two years suspended for five years, \$500 and costs, good behavior for two years.

Jerry Wayne Forrester, Cherry Point, speeding, not pros.

James Earl Locklear, Red Springs Rt. 1, expired operator's license, not pros.

Helena Blue Hill, Aberdeen, exceeding safe speed, not pros.

Anne Brunson McNair, Laurinburg, speeding, not pros.

Emma Fairley McLaughlin, McCain, no operator's license, \$50 bond forfeited.

Other bond forfeitures included:

Wayne Albert Thompson, Lexington, speeding, \$25.

Eugene Rainey, Raeford, careless and reckless driving, \$50.

Luther James Reynolds, Charlotte, speeding, \$30.

Sarah Covington Reach, Laurinburg, speeding, \$21.

Herman Warren, Dunn, speeding, \$30.

William Elbert Kessel, Miami, Fla., speeding, \$25.

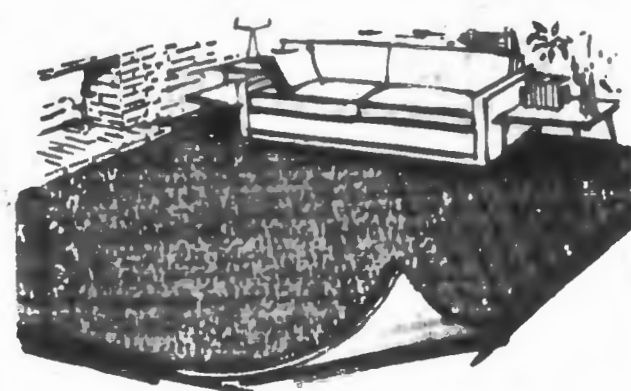
Leroy McDuffie, Raeford, speeding, \$25.

Ned Jones, Reidsville, speeding, \$25.

Jack Ellis Eads, Columbia, S. C., speeding, \$25.

Alfred Loren Hendley, Ocilla, Ga., speeding, \$30.

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Morris Rites Are Conducted

Reubin H. Morris, 47, of Arabia died Tuesday, March 29, in Veterans Hospital at Durham.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Margaret Louise Morris; two daughters, Mrs. Vernon Wood of Fayetteville and Debra Ann Morris of the home; two sons, William Morris and Reubin H. Morris Jr., both of the home; his mother, Mrs. W. A. Morris of Sylvania, Ga.; one brother, W. L. Morris of Spartanburg, S. C.; five sisters, Mrs. Wade Franklin of Millen, Ga., Mrs. W. L. Kelly of Sardis, Ga., Mrs. Lois Connell of Daytona Beach, Fla., Mrs. Bernard Brown of Sylvania, Ga., and Mrs. Harold David of Statesboro, Ga.; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at Sandy Grove Methodist Church at 4 p.m. by the Rev. P. O. Lee and the Rev. Winford Turner. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Farm Items

Our weather picture for the month of April, if it sticks to the traditional pattern, could be pretty tricky. According to long range forecasts the weather should be warm and not as wet as last April. Still good days for field work may be at a premium. Be sure that your equipment is all set and that you are well stocked with seed, fertilizer and chemicals to really hustle when the sun shines. Timeliness pays off big dividends. Make sure you use good seeds as this one practice alone will add income because the fields produce more pounds of material.

The use of all or complete practices on every crop you produce will increase the income on any farm in Hoke County. In about all of the commercial crops we have a complete list of all the steps you should go through to come out with a top production. These forms are known as the "All-Practice Demonstration" forms. The Hoke County Extension agents will be happy to discuss

these with any farmer. These steps include everything from liming of the land to marketing the crop.

Pete Sawyer president of the Ashmont Community Development Club, has set up committees in the farm crops in that community. Out of this group, there will be a number of all-practice demonstrations on corn, soybeans and tobacco. This group will try to show that top yields can be made in those crops in that neighborhood. Other farmers that might be interested can also get the same information.

On Tuesday, April 26 there will be a cattle feeders field day and it will be held in the dairy farm pavilion at N. C. State University. The meeting begins at 9:30 a. m. and adjourns at 4 p. m. The purpose of this field day is to show the different systems of feeding cattle and the importance of corn silage in feeding operations. All people interested in cattle feeding and stockers should plan to attend this event.

Wayside Now Has 4-H Club

Eight girls and four adults met at Wayside Community Building Saturday afternoon and organized a 4-H Special Interest Group.

Plans were made for each girl to make an article to enter in the May 4 county 4-H Dress Revue.

The group came together with clothing as a special interest, but at the first meeting desires were expressed to form into a community 4-H club. Each Saturday afternoon the group will sew at the community building to complete garments under the supervision of leaders.

The following officers were elected: Debra Allison, president; Mary Kate Parker, vice president; Judy McDougald, secretary; Barbara Plummer, publicity chairman.

Others attending were Shirley Holcomb, Cathy Newton, Ann Layton and Georgiana Willis.

Card Of Thanks

The family of Mrs. Nellie B. Tart wish to express their appreciation for the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown them during the illness and death of their loved one.

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Card Of Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation for cards, gifts, and prayers during the illness and death of our mother.

The children of Mrs. M. L. Maxwell.

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL DESEGREGATION PLAN UNDER TITLE VI OF CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

HOKE COUNTY SCHOOLS, 109 E. EDINBOROUGH AVE., RAEFORD, N. C.
NOTICE OF SCHOOL DESEGREGATION PLAN UNDER TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

This notice is made available to inform you about the desegregation of our schools. Keep a copy of this notice. It will answer many questions about school desegregation.

1. DESEGREGATION PLAN IN EFFECT

The Hoke County public school system is being desegregated under a plan adopted in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The purpose of the desegregation plan is to eliminate from our school system the racial segregation of students and all other forms of discrimination based on race, color, or national origin.

2. THIRTY-DAY SPRING CHOICE PERIOD

Each student or his parent, or other adult person acting as parent, is required to choose the school the student will attend next school year. The choice period will begin on March 31, 1966 and close April 30, 1966.

3. EXPLANATORY LETTERS AND SCHOOL CHOICE FORMS

On the first day of the choice period, an explanatory letter and this notice will be sent by first-class mail to the parent, or other adult person acting as parent, of each student then in the schools who is expected to attend school the following school year. A school choice form will be sent with each letter together with a return envelope addressed to the Superintendent. Additional copies of the letter, this notice and the choice form are freely available to the public at any school and at the Superintendent's office.

4. RETURNING THE CHOICE FORMS

Parents and students, at their option, may return the completed choice forms by hand to any school or by mail to the Superintendent's office, at any time during the 30-day choice period. No preference will be given for choosing early during the choice period. A choice is required for each student. No assignment to a school can be made unless a choice is made first.

5. CHOICE FORM INFORMATION

The school choice form lists the names, locations and grades offered for each school. The reasons for any choice made are not to be stated. The form asks for the name, address and age of the student, the school and grade currently or last attended, the school chosen for the following year, the appropriate signature, and whether the form has been signed by the student or his parent. Any letter or other written communication which identifies the student and the school he wishes to attend will be deemed just as valid as if submitted on the choice form supplied by the school system. The names of students and the schools they choose or are assigned to under the plan will not be made public by school officials.

6. COURSE AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

To guide students and parents in making a choice of school, listed below, by schools, are the courses and programs which are not given at every school in this school system.

J. W. McLaughlin ----- Special Education
Upchurch ----- Special Education
Raeford Elementary, Hoke High and
Upchurch High ----- Band

7. SIGNING THE CHOICE FORM

A choice form may be signed by a parent or other adult person acting as parent. A student who has reached the age of 15 at the time of choice, or will next enter the ninth or any higher grade, may sign his own choice form. The student's choice shall be controlling unless a different choice is exercised by his parent before the end of the period during which the student exercises his choice.

8. PROCESSING OF CHOICES

No choice will be denied for any reason other than overcrowding. In cases where granting all choices for any school would cause overcrowding, the students choosing the school who live closest to it will be assigned to that school. Whenever a choice is to be denied, overcrowding will be determined by a uniform standard applicable to all schools in the system.

9. NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT, SECOND CHOICE

All students and their parents will be promptly notified in writing of their school assignments. Should any student be denied his choice because of overcrowding he will be promptly notified and given a choice among all other schools in the system where space is available.

10. STUDENTS MOVING INTO THE COMMUNITY

A choice of school for any student who will be new to the school system may be made during the spring 30-day choice period or at any other time before he enrolls in school. An explanatory letter, this notice

and the school choice form will be given out for each new student as soon as the school system knows about the student. At least seven days will be allowed for the return of the choice form when a choice is made after the spring 30-day choice period. A choice must be made for each student. No assignment to any school can be made unless a choice is made first.

11. STUDENTS ENTERING FIRST GRADE

The parent, or other adult person acting as parent, of every child entering the first grade, is required to choose the school his child will attend. Choices will be made under the same free choice process used for students new to the school system in other grades, as provided in paragraph 10.

12. PRIORITY OF LATE CHOICES

No choice made after the end of the spring 30-day choice period may be denied for any reason other than overcrowding. In the event of overcrowding, choices made during the 30-day choice period will have first priority. Overcrowding will be determined by the standard provided for in paragraph 8. Any parent or student whose first choice is denied because of overcrowding will be given a second choice in the manner provided for in paragraph 9.

13. TESTS, HEALTH RECORDS AND OTHER ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Any academic tests or other procedures used in assigning students to schools, grades, classrooms, sections, courses of study, or for any other purpose, will be applied uniformly to all students without regard to race, color or national origin. No choice of school will be denied because of failure at the time of choice to provide any health record, birth certificate or other document. The student will be tentatively assigned in accordance with the plan and the choice made, and given ample time to obtain any required document. Curriculum, credit, and promotion procedures will not be applied in such a way as to hamper freedom of choice of any student.

14. CHOICES ONCE MADE CANNOT BE ALTERED

Once a choice has been submitted, it may not be changed, even though the choice period has not ended. The choice is binding for the entire school year to which it applies, except in the case of (1) compelling hardship, (2) change of residence to a place where another school is closer, (3) the availability of a school designed to fit the special needs of a physically handicapped student, (4) the availability at another school of a course of study required by the student, which is not available at the school chosen.

15. ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF SCHOOLS DESEGREGATED

All school-connected services, facilities, athletics, activities and programs are open to all on a desegregated basis. A student attending school for the first time on a desegregated basis may not be subject to any disqualification or waiting period for participation in activities and programs, including athletics, which might otherwise apply because he is a transfer student. All transportation furnished by the school system will also operate on a desegregated basis. Facilities will be desegregated, and no staff member will lose his position because of race, color or national origin. This includes any case where less staff is needed because schools are closed or enrollment is reduced.

16. ATTENDANCE ACROSS SCHOOL SYSTEM LINES

No arrangement will be made, or permission granted, by this school system for any students living in the community it serves to attend school in another school system, where this would tend to limit desegregation, or where the opportunity is not available to all students without regard to race, color or national origin. No arrangement will be made, or permission granted, by this school system for any students living in another school system to attend school in this system, where this would tend to limit desegregation, or where the opportunity is not available to all students without regard to race, color or national origin.

17. VIOLATIONS TO BE REPORTED

It is a violation of our desegregation plan for any school official or teacher to influence or coerce any person in the making of a choice or to threaten any person with penalties or promise favors for any choice made. It is also a violation of Federal regulations for any person to intimidate, threaten, coerce, retaliate or discriminate against any individual for the purpose of interfering with the free making of a choice of school. Any person having any knowledge of any violation of these prohibitions should report the facts immediately by mail or phone to the Equal Educational Opportunities Program, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C., 20202 (telephone 202-962-0333). The name of any person reporting any violation will not be disclosed without his consent. Any other violation of the desegregation plan or other discrimination based on race, color, or national origin in the school system is also a violation of Federal requirements, and should likewise be reported. Anyone with a complaint to report should first bring it to the attention of local school officials, unless he feels it would not be helpful to do so. If local officials do not correct the violation promptly, any person familiar with the facts of the violation should report them immediately to the U. S. Office of Education at the above address or phone number.

February 24, 1966

Hoke Soldier Is Killed In Action In Vietnam

Pvt. Jerome McCormick, 21, of Raeford Rt. 2 has been killed in action in Vietnam, according to a telegram to his mother, Mrs. Flora McCormick, from the Department of the Army.

McCormick was killed February 20, according to the telegram, which was received here Tuesday.

He entered the Army in August 1965, and after training at Fort Gordon, Ga., and Fort Benning, Ga., was sent overseas in January as a paratrooper. He was assigned to the First Cavalry Division.

A graduate of Upchurch High School, McCormick was employed by Pacific Mills in Raeford before being drafted for military duty. He was unmarried.

His father, George McCormick, lives in Greensboro.

His mother said Wednesday that she had a letter from McCormick written in Vietnam February 13, a week before he was killed in action. The letter was the first and last she received from her son overseas.

"He just told us about arriving in Vietnam," Mrs. McCormick said. "Not much about the fighting."

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PVT. JEROME McCORMICK

Soldier

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McCormick is believed to be the first soldier from Hoke County to lose his life in the Vietnam fighting.

Funeral services will be held at Silver Grove Baptist Church as soon as the body arrives from overseas. Plans are incomplete.

AFTER WE LEFT HIGH SCHOOL

March 24, 1966

McGregor

All-State

Gilbert McGregor, Hoke High School basketball star, has been named to the All-State Basketball Team as selected by the Greensboro Daily News.

The 6-8 junior, playing his first year in the predominantly all-white Southeastern 3-A Conference, averaged better than 26 points per game for 25 games and pulled in an average of more than 20 rebounds.

He was a prime factor in Raeford's 21-4 season. The Bucks reached the finals in state 3-A play and were defeated by Morehead, 82-79, in the championship game.

McGregor was the only player in the Southeastern 3-A conference to make the team.

Other selections included Dale Abernathy of Hildebrand; Deryl Cherry of West Charlotte; Randy Denton, Raleigh Enloe; Dwight Hinnant, North Johnston; Nelson Isley, Reidsville; Brad Evans, Durham; Jimmy Folds, Greensboro Page; Barry Hopkins, Morehead, and Van Williford, Fayetteville.

Principal Wesley Campbell Is Retiring



OF THE OLD SCHOOL - Wesley Campbell, principal of Stone Elementary School since its consolidation in 1956, will retire this month after nearly half a century in the field of teaching.

BY LUCY GRAY PEEBLES

Nobody can appreciate the conveniences in the modern day school better than Wesley Campbell who, upon retiring at the end of this school year, will have taught through nearly half a century of progress in the field of education.

Campbell, who has served most of this time in Hoke County, announced his plans for retirement Monday night to the Hoke County Board of Education.

His reason for quitting, he said, is to turn the reins over to some younger person. The board voiced their doubts at being able to find another with such integrity to fill the position Campbell vacates at West Hoke Elementary School.

Campbell, the son of former Hoke and Robeson County slaves, was one of 11 children. His ambition to become a dentist was stifled by the lack of funds for tuition. His school career began when he was called in, immediately after finishing high school, and offered a job teaching in the Buchan Farm School at Addor. His first salary was \$18.50 for each of the two months which made up the school term.

Campbell's love for the farm lingers on from his childhood days. He now has his own which he plans to enjoy during his retirement. He learned that first year in the classroom,

however, that teaching would be his life's vocation. He has had no regrets, and has enjoyed every minute of it.

The teacher used his summers and the money saved from his scant pay check to go to summer school at State

Teachers College in Fayetteville where he eventually earned his B. S. degree. Later when the prospect of a principalship was at hand he attended, for three years, the long term summer sessions at the New York University to earn a

master's degree.

"My school work has been a pleasure," Campbell said. "I have never had any trouble getting along with my teachers and I have worked under many
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superintendents but have never had one I didn't like." His philosophy in life has been "to render respect to a fellow man." "That way one will have no trouble getting along in the world," he advised.

The school master's memories include days of the one-room school, the wood-burning heater, long treks to and from school through rain and snow, and the sad lack of equipment. "I am enjoying conveniences now that I never dreamed of during the days at Buchan, Millside and other early schools," he recalled.

"I used to wish for the comfort of a coal-burning stove on icy mornings when I hurried to school early to get a fire going before the students arrived. Larger boys were sent from the classroom to collect fuel from the woods and tin heater was fed continuously in an effort to keep the toes of the pupil seated on the far side of the room warm."

He also wished a long time for electric lights so he could, once and for all forget the dangerous, smoky old oil lamps used for night entertainments at the school.

At his present modern building, located on Turnpike Road about six miles from Rae-ford, Campbell supervises 14 other teachers and teaches a section of the eighth grade himself. The old lunch bucket, he remembers, is far outdated, as is the old tin drinking cup. Children and teachers now have the privilege of a hot lunch, served cafeteria style, and of other conveniences which go along with modern day living.

The healthy and happy principal (he never missed a day from teaching except during a case of measles) indicated that he had no intentions of letting time hang heavy on his hands. He will not become so involved with fishing and farming, he declared, as to let his keen interest in the Hoke County schools drop, nor will he stand by in a sense of apathy when any one of them are in need of his services.

Wesley Campbell has been one of the most respected teachers, colored or white, in the Hoke County school system.

February 6, 1964

100 Signed For Course

Nearly 100 persons have signed up for a civil defense course which will be taught at West Hoke Elementary School beginning tonight.

Louis Lane, of Raleigh, Civil Defense adult education associate, reported that the large enrollment had forced R. B. Everette, teacher at Upchurch High School, who will conduct the course to divide the class into two sections.

One group will meet at 7:30 p. m. on Thursday nights and the other at the same hour on Tuesday nights for a six weeks period.

While the topic for study will be "Family Survival in a Nuclear Age," students will be taught to take care of themselves and their families in case of disaster whether it be of natural cause or during war, Lane said. "The more people we train, the less panic we will have when faced with a catastrophe," he added.

C. D. Cole, Hoke County Civil Defense director, said a similar class will be started for white people in the near future.

March 8, 1962

15-2 OVERALL

Eagles End Season With Two Wins

By W. T. McALLISTER

The Upchurch Eagles wound up their basketball season on a winning note, trouncing Shaw High at Wagram 56-24 and drubbing Mineral Spring at Ellerbe 65-38. The Eaglettes, however, were not as fortunate losing to Shaw 22-20 and to Mineral Spring 37-24. Their season record, though, is a respectable 12-5.

At Wagram, Tim McKoy scored 17 points to lead his teammates to a smashing victory over a lackluster Shaw quintet. The Eagles raced to a 13-2 first quarter margin, pumped in 20 points in the second frame to take a commending 33-13 half-time lead, and coasted to an easy win.

The Mineral Spring five were a determined crew and stayed within striking distance through the first three quarters matching the Eagles point for point in the third. However, in the fourth stanza the Birds clamped a tight defence on their hosts. Steven Swan poured in 13 of his 26 points, and Upchurch outscored Ellerbe 23-6 to win going way.

The locals are 8-2 in conference play, 15-2 overall, and are one of the top-seeded teams in the upcoming tournament to be played here March 9 and 10. Leading the Eagles' offense is talented Tim McKoy with an 18.3 scoring average, followed by Steven Swan who has a 10.4 average.

January 24, 1963

10 STRAIGHT

Eagles Still Fly Without Defeat

The soaring Upchurch Eagles tucked away two more games under their wings last week, upping their record to 9-0 for the season. Tuesday night they went to Lumber Bridge and drubbed the Oakridge Tigers 61-32, and at home Thursday night they overwhelmed the Shaw Dragons from Wagram 66-35. The Eaglettes kept pace by downing the Tigresses 40-14 and the Dragonets 36-10.

At Oakridge it appeared that the Tigers had visions of successfully defending their den, trailing by a retrievable 27-19 half-time score. The Eagles, however, padded their cushion to 37-23 by the end of the third period, and it became obvious in the last stanza that the Cats could not run with the sailing Birds who garnered 24 points while holding their hosts to 9 in this frame. Several Upchurch reserves collected some on-the-

job training in the waning minutes. Forwards Robert Blue and Rufus Singletary got 19 and 18 tallies respectively. Monroe had 15 in a losing cause.

The local lassies had an easy time with the female felines. Scoring almost at will, Coach Howard Smith's charges raced to a 25-4 half-time lead and glided home to their 7th straight win. Big guns for the Eaglettes were Thomas with 17 and Ray with 16.

Against Shaw the Eagles quickly shattered any hopes the Dragons might have had of breathing an unquenchable fire on the home quintet. The Serpents tied the game 2-2 after a minute of play, but were never really in the game afterwards. The locals built up a 15-2 lead over the next 6 1/2 minutes, ending the fast break, netted Upchurch a 31-8 intermission spread. Continuing

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EAGLES

their torrid pace, the Birds had widened the gap to 54-18 when the third period buzzer sounded. In the final quarter, when McDowell let all his players see action, the Wagram visitors outscored Raeford 17-12--to no avail, of course. James Gay shared scoring honors with McLeod of the losers. Both had 18.

The Eaglettes toyed with the Dragonets, scoring 21 points before their guests rang up 2 markers just seconds prior to half time. Thomas's 19 points were sufficient for the victory but Ray helped out with 9 and Ross added 6 for good measure.

The Birds are still posting an unusual shooting accuracy from the floor, hitting 56% on 28 of 50 shots against Oakridge and 27 of 51 attempts against Shaw for 52.9% -- a better mark than they have from the free throw lane.

Six of the Eagles remaining 10 games are conference tilts. So far they have won three conference games. Tomorrow night they host Armstrong of Fayetteville and on Tuesday night the Johnson Rams from Laurinburg come to town. Both are conference foes.--
W. T. McALLISTER

January 24, 1963

Paper Gets Awards

News-Journal Publisher Paul Dickson and Editor Peter B. Young accepted two awards last week from the N. C. Press Association meeting at Chapel Hill.

The newspaper was honored with a third place in the state for advertising and a third place for its editorial page. The awards were presented by William Friday, president of the Consolidated University of North Carolina, subbing at the last minute for Governor Terry Sanford who did not put in his appearance until the next day.

Judges for the Press Association singled out for special praise a News-Journal editorial entitled, "No Autopsy for the Lady," which dealt with the death of a 25-year-old Negro woman Beatrice Morrison, probably as a result of moonshine poisoning.

The editorial was an appeal for autopsies as routine in any unattended death. It concluded that even though Hoke is not a rich county, the Commissioners would be willing to pay the money to find out how their constituents died.

April 16, 1964

School News

UPCHURCH

Wednesday, April 8, 1978
eighth graders from Burlington,
Scurlock, and West Hoke Ele-
mentary Schools and Upchurch
Elementary Department orien-
tation program which was plan-
ned by the guidance committee,
counselor, and principal of Up-
church School.

The activities included the
following:

1. Registration.
2. Test (All eighth graders
took a standardized test, The
Otis Quick-Scoring).
3. General Assembly.
4. Lunch.
5. Guided tour of campus.
6. Social hour.

The purpose of the program
was to lessen the tension and
anxiety the students may have
in the transition from elemen-
tary school to high school next
year and in helping them make
all other necessary adjustments
to high school life.

WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL

January 21, 1965

School News

UPCHURCH

January 7 was a red letter day at Upchurch High School. On that Thursday we were visited by our governor, the Honorable Terry Sanford. Accompanying Governor Sanford were members of the Hoke County Board of Education, including Mr. Gibson, our superintendent.

It is an indisputable fact that all of Upchurch was included in the enthusiastic reception of our distinguished guest. All classes, one through twelve, faculty members, staff members, principal, parents and friends alike participated.

Governor Sanford's speech was centered around the topic "Education Pays Dividends." He stressed the importance of staying in school and performing at one's highest level during one's student career. Said the esteemed speaker, in essence, North Carolina has a dream, and boys and girls of today -- the men and women of tomorrow -- must be able to perform and produce effectively in order to make that dream come

At the end of his very thought-provoking speech, Governor Sanford parted with that timeless symbol of good will a hearty handshake to many students and teachers.

The students at Upchurch High School have been studying very hard for the semester examination, January 20-21.

In each class the children will be given a two-hour test. Every one is trying to put forth every effort to pass.

February 2, 1962

SE District Clinic Held At Upchurch

The Southeastern District Band Clinic was held at Upchurch High School on January 21, with some 500 band members from 12 schools being present.

Schools attending were: Bladen Central School, Elizabethtown, R. E. Smith of Fayetteville, I. R. Johnson of Laurinburg, Sampson High School of Clinton, Brunswick Training of Southport, J. H. Hayswood of Lumberton, Armour High School of Acme, Artesia of Hallabore, C. T. Pope of Burgaw, St. Pauls of St. Pauls, Douglas High School of Warsaw, Oak Ridge High School of Lumber Bridge, and Harnett Training School of Dunn.

Career Day—The Fourth Annual Career Day will be held at Upchurch High School on February 8, 1961. There will be representatives from North Caro

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SE District

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lina, South Carolina and Virginia Colleges.

Upchurch Eagles and Eaglettes—The Upchurch Eagles and Eaglettes take victories from Maxton. The scores were as follows: Boys 72-24 and girls 23-10.

The Upchurch Eagles and Eaglettes journeyed to Lumberton January 31, to grab a double-header from the Hayswood High School teams. The final score was 43-28 for the Girls and 60-34 for the Boys.

June 1, 1961

Adm'l Upchurch Lauds Upchurch For Ship Funds

T B. Upchurch, Hoke County "Admiral" in charge of raising local funds to bring the battleship North Carolina home to a final resting place at Wilmington, reported this week that Upchurch High School was the first educational unit in the county to come in with 100 percent participation in the drive.

Principal George Page turned over \$125 to Admiral Upchurch, thereby insuring that his school would be named on a special plaque to be installed in the battleship when it reaches Wilmington.

The fund drive asks for 10 cents from each student, and Upchurch High was the first local school to meet this goal.

Admiral Upchurch said: "We appreciate this wonderful cooperation, and we hope our other schools can do as well." The admiral noted however that the drive began "too late" for most of the schools to participate effectively.

This made the Upchurch High achievement even more remarkable.

WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL

February 6, 1964

Upchurch Wins Game

The Upchurch Eagles turned back the Shaw Dragons of Wagram last Friday night, 48-32, for their first win in their last four outings.

In three preceding contests the Birds were grounded twice by the I. E. Johnson Rams of Laurinburg and once by the Golden Tigers of Laurinburg Institute. The scores of those games were 56-47, 55-48, and 89-46 respectively.

The Eaglettes lost twice to the Johnson Ewes, 40-20 and 51-22, but bested the Tigresses, 25-11, and edged the Dragonettes, 18-16, for a 4-3 team record. Mary Thomas is team scoring leader with an average of 17 points per game for six games.

The next home game will be: Feb. 7, 1964.

October 3, 1963

Upchurch Is Winner By 16-0

Upchurch High School's Eagles scored their first victory of the season here Friday night, downing Riverside of Laurinburg, 16-0. The Eagles previously lost games to Chapel Hill Lincoln, 22-0, and tied Nash Central, 6-6.

The Eagles scored on an 70 yard drive after taking the opening kickoff, with Willie McKinnon going across from the three-yard line and James Maynor adding the two-pointer on a run.

In the third quarter, Rufus Singletary picked off a Mustang pass at the Upchurch 40. The Eagles marched 60 yards to paydirt, with McKinnon tallying from the seven and Maynor again converting.

Both teams threatened in the final period, with Riverside penetrating to the Upchurch five, where time ran out.

Upchurch's next home game is October 11, when they entertain Person County High of Roxboro.

WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL

December 19, 1963

WEST HOKE ELEMENTARY

The year of 1963 at West Hoke Elementary School has been one of working, rushing, laughing and studying by both the students and faculty.

Beginning with September 18, 1963 we have had chapel programs as an outgrowth of our classroom work. The various holidays have been correlated with the chapel exercises, and special days both the primary and grammar grade departments shared exercises together.

December 4, 1963, the seventh grade class gave a playlet entitled "Santa Claus On A Strike". West Hoke's students became a bit shaky because they are afraid he might go on a strike

for the 24th of December. December 11, 1963 the second grade will present a playlet entitled "It Happens at Christmas Time".

Our lunchroom is open daily with type "A" lunches served. To add to the sanitation and for the food to be more appetizing, a steam table and a sneeze bar have been added.

We have a special lunch each week to entice more students to eat in the lunchroom.

December 9 through December 18 we will sponsor a lunch contest. The class with the greatest percentage of students participating will be given a prize and their names placed on the lunchroom participation chart on Friday.

We give thanks to our very fine P. T. A. for adding a steam table and sneeze bar to our school this year.

New stage curtains have been purchased and installed in our cafetorium this year.

The teacher's lounge has been furnished this year. The teachers at West Hoke financed the total cost for this lounge.

Venetian blinds have been added to the principal's office.

The West Hoke Elementary School is presenting "The Christmas Story," December 18 at 7:30 p. m. The public is invited to attend.

School will close for the Christmas holidays December 19, 1963 and reopen January 2, 1964. Our Christmas dinner will be served December 18.

The West Hoke family wishes every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

EACH LOCAL SYSTEM MUST COMPLY***Federal Law Spells Out School Desegregation***

Hoke County students soon will be asked to choose the school they wish to attend next year. Rather, their parents will be asked to make the choice.

Letters are being mailed to every parent of school-age children in the county. Included in the mailing are an application form and return envelope to the board of education.

The choice is offered in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which stipulates:

"No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

This will be the second year Hoke County has had the "freedom of choice" plan, which has been ruled in compliance with the Civil Rights Act.

When it was first offered last year, some 60 Negroes applied for and were admitted to previously all-white schools. Some 30 of that number were at Hoke High School.

They were not the first of their race to attend previously all-white schools here, however. The previous year, a Negro first graders parents asked that the child be allowed to attend J. W. McLaughlin Elementary School. The application was accepted.

While the local board of education for several years

has not excluded Negroes from so-called "white" schools, there were no applications until the single incident two years ago. However, the board's policy was not generally known until the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed. The Act required a policy of non-discrimination and required publicizing of the policy.

In short, the board was required to take action on its part to eliminate a separate structure of schools for students of different races.

That is substantially accomplished by the "freedom of choice" plan in that a student or his parents may select the school they wish the student to attend.

If facilities at the school of a student's choice are overcrowded, the Civil Rights Act then requires all students at that school to be assigned to the school nearest their home.

Parents must fill out and return the application form now being mailed by the board of education within the specified time limit, or the student or students concerned will be assigned to the same school they attended last year.

Choice must also be made for children attending school for the first time. Pre-school clinics will be held at the Hoke County Health Department at a date to be announced. Parents also are urged to take their children to their private physician for the pre-

school examination to expedite the pre-school clinics.

To be eligible for federal aid, a school system must first assure the commissioner of health, education and welfare that it will comply with Title IV of the Civil Rights Act and with HEW regulations.

That compliance was assured last year at the time the county's "freedom of choice" plan was approved in Washington. This year, the county need only to assure the commissioner it is continuing its compliance.

A school system with a voluntary desegregation plan, such as the freedom of choice plan in Hoke County, must also provide assurance that it will abide by the applicable requirements for such plans.

The Civil Rights Act also requires desegregation of staffs. "The racial composition of the professional staff of a school system, and of schools within the system, must be considered in determining whether students are subjected to discrimination in educational programs."

Race, color or national origin may not be a factor in the hiring or assignment to schools or within schools of teachers and other professional staff, including student teachers and staff serving two or more schools, except to correct the effect of past discriminatory assignments.

"Each school system has a positive duty to make

staff assignments and reassignments necessary to eliminate past discriminatory assignment patterns," the HEW regulations state. "Staff desegregation for the 1966-67 school year must include significant progress beyond what was accomplished in for the 1965-66 school year in the desegregation of teachers assigned to schools on a regular, full-time basis."

HEW recommends these patterns of staff assignment to initiate staff desegregation:

1. Some desegregation of professional staff in each school in the system.
2. The assignment of a significant portion of the professional staff of each race to the particular schools in the system where their race is a minority and where special staff training programs are established to help with the process of staff desegregation.
3. The assignment of a significant portion of the staff on a desegregated basis to those schools in which the student body is desegregated.
4. The reassignment of staff of schools being closed to other schools in the system where their race is a minority.
5. An alternative pattern of assignment which will make comparable progress in bringing about staff desegregation successfully.

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Each school system also is responsible for removing any segregation and any other form of discrimination affecting students in connection with all services, facilities, activities and programs (including transportation, athletics and other extra-curricular activities) that may be conducted or sponsored by or affiliated with the schools of the system. For example:

1. A student attending school for the first time on a desegregated basis may not be subject to any disqualification or waiting period for participation in activities and programs, including athletics, which might otherwise apply because he is a transfer student.

2. If transportation services are furnished, sponsored or utilized by a school system, dual or segregated transportation systems and other forms of discrimination must be eliminated.

3. All school-related use of athletic fields, meeting rooms and all other school related services, facilities and programs, such as commencement exercises and parent-teacher meetings, which are open to persons other than enrolled students, must be open to all such persons and must be conducted without segregation or any other form of discrimination.

4. All special education programs, such as pre-school, summer school and adult education, and any educational program newly instituted, must be conducted without segregation or other form of discrimination.

In addition to the changes made in student assignment practices under its desegregation plan, each school system is responsible for removing all other forms of discrimination on the ground of race, color, or national origin.

School officials also must take steps to encourage community support and acceptance of their desegregation plan. Full information concerning the desegregation plan must be furnished freely to the public and to all newspapers, radio and television stations serving the community.

Regarding the freedom of choice, the material being mailed to parents specifies the school to which their children have been assigned. If no other choice of assignment is indicated, the students will attend the school to which they are initially assigned.

Once a choice has been submitted, it may not be changed during the school year to which it applies except in rare instances.

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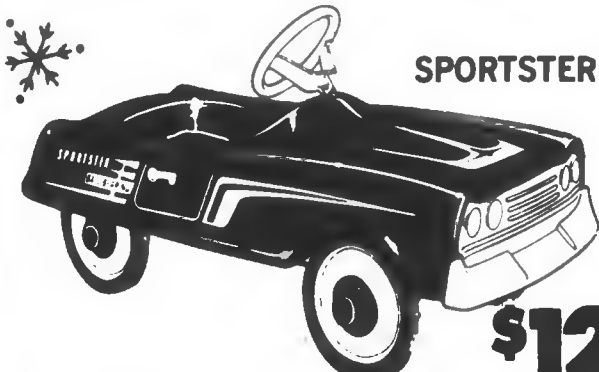
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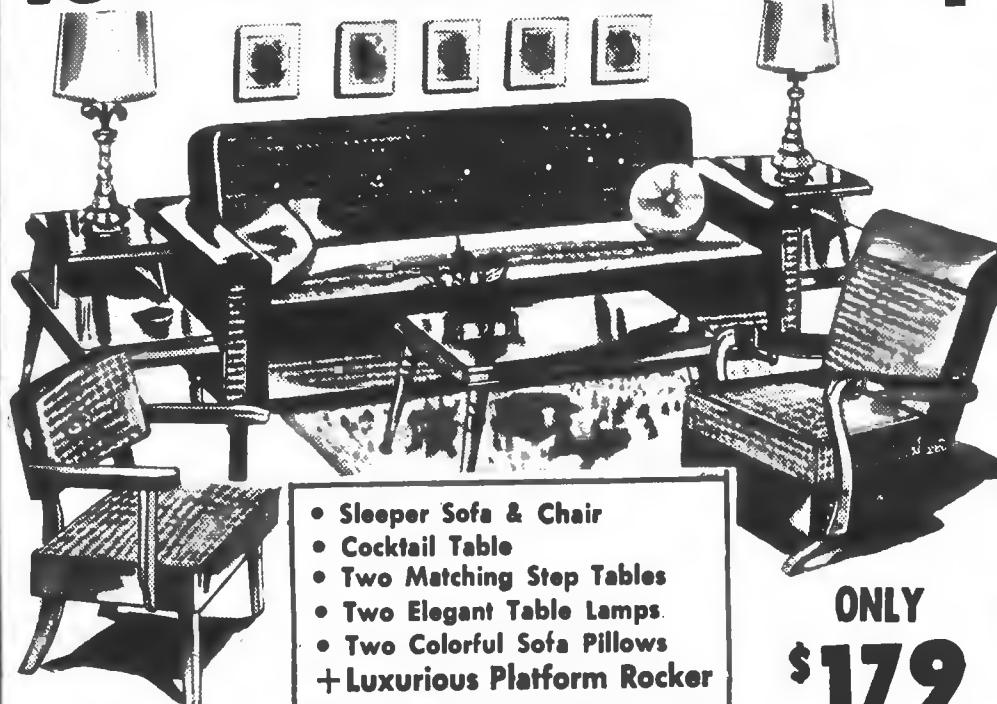
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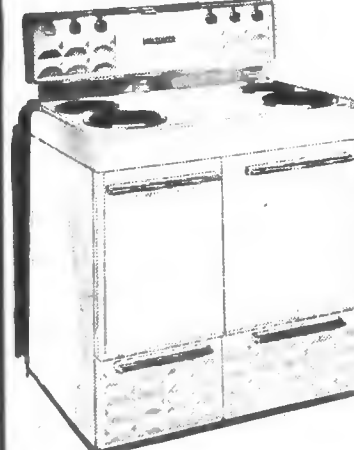


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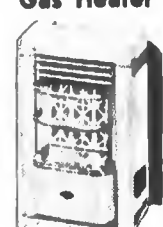
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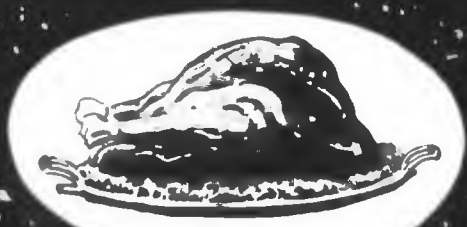
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WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL

November 23, 1961

LIVELY PTA MEETING

Do-It-Yourself Shelters Advocated By CD Director

A Civil Defense Area Director for 11 N. C. Counties -- retired Army officer Victor W. Harris -- told the Hoke-Raeford PTA Monday night that elaborate fallout shelters were nice but not absolutely necessary.

"We dug bunkers in the Pacific in World War II," said Harris. "That would have offered perfectly adequate fallout protection."

The CD official added:

"Whether it's an expensive and luxurious shelter, or one you dig yourself, the point is to get a mass of material between you and the enemy radiation. Three inches of lead will do it, or 24 inches of concrete, or three feet of closely-packed dirt. The average home offers little protection."

Harris's remarks followed his prepared speech, and were in response to a question from the floor from Fred Culbreth relative to the financing of fallout shelters.

The CD spokesman conceded that, in spite of low-cost federal financing for shelters most people would be reluctant to construct an elaborate shelter.

"But radiation decays rapidly enough so that simple and effective protection is within reach of everybody," he said. "All it requires is work."

This led into a discussion of the necessity for widespread public support and participation in a CD program with Col. Harris evincing considerable hostility to various "welfare" programs and abuses of the same.

The Rev. Meigs Newkirk promptly counter-attacked in one of the liveliest PTA meetings in recent months. Newkirk began his remarks by suggesting that energy and effort devoted to Civil Defense would be better expended on plans for disarmament. He then proceeded to defend "welfare" concepts and programs.

Col. Harris replied that he was for disarmament also, but he rather doubted that Premier Khrushchev was.

In another important aspect of his talk, Col. Harris offered the opinion that no workable CD Program was possible at the County level without full-time paid personnel.

Hoke County is not in the CD area directed by Harris, but his area does contain comparable counties in size and wealth that have gone into a complete program. Harris said that federal matching funds make it possible for a county to hire a CD director and secretary and open an office on a budget of \$10,000. Half of that amount would come from county revenues and the other half from Uncle Sam.

"The key to an adequate CD program is a steady, sustained, quiet and efficient effort," he said, in private talks with interested individuals.

The recent resignation of

long-time Hoke CD Director Alfred Cole lent weight to Harris's opinions here. Cole has believed for months that the CD job was now too big for unpaid volunteer direction.

It was also learned by the N-J that official CD target lists now rate nearby Fort Bragg as an important objective for the Russians. Most of the Bragg Reservation is in Hoke County, and a "drop" on Bragg would not only produce heavy local fallout but also extensive blast and heat damage here in Hoke.

In his prepared talk, Col. Harris argued the case for Civil Defense. For most of his audience, this was unnecessary. They had already been sold. But one man told Harris afterwards that he believed in prayer.

"So do I," said the retired Army man. "But I believe in praising the Lord while passing the ammunition."

WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL

November 16, 1961

Eagles End Season With Narrow Loss To Hamlet

By W. T. McALLISTER

The Upchurch Eagles were defeated Friday night in their football finale by the Monroe Avenue Rams of Hamlet. The score was 20-14. The Rams are a solid team that thumped the locals last year, 42-0.

Hamlet received the opening kick, but could move no farther than Midfield. A punt gave the Eagles the ball on their 21. Three plays later the home team had penetrated to the Hamlet 20 but could not get first down yardage and the Rams took over.

With an alternating passing and running attack, the visitors moved quickly into Eagle territory and a 25 yard pass from the 35 was taken over the goal line. A successful conversion run made the score 8-0.

The Birds, however, came storming back. James Gay, displaying fine maneuverability, made runs of 21 and 40 yard that carried to the oppositions 30 just as the quarter ended.

Beginning the second period Gay promptly set the same pace as he ran 25 yards into

the end zone. The Eagles tied the score by running a two pointer. There was no further scoring in the first half kick-off and scored quickly when Gay again found daylight and galloped 55 yards to put the Eagles ahead 14-8. But the male sheep of Monroe Avenue were everything except meek. They retaliated by marching uninterruptedly from their own 25 to tie the score at 14-14.

Following an exchange of punts an Eagle receiver erred on an attempted pickup of a low punt. The Rams won the fight for the loose ball and put it in play on the Eagles 30. They moved rapidly to the 3-yard line and scored on a quick opening in the Upchurch line.

The last period was punctuated by a flare of tempers which necessitated some restraining action by persons with cooler heads. There did not appear to be, however, any significant clawing or butting.

The Eagles finished the season with a record of 3-4, with wins over Lumberton, 6-0; Elizabethtown, 28-14; and Laurinburg Institute, 28-12. They lost to Laurinburg's I. E. Johnson, 14-0; Hoffman Training School, 16-12; Dunn 36-12; and Hamlet.

The record does not, however, tell the story of the team's performance. This is only the second year of play for the Eagles, and for many players last year was perhaps the first time they had ever touched a football. It might be well to note that the Hoffman team was undefeated when the Eagles played them.

As they used to say in Brooklyn, "Wait til next year."

WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL

November 30, 1961

McKoy Leads Quintet

Upchurch Eagles Open Casaba Season Friday

A full slate of 16 basketball games has been announced for the Upchurch Eagles, who were district champions last year and went to the state playoffs.

Leading this fine team, loaded with returning veterans, will be big Tim McKoy, one of the outstanding athletes of this area. With his favorite jump shot from just behind the foul line, McKoy averaged slightly less than 20 points per game last year. The youth was also a terror off the backboards.

Once again, the Eagles will be coached by Wilson McDowell.

**THE SCHEDULE: (Home
games indicated with asterisk)**

Dec. 1	St. Pauls *
Dec. 5	open
Dec. 8	Southern Pines *
Dec. 12	Southern Pines
Dec. 15	open
Jan. 9	Anne Chesnutt
Jan. 12	open
Jan. 16	Armstrong*
Jan. 18	I. E. Johnson*
Jan. 23	Wagram*
Jan. 25	I. E. Johnson
Jan. 30	E' Town
Jan. 31	St. Pauls
Feb. 2	Armstrong
Feb. 6	E' Town*
Feb. 8	open
Feb. 13	Ellerbe *
Feb. 15	Anne Chesnutt*
Feb. 20	Wagram
Feb. 22	Ellerbe

December 14, 1961

Eagles Off To Flying Hoop Start

By W.T. McALLISTER

The Upchurch Eagles picked right up where they left off last year by opening the basketball season with two lopsided wins.

Not to be outdone, the Eaglettes followed suit and crushed their opponents in the preliminary girls games.

St. Pauls took a 63-26 trouncing from the Eagles, while Shawtown of Lillington got licked 30-13, in a contest that was abbreviated when the visiting coach pulled his team off the floor in the third period.

The Eaglettes whipped St. Pauls 26-16 and Shawtown 49-7.

Led by veterans Tim McKoy,

James Gay and Clarence Ross, the Eagles romped to a 33-10 halftime lead over St. Pauls, and were out in front 48-13 at the end of the third period. All of the reserves had a chance to gain valuable game experience, in this easy victory.

Against Shawtown, the Birds had a little difficulty finding the range, but McKoy kept things interesting by pumping in 15 points. With the third stanza not quite completed, and the Birds leading 30-13, the Shawtown coach startled fans and opposition by calling his boys off the floor and retiring to the dressing room.

November 23, 1961

School Buses Here Lead N.C. In Economy

Who's got the best school bus system in the State?

Well, according to a statistical study released this week by the State Board of Education, this County leads the other 99 in the crucial criteria of costs per mile in 1960-61 and for the previous six-year average.

The elaborate tables showed Hoke buses operated last year for 8.457 cents a mile, with a six-year average of 8.578 cents a mile.

Both figures were high -- oops, we mean low! -- for the entire state.

A beaming Superintendent W. T. (Hoot) Gibson gave full credit for this achievement to local garage personnel -- Leon Luck, Jerry Quick, W.B. Lunsford, and N. B. Blue --plus all the schools principals.

"The principals," said Gibson, "have done a real good job of keeping after the kids who drive the buses, making sure everything is going right."

WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL

November 23, 1961



EDUCATION CENTER -- This is the education center of the Lumber Bridge Presbyterian Church, completed in 1868 to replace the main church structure that was burned by Sherman's yankee troops in 1865. The building was remodeled for education purposes in 1916.

Lumber Bridge Church Celebrates Homecoming

By Roger F. Hall

LUMBER BRIDGE -- The Lumber Bridge Presbyterian Church was host to former members and friends from at least seven states at its Homecoming Service Sunday.

Although never large in membership, the Lumber Bridge Presbyterian Church is one of the oldest in this section of the state, and has former members in every state from New York to Florida, and west to Texas. The Church had its beginnings as a "preaching point" established in 1772, and shortly thereafter provided a Sunday School

the only one in this section at the time, except Fayetteville. The congregation was formally organized into a Church in 1793, and met in a log building.

During the Civil War, a congregational meeting took note of the large number of men of the community that had been disabled or killed in the service of the Confederacy, and on September 4, 1864, directed the Deacons to provide for the care and education of the children of these war victims "as their own parents would have done," stipulating that the Church would pay all expenses.

On March 10, 1865, the 17th Corps of the Army of the Tennessee (US), under command of Yankee General William Tecumseh Sherman, visited this community while enroute to Fayetteville from Columbia S. C. While here, Sherman's Army burned the Lumber Bridge Presbyterian Church building. The congregation promptly started rebuilding, and the new structure was completed and dedicated in 1868. This building is now used as the church's education center.

About 1900, under the leadership of the late Rev. P. R. Law, then pastor of the church, the present church building was started and was completed and dedicated on September 27, 1903, with the late Dr. Charles G. Vardell, Sr., preaching the dedicatory sermon.

Largely as a result of the efforts of the late John Wesley Hall, a Ruling Elder of the church, the United States Congress, is an unprecedented action, appropriated to the Lumber Bridge Presbyterian Church reparations in payment for the building burned by Sherman's Army. This money was used to pay in part for the new Church building, and made possible its construction at that time.

The Presbyterian Churches in Shannon, Parkton and Rex were organized in 1892, 1901 and 1913, respectively, from outpost Sunday Schools started and sponsored by the Lumber Bridge Presbyterian Church. These churches, as well as the Lumber Bridge Baptist Church cancelled their morning worship service Sunday in order that their congregations might join in the Lumber Bridge Presbyterian Homecoming Service.

The Homecoming sermon was preached at 11 AM by the Rev. Woodson Booth, pastor of the Parkton Presbyterian Church. A special musical program was arranged for this service by Mrs. John Covington, musical director. Rev. R. Y. Russell, pastor of the local church, was in overall charge of the service.

Following the worship service, a picnic-style dinner was served on the church grounds for all-guests.

Note:

This article is being included in the Upchurch High School Class of 1965 Classmates Souvenir Journal because African American history is intricately intertwined with the history of the Presbyterian Church. (My paternal grandmother was a very prolific Presbyterian). Additionally, I was born in the Lumber Bridge, North Carolina community.

Signed,

Clarence William Page

WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL

November 9, 1961

104 YEARS OLD

**Annie M. Melvin
Dies, Buried
In Slave Ground**

The Hoke Negro community this week mourned the death of its oldest member 104 year old Annie McNeill Melvin.

Annie, born a slave in late November of 1856, died Friday at the home of a daughter in Raeford, Maggie Smith. There are five generations of survivors, including 115 great great-grandchildren. These survivors, from virtually every state in the Union came into Stonewall Township and the home of son Walter Melvin for the services which were held Wednesday at Galatia Presbyterian.

It was learned that until just a few weeks ago Annie could still do her quilting, as she remained amazingly active almost up to the very end.

As far as could be determined, Annie was a life-long resident of the area that is now known as Stonewall Township. There were many relatives gathered for the services that one white observer said it almost looked like a homecoming.

Born a slave, it was thought fitting that Annie be laid to rest with her long-gone contemporaries in the slave section of the Church cemetery at Galatia.

It seems probable that Annie's death breaks the last human link in this county to the time when some men owned some other men.

Note:

Mrs. Annie M. Melvin was my close relative. Many of her descendants attended Upchurch High School.

Signed,

Clarence William Page

"ACCIDENT" DEFINED

Three White Teen-Agers And An Old Colored Lady

What do three white teen-agers and an ancient colored lady have in common? Answer: they died recently.

And that's about all they have in common since ex-slave Annie Melvin died peacefully in bed at the age of 104, and the three teen-agers died needlessly, senselessly, tragically in "accidents".

In a county of this size, the deaths of three teen-agers in little more than a week is big, big news. It is also a ghastly reminder that life is not only infinitely precious but precariously fragile.

Two of the teen deaths were especially tragic, because they were so easily avoidable. Clarence Odom Jr., was killed when thrown from his car; a safety belt would surely have saved him. And Patricia Ann Capel caught a point-blank blast from a shotgun following some horseplay indulged in by another juvenile.

Both of these deaths were ruled "accidental" and in the strictly legal sense they were. But let us not distort the meaning of the words. Webster's Unabridged Dictionary defines "accident" as:

"Literally, a befalling. An event that takes place without one's foresight of expectation; an undesigned, sudden, and unexpected event."

The classic cry, "I didn't know it was loaded," does not place a shotgun tragedy in the "accident" category. Horseplay with a gun--resulting in death--is not a "sudden and unexpected event." To the contrary, it is easily predictable.

Similarly, those who drive without safety belts should not claim to be surprised when they are suddenly hurled from their automobiles. This kind of "accident" is also predictable.

We mention--just in passing, mind you--the names of two other Hoke teen-agers hurled out of their cars to die, Johnny Sams and Gene Holt. How many others have been killed in this manner? How many others will be killed in this manner?

Our hearts go out to grief-stricken parents and to various other participants in these tragedies. But our clear duty is to the youngsters who survive. In their interests, we must say that most "accidents" are nothing of the kind. They are as predictable as tomorrow's weather.

Some time ago, we offered to print free of charge the names of all Raeford merchants who offered auto safety belts for sale in their stores. None of the merchants took us up on this offer.

We still hope to hear from our friends on Main St. that safety belts can be purchased in Raeford. The offer to print their names free of charge still stands.

Meanwhile Annie Melvin --ex-slave, gallant old lady--is a lesson for us all that life is meaningful and good, and is not to be surrendered lightly.

By contrast, we remind you that 13 Hoke youngsters have died this year in "accidents".

That's quite a contrast. We commend that contrast to your prayerful meditation.

Note:

The above is an editorial article found in *The News-Journal* newspaper.

WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL

November 30, 1961

Seat Belts In Raeford

The News-Journal is happy to list the names of the following Raeford businesses where auto seat belts may be purchased:

**RAEFORD AUTO
WESTERN AUTO.**

The names of other concerns selling these belts will be printed as received. The belts are highly recommended by safety experts and are worn by professional drivers such as Highway Patrolmen

The N-J gives this "free-advertising" to seat belt merchants because the newspaper does not wish to print any more obituaries of Hoke teen-agers hurled out of their cars to die.

December 7, 1961

THE "WILLI-METER"

Agent Builds Simple Radiation Detector

Using an ordinary water glass, aluminum foil, the top of a tin can, some thread and a comb, County Agent W.C. (Chester) Williford has constructed a simple device that accurately measures radioactive fallout.

"I had my doubts about it at first," said Williford, who got the idea from a magazine article by a well known California physicist. "But I took the thing up to Raleigh to the Extension laboratories and they checked it against their own measuring devices that cost thousands of dollars. It checked out beautifully, and in some ways this homemade device is actually better than the meters that are on the market at a cost of \$20 and up."

The Agent explained that his homemade meter does not operate on batteries that can be dead when needed. His device uses static electricity which is provided by the comb.

Two small foil discs are separated by the charge of electricity and then placed

in the foil-covered water glass. The length of time it takes the discs to move towards each other is then converted into a "reading"

that measures the danger of the radiation and how long a person can be exposed at that level.

The basic principle of the device, Williford said, is that "radiation turns air from a good insulator into a conductor of electricity. In the presence of radiation, the electrical charge holding the discs apart flows away through the air. The more radiation, the faster the outward flow of electricity which brings the discs closer together.

The lab men at N. C. State displayed great interest in Williford's fallout meter. The device meets many problems of radiation measurement in sparsely settled rural areas where, for cost reasons, it would be impractical to equip each farmer with a conventional meter.

Williford hopes that the homemade device will be made a part of Extension Service work, perhaps as a project of Home Demonstration Clubs or 4-H groups.

The agricultural offices in the County Office Building have a rural civil defense committee chaired by USDA Pest Control Officer Robert Chadwick.

November 16, 1961

Upchurch Observes Education Week

The students and faculty members of Upchurch High School observed American Education Week Sunday at Center Grove Baptist Church. The Upchurch Choral Club, under the direction of Mrs. Armistead, rendered the music for the morning service and Rev. Singletary delivered the sermon.

Thursday, at 10:30 the Elementary Department presented a play, "Instant Education" under the direction of Mrs. Carroll and Mrs. Stovall.

Friday, the observance was terminated with the presentation of a play by the High School Department under the direction of Mrs. Buchanan.

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