

1964

WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL

"UPCHURCH HIGH SCHOOL"

The play Purlie Victorious, a three act comedy, will be presented in the Upchurch High School Auditorium on Thursday, April 30, 1964 at 7:00 P.M.

The play will be dramatized by the Fayetteville State College Drama Guild.

Purlie Victorious is a play by a Negro playwright that gives both whites and Negroes the equality treatment --by teasing them both. A fresh and unique comedy. See a romp through the cotton patch with a preacher who tries to woo a girl and win a church at the same time."

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Schools Will Graduate 149

Hoke County high schools will graduate 149 seniors next week at exercises at the three schools.

Sixty-five seniors at Hoke High School are scheduled to receive diplomas at commencement exercises Thursday at 8 p.m. in Raeford Elementary School auditorium.

Dr. John H. Horne, registrar and dean of admissions at East Carolina College, will be principal speaker. Edith Brock, valedictorian, and Don Koonce, salutatorian, also will speak.

At Upchurch High School, 78 seniors are candidates for diplomas, which will be awarded at commencement exercises

Friday, May 29, at the school.

Principal speaker at the Upchurch gathering will be Dr. S. D. Proctor, associate director of the Peace Corps, who will fly here from Washington.

Valedictorian at Upchurch is Carolyn Page, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Page. Elva Jane McNair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McNair, is salutatorian.

Hawkeye High School graduated exercises are set for May 26 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. Dr. Harley Coffland, supervisor of elementary education at Pembroke College, will be principal speaker.

Eight seniors are scheduled

to receive diplomas. Valedictorian is Joyce Tyler and salutatorian is Betty Dial.

Class day exercises are scheduled to be held earlier in the day.

The Rev. James H. Woods will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday, May 24, in the school auditorium at 4 p.m. He is in charge of Methodist missions in Robeson County and is pastor of Cherokee Methodist Church.

At Hoke High School, class and awards night will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock in Raeford Elementary School auditorium, which also will be

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Faculties Signed For Hoke Schools

A complete corps of teachers will have been hired by the last of this week for Hoke County schools, Supt. W. T. Gibson Jr. announced this week.

The only faculty member not already hired is a librarian for Scarlock and West Hoke schools. She is expected to be signed before the week is up.

All principals will be at work after Monday. Donald D. Abernethy, principal of Hoke High, and G. A. Page, principal at Upchurch High, have been in their offices for several days.

Mrs. Tom Cameron, supervisor, will also return to her work Monday. Students will enroll on August 28.

Teachers for the 1964-65 school year are as follows:

Hoke County High School -- Donald D. Abernethy, Principal; Frances H. McLean, Annie H. Gore, Louise G. Wright, Pauline F. McFadyen, Pearl S. Cole, Jane G. McKay, George W. Wood, John L. Pecora, Sarah H. Baucom, Helen M. Dupree, Emily M. Smith, Jacquelyn M. Carroll, Clifton R. Hayes, Roy E. Young, Ruth W. Trivett, John C. Young, Betty D. Upchurch, Ruth M. McNeill, William P. Phillips, Jacob R. Harter, Margaret H. Peden, Jimmy N. James, Margaret E. Moore, Donald M. Prince.

Raeford Elementary-- James W. Turlington, principal, Almena A. McKeithan, Harriet H. McFadyen, Blue M. Woodard, John M. Walker, Marion H. Gatlin, Katie M. Blythe, Gladys S. Colson, Dwan S. Upchurch, Mary M. McFadyen, Sadie C. McLean, Imogene B. Stephens, Helen L. Miller, Mary J. White, Barbara W. Wheatley, Nannie L. Thornberg, Willie P. McPhaul, Sue B. Sumerford, Phyllis T. Hall, Patricia C. Houston, Woodrow H. Westall, Jill L. Prince.

John W. McLauchlin School-- Lonnie W. Bledsoe, principal, Josie A. Hodgins, Mary A. Morris, Mary M. Roberts, Anne H. Bullard, Margaret Regan, Sarah K. Epton, Thelma M. McPhaul, Annette G. Wheeler, Irene D. Thrower, Ruria B. Warner, Linda P. McLeod, Doris M. Johnston, Mary H. Whitley, Mary P. Jones, Caroline M. Parker, Mary G. Senter, Peggy M. Gillis, Nell V. Snead, Frances A. Miller, Beulah M. Turner, Patricia M. Walker, Glenda C. Lester.

McCain-- Joseph G. Jenkins, Mary O. McDonald, Mrs. Emily B. Cameron is County-wide supervisor.

Upchurch High School -- George A. Page Jr., principal, Nettie H. Thigpen, Anna G. Smith, Donald R. Carroll, Charles C. Gibbs, Addie R. Pridgen, Emma J. Mims, Elizabeth B. Miller, Christalene C. McDonald, Inez L. Gaffin, Laverene Madison, Dorothy E. Banks, Nellie D. Britton,

Margaret O. Gadson, William H. Dixon, Gilbert A. Robinson, Stephen L. Williams, Helen B. Williams.

Commenersa R. Freeman, Georgia K. McDowell, Nancy C. Carroll, Juanita R. Lucas, Linwood Hunter, Annie J. Williams, Lillian D. Gleaves, Bobbie L. Bratcher, Reba T. Holmes, Dorothy E. Jenerette, Addie E. Page, Ethel R. Adger, Elnora S. Bradford, Flora E. Hankins, Elnore S. Miles, Arlicia T. Raye, Annie D. Faucette, Vivian D. Brightharp, Ellen V. Johnson, Zenobia E. Browning, James E. Norman, Alice F. McCallum, Shirley J. Arnold, Beulah G. Monroe, R. L. McAllister, Lenward Simpson, Mary W. McDonald.

Scurlock School -- John D. McAllister, principal, Floyd W. Caldwell Jr., Willie McNeill, Mable L. Robinson, Irish B. Pickett, Martha M. Davis, Selena S. Pierce, Dorothy M. Farrow, Juanita F. McAllister, Maggie V. Bryant, Luevenia M. Burke, Leona M. Coleman, Annie G. Burns, Hannah A. Springs, Rosa S. Anders.

West Hoke -- Maurice B. Hayes, principal, Alexander Geddle, Ida M. Cole, Vera W. Williams, William McLaughlin, Rosetta C. Parker, Cohildia M. Lyons, Josephine B. Campbell, Catherine C. Williams, Clara R. Frierson, Bonzie B. Dobbins, Geneva R. Jones, Dora L. Gilchrist, Hazeline M. Hayes, Lois J. Butler.

Burlington School -- James H. Chalmers, principal, Magellan D. Robinson, Stanley C. McCorkle, Macie J. Rice, Nellie F. Flowers, Viola D. Monroe, Ida M. McCorkle, Mary D. Dukes, Elsie Coleman, Evelyn M. Durham, Alma B. Clodfelter. Itinerate librarian is Willie R. Saunders.

Hawk Eye School -- Earl H. Oxendine, principal, Pauline B. Locklear, Forace Oxendine, Regina Carter, Proctor Locklear Jr., Geraldine Maynor, Gearld Dean Maynor, Wilson Chavis, Hartman Roy Brewington, Roy W. Maynor Jr., Winford Rogers, Rosetta O. Locklear, Evelyn B. Gelis, Delia J. Pate, Emae B. Locklear, Macy D. Locklear, Bernice B. Lowry, Joyce C. Dial, Katrina Locklear, Olivia M. Revels, Christine H. Moore, Brenda R. Brewington, Harry Oxendine.

December 17, 1964

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SCURLOCK

The Scurlock Elementary Glee Club will have its fifth annual Christmas cantata Thursday, December 17, at 8 p. m. An art exhibition will also be on display.

The Glee Club consists of the following students:

Shirley Artis, Theodore Campbell, Randolph Campbell, Mary E. Clark, Pamela D. Currie, Kirk Davis, Patricia Davis, Dorine Day, Alberta Easterling, Ada Evans, Brenda Farmer, Linda Farmer, Annie Graham, Bennie Graham, Lorraine Graham, Gwendolyn B. Hough, Gleen King, Vernetta Leak, Bernard McAllister, Marverra McAllister.

Bridgel S. McCormick, Dianne McLean, Mary McLean, Patricia McLean, Wilbert McNair, Willie Mae McNair, Elizabeth L. McNeill, Irene McNeill, Johnnie L. McNeill, Lenwood McNeill, Barbara McPhatter, Benjamin McPhatter, Donnie L. McPhatter, Shirley A. McPhaul, Larry Morrissey, Dazarene Page, Betty J. Peterkin, Jackie Robinson, James Rogers, Deborah Rogers, Joyce J. Shaw, Margaret A. Shaw, Mary L. Shaw, Clyde Thomas.

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UPCHURCH

Upchurch's band has performed well this year, and has consequently represented its school magnificently.

The spurt of honors was begun by the majorettes, who won high honors in the State Majorette Clinic and Twirling Contest in St. Pauls. Incidentally, the girls were honorably recognized in both the team and the singles division.

On Thursday, April 29, Upchurch's was one of the bands that participated in the state festival which convened at Fayetteville State College. This festival attracted bands from all over the state. At this competitive affair the Eagle band received A rating of "Excellent" on their rendition of Rachmanoff's "Glory and Honor." Judging the performance were Dr. F. L. Gatlin, director of the band at Virginia State College; and L. Falcone, director of the band at Michigan State University.

On Saturday, May 15, representatives from this outstanding band of Upchurch will attend the State Marching Band Clinic for Directors and Students. George Cavender, assistant conductor of bands at the University of Michigan, is chairman of the Clinic.

As the culminating event of the year (although it will be shown after school closes) the band will appear in concert, Sunday, June 27, at 1:30 p.m. on WRAL Television (Channel 5).

CHOIR NEWS

On Friday, April 30, the Upchurch High School Choir, composed of 35 voices, made a trip to Durham.

The purpose of the trip was to sing in the annual State High School Choir Festival, which was held on the North Carolina State College campus.

Class Night Launches Finals

Class night exercises will be held tonight by seniors at Upchurch High School at 8 p.m.

The theme for this and all related graduation exercises is "Meeting the Challenge of the Great Society."

A baccalaureate sermon will be preached to the 92 graduating seniors by the Rev. G. D. McNeill, pastor of Rockfish Grove Baptist Church, Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, June 1, at 8 p.m. Dr. Frank Weaver supervisor of elementary education, of the State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, will deliver the commencement address.

Members of the graduating class are:

Doris Katherine Adams, Dorothy Mae Black, Bernice Blue, John Roy Blue, Louise Bratcher, Carolyn Fay Bronson, James Calvin Bronson, Edmond Burney, Floyd Cameron Jr., Peggy Ann Campbell, Sherman Carpenter, Marshall Cherry, John Archie Clark, Beulah Covington, Trumella Covington.

Betty Mae Daniels, Cecil Naomi Davis, Doris Arnell Davis, Zephree Dobbins, Janice Hilda Dockery, Gloria Amedia Dudley, Henry Artis Fairley, Cleveland Farmer, Clifton Eu-

gene Ferguson, David Lee Gay, Annie Delores Gillespie, Ernestine Godwin, Cathleen Graham, Mable Lee Graham, Anthony Dwight Holmes, Rosa Mae Johnson.

Winston Leak, Charles Levi Lide, Helen Ruth Little, Hattie Mae Lloyd, Ephriam Mack, Vivian McKinnon Malloy, Mary Magdalene Melvin, Aaron Mon-

roe, Carl Lee Monroe, Joann Monroe, Willie Catherine Morris, Cora Mae Murphy, Grace Lenora McAllister, Helen Irene McBryde, Fredrick Douglish McCormick.

Rethema Ann McCoy, Lucille McEachin, Eunice Maple McGill, Vina Louise McGill, Carol

Dean McGregor, Dorothy Edwards McGregor, Harvey Samuel McKoy, III, Elwin McLaughlin, Geraldine McLaughlin, James Cannady McLean, Jeris McLean, Magdalene McLean, Norris Jackson McNair, Willie Mae McNair, Shirley Ann McNeill, Gennie Mae McNeill.

Mary Helen McNeill, Mazella Rovenia McPhatter, Wesley O'Neil McPhatter, Eunice Teen McRae, Janice Lorene McRae, John David McRae, Murphy McRae, Jr., William Henry McRae, Jr.,

Clarence William Page, Guy-trell Alton Parker, Genevia Patterson, Alice Charnita Peterkin, Alice Delores Peterkin.

Odessa Peterkin, Roosevelt Platt, Jr., Alice Rubynell Powell Paul Purcell, Mary Bell Ray, Gabriel Singletary, Vinez Singletary, Fenner Joseph Smith, Allen Clarence Tew, Lorene Thomas, Mary Hazel Tillman, Geraldine Patricia Virgil, Le-vone Virgil, Thomasene Warren, James Thomas White.

NOTICE

The News-Journal regrets that it was unable to secure pictures of the following 1965 graduates: Upchurch High - Peggy Campbell, Doris Davis, Zephree Dobbins, Annie Gillespie, Winston Leak, Mary Melvin, Lucille McEachin, Eunice McGill, Geraldine McLaughlin, Magdalene McLean, Janice McRae, Murphy McRae, Genevia Patterson, Alice Powell and Mary Tillman.

Hawk Eye - Jimmy Jacobs.

May 27, 1965

School News

WEST HOKE

The grammar grades of West Hoke school recently attended the elementary school track meet in Fayetteville. This school's participants who won blue ribbons were Rena McAllister, Alice J. Campbell, Ruby McNeill, Carolyn Leggett, Charles Chandler and Weldon McKenzie.

The over-all prize was second place for pupils here at this school for participating in the track meet. We are thankful to the parents for helping us to take part.

Recently, the eighth grade class held its "Night To Remember" with an atmosphere of happiness and joy. Many pupils have expressed how satisfied they were with their final affair for this school year. The eighth grade graduation exercises will be held May 26, at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium with the guest speaker, Mr. Thomas J. Gavin, former instructor at Upchurch High School and now employed at Fayetteville State College in Fayetteville.

As we come to another close of the school year, we ask all parents to keep good books around your home for your children to read. Help them to feel the need for learning while they are on their summer vacation.

The adult education class will start here at West Hoke School on May 31 at 7 p. m. Parents who have signed up for the class or who are interested should meet with us on the night of May 31 for enrolling and testing. It will help all who wish to gain more education to meet us at this time.

A recreational program will be at this school during the summer from 4:30 p. m. through 6:30 p. m. for all children who like to play and learn new games. There will be games for all who come.

You are asked to send your children to the new program, Operation Headstart which will be held at this school for pre-school children who will be old enough to go to school during the 1965-1966 school year.

With a degree of thankfulness we are forever grateful to all who have cooperated with our school program during this year and ask that you continue to work with us in the future.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deep appreciation to all our friends and neighbors for their many expressions of kindness and sympathy after the loss of our mother.

Earl and Elizabeth Tolar

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AFTER WE LEFT UPCHURCH HIGH SCHOOL

May 1966

Awards Day Scheduled

Awards day will be held June 3 at Upchurch High School. The elementary department will present its program at 9 a. m. and the high school at 10 a. m. Barbara McDonald, elementary department, and Christine Kearns, high school, will give a few highlights concerning awards day.

Tribute will be paid to outstanding students for excellence in various areas of study. Numerous awards will be given for athletic participation.

Eagles Open Friday Night

The Upchurch Eagles, owners of a 5-2 season on the football field last year, should be equally as good or better this year, according to Coach William H. Dixon.

"We have eight starters back, and the two teams which beat us last year aren't on the schedule," Dixon said.

The Eagles open the season here Friday night, going against Smithfield at Armory Park. Game time is 7:30 p. m.

Another big boost was given to the team by the arrival of Howard Smith, a line specialist who will serve as assistant varsity coach. Coach Charles Gibbs also is an assistant.

Captains of the squad are Joshua Brown, a fleet-footed senior (but he's only 16 years old) who plays wingback, and Preston McMillan, 140-pound center, a junior.

Operating out of the T formation, the Eagles will utilize a well-balanced offense. Jeffery McKinnon, senior who played first string last year, is the quarterback. He's a good runner, adequate passer, and a "thinker," according to his coaches.

Other backfield starters include James Davis, 165-pound senior fullback; Billy Artis, a 135-pound scatback who stands only 5-5; co-captain Brown, and freshman Larry Walker, probably the fastest man on the team.

As a certain cigarette commercial declares, "It's what's up front that counts," and the Eagles are strong in the line.

Flanked by a pair of exceptional ends -- Nelson Grace, 6-2, and Ozzie Adams, -- the forward wall is speedy, agile and tough.

Coach Dixon lists Grace, an experienced senior, as probably the best player on the entire team. "He has fine lateral movement, a pair of good hands, and is an exceptional blocker," the coach said.

Johnny Peterkin, a 178-pound junior, is not exceptionally large for a tackle, but at the other tackle post is a player who'd make any coach drool. He's Monroe Burke, a 240-pound senior who plays on both offense and defense, and, according to the coaches, is dying to play fullback.

First string guards are light, Coach Smith says, but make up for the deficiency with speed, maneuverability and hustle. They are Alex Harris, a 150-pound junior, and Nathaniel Thomas, 145-pound senior.

Holding down the center spot is Preston McMillan, co-captain, 5-4, and 140 pounds.

"The conference has been reshuffled," Coach Dixon said, "leaving us six opponents which count in the league standings. We feel like we have a pretty good chance of winning the title."



Eagles Back On Winning Streak

As fans know by now, the high-flying Upchurch Eagles were shot down here last week 45-43 by the Johnson Rams of Laurinburg, but they recovered at Elizabethtown last Friday night to outlast the stubborn Bladen Central Bulldogs 58-49. The Eaglettes turned back the Johnson Ewes 25-15 but (maybe envious of their brothers) failed in their 12th attempt also -- being edged by the Bladen girls 23-21.

The Eagles were hard pressed to outrun the Bulldogs who chased them closely all the way, but good team play and timely shooting kept the Birds a few

markers ahead of the yapping canines. In his strongest effort to date, Robert Blue popped in 31 points to gain scoring honors. McRae and Gay aided with 10 each. Peterson had 15 and Smith 14 for the losers. Both teams had keen eyes for the hoops, with Raeford posting a 40.3 field goal percentage and the hosts 34%. Central made 17 of 23 free throws for 73.9% while Upchurch sank 14 of 20 for 70% accuracy. It was a conference tilt and gives the Eagles a 6-1 conference record and a 12-1 overall ledger. It also assures Coach McDowell's charges of another

winning season, having only six games remaining.

A scoreless fourth quarter proved fatal for the Eaglettes. Leading 25-15, the local lassies could neither find the range nor control the ball during the next six minutes. The little Duggies kept tugging at the lead and with six seconds left sank the shot that sent the locals sorrowfully to their dressing room. Mary Thomas scored 16 points but had little help from her associates. A lowly percentage of 4 of 14 free throws didn't help either.

Tonight the teams go to Elizabethtown to meet Mineral Springs, and Tuesday night they'll entertain Chestnutt in a conference affair -- a game expected to test the Eagles' strength.

W. T. McALLISTER.

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The Upchurch vocational Agricultural department served as host for the U. S. D. A. this Monday and Tuesday, December 14-15.

Roy R. Gordon of Orangeburg, S. C. in the tobacco marketing division of the U. S. D. A. conducted demonstrations with the vocational agricultural classes all day Monday and Tuesday on standard grades of flue-cured tobacco. These demonstrations are given for the purpose of teaching boys to know tobacco according to government specifications.

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The Dramatic Club presented another of its outstanding plays, "Harvey," Tuesday and Wednesday, December 7 and 8. The play, centered around an invisible 6' 1" rabbit, proved to be a big hit both nights. The play was directed by Mr. L. Madison. Members of the cast were: Clarence Page, Ardis Beathes, Grace McAllister, Christine Kearns, Delores Peterkin, John McRae, Charles Liles, Fenner Smith, Eunestine McRae, Anthony Holmes, and Janice Dockery. An introduction to the play was given by Harvey McKoy and programs were rendered by Mrs. B. Monroe.

Boy And Girl Eagles

Maintain Win Streaks

The Upchurch Eagles posted their 6th and 7th straight wins last week, stopping Shawtown of Lillington 42-32 and throttling Armstrong at Fayetteville 59-34. Both were conference tilts.

Here Tuesday night the Eagles had trouble getting airborne, spotting their foe a 15-12 first-quarter lead. In the second period, however, the Birds threw up a tight defense, holding Lillington to 3 points in the segment while scoring 13 to gain a 25-18 half-time advantage. The teams played evenly in the third stanza, scoring 8 points a piece, but Upchurch had a 9-6 edge in the final frame to wrap up its 8th straight victory. Robert Blue and William McRae shared scoring honors with 12 each.

James Gay aided and abetted with 10.

In the girls affair it was no contest. The Eaglettes shellacked their guests 41-12. Mary Thomas and Dorothy Ray led the assault with 15 and 11 points respectively. Marily Murchison assisted with 9.

At Armstrong Friday night the Eagles recovered from a ragged start and went on to trounce their hosts 59-34. Again the Birds found themselves behind at the end of the first quarter, this time 13-12. Points were sparse in the second frame but Upchurch scored 7 while Armstrong could collect only two free throws, giving the Raeford boys a 19-15 intermission margin. Led by Blue and Gay, the Birds outscored

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their opponents 40-19 in the second half, hitting 9 for 9 in the third stanza for 100% accuracy from the floor. This enabled the locals to keep their field goal shooting for the season at 50%. Blue popped in 20 markers and Gay had 19. Blue also grabbed off 14 rebounds as Upchurch bettered Armstrong 45-27 in this department.

The Eaglettes withstood the pressure of an undefeated Armstrong sextet to record their 6th straight triumph. In a great team effort four lassies hit in double figures to subdue the stubborn Fayetteville crew. Thomas had 15, Ray 13, Murchison and Ross 10 each. Smith of Armstrong won scoring honors, however, with 17.

The Eagles are at home tonight (Thursday) against Shaw of Wagram with tap-off time set for 7:30. And the Elizabethtown Bulldogs will be hosted here by the high-flying Eagles next Tuesday evening.

-- W. J. McALLISTER.

Boy, Girl Eagles Still Flying High

By W. T. McALLISTER

Extending their victory skein to 11-0, the Upchurch Eagles last week posted wins over Bladen Central of Elizabethtown and Armstrong of Fayetteville by scores of 54-21 and 82-42 respectively. Not to be headed, the Eaglettes beat their counterparts of the same schools 22-13 and 37-25 in that order -- keeping their skirts clean at 10-0.

The Bladen Bulldogs came out snapping, but were not fleet enough afoot to harm the lofty Birds. Using an offense that was geared to a rigid defense, the Eagles went out front 25-10 by the half and floated to a 54-21 conference win. For the first time this season Upchurch had less than a 50% field goal accuracy, hitting 22 of 65 attempts for 32.3%. Robert Blue and Rufus Singletary were the marksmen with 19 and 13 points respectively.

Mary Thomas, with able assistance from alert and aggressive mates, canned 18 points in leading the Eaglettes to a 22-13 victory over the Bladen lassies.

It must have been a different species of Eagles that flew in from Armstrong, as they seemed to have little in common with the local Birds. Off to a flying start, the home five held a 24-11 first quarter lead,

stretched it to 46-13 by the half and made their 5th conference triumph look easy. Even with starting center William McRae out with flu, the Eagles completely dominated play as evidenced by their 70 field goal attempts to 44 for Armstrong. Upchurch connected on 36 for a 51.7 mark and the visiting Birds hit 17 of 44 for 38.6 accuracy.

Almost always on the front of a blistering fast break, James Gay popped in 24 points to gain scoring honors. Blue contributed 20 and was superb on defense. Lanky Rufus Singletary sank 15 and harvested 17 rebounds. Roundtree of the losers had 14.

The Eaglettes surrendered decided heights and weight to the visiting Birdies, but utilized maneuverability and pre-set patterns to record their 10th straight win. Agile Mary Thomas tallied 16 points, roving Ross had 10 and Ray tossed in 8.

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UPCHURCH HIGH SCHOOL

Our annual Pioneers Day P.T.A. program was held February 24 at 8 p.m. in the Upchurch High School auditorium. The program was opened with a song, the scripture, and prayer. This was followed by a brief history of the P.T.A. which was given by Mrs. Annie M. McKinnon.

Guest speaker of the program was M. B. Hayes who is a native of Cumberland County, a graduate of Fayetteville State College, and has received his master's degree at New York University. He is presently serving as principal of West Hoke Elementary School, Hoke County. Married, Mr. Hayes is the father of two children. He has worked with local and state P.T.A. organizations and boy scouts.

The highlights of the speech were centered around the things which contribute most to helping a child develop his potentials to the fullest through wholesome home life, environmental influences, religious beliefs, American social classes and most of all, a formal education.

The evening was concluded with a solo by Vivian McRae and a short pageant, "The Heart of a Little Child," cast by students and parents.

Students who won honors in the All-District Band are Willie McKinnon, Anthony Holmes, Wesley McPhatter, Cecil Davis, Kirby Galberth, Patricia Thomas. They appeared in the All-District Band concert that was held at E. E. Smith High School Saturday, February 22. Mr. T. B. Bacote was the

director.

The following classes had perfect attendance for several days this school month: Mrs. Raye - 1st, Miss Miles - 1st, Mrs. Lewis - 2nd, Mrs. Page - 3rd, Miss Jenerette - 4th, Mrs. Williams - 5th, Mrs. Carroll - 7th, Mrs. McDowell - 7th, Mr. Dixon - 9th, Mrs. Grier - 10th, Miss Gadson - 10th, Miss Mims - 11th, Miss Smith - 12th, Mrs. Solomon, - 12th, and Mr. Madison - 12th.

On Friday, February 28 six students from Upchurch High School participated in the annual Southeastern District typing contest held at E. E. Smith Senior High School in Fayetteville. Two divisions were represented by Upchurch: The 1st division, those students having only one semester of typing, and the 3rd division, those students having three or more years of typing.

The participants from Upchurch in the contest were: First division; Elaine Cunningham, Delois Peterkin, and Dorothy McGregor; Second division; Carolyn Page, Daisy White, and Joan Monroe.

Winners were from Artesia High School, Hallsbury in the first division and E. E. Smith High School, Fayetteville, in the Third division.

The North Carolina High School Athletic Conference released the following information: The Eastern 3A and 4A Basketball Playoffs will be held this year at E. E. Smith Senior High School, Fayetteville, North Carolina, March 5, 6, and 7th.



1963 EAGLES - Seated left to right -- Rufus Singletary, William McRae, Robert Blue, James Gay and Lenzie Morrison.

Standing left to right -- Howard Smith, Assistant Coach, Joe McBryde, Johnny Long, Grady Little, Wilson McDowell, Coach, Rudolph Singletary, Kerby Galbreth, Willie Campbell, and Ervin Hollingsworth.



UPCHURCH CINDERMEN -- The track squad of Upchurch High School, shown above with their coach, Alvin Pierce, competed in the 2A conference meet in Fayetteville last week and came off with second place among the 13 schools of the conference. Armstrong High of Fayetteville was first. The Eagles took

seven first place in the meet, with a meet record of 1:29.6 being set in the 880 relay by the quartet from Upchurch. Shown with Coach Pierce in the front row is team Captain Willie Morrison, right, and Manager Teddy Flowers. Assistant coach is Iran Hall, not in the picture.

The Rev. Glenn Reminds Seniors About Daniel

The baccalaureate sermon for Hoke County High School Class of 1963 was delivered by The Rev. John M. Glenn, pastor of Raeford's First Baptist Church, on the subject "The Secret of Success" It was based on text in Daniel 1:8, "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself."

The speaker pointed to the tremendous successes being attained today in almost every area, and that there is a general aspiration to be successful. He pointed out also that there is great opportunity today and that each person must take advantage of opportunity as it comes. Quoting William Shakespere, Rev. Mr. Glenn said:

"There is a tide in the affairs of men Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; Omitted, all the voyage of life is bound in shallows and in miseries."

"Daniel was a teenager himself when he was taken into Babylonian captivity in the year

612 B. C. from his native Judea. The King of Babylon decreed that the young princes of the Hebrew nation should be indoctrinated into the Chaldean customs and civilization in order to teach others of their Hebrew nation who would be taken in subsequent invasions of Judea.

Daniel requested that he and his three Hebrew friends not be forced to eat the rich meats and strongwines from the king's table, but they be permitted to continue their own plain foods.

At the end of the testing period, the four Hebrew youths were noted to be far more outstanding than others, and even the Chaldean captors. Mr. Glenn posed the question: What was the secret of Daniel's success? The answer to this question was the main part of the message, and was answered with three statements:

First: Keep your body,-- the physical, the material,-- always under control; master

yourself, do not permit your body to become your master."

Second: Find the will of God for your life and set your purpose toward that will. The Hebrew youths were superior

"The third secret of success, taken from the lesson of Daniel is: Keep open your lines of communication with God, always be on speaking terms with God. Learn to pray and practice prayer regularly."

New Names Are Added To Faculties

Many faculty changes have taken place at Upchurch High School, including some resignations and some replacements, according to reports from the office of the Supt. W. T. Gibson Jr.

Names added to the faculty roster since the last public announcement are: Fannie Jenkins, Robert Hickson, Alvin R. Pierce, Valeria Wood, Lucille Robeson, Estella Gilmore, Emily Brown, Ruth Quick and Iris Edmonds.

Added to the list at other schools are:

Raeford Elementary, Ollie Biggs, Ernestine F. Linton, Phyllis Sinclair, Helen Sellers.

J. W. McLauchlin, Betty Upchurch, Janice McInnis, Mildred Toler and Dianne Smith.

Hawk Eye, James Jacobs.
West Hoke, Barbara Hall.

Eagles Lose To Durham

The inability to convert after each of two touchdowns proved to be the margin of defeat for the Upchurch Eagles Friday night, by the Merrick-Moore Tigers of Durham. The home boys were on the short end of a 16-12 final score.

On the second play of the game Upchurch pounced on a Tiger fumble in the latter's territory and went on to score on a 37-yard sprint by James Gay. A conversion attempt was unsuccessful, giving the Eagles a 6-0 lead early in the game. The visitors countered with alternating sweeps around the ends that netted them 52 yards and a touchdown to tie the score. A pass was taken by a lone Tiger in the end zone for two points and an 8-6 Merrick-Moore lead.

Quarterback William McRae and fullback James Peterkin, exhibiting a show of force, led their mates in four plays to the Durham 3, but a fumble gave the Tigers the ball on their 6. Although it did not lead to a Tiger score, this mishap undoubtedly cost the Eagles a score. The visitors moved back to the Birds 15 where the locals made a gallant defensive stand, intercepting a fourth down pass on their 5. With little time remaining in the half, the Eagles attempted to regain the lead with a long pass from the Tiger 30 which, unfortunately, landed in unfriendly hands.

John Campbell returned the second half kick-off 20 yards to the Eagle 30, and again McRae and Peterkin went to work. This time they carried 70 yards in 10 plays to put Upchurch in front 12-8, but again the Birds were unable to convert. Following the kick, the Tigers started play on their 30, but were throttled there by a stiffened Eagle defense.

Following a punt the Eagles took over on their 25. Perhaps somewhat anxious, the locals incurred a succession of penalties that pushed them back to their 2. An attempted punt was partially blocked, popped in the air, and was grabbed in the end zone by a Cat to put the foe in front 14-12. A conversion run made it 16-12 midway the fourth quarter. -- W. T. McALLISTER.

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Eagles Trounce Aggies

For First Win Of Year

The Upchurch Eagles, celebrating their Homecoming Friday, scored a touchdown in the first two minutes of play and went on to defeat the Warren County Aggies 38-6 for their first win of the season. A week earlier they had played Riverside of Louisburg to a 6-6 tie at the latter's field.

The visitors received the opening kick, but fumbled on third down at their 20. Upchurch recovered and three plays later William McRae was over for the TD. A 2-point conversion attempt was unsuccessful. The Eagles recovered another Aggie fumble on the latter's 30 and scored a second TD. A 2-point conversion attempt was foiled and the locals led 12-0 as the first period ended.

Starting the second quarter, James Gay took a WC punt on his 37 and raced 63 yards untouched. Unfortunately, the beautiful scoring run was nullified by a penalty which sent the Eagles back to their 30. Six plays later, however, the Birds had advanced to their opponent's 10 from where Gay scooted over for the TD. A conversion kick was no good. Upchurch completed a 50-yard drive for a fourth TD with James Peterkin slipping into the end zone from 5 yards out.

For the fourth straight time the Birds failed to convert, and led 24-0 at half-time.

The half-time intermission, during which Cecil Davis and Teresa Smith were crowned as Miss Homecoming and Miss Upchurch respectively and the Fayetteville Teachers College band rendered music, did not seem to affect the Eagles' momentum.

Putting the ball in play on their 35, the home gridders used only four downs in marching 65 yards with Peterkin again crossing over from the 5. Again the Birds could not convert--taking a 30-0 lead. Apparently relaxing a little, the hosts fumbled on their 20. The guests recovered and quickly took advantage of the miscue by scoring their lone TD just before the third period ended. The final score came when William McRae completed a 70-yard drive by falling over from about 1 foot out. Gay made a good run for the Eagles' only conversion and Upchurch had its first win 38-6.

The Eagles journey to Roxboro tomorrow to meet Person County. Next home game is October 19 against Johnson of Laurinburg.

--W. T. McALLISTER

WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL

"UPCHURCH HIGH SCHOOL"

The play Purlie Victorious, a three act comedy, will be presented in the Upchurch High School Auditorium on Thursday, April 30, 1964 at 7:00 P.M.

The play will be dramatized by the Fayetteville State College Drama Guild.

Purlie Victorious is a play by a Negro playwright that gives both whites and Negroes the equality treatment --by teasing them both. A fresh and unique comedy. See a romp through the cotton patch with a preacher who tries to woo a girl and win a church at the same time."

December 17, 1964

WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL

SCURLOCK

The Scurlock Elementary Glee Club will have its fifth annual Christmas cantata Thursday, December 17, at 8 p. m. An art exhibition will also be on display.

The Glee Club consists of the following students:

Shirley Artis, Theodore Campbell, Randolph Campbell, Mary E. Clark, Pamela D. Currie, Kirk Davis, Patricia Davis, Dorine Day, Alberta Easterling, Ada Evans, Brenda Farmer, Linda Farmer, Annie Graham, Bennie Graham, Lorraine Graham, Gwendolyn B. Hough, Gleen King, Vernetta Leak, Bernard McAllister, Marverra McAllister.

Bridgel S. McCormick, Dianne McLean, Mary McLean, Patricia McLean, Wilbert McNair, Willie Mae McNair, Elizabeth L. McNeill, Irene McNeill, Johnnie L. McNeill, Lenwood McNeill, Barbara McPhatter, Benjamin McPhatter, Donnie L. McPhatter, Shirley A. McPhaul, Larry Morrissey, Dazarene Page, Betty J. Peterkin, Jackie Robinson, James Rogers, Deborah Rogers, Joyce J. Shaw, Margaret A. Shaw, Mary L. Shaw, Clyde Thomas.

AFTER WE LEFT UPCHURCH HIGH SCHOOL

October 13, 1966

UPCHURCH

Upchurch School will hold "Homecoming Festivities," beginning October 12 through October 14.

MISS UPCHURCH

Willie Mae McNair was crowned "Miss Upchurch" for the year 1966-67 Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. She was attended by Mary Shaw and Lorraine Graham.

To highlight the crowning of Miss Upchurch, a coronation

ball was held in the gym following the crowning ceremonies.

HOMECOMING PARADE

The annual homecoming parade will climax the homecoming celebration on Friday beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Floats from various organizations, homerooms and departments will constitute part of the parade. Prizes will be given to the best three floats.

An added attraction to the parade will be bands representing Monroe Avenue High School, Hamlet; Fayetteville State College, Fayetteville; Carver High School, Laurel Hill, along with a rhythm band from Upchurch School.

The parade will move down Main Street, turning to Armory Park, where the Upchurch Eagles will take on the W. B. Wicker Tigers from Sanford. The kickoff time is 7:30 p.m.

MISS HOMECOMING

Peaches Brown will reign as "Miss Homecoming." She will be crowned at half-time ceremonies of the football game. Gladys McNeill and Patricia Bratcher will be attendants.

AFTER WE LEFT UPCHURCH HIGH SCHOOL

April 7, 1966

Upchurch Drama Class Rehearse

The drama class of Upchurch High School will present three-act plays April 28, at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium.

The plays are: "The Lamb in the Window," a drama by Robert Finch; "Battle of the Budget," a comedy by Anne Coulte Martens, and "White Iris," a tragedy by Roberta Shannon.

"The Lamb in the Window" consists of nine characters, six men and three women. They are:

Rev. Edwards, Freddie Douglas.

Mr. Carruthers, a banker, Bobby McCormick.

Mrs. Lathrop, Dorothy Cunningham.

Mr. Ames, of the civic league, Archie Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Brandon, a prosperous farmer and his wife, Charles McNeill and Gennell Purcell.

Mrs. Ruthford, Earnestine McCollum.

Mr. Jackson, of infamous Glaena Street, William Monroe.

Mrs. Haley, the cleaning

woman, Christine Kearns.

"The Lamb in the Window" tells the story of a little white church in the green hill where the Rev. Mr. Edwards for 23 years, like a faithful, devoted shepherd, has dedicated his life to the people of the village. His church board becomes dissatisfied and thoughtlessly critical of their leaders efforts.

The characters in the "Battle of the Budget" are:

Mr. Prentiss, who cracks down, Charles McNeill.

Mrs. Prentiss, an innocent bystander, Vera Morris.

Pam, Dorothy Cunningham.

Sally, (Their teenage chil-

dren) Gennell Purcell.

Corky, William Monroe.

Linda, Shirley Cameron.

Alex, Bobby McCormick.

Mr. Action, Freddie Douglas.

"Battle of the Budget" is the story of three teenagers who are determined to get an increase in their allowance and the battle of the budget is on. Indulgent Dad has finally decided to crack down, and in spite of sweet talk from Pam, clowning from Corky, and tears from Sally, he wins the first skirmish. But his youngsters have just begun to fight! So he wants them to pinch pennies and live like paupers? They

proceed to do just that, dressed in ridiculously funny clothes from the rag bag. Mother declares herself an innocent bystander, and refuses to join the fight. But Dad has a little battle strategy of his own, and his tactics are mighty successful. Yes, Dad wins the big battle. Or, does he?

"White Iris" is a tragedy in which Jessamy Doone meets her death. The characters are as follow:

Jessamy Doone, Marcia's sister, Gennell Purcell.

Marcia Doone, Jessamy's sister, Christine Kearns.

Dorcas, the maid, Shirley

Cameron.

Lucy, a friend, Maxine Walker.

Tickets are now on sale. They may be purchased from any member of the drama class or Mrs. Wood.

The plays are under the direction of Miss McKinnon, a student teacher, and Mrs. Wood.



MARSHALLS AND MASCOTS -- Lela McNair and Dorothy Gillespie are marshalls at Upchurch High School. With them are the senior mascots, Arthur Kemp and Jane McPhatter.

AFTER WE LEFT UPCHURCH HIGH SCHOOL



TOP SENIORS -- Thirteen of the 87 seniors at Upchurch High School were rated near the top. They pose with their three advisors: They are, left to right, Mazine Walker, Ernestine McCollum, Vera Morris, Dorothy Cunningham, Daisy White, Carolyn Adkinson. Second row: Christine

Kearns, Patricia Thomas, Clara Daniels, Th Galberth, Charles McNeill, Bobby McCol Monroe. Fourth row, the advisors, Miss Mrs. Bettye Metier, Mrs. Valeria Wood.

Vietnam Victim Buried

March 1966

Hoke County's first victim of the Vietnam War was brought home to rest last Thursday and an estimated 1,000 people paid him their last respects.

Pvt. Jerome McCormick, son of Mrs. Flora McCormick of Raeford and John McCormick of Greensboro, was buried with full military honors in the Silver Grove Baptist Church cemetery.

An Army chaplain presided at the last rites. His words were unheard by several hundred people who could not crowd into the jam-packed church.

Six soldiers bore the flag-draped coffin from the church to the grave, followed by a mourning column of family and friends. At the graveside, the chaplain recited the 23rd Psalm, a guard of honor fired the traditional three volleys, and a distant buglar sounded taps.

McCormick, a graduate of Upchurch High School and a former employe of Pacific Mills here, was killed February 20 in Vietnam, a victim of Viet Cong small arms fire.

He had been in the Army since last summer and only a week before his death had arrived in South Vietnam to serve with the 1st Cavalry Division.

Thursday, his casket was opened after the services and a long line of mourners and friends filed past the bier.

A bone-chilling rain which had fallen all day ceased until after the services. Then the dark clouds rolled across the treetops and it started to rain again.

Hoke Students Slated For Special Tests

The high schools of Hoke County will participate this month in the National Guidance Testing Program, designed to reduce the costs of school testing and increase the usefulness of test results to the school and individual students, Superintendent W. T. Gibson announced.

Schools choose the tests to be given from the School and College Ability Tests and from the Sequential Tests of Educational Progress. Both are published by the Cooperative Test Division of Educational Testing Service, Princeton, N. J.

"We will use tests which offer a measure of school ability and application of learning rather than retention of memorized facts," Mrs. Tom Cameron, guidance counselor, said.

Answer sheets are sent to the Educational Testing Service for processing on custom-designed electronic equipment.

This type of testing is new to this county, she said. The tests to be used here will be the School and College Ability Tests based on reading, math, science and social studies.

They will be given to students in the ninth through the eleventh grades in Hoke County High, Hawkeye High and Upchurch High.

VIETNAM WAR VICTIM

March 1966



Six Soldiers Bear Body Of Fallen Comrade-In-Arms

AFTER WE LEFT UPCHURCH HIGH SCHOOL

May 26, 1966

1966 Graduates At Upchurch High



First row: Katie Morrison, Mattie McNeill, Eva Saunders, Burnette Baldwin, Gennell Purcell, Judith Evans, Mary Dupree. Second row: Nathaniel Kershaw, Lander Peterkin, Phillip Purcell, James Bratcher, Willie Farmer.

Third row: Raymond McLaughlin, Lonnie Ray, Marcus McRae, Mitchell McKay, Robert Graham, Erwin Everett, Willie Bratcher.

AFTER WE LEFT UPCHURCH HIGH SCHOOL

May 1966

Awards Day Scheduled

Awards day will be held June 3 at Upchurch High School. The elementary department will present its program at 9 a. m. and the high school at 10 a. m. Barbara McDonald, elementary department, and Christine Kearns, high school, will give a few highlights concerning awards day.

Tribute will be paid to outstanding students for excellence in various areas of study. Numerous awards will be given for athletic participation.

May 27, 1965

School News

WEST HOKE

The grammar grades of West Hoke school recently attended the elementary school track meet in Fayetteville. This school's participants who won blue ribbons were Rena McAllister, Alice J. Campbell, Ruby McNeill, Carolyn Leggett, Charles Chandler and Weldon McKenzie.

The over-all prize was second place for pupils here at this school for participating in the track meet. We are thankful to the parents for helping us to take part.

Recently, the eighth grade class held its "Night To Remember" with an atmosphere of happiness and joy. Many pupils have expressed how satisfied they were with their final affair for this school year. The eighth grade graduation exercises will be held May 26, at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium with the guest speaker, Mr. Thomas J. Gavin, former instructor at Upchurch High School and now employed at Fayetteville State College in Fayetteville.

As we come to another close of the school year, we ask all parents to keep good books around your home for your children to read. Help them to feel the need for learning while they are on their summer vacation.

The adult education class will start here at West Hoke School on May 31 at 7 p. m. Parents who have signed up for the class or who are interested should meet with us on the night of May 31 for enrolling and testing. It will help all who wish to gain more education to meet us at this time.

A recreational program will be at this school during the summer from 4:30 p. m. through 6:30 p. m. for all children who like to play and learn new games. There will be games for all who come.

You are asked to send your children to the new program, Operation Headstart which will be held at this school for pre-school children who will be old enough to go to school during the 1965-1966 school year.

With a degree of thankfulness we are forever grateful to all who have cooperated with our school program during this year and ask that you continue to work with us in the future.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deep appreciation to all our friends and neighbors for their many expressions of kindness and sympathy after the loss of our mother.

Earl and Elizabeth Tolar

WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL

May 6, 1965

UPCHURCH

Upchurch's band has performed well this year, and has consequently represented its school magnificently.

The spurt of honors was begun by the majorettes, who won high honors in the State Majorette Clinic and Twirling Contest in St. Pauls. Incidentally, the girls were honorably recognized in both the team and the singles division.

On Thursday, April 29, Upchurch's was one of the bands that participated in the state festival which convened at Fayetteville State College. This festival attracted bands from all over the state. At this competitive affair the Eagle band received A rating of "Excellent" on their rendition of Rachmanoff's "Glory and Honor." Judging the performance were Dr. F. L. Gatlin, director of the band at Virginia State College; and L. Falcone, director of the band at Michigan State University.

On Saturday, May 15, representatives from this outstanding band of Upchurch will attend the State Marching Band Clinic for Directors and Students. George Cavender, assistant conductor of bands at the University of Michigan, is chairman of the Clinic.

As the culminating event of the year (although it will be shown after school closes) the band will appear in concert, Sunday, June 27, at 1:30 p.m. on WRAL Television (Channel 5).

CHOIR NEWS

On Friday, April 30, the Upchurch High School Choir, composed of 35 voices, made a trip to Durham.

The purpose of the trip was to sing in the annual State High School Choir Festival, which was held on the North Carolina State College campus.

Class Night Launches Finals

May 27, 1965

Class night exercises will be held tonight by seniors at Upchurch High School at 8 p.m.

The theme for this and all related graduation exercises is "Meeting the Challenge of the Great Society."

A baccalaureate sermon will be preached to the 92 graduating seniors by the Rev. G. D. McNeill, pastor of Rockfish Grove Baptist Church, Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, June 1, at 8 p.m. Dr. Frank Weaver supervisor of elementary education, of the State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, will deliver the commencement address.

Members of the graduating class are:

Doris Katherine Adams, Dorothy Mae Black, Bernice Blue, John Roy Blue, Louise Bratcher, Carolyn Fay Bronson, James Calvin Bronson, Edmond Burney, Floyd Cameron Jr., Peggy Ann Campbell, Sherman Carpenter, Marshall Cherry, John Archie Clark, Beulah Covington, Trumella Covington.

Betty Mae Daniels, Cecil Naomi Davis, Doris Arnell Davis, Zephree Dobbins, Janice Hilda Dockery, Gloria Amedia Dudley, Henry Artis Fairley, Cleveland Farmer, Clifton Eu-

gene Ferguson, David Lee Gay, Annie Delores Gillespie, Ernestine Godwin, Cathleen Graham, Mable Lee Graham, Anthony Dwight Holmes, Rosa Mae Johnson.

Winston Leak, Charles Levi Lide, Helen Ruth Little, Hattie Mae Lloyd, Ephriam Mack, Vivian McKinnon Malloy, Mary Magdalene Melvin, Aaron Mon-

roe, Carl Lee Monroe, Joann Monroe, Willie Catherine Morris, Cora Mae Murphy, Grace Lenora McAllister, Helen Irene McBryde, Fredrick Douglish McCormick.

Rethema Ann McCoy, Lucille McEachin, Eunice Maple McGill, Vina Louise McGill, Carol

Dean McGregor, Dorothy Edwards McGregor, Harvey Samuel McKoy, III, Elwin McLaughlin, Geraldine McLaughlin, James Cannady McLean, Jeris McLean, Magdalene McLean, Norris Jackson McNair, Willie Mae McNair, Shirley Ann McNeill, Gennie Mae McNeill.

Mary Helen McNeill, Mazella Rovenia McPhatter, Wesley O'Neil McPhatter, Eunice Teen McRae, Janice Lorene McRae, John David McRae, Murphy McRae, Jr., William Henry McRae, Jr.,

Clarence William Page, Guy-trell Alton Parker, Genevia Patterson, Alice Charnita Peterkin, Alice Delores Peterkin.

Odessa Peterkin, Roosevelt Platt, Jr., Alice Rubynell Powell, Paul Purcell, Mary Bell Ray, Gabriel Singletary, Vinez Singletary, Fenner Joseph Smith, Allen Clarence Tew, Lorene Thomas, Mary Hazel Tillman, Geraldine Patricia Virgil, Le-vone Virgil, Thomasene Warren, James Thomas White.

NOTICE

The News-Journal regrets that it was unable to secure pictures of the following 1965 graduates: Upchurch High - Peggy Campbell, Doris Davis, Zephree Dobbins, Annie Gillespie, Winston Leak, Mary Melvin, Lucille McEachin, Eunice McGill, Geraldine McLaughlin, Magdalene McLean, Janice McRae, Murphy McRae, Genevia Patterson, Alice Powell and Mary Tillman.

Hawk Eye - Jimmy Jacobs.

Eagles Take 2 To Wind Up Season

By W. T. McAllister

Ending regular season play last week, the Upchurch Eagles on Thursday night exploded for a 28-point fourth quarter to trounce the Mineral Springs Bears 60-34, and at Fayetteville Friday night the Birds got a satisting 49-48 win over the Anne Chestnutt Hornets who had beaten the locals four straight over the last two seasons.

The Eaglettes split a pair, losing to the Ellerbe distaffers 26-23 and whipping the Chestnutt lassies 28-15.

Against the Bears the locals got off to a 9-1 first quarter lead, played on even terms in the second stanza, but were outscored 10-5 in the third

frame. However, the guests could garner only 6 markers during the Birds' fourth quarter scoring spree. Blue gained scoring honors with 16 points, McRae had 15 and Hollingsworth 12.

The Friday night scrap was a nail-biting thriller in which the lead constantly changed hands throughout, being decided only in the last seconds. The Eagles held a 17-12 first round margin, trailed 29-25 at the half, regained a 36-33 third period edge and hung on tenaciously to eke out the 1-point long awaited victory.

Moving Blue to the backcourt and inserting reserve center Ervin Hollingsworth in the right forward slot proved to be a profitable maneuver for Eagle mentor Wilson McDowell. The husky freshman reaped 21 rebounds and scored 10 points for his night's work and was the Eagle rallying card. Blue led the scoring with 21 and Gay had 10. Upchurch hit only 7 of 21 FT's for 33.3% while the hosts hit 12 of 20 for 60%. The Eagles hit 36.8% from the floor and the Hornets 33.3%.

With a 16-3 record (7-3 Conference) the Eagles meet Armstrong of Fayetteville tonight at 7:30 in the first round of the Eastern 3-A Tournament at E. E. Smith in Fayetteville. The Eaglettes, with a 15-3 record, will exchange their suits for skirts and try to boost the high-flying Birds to a State berth.

WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL

March 21, 1963

'Family Life' Workshop At Upchurch

A two-year professional study by the Scurlock School Faculty on "Family Life," was culminated when a workshop for the Parent - Teacher Association was sponsored on March 11-13.

During the three-night workshop, special emphasis was placed on "Family Budgeting," "Alcoholism," and "Sex Education."

The consultants were: "Budgeting," Dr. C. A. Chick, former faculty member at State Teachers' College, Fayetteville; "Alcoholism," D. A. Williams, State Teachers' College, and "Sex Education," Mrs. Georgia Barbee, State Health Department, Raleigh.

Approximately 185 persons attended the workshop during the three nights.

WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL

May 20, 1965



FIRST GRADUATE-- Mrs. Mary Kemp Thomas of Raeford, center, last week became the "first graduate" of Sandhills Community College when she was presented a North Carolina High School Equivalency Certificate by James M. Dunlap, left, of the N. C. Department of Public Instruction. Dr. Raymond Stone, right president of the college, looks on.

Hoke Mother First Sandhills Graduate

Mrs. Mary Kemp Thomas, 34, of Raeford, last week became the first "graduate" of Sandhills Community College.

Mrs. Thomas, mother of three, was presented a high school equivalency certificate. The presentation was made by James M. Dunlap, supervisor of testing and pupil classification, N. C. Department of Public Instruction.

Dr. Raymond Stone, college president, praised Mrs. Thomas for her work in adult education classes, which she began January 12.

"We are proud to have you as the very first graduate of Sandhills Community College," he said.

Also on hand for the ceremony, held in the college's temporary quarters in South-

ern Pines, were D. L. Furches, director of general adult education, and Mrs. Mary Breeze, lab coordinator.

Mrs. Thomas, wife of James Thomas Jr., attended the adult classes five days a week for four months. The certificate she earned -- number 11,000 -- is equivalent to a high school diploma.

Previously, she had dropped out of school in 1947 after having been promoted to the 11th grade at Upchurch High School.

She said she is extremely proud of her high school certificate, but isn't ready to call it quits.

This fall she will become a member of the first college class at Sandhills and hopes to be among the first students to be graduated from the institution.

WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL

May 27, 1965

Hawk Eye School Hangs Founders' Portraits



HONORED -- Rod Locklear, left rear, and Elisha Dial, right rear, pose beside their portraits, which were unveiled Monday night at Hawk Eye School. At left front is Earl Oxendine, Hawk Eye principal, and W. T. Gibson Jr., right, superintendent of Hoke County Schools.

Hawk Eye School paid tribute Monday night to two Indian citizens whose combined services to Hoke County schools totals 80 years.

They were Elisha Dial and Rod Locklear, long-time leaders in the fight for better Indian schools who served for 40 years apiece as Hawk Eye School committeemen.

They are recognized as founders of the Indian school, which this year has an enrolment of 643.

The Hawk Eye Parent-Teacher Association Monday night unveiled oil portraits of the two committeemen, both now retired. The portraits were unveiled by their sons, Henry Dial and Rodney Locklear.

Dial and Locklear for many years fought for better schools for the county's Indian citizens and actually organized the Indian school in the southern part of the county. Each "ramrod-ded" efforts to build two separate buildings, in which the school functioned for many years. In the beginning, there was but one teacher in each school, but eventually the buildings gained two teachers apiece.

In 1951, the county erected a single brick building at Hawk Eye, and the growth of the school since that time has been phenomenal, keeping pace with the explosion of Indian population in the county.

Twelve rooms have been add-

ed to the facility since 1951 and four more classrooms are now under construction.

Principal speaker at Monday night's PTA meeting was W. T. Gibson Jr., superintendent of Hoke County schools, who defined Dial and Locklear as "two leaders who brought us through a period of change."

Hoke County schools are now on the threshold of further change, Gibson said, and he expressed confidence that the county will adapt itself to the change.

"The sum of all knowledge now doubles every 15 years," Gibson said, "so we are living in a world which constantly changes. We have to adapt to the change, whether or not we want to, or we cannot survive."

More progress has been made since 1950, he said, than in the previous 50,000 years of history -- or even of the several million years the earth has existed.

Gibson was introduced by Earl Oxendine, Hawk Eye principal, following the invocation by the Rev. Wade Locklear. Mrs. Mary Jane Bryant, accompanied by Mrs. Roxanne Deese, sang "How Great Thou Art" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Marshals were Rayburn Maynor, chief, Glenda Sue Oxendine, assistant, Carolyn Rogers and Martha Lee McMillian.

Following the dedication program, a social hour was held in the auditorium.

WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL

Hoke County High School Principal in Hospital

May 27, 1965

Abernethy In Hospital

Principal D. D. Abernethy who underwent surgery at Moore Memorial Hospital last Thursday, hopes to be back in time to award diplomas to Hoke High School graduating seniors Monday night, his office reported this week.

Abernethy is scheduled to introduce the speaker and also to deliver diplomas to more than 100 seniors.

Supt. W. T. Gibson Jr. will take over duties for him on Friday night for class night exercises and presentation of awards.

Oct 22, 1964

UPCHURCH

Upchurch's homecoming started off with a "real great" parade Friday, October 16, only to end in the game being postponed.

The parade was led by Mr. G. A. Page, principal of Upchurch, with Miss Homecoming and her attendants following close behind. Some of the other features of the parade were: The famous Upchurch High School Marching Band, Boy Scout troops, floats of various kinds, bicycle riders, majorettes, and high steppers.

There were participants from Upchurch's primary, elementary, and high school departments, Burlington School and West Hoke School. All combined to make the parade a

success. Last but not least, the cheerleaders brought the crowd shouting and cheering down to the Raeford Stadium where they stood in the rain waiting for the game to begin. But all the excitement was in vain because Upchurch's opponents, Carver High School of Mount Olive, were unable to make the trip due to their bus breaking down. However, we are ex-

pecting just as large a crowd if not larger Friday night, October 30, when the Upchurch Eagles play L. E. Johnson of Laurinburg, N. C. We'll be looking for you then.

The Upchurch High School band has been very active this season and have many more engagements in front of them. They were featured in the Homecoming parade Friday, October 16. They will be participating Wednesday, October 21, for the well-noted Fall Festival in Red Springs. They will also be highlighted in the annual Sanford Christmas parade which will be held in Carthage December 3.

March 7, 1963

Upchurch Majorettes Take Honors

The Upchurch High School Majorettes, under the direction of D. R. Carroll, attended the Southeastern District Baton Twirling Clinic last Saturday, February 16, at East-Side School in Saint Pauls.

The contests were divided into three divisions: Junior, Senior and Team Divisions.

In the Junior Division, Tyne R. Holmes won fourth place, Mary Ann Turner, fifth place, and Regina McPhatter, seventh place.

In the Senior Division, Emma L. Singletary won third place; Aljoyce Jones, fifth place; Joyce Cunningham, sixth place and Carolyn P. Adkinson, seventh place.

In the Team Division, Upchurch Majorette Team won the runner-up trophy: Patricia Walker, Aljoyce Jones, Emma Singletary and Mary Ann Turner.

WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL

July 25, 1963

Peace Corps Seeks Farm Skills For India, Pakistan

Being part of The New Farmers of America (NFA) organizations was a major element of the high school experience of Upchurch High School male students

India and Pakistan have asked the Peace Corps for 88 more volunteers trained in agricultural skills, County agent W. S. Young has announced.

Training will begin next September for 30 poultry specialists and 25 dairy husbandmen requested by India and for 22 agricultural extension workers, 6 farm mechanics and 5 vocational agriculture teachers to work in Pakistan, Young said.

The Peace Corps already has 160 volunteers on the job in India and 205 Pakistan. The call for additional workers reflects the need for trained agriculture personnel to help increase food and fiber production in these and many other developing nations, Young pointed out.

The Indian request for more poultry specialists grew out of a pilot program started by four Peace Corps Volunteers who developed a new, cheap feed from easily accessible local materials, upgraded the stock, wrote a handbook on poultry management in the Punjabi language and streamlined processing and marketing procedures. So successful was their program that the Indian government now plans, with Peace Corps help, to launch similar projects in other parts of the nation.

In addition to the poultry projects, Volunteers skilled in dairy husbandry will help Indian farmers improve their methods of breeding, feeding and managing dairy stock and the processing and marketing of dairy products.

In Pakistan, Peace Corps Volunteers will work to improve methods of irrigation, machinery maintenance, marketing, plant protection and soil conservation at the village level. They will be working through experimental stations, workshops and agricultural schools.

The agriculture and rural community action programs in Pakistan are being developed jointly by the Peace Corps, the Future Farmers of America and the New Farmers of America in cooperation with the Pakistani Department of Agriculture and the Cooperative

Development Board. The overseas staffs of FFA and NFA will share with the Peace Corps the logistical and technical support required for the work of the Volunteers, the agent was advised.

The great need for Volunteers to work in agricultural projects such as those planned for India and Pakistan was summarized recently by a young Peace Corpsman working in South Asia, who described the challenge of his assignment this way:

"People who live on a handful of rice a day, who cannot read or write and have never seen or heard of modern conveniences--how can we help them? By improving farm methods to support twice this number of people. Because it can be done, it must be done.

There are endless improvements that can be made. We are struggling for perfection--they are struggling to live. They need more masons, more agriculturalists, more youth workers, primary and secondary teachers, mechanics, electricians, technicians of every kind. These must not come in a high-level capacity, but must be down-to-earth, hard-working and patient. Above all, those who come must be able to love a people because they are people and to help them because they need help."

Applications and information on these and other projects may be obtained from County Agent Young in his office at the County Office Building or by writing to Jim Gibson, Division of Agricultural Affairs, Washington 25, D. C.

May 26, 1966

OPERATION HEADSTART

Upchurch High School Provides the Classroom Space

The federal government has allotted \$62,828 for child development in Hoke County.

Called "Operation Headstart" last year, the program is for pre-school children who will be entering the first grade next fall. Some 300 such students from economically deprived homes are affected.

The classes will get underway here June 27 and will last for seven weeks. Upchurch High School will provide the classroom space. Lonnie Bledsoe will direct the program, which also comes under Hoke Community Action Program and the Sandhills area development program.

The funds were allotted through the Office of Economic Opportunity which administers President Johnson's "War on Poverty."

Some 60 persons will be employed in the program here, according to Jim Attaway, Hoke CAP director. They will include teachers, teacher aides, lunchroom employees, bus drivers and a custodian. Teachers must be certified; however, the bulk of other employees will come from impoverished families.

This year's grant is about \$20,000 more than last year's allotment and provides enough "slack" to increase the pupil load to 400, Attaway said. Last year's classes included 300 students.

Primarily, the program is designed to ease the "social" tensions of impoverished youngsters entering the first grade by giving them pre-school experience in working and playing together.

Five new teachers were added to the program this year, accounting for the most part for the increase from \$42,005 in federal funds last year.



ON TRIAL -- Sergeant First Class Roger W. Dixon, administrative supply technician of the local National Guard company, was "tried" for a number of "offenses" Saturday night when the company staged its 18th anniversary banquet here. The "charges" were brought by five of Dixon's former company commanders, shown above. They

are, left to right, Capt. Daniel Baker, present commander, Capt. John W. Jones, Capt. Thomas Mrs. Dixon, Sergeant Dixon, Maj. Edwin Newton, Col. Paul Dickson, present commander of the Battalion, 282nd Armor, of which the local headq company is a part.

HE HELPED US

When 17 and 18 year old Upchurch High School students enlisted in the North Carolina Army National Guard, SFC Roger W. Dickson processed us into the unit. He was very kind and very professional.

(Article found in The News-Journal, March 18, 1965)

Smithfield Plucks Upchurch Eagles, 30 To 6

Next Opponent Is Mt. Olive

Upchurch High School's Eagles were defeated, 30-6, by Johnson County Central of Smithfield in their opening game of the season here Friday night.

The Eagles were at a decided disadvantage, their coaches said, because they were playing their first game of the season and Smithfield was engaging in its third.

A powerful Smithfield backfield rolled up 420 yards rushing and completed five out of seven passes to dominate the statistics as well as the score.

The Eagles compiled 210 yards rushing but failed to connect on four pass attempts.

Friday night, the Eagles will be hosts to Mount Olive High School's Tigers at Armory Park here. Game time is 7:30.

"The first game of the season always produces nervousness and excitement, particularly among new players," said Upchurch Coach William Dixon. "We have that first game under our belt now, and I think we will be more settled and poised in the remaining games on our schedule."

May 26, 1966

Community Development Group Hard At Work

New officers have been elected and many plans are in the making for another year of work by the Raeford Community Development Council.

This is the council's second year. The first year was such a successful one that the organization was chosen by the Sandhills Area Development Association to receive the annual award for having shown the greatest accomplishments of any town in the area.

The CDC is made up of representatives from each civic group, the churches, the chamber of commerce and interested citizens.

Mrs. Walter Coley, the new director, explained that its purposes are many and long range in scope. They are designed to promote home and community beautification, to encourage the improvement of roads and schools, religious development, to promote farm and home safety, health and physical fitness, to keep Hoke County's young talent in Hoke County, and to help secure more employment opportunities.

"This list surely must include every Raeford and Hoke

citizen," Mrs. Coley said. She added that the council and its goals are as big as all the citizens of the town and county make them. "They cannot be accomplished," she said, "in one or even two years, but none will ever be accomplished unless first we are aware of their need, and second, unless we take an active interest in our own improvement, and by this, in Raeford's improvement."

In addition to the Raeford CDC, there are other such organizations in each of the communities in the county. Each has its own program.

What the Raeford council has done:

For two years, it has promoted a clean-up campaign. This year's campaign is also a beautification project which will be continued through the year by various civic clubs.

This year, the council is sponsoring a summer youth program designed especially for the 15-18-year old group.

This program will include party cooking, knitting, needle work, charm and clothing, art, golf, tennis, bridge, flower ar-

ranging and gardening, a youth problems forum, and a youth service club.

This meant to supplement the already existing Raeford recreation program and the Presbyterian recreation program. Of course, this is an experiment made possible by the many people who are giving their free time.

It is hoped that the young people will find an individual interest that they can take through life while having lots of fun. There is also a tennis class for those under 15 and if the interest is great enough there will be a knitting class.

There are other programs in the planning process and many more are needed, the director said.

Other Raeford Community Development Council officers are: secretary, Miss Josephine Hall; treasurer, G. A. Page. Serving on the public relations committee are G. A. Page, James Seagroves and Mrs. Furman Clark.

Mrs. Coley expressed appreciation to the Jaycees for their

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Officers

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tin can collection project and to the Jaycettes for publicity and various other civic clubs who are now in the process of beautification projects.

"Once again, Raeford can win first place in the SADA town competition if everyone is willing to help," Mrs. Coley said. "The visible results of our efforts will be worth far more than the plaque which hangs in town hall.

May 26, 1966

School News

WEST HOKE
By Mrs. G.R. Jones

First of all, I wish to say, I am happy and thankful to be back to school after a period of illness, from an accident that happened to me at West Hoke Elementary School April 20, as we were getting ready to have a musical program.

I wish to thank my co-workers, aides and all of the many friends of Hoke County and other places who were so very nice to me in every way.

As we are approaching the closing of the school year, we must first show or express our thanks to God and to our many friends, parents, staff members, pupils and all workers and people connected with West Hoke School for helping to make this year's work a success.

We are proud of everyone and happy over the projects that have been worked on and

the work that has been accomplished by everyone. Our hearts at West Hoke Elementary School are filled with gratitude for the wonderful blessings and improvements that have taken place this school year.

As we count our many blessings for this school year, we will make every deed and work throughout the remainder of the school year of 1965 and 1966 an expression of our thanks to God for having had a successful school year.

Again we thank everyone for taking part in all of our closing activities at the school, without you we could have been as successful as we were.

We hope each community chairman and others in each area will continue working in their community during the summer months.

We wish each of you a very pleasant summer vacation.

January 17, 1963

Boy And Girl Eagles Maintain Win Streaks

The Upchurch Eagles posted their 6th and 7th straight wins last week, stopping Shawtown of Lillington 42-32 and throttling Armstrong at Fayetteville 59-34. Both were conference tilts.

Here Tuesday night the Eagles had trouble getting airborne, spotting their foe a 15-12 first-quarter lead. In the second period, however, the Birds threw up a tight defense, holding Lillington to 3 points in the segment while scoring 13 to gain a 25-18 half-time advantage. The teams played evenly in the third stanza, scoring 8 points a piece, but Upchurch had a 9-6 edge in the final frame to wrap up its 6th straight victory. Robert Blue and William McRae shared scoring honors with 12 each.

James Gay aided and abetted with 10.

In the girls affair it was no contest. The Eaglettes shellacked their guests 41-12. Mary Thomas and Dorothy Ray led the assault with 15 and 11 points respectively. Marily Murchison assisted with 9.

At Armstrong Friday night the Eagles recovered from a ragged start and went on to trounce their hosts 59-34. Again the Birds found themselves behind at the end of the first quarter, this time 13-12. Points were sparse in the second frame but Upchurch scored 7 while Armstrong could collect only two free throws, giving the Raeford boys a 19-15 intermission margin. Led by Blue and Gay, the Birds outscored

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Eagles

their opponents 40-19 in the second half, hitting 9 for 9 in the third stanza for 100% accuracy from the floor. This enabled the locals to keep their field goal shooting for the season at 50%. Blue popped in 20 markers and Gay had 19. Blue also grabbed off 14 rebounds as Upchurch bettered Armstrong 45-27 in this department.

The Eaglettes withstood the pressure of an undefeated Armstrong sextet to record their 6th straight triumph. In a great team effort four lassies hit in double figures to subdue the stubborn Fayetteville crew. Thomas had 15, Ray 13, Murchison and Ross 10 each. Smith of Armstrong won scoring honors, however, with 17.

The Eagles are at home tonight (Thursday) against Shaw of Wagram with tap-off time set for 7:30. And the Elizabethtown Bulldogs will be hosted here by the high-flying Eagles next Tuesday evening.

-- W. T. McALLISTER.

January 17, 1963

McDowell Has Fine Record In Basketball

There are a number of fine coaching records in Raeford and vicinity. Coach Floyd Wilson's football record with the Bucks is outstanding, and McLauchlin building principal Lonnie Bledsoe had an excellent basketball record at Mt. Airy.

Add to the list Upchurch High coach Wilson McDowell, now in his eighth season with the Eagles. McDowell's basketball record with the Eagles is a sparkling 148 wins as against only 39 losses.

This year's Eagle aggregation is ripping right along with seven wins and no losses as of the present moment.

Upchurch Eagles Fly High



DISTRICT CHAMPIONS—Shown here are the Upchurch Eagles, shortly after they were presented with one trophy for the 2-A Southwestern District championship and a second trophy for the sportsmanship. Front row (L-R): John Morrison, Tim McKoy, James

Gay, Henry Blue, Clarence Ross, Coach Wilson McDowell. Back row (L-R): Robert Blue, Steven Swann, Lingle Morrison, Harvey Adams, James Roper, Jerome Bratcher. Henry Maynor is not shown.

(Staff Photo)



EAGLE ACE—Tim McKoy, 17-year-old junior, flashes the perfect jump shot form that led the Upchurch Eagles to a district 2-A championship last week. McKoy is 6'2", tips the scales at 210, and runs a 10 flat hundred.

Eagles Play At Greensboro Tonight For State 2-A Title

By W. T. McAllister

The talented Upchurch Eagles left yesterday by bus for the State 2-A Tournament at Greensboro—in the wake of an impressive 66-46 victory over the Red Springs Hornets last week.

The win clinched the Southwestern District 2-A crown for the high-flying Eagles.

The local team smashed four opponents in the process of fighting their way into a berth at the State Tourney. Victim number one was Armstrong High, which succumbed 79-35. The Fayetteville school could not cope with Tim McKoy who dropped in 33 points and garnered the same number of rebounds in only three periods of play.

Another easy mark was St. Paul's, which went down 87-31. Little John Morrison, a sharp-shooting backcourt man, popped for 24 points to take scoring honors. With a 48-11 bulge at half-time, Coach Wilson McDowell cleared his bench to give the regulars some rest and allow his reserves a chance to strut.

Toughest opposition in the District Tourney was provided in the semi-finals last Friday when the Eagles took on Chesnut High, of Fayetteville, defending conference champs.

Even the Chesnut Falcons, though, could not handle the hot Upchurch quintet and were defeated by the still-comfortable score of 64-49. Once again, big Tim McKoy led all scorers with 21 points. The 17-year-old junior also picked off 16 rebounds.

The championship finals, again-

st the Hornets on Saturday night at Laurinburg, showed the classy Eagles to best advantage. McKoy hit for 27 points and 19 rebounds, while the team as a whole averaged 40 percent of their shots from the floor.

Behind at halftime by one point, 30-29, the Eagles started the third period with a rush and were off and flying.

The Hornets had a 16-0 record going into the game, while Upchurch is now 21-2 for the season. In the four games of the District Tourney, the Eagles averaged 74 points per game while holding their opponents to an aver-

age of 40 points per game. Tim McKoy led the local scorers in tournament play with an average of 26 points for each of the four contests. Guard John Morrison chipped in with a 14-point tournament scoring average

The Eagles received not one but two trophies — the first emblematic of district supremacy, the second for exhibiting the best sportsmanship.

In the State tourney, beginning tonight at A. and T. College in Greensboro, the locals will take on the Person County Training School, which is now 17-0 for the season.

As the Eagles boarded their bus, Coach McDowell said: "We figure we've got a chance. A darned good chance," he added.

WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL

April 30, 1964



LONG SERVICE -- Shown here are members of Hoke County Teachers Association who received certificates for 25 years or more of service and other educators who gathered Thursday night at Scurlock School to honor Mrs. A. S. Pridgen, retiring supervisor of instruction. They are, left to right: Front row -- Mrs. E. R. Adger, Mrs. E. T. Hayeswood, Mrs. V. D. Monroe, Mrs. M. V. Bryant, Mrs. M. A. Dukes, Mrs.

L. M. Coleman, Mrs. I. B. Cole, Mrs. Pridgen, Mrs. G. K. McDowell, Mrs. L. D. Gleaves, Mrs. S. S. Pierce, Mrs. H. A. Springs and Mrs. Mary Whittey. Back row -- Alexander Geddie, Superintendent of Schools W. T. Gibson Jr., S. L. Williams, Miss A. G. Smith, J. H. Chalmers, W. C. Campbell, K. A. MacDonald, retired superintendent of schools, Mrs. A. D. Faucette and Mrs. R. S. Anders.

WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL

April 30, 1964



RETIRING -- Mrs. A. W. Pridgen, who will retire in June from the Hoke County after 34 years as a teacher and supervisor of instruction, is shown here receiving T. Gibson Jr., superintendent of schools, presented on behalf of Hoke County Teachers Association.

April 30, 1964

Teacher Retiring After 34 Years

Hoke County Teachers Association last week honored Mrs. A. W. Pridgen, retiring supervisor of instruction, who will leave the school system in June after 34 years of service.

Sixteen other teachers who have taught 25 years or more also were honored at the banquet, held Thursday night at Scurlock School.

Kind words from many quarters were heaped upon Mrs. Pridgen, whose service to Hoke County schoolstals 22 years.

"Mrs. Predgen and I worked together for many years," said K. A. MacDonald, retired superintendent of schools. "She worked incessantly and tirelessly."

Mrs. E. T. Hayeswood, who holds a comparable position in Robeson County, said: "She was a faithful steward of her time and talent. She came to Hoke County when facilities were meager ... she worked with what she found. Surely it must make her heart proud to see all the improvements."

Dr. J. W. Seabrook, president of Fayetteville State College, of which Mrs. Pridgen is a graduate, was unable to attend the testimonial dinner, but he said in a letter:

"Mrs. Pridgen is one of the outstanding graduates of Fayetteville State College. One could predict while she was a student that a rewarding career lay ahead of her."

Mrs. Pridgen also was praised by W. T. Gibson Jr., superingendent of schools, who presented a gift on behalf of the association.

Teachers receiving certificates in recognition of their 25 years or more of service included:

Mrs. E. R. Adger, Mrs. R. S. Anders, Mrs. M. V. Bryant, J. H. Chalmers, Mrs. I. B. Cole, Mrs. L. M. Coleman, Mrs. M. A. Dukes, Mrs. A. D. Faucette, Alexander Geddie, Mrs. L. D. Gleaves, Mrs. G. K. McDowell, Mrs. V. D. Monroe, G. A. Page, Mrs. S. S. Pierce, Miss A. G. Smith, Mrs. H. A. Springs and S. L. Williams.

Others taking part in the program included Alexander Geddie, Magellan Robinson, W. C. Campbell, J. D. McAllister, and Mrs. A. M. Clodfelter, who sang "I Would Be True."

WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL

December 20, 1963

Undefeated Birds Take 4th In Row

The Upchurch Eagles posted their fourth straight win Monday night, beating Hayswood at Lumberton 63-51. Friday night, they whipped Shawtown at Lillington 61-51. The Eaglettes won their second and third straight, lashing Lillington 27-9 and routing Lumberton 51-13.

At Lillington, Mary Thomas scored all the points needed for the Eaglettes to down their hapless hosts. She bucketed 17 while Marilyn Murchison assisted with 6 in the one-sided match.

In the boys contest, Upchurch controlled the opening tip and very quickly scored 2 points, but the Lillington crew registered a counter score just as quickly and midway through the first quarter had an edge over the Upchurch cagers. The pace slowed down considerably, however, and when the period end-

ed the Eagles held a slim 12-9 lead. In the second stanza the Birds outscored their opponents 18-13 to gain a 30-22 halftime margin, and widened the gap to 48-34 by the end of the third frame. With some of the regulars getting a rest, the Raeford boys were outscored 17-15 in the final period but the 12-point spread was enough to insure their third straight victory. Rufus Singletary, a lanky six footer, dumped in 19 points for game high honors. William McRae had 15 and James Gay 13. Harrington scored 17 for the losers.

The Upchurch lassies had an easy time with their Lumber-

ton hosts. Again, it was Mary Thomas who led the way. The talented junior pitched in 28 points as the Upchurch sextet upended their lackluster opponents.

In the boys scrape, the setting was different. The Eagles experienced fierce competition from a 2-A team that had posted a 4-0 record. Coach Wilson McDowell, lacking bench strength had to use his starters all the way to overcome the tough Lumberton crew. The Hayswood quintet exhibited a threatening offense throughout, and the strong defensive play of the Eagles appeared to be an important factor in their win.

Overcoming an early game deficit, the Birds eked out a 15-12 first quarter edge, stretched it to 31-20 by half time, and played their hosts on even terms through the second half to capture their fourth win in four games. Leading point maker was McRae, 6-2, 200-pound sophomore center, who canned 22. Blue, Gay and Rufus Singletary had 13, 12, and 10 respectively. The losers had three players to score in double digits.

The game was much closer than the final score indicates, and although it is too early to say, it appears that McDowell may have another good team this season despite the loss of four regulars from last year's team whose combined scoring average was better than 50 points per game.

--W. T. McALLISTER



First Row: Archie Davis, Arletha McLean, Doretta Black,
Alger Stevens, Jacquelyn Armstrong, Delois Edwards.
Second Row: Freddie Douglas, John Gillespie, Howard

Murphy, Willie Morris. Third Row: Calvin McPhatter,
William Hollingsworth, Thomas Shaw, Artis McLean, Wil-
liam Moore.



First Row: Earline McLaughlin, Elizabeth Purcell, Rosa McPhaul, Elease Saunders, Lessie Campbell, Madine Dobbins, Iris Lide. Second Row: Artis Bethea, Eddie Mc-

Millian, James Thomas, James Maynor, Eddie McGregor. Third Row: Johnnie Long, Daries Hollingsworth, James Stanley, James Ferguson, James Daniel, Belton Ferguson.



First Row: Helen Singletary, Margaret Graham, Mary Robinson, Margaret Purcell, Mary McLaughlin, Betty Oliver, Katreen McNair. Second row: Emma Lloyd, Delois Lide, Myrtle Wood, Flora McPhatter, Daisy Saunders, Sarah

Dupree, Shirley Shaw. Third row: Belton Day, William Monroe, Shirley Cameron, Mabel Beatty, Eola Peterkin, Gloria Blue, Alberta McRae, Jacquelyn Young.

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Thirty-three men are on the roster, including freshmen and sophomores. Not many boys develop fully before their junior year, Dixon said, because they don't have football in the lower grades.

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The team is hampered, too, by lack of satisfactory practice facilities. The Eagles scrimmage on the ungrassed, unscrapped, uneven athletic field behind the school. The field is used by all grades, and a building program has taken away a corner.

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END NELSON GRACE, "EXCEPTIONAL"



May 19 1966



RELAY TEAM -- A 2A meet record was set by the half-mile relay team of Upchurch High School at Fayetteville last Saturday. The team, pictured above, left to right, has James Maynor, James Little, Eddie Hollingsworth and Robert Graham.

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TACKLE MONROE BURKE, 240-POUNDER

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School Has Sousaphone, But Doesn't Have Band

Every band needs a sousaphone, but that isn't the problem at Upchurch High School.

It has a sousaphone that needs a band. Several years ago, the school raised some \$2,500 for band uniforms and for a while fielded an excellent band. Then, interest began to wane.

In the meantime, the PTA bought the sousaphone-- a large circular tuba and biggest instrument in most bands. It cost \$750.

The PTA paid \$400 of that amount, leaving a balance of \$350. Now, its members are asked to kick in another \$1 apiece to get the instrument out of hock, as it were.

"People want to know what happened to the Upchurch band," said Principal G. A. Page. "It takes money to operate a band, and the band members don't have it."

Friday night, the "band" turned out for the Upchurch-Mt. Olive football game here.

It consisted of two drummers and a bevy of junior majorettes.