

Nat'l Book Week Observed At Green Valley, Parkway

A library activity that was conceived and carried out at the Green Valley and Parkway Elementary Schools was climaxed last week with National Book Week celebrations at each school on its appointed day. The activity was entitled "Authors—Real People."

Library classes on all levels chose a favorite author or authors early in the school year. Students were motivated to learn all they could about the authors, their lives, and the books they have written. Room collections of books by the class' chosen authors were arranged and students were busy reading the books, making book talks, writing book reviews and planning various activities to create interest.

The librarian supplied addresses where children might write personal letters to living authors and to publishing companies for the others. Happy days came when the mail started arriving, and the children realized that their very own chosen author had answered their letter. They received personal letters, photographs of the authors, photographs of actual book characters, beautiful book jackets, and brochures of all kinds.

One very special photograph was of "Mists" and her foal, "Stormy."

Beauty Queen Staying Busy

After a weeks rest at her home in Kannapolis, Miss Brenda Lee Bost, North Carolina's popular Rhododendron Queen will be off again starting Friday November 22 for a round of personal appearances and parades. She is scheduled to appear in Thomasville November 22-23. She will be an honored guest at the Miss Thomasville Pageant on the 22nd where she will speak about her festival and Western North Carolina. Then on Saturday the 23rd, she will be featured in the Thomasville Christmas parade.

On Tuesday November 26th Miss Bost will be the big attraction in her hometown of Kannapolis when she leads the big Holiday Parade there. Then on Wednesday the 27th, she will join Miss America, Miss Virginia and Miss North Carolina for a special luncheon in Salisbury and immediately following the luncheon of the four beauties, each will take part in the Holiday Caravan staged annually by the Spencer-Salisbury Jaycees.

Miss Bost will leave Salisbury on the 27th in time to reach the Charlotte Coliseum before 9 p. m. where she will take part in the ceremonies of The Knights of Carrousel and Ball. The following day, she will be joined by members of her court and Miss Deborah Lynn Biddix, the Jr. Miss Rhododendron Queen to ride a special float in the Carolinas Carrousel to be televised over channel 3. Miss Bost will leave on the 29th for Winston-Salem where she will ride in their Christmas parade the following day starting at 9:30 a. m., this will also be on TV channel 12. On Monday December 2nd she is scheduled to ride in the Christmas parade in Albemarle and on December 5th once again she will be joined by Miss Biddix to participate in the Holiday Parade in Forest City.

Several parades who extended invitations had to be rejected due to either conflicting dates or lack of travel time.

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Saturday and Sunday November 23 - 24

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DR. D. J. WHITENER

Each day the librarian would "read the mail," sharing answers with all interested groups.

Last week, all classes brought a collection of their materials and activities to the library in the form of displays. They were beautiful and meaningful. When students, teachers, and parents visited the libraries on Celebration Day, they were in the midst of "Authors—Real People."

A few of the authors brought were: Walter Farly, Wesley Dennis, Ruth and Latrobe Carroll, Herbert Zim, Marguerite Henry, Thelma and Corydon Bell, Miriam Mason, Jim Kjelgard, Richard Chase, Marcia Brown, Dr. Seuss, Lois Lensk, Margaret Wise Brown, Laura

Ingalls Wilder, and many others. Several of these are North Carolina authors.

The greatest thrill came when a real live author, Dr. D. J. Whitener, visited the schools and greeted the children in person. At each school, a very striking display had been arranged in his honor. He is one of our finest authorities on N. C. History and has written the book called "North Carolina History," which is in constant use in our 7th and 8th grade social studies classes.

His "History of Watauga County" is one of the few sources of references for our local history. Dr. Whitener was very liberal with his time and every minute was used in actual contact with the children. They readily recognized him from the picture which was used with his display and were anxious to ask him questions about himself. His visits were most valuable to both schools.

The library science department of ASTC has helped with this activity since its conception last spring. Miss Beulah Campbell and Mrs. Betty Teems have acted as advisors and also supplied unlimited materials to enrich the program. Mrs. Ila Justice and Miss Eunice Query supplied a group of students for each school to act as judges for the displays.

All materials collected during this study will be carefully arranged as a permanent author file. Students will be encouraged to use it and to add to it continually.



BOBBY HODGES

Bobby Hodges At Texas Post

Lackland AFB, Texas—Airman Bobby Hodges of Boone, N. C., is being reassigned to Sheppard AFB, Texas, for technical training as a United States Air Force plumber.

Airman Hodges, who enlisted in the Air Force a short time ago, has completed his initial basic military training here.

The arman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hodges of Rt. 1, Boone.

Thanksgiving Service Is Set For Meat Camp Township Nov. 27

The annual community Thanksgiving Service for Meat Camp Township will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church, Big Hill Road, Wednesday evening, November 27 at 7:30.

Special music will be provided by the Green Valley School Chorus which is composed of children from the participating churches.

New Varieties Of Tobacco Are Being Sought By State College

There is a good chance that future tobacco varieties will be less controversial than those grown in the past.

At least this is the hope of the 12-man Advisory Committee, headed by Dr. Guy Jones of North Carolina State College.

The Advisory Committee was organized this year to examine new tobaccos and to make recommendations concerning their release for grower planting.

In addition to Dr. Jones, committee membership is composed of three tobacco company representatives, two representatives from public agencies, three private seed breeders, two farmers and one tobacco exporter.

All flue-cured tobacco breeders, both private and public, have agreed to abide by recommendations of the committee. The breeders also have agreed to a set of quality standards that the committee will use in evaluating new tobaccos and a testing program

to insure that the standards are met.

Creation of the Variety Advisory Committee has been hailed as one of the brightest spots in the frequently cloudy tobacco picture.

Some of the major ills of the tobacco industry in recent years have been blamed on the planting of varieties that have failed to gain trade acceptance.

Despite this criticism, however, never before has an industry-wide group been able to agree on the characteristics that a tobacco variety should have.

Many tobacco leaders say that the adoption of the quality standards and testing program will assure acceptable quality for future leaf varieties and give U. S. tobacco a boost in world markets.

Here briefly, according to Dr. Jones, is how new tobaccos will be handled:

Each new tobacco must be distinguishable from existing varieties in one or more characteristics. It must have reached the point of genetic stability, or the stage of development where it will "breed true."

Hicks Broadleaf and NC-95 will be used as quality standards in evaluating the new variety. Chemically, it must be within 15 per cent (either plus or minus) of these two varieties.

The new variety must also compare favorably with Hicks and NC-95 in color, body, texture, moisture equilibrium, filling value, flavor and aroma.

When a seed breeder has a line of tobacco that he thinks will meet the above requirements, he can enter it in regional tests conducted by land grant colleges in the flue-cured producing states.

Two years of testing will be required. The first year, the new tobacco will be tested in small plots. At least three small plot tests will be located in North Carolina, and at least one each in Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Data will be taken on such things as yield, leaf number, plant height, days to flower, suckers per plant, description of leaf size and shape, and estimation of disease resistance. The tobacco also will be tested under code for its chemical content,

manufacturing properties and smoking qualities.

Tobaccos that measure up to the standards in the small plot tests will be eligible to enter regional farm tests the following year. Here the tobacco is grown under actual farm conditions. At least 12 such tests will be conducted in the five flue-cured states, six of which will be in North Carolina.

At the end of the second year of testing, the Variety Advisory Committee will study all of the information available on the new variety and make a recommendation on whether it should be released for farmer planting. Plant breeders have made a "gentleman's agreement" to abide by the committee's recommendation.

Regardless of when the first varieties will be ready, Dr. Jones is optimistic about their acceptance.

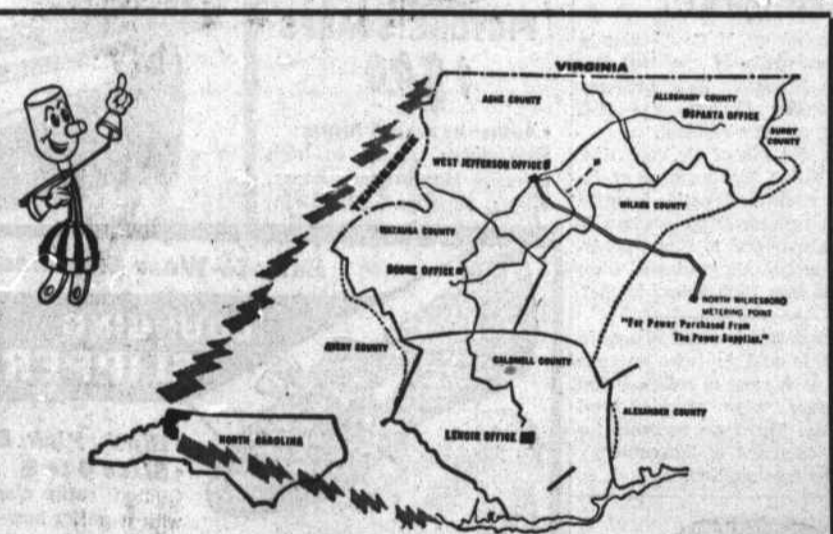
"With the efforts that the members of the Advisory Committee are putting forth, and the cooperation we are receiving from all segments of the tobacco industry, this volunteer program is bound to help our varietal situation," he explained.

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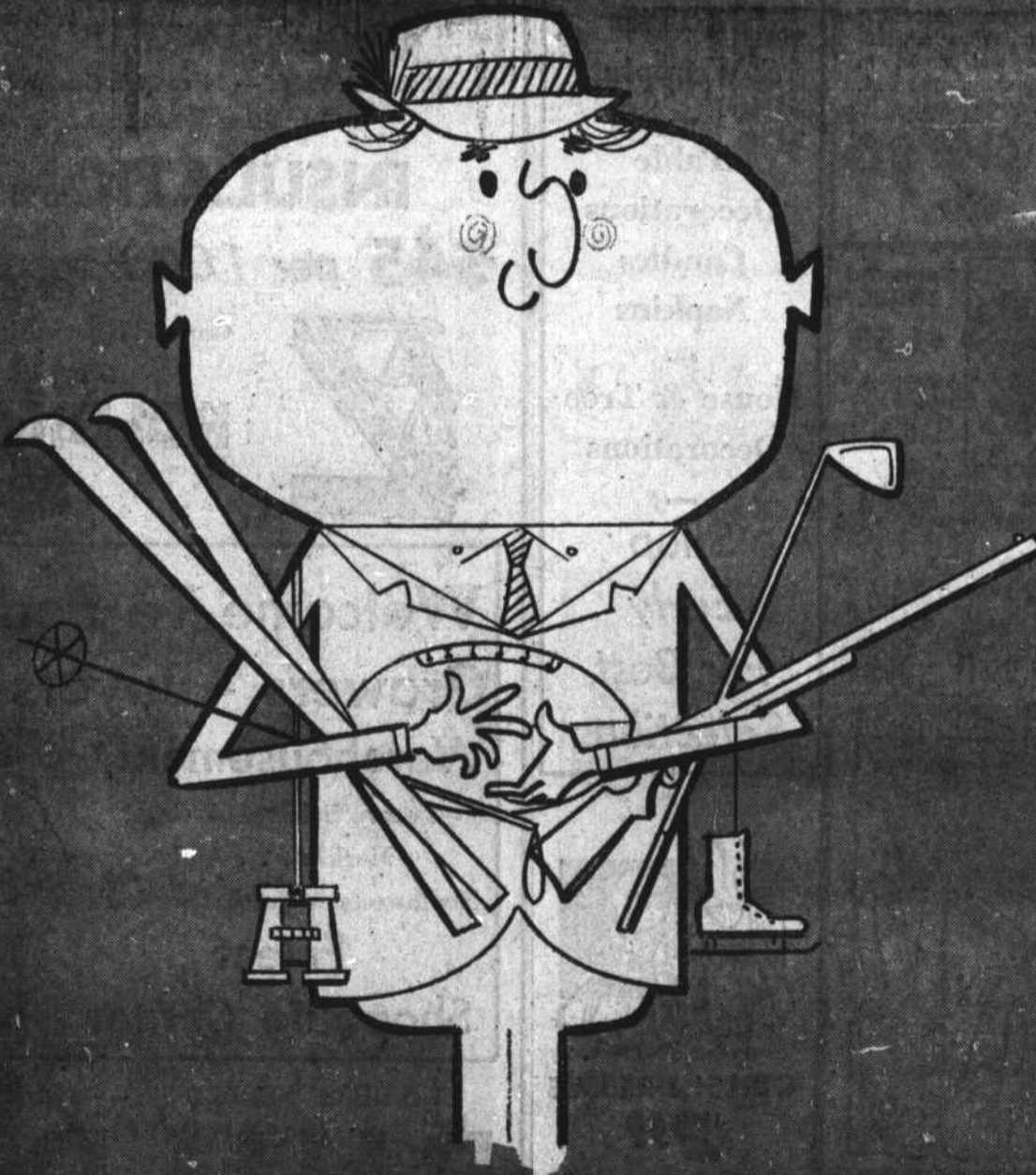


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