

PTA Sets Fund Raising Projects

Two fund raising projects and a Reading Incentive program were outlined to the seventy-seven parents and teachers present at the Ernest A. Swain Elementary School P.T.A. on November 22nd.

A Bake Sale has been planned from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Northside Shopping Center and in the



"THE MOST" — Students in Mrs. Patricia Byrum's 5th grade at Ernest A. Swain Elementary School proudly display the banner for having the most parents in attendance at the last P.T.A. meeting. The Ernest A. Swain P.T.A. Membership Enrollment banner, which was made and donated by Mrs. Phillip Vaughan, is complete with an applique of the school's mascot - a Dragon. Pictured from l. to r. are Lee Holley, Julie Underkoffler, Matthew Sopher, and Beth Rinehart (holding banner) and Terrell. Holley. In the back are Cindy Dunn, Mrs. Byrum, and Diane Nixon.

downtown Edenton area on Thursday, December 1st. Homemade cookies, assorted candies, cupcakes, breads, brownies, cakes and other treats will be sold.

Next week, P.T.A. members will be conducting a door-to-door candy sale. Two candies from the makers of Heath, Toffettes and Mint Truffles may

be purchased for \$1.25 per box at this time. Forty per cent of all proceeds will go to the Swain P.T.A.

Profits realized from both fund raising projects will go to support P.T.A. programs planned for student benefits.

A Reading Incentive program will soon be getting underway at Swain School to encourage students and the entire school staff to read for pleasure. A specified, 15 minute time period will be set aside daily for everyone to read non-academic materials of their choice. Charts will be placed in every grade at school and completed reading materials recorded on the chart for a class. All materials read will require a brief synopsis by the students.

Following the end of each grading period, P.T.A. members will gather all charts and tally to see which class on each grade level has read the most material. A two-hour, "Anything Goes Field Day" involving students and teachers is planned for the reading winner classes after the third grading period.

A free movie will be shown to all classes following the fourth grading period.

At the end of the fifth grading period in late April, an all expense paid field trip will be the Grand Prize for the three classes most motivated through the P.T.A. sponsored Reading Incentive Program.

Of the seventy-seven parents attending the P.T.A. meeting, twelve represented students in Mrs. Patricia Byrum's 5th grade. This class was presented a P.T.A. Membership Banner for having the most parents present. The banner, which was made and donated to the school by Mrs. Phillip Vaughan, will remain in Mrs. Byrum's 5th grade until the next meeting.

Prior to the meeting, the Swain Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Vendetta Sutton, presented a Thanksgiving musical selection.

The Swain P.T.A. membership drive continues. Any family wishing to join may send \$1.00 by their child to school for this purpose.

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Aces Wrestlers Rout Ahsokie

In Opener

By Jerry LaVole
The John A. Holmes High School Wrestling Team started the 1977-78 season with a 63-12 rout over Ahsokie.

In preliminary matches, Greg White, Chester Carter and Tony Lassiter were winners.

The score is slightly misleading, however, as Ahsokie forfeited seven weight classes. Edenton forfeited only once.

In the other six classes, the Aces won five. Alan Downum (13-3), Louis Rome (6-5), Raleigh Basnight (12-0) and Donald Rankins (5-1). Vernon Rome won by a pin (1:48, 1st).

Yet with this lopsided score, the Aces still do not really know their strengths or weaknesses. Six new faces were on Monday night's starting team. Three of these wrestlers won by forfeits. One lost. Alan Downum in the 98 pounds class looked impressive.

Anytime a team loses five All-Conference wrestlers, one of which won the State title, it will be very difficult to replace them. Yet with practice, this team with six or seven freshmen and only one senior, this young inexperienced team, could be very tough come tournament time, in the usual Edenton Aces tradition.

Candidacy

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Judge Brock is married to the former Sarah Frances Cahoon of Plymouth and they are the parents of four children: Frances Brock Moore, Elaine Brock Rogers, Walter E. Brock, Jr., and Elizabeth Harrison Brock.

V. A. Questions And Answers

A — No, but VA may assist in providing or maintaining adaptive equipment on your present or future cars. See your nearest VA office.

Q — What is the interest rate for a VA home loan?

A — The maximum interest rate on GI home loans may vary due to changes in the law and VA regulations. For the current rate, contact the VA or a lender participating in the VA loan program.

Social Security Administration News

By Lee Wallis
Field Representative
Sometimes just a few extra dollars makes a big difference in the life of a person on a tight budget. It can mean fresh meat on the table more often, a needed prescription filled,

and maybe a new shirt or blouse once in awhile. For nearly 4 years, almost

Handicapped Pupils Served By Agencies

Parents of handicapped children, do you know what services the schools and other agencies in your community and state have to offer your children? Do you know how new state and federal laws will affect their opportunities for appropriate school program?

These topics and others will be the focus of a Parent Conference being held at the Northeast Regional Education Center in Williamston from 9 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on Saturday, December 3. Registration will begin at 8:30 A.M.

The conference, which is being sponsored by the Department of Public Instruction's Division of Exceptional Children, has been planned to pinpoint services available in this area, and to allow informal exchange among parents, educators, and other service providers. The December 3 meeting is a follow-up to a similar statewide Parent Conference which was held last May.

According to Theodore R. Drain, director, Division of Exceptional Children, the conferences are part of a continuing effort to keep parents up-to-date on the legal rights of their handicapped children and to provide opportunities for the parent to meet with representatives of service agencies to discuss concerns and learn methods for obtaining services.

Special topics of discussion will include family involvement in education programs, testing and psychological services, medical services, and special problems of children with specific handicaps. Additional conference information is available from Jeanette Shaw, N.E. Regional Center, Phone 792-5166 or from Mrs. Mary Horton, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Edenton-Chowan Schools, Phone 482-4436.

3,000 needy aged, blind, and disabled people in the Albemarle area have been receiving federal Supplemental Security Income payments each month.

Peanut Sales Are Moderate

Many others — perhaps you — are eligible for "SSI" and don't realize it. SSI is designed to provide a floor of income for people in financial need who are at least 65, blind, or disabled. Although the program is administered by the Social Security Administration, it is financed from general revenues of the U.S. Treasury, rather than from Social Security contributions.

To be considered disabled for SSI, a person generally must have a physical or mental impairment which has lasted (or is expected to last) at least 12 months. An individual can be eligible for SSI if he or she has assets—things a person owns—worth \$1,500 or less (\$2,250 for a couple).

A home does not count as an asset, nor does a car of reasonable value. However, savings, insurance, and other property usually counts as an asset.

The maximum Federal SSI benefit is \$177.80 a month for an individual, or \$266.70 a month for a couple. Any income you have

from other government benefits, from working, or from other sources may reduce the amount of SSI you can get.

The first \$20 a month income you have usually isn't counted against your SSI.

Unearned income above \$20 reduces the SSI payment \$1 for each \$1 received. This includes Social Security checks, pensions, gifts, and other income you receive (other than money from working).

People who work can earn as much as \$65 a month without any reduction in their SSI. For earnings over \$65, the SSI payment is reduced \$1 for each \$2 earned.

A person who lives in someone else's household may have the SSI payment reduced one-third to take into consideration the value of room and board.

If you think you may be eligible for SSI, contact any Social Security office. The people there will be glad to answer your questions and help you file an SSI claim if you are eligible.

The Elizabeth City Social Security office is located 111 Jordan Plaza next to Southgate Mall (phone 338-2161) and is open 9:00 to 4:30 weekdays.

Virginia-North Carolina Section — Demand for Southeastern grown peanuts was moderate during the week ending November 25. Trading was moderate for domestic delivery and fairly active for export. Prices advanced for splits but remained about unchanged for other grades. Inquiries for future export increased following last weeks typhoons in India. Most deliveries were made as scheduled. Prices paid per pound for runner type peanuts sold on an FOB shipping point basis for November through December shipment were for Jumbo 36 to 36½ cents; Medium 34½ to 35; No. ones 32½ to 33; and U.S. Splits 31 to 32.

Southwestern Section — Demand for Southwestern grown peanuts was moderate for the light offerings during the week ending November 25. Trading was very slow with only occasional carlot sales made. Sales of Runner or Spanish type peanuts were too few to establish the market. Some Shellers were able to meet their shipment schedules but many remain behind schedule. Harvesting progressed moderately. Aflatoxin remained a problem in Texas. Prices paid per pound for Unshelled Valencia type peanuts sold on an FOB shipping point basis for prompt shipment were 33 cents.

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Jeep Vehicles Clear Monthly Sales Record
SOUTHFIELD, Mich. — Retail sales of Jeep vehicles reached an all-time monthly record in October, Dale E. Dawkins, vice president-marketing group, reported today.

Dawkins said Jeep dealers sold 10,483 vehicles in October, compared with 9,451 a year ago, an increase of 11 per cent. Continued record Jeep sales indicate the strength of Jeep products and their acceptance as outstanding vehicles of high value.

In the final 10 days of October, dealers delivered 3,785 vehicles, compared with 3,261 last year, a gain of 16 per cent.

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