

Special Education Makes Strides in Graham Schools

Special education in Graham County has made great strides since it was introduced to the schools in December this year. Special education is for children with ability either above or below the norm for their age and class.

Some 36 children are receiving special education in the Robbinsville School; 20 in Mountain View; and 28 in Stecoah. These children receive the special attention either in school, or all of their studies.

Special emphasis is placed on reading. An S. R. H. Reading Machine is helpful in teaching children to read rapidly. Phrases, instead of words are taught by the reading method.

Some of the devices used in the reading classes are phonic drill, tests for comprehension and right recognition.

Children are grouped according to ability and each child reads on his own level. He is always encouraged, never pushed.

Each child's record, including family history, is kept in full.

Since confidence is of prime importance, games, tools and printing sets and other entertainment is found in the special education classroom.

A class in weaving—which just completed making 35 Easter baskets—is also conducted.

K. S. Clem, new county superintendent and James Stanley, Robbinsville principal, have been instrumental in setting up the special education classes.

The program is still very new, but the cooperation with which the plan has met, will assure its success.

School-Health Statistics Told

Mrs. Charles Campbell, secretary of the Graham Health Dept., last week presented to the PTA a number of interesting statistics regarding the School-Health program.

She said the following number have received care as follows:

Nine hundred and fifty school children received physical examinations by local physicians.

Two hundred and twenty of these were referred to their private physicians or clinics for medical care or corrections.

Thirty-five have received corrections or treatment at this time.

One thousand, one hundred and seventy-five children were inspected by the dentist from the State Board of Health and 232 of these received treatment.

GRAHAM PERSONALS

Lloyd Jenkins of Robbinsville pulled in 13 3/4 lb. bass at Santee-Lake last week.

Verlie Jones of Cheoah won the Zenith TV set given by Snowbird Supply Co. at their grand opening. Bass Key won the Zenith clock radio.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth S. Clem will attend the State Teachers' meeting in Raleigh this week end.

Miss Helen Ghormley made a trip to Boone last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bales spent last week end in Greenville, S. C. visiting relatives.

Mrs. R. B. Slaughter, accompanied by Mrs. C. A. Bales, made a trip to Asheville Friday of last week.

Mrs. Christine Corpening, district president of the Woman's Missionary Union, attended the State WMU meeting in Greensboro last week.

Joe L. Lovin, 94, who fell last week and broke two ribs, is reported to be improving nicely.

NCEA Meets At Fontana Monday

The Graham County Unit of the N. C. Education Association held a dinner meeting Monday, Mar. 15 in the Fontana Cafeteria.

Accomplishments of the year were reviewed and new officers were elected. A short film on the construction of Fontana dam was shown.

Four-H Awards Be Presented Mar. 26 At Annual Banquet

The Graham County Four-H Club banquet, originally scheduled for tomorrow night, has been postponed to Friday night, Mar. 26, at 7 p. m.

The change was made due to a conflicting program at the Robbinsville School tomorrow.

At the banquet, which is an annual affair, sponsored by Graham County Home Demonstration Clubs the following Four-H'er's will be presented awards:

Poultry, Buddy Orr, Nicky Edwards, Ann Wiggins, Edna Mae Millsaps, and Olean Sawyer; farm and home electric, Joe Dickie Allen, Jerry Stone, Nellie Mae Aldridge and Lorene Jones; farm and home safety, Verlon Corbin, Joan Jenkins, Elwanda Crisp, Joan Jenkins and Dorothy Beasley; and achievement, Ramona Sawyer, Vivian Rolan, Patricia Tatham and Gladys Grant.

Also canning, Lavina Lovin; clothing, Katherine McCall; dairy foods demonstration, team, Shirley Odom and Katherine McCall and individual, Joan Wilkie; dress revue, Freida Rattler, entomology, Verlon Corbin; food preparation, Jo Ford; frozen foods, Camille

Childers; and gardens, Jerry Stone, Max Dean, Norman Hyde and Ruby Jumper.

Also forestry, Jerry Stone; dairy achievement, Johnny Colvard, Earl Orr; home improvement, Christine Norris, Elizabeth Phillips; leadership, Jay Orr, Ann Garland; meat animal, Walter J. Ingram (Beef).

Certificates will go to the following: junior canning, Barbara Huscusson, Eloise Hooper, Janey Crisp citizenship, Louise Crisp; and health improvement, Christine Norris.

The following receive honorable mention: forestry, Max Dean, second place winner; entomology, Max Dean, second place winner; meat animal (beef), Ralph Hooper, second place winner; meat animal (swine), Clyde Collins and Dale Irons.

The following Four-H'er's will also be recognized at the banquet: Nora Lynn, Elzey and Camille Childers for being district winners at the contest held in Asheville for vegetable use growers contest.

Ramona Sawyer won first place for best secretary's report and Patricia Tatham won second place for presiding officer-president at the District Contest in Asheville.

Cherokee Grange Meets With Robbinsville

The Cherokee County Pomona Grange met with the Robbinsville Subordinate Grange in the Robbinsville Agricultural Building Mar. 5 at 7 p. m. A covered dish meal was served.

The grange was opened in the 4th degree with the following people serving as officers: Worthy Master, Clyde McNabb, Martin's Creek Grange; Overseer, Gwyn Denton, Robbinsville Grange; Lecturer, Mrs. L. W. Hendricks, Peachtree; Steward, Bernard Johnson, Ranger; and Assistant Steward, Troy Proctor, Robbinsville Grange.

Also Chaplain, F. Ghiringhelli, Peachtree; Treasurer, Clara Hughes (serving for Mrs. Paschal Hughes), Ranger; Secretary, Nellie Jo Carter, Robbinsville Grange; Gatekeeper, Clyde Hyde, Robbinsville Grange; Ceres, Mrs. E. C. Cody, Ro

bbinsville Grange; Pomona, Mrs. Clyde Hyde, Robbinsville Grange; And Flora: Mrs. F. Ghiringhelli, Peachtree; Lady Assistant Stewart, Mrs. John Medlin; Executive Committee, L. W. Hendricks, Peachtree and Mr. and Mrs. Bergen Moore, Martin's Creek.

State Grange worthy master Harry Caldwell instructed the group in procedure of balloting. In addition instructions were given regarding committee duties, degree work procedure a demonstration was given on degree work.

Mrs. L. W. Hendricks introduced Harry Caldwell as guest speaker who gave a discussion on the value of meetings to member, lecturers part on the program and improving grange programs, and the need for becoming more familiar with the national farm programs, some things to improve the programs.

Boy Scout Troop Takes On New Life

The recently revived Robbinsville Boy Scout Troop met with some 32 boys in attendance at the meeting last week. Fifteen boys have passed their tenderfoot test.

The group has applied for a troop charter as Troop Four, and it is expected to be returned by next month when an investiture service and Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held at the regular

PTA meeting. The PTA is the sponsoring organization of the Scouts.

Huel Patterson is scoutmaster and Dr. Richard Parrett is chairman of the troop committee.

The scout troop has not functioned in Robbinsville for some six or seven years, and only three of the present troop members have ever been scouts before.

Football Field To Get Seating For 600

Plans are underway at Robbinsville High School for the construction of permanent seating arrangements on the football field.

It is hoped the bleachers will be constructed of native stone and cement-in keeping with the native character, Maurice McClung, Christine Stone construction of the school buildings.

Proposed plans now call for a seating capacity of 600 persons.

The work will be financed by the school, citizens interested in athletics and the general contributions.

Old Field Gap Rd.

Highway Dept. officials have said the Old Field Gap-Yellow Creek road will be ready for use by the time the school bus begins to run next fall. K. S. Clem, county schools superintendent, said this week.

We will welcome any news items, and subscriptions. They may be mailed directly to The Cherokee Scout, Murphy, N. C. Subscription rates are: In Graham County: 1 yr. \$2.50 6 months \$1.50 Outside Graham Co. 1 yr. \$3.00 6 months \$1.75 Our representative will be in Robbinsville each Thursday and will be glad to receive any news articles and subscriptions.

McCall Dies In Robbinsville Mon.

J. B. McCall, 82, a retired farmer of Robbinsville died Monday, March 8, in an Andrews hospital after a short illness.

Funeral services were held at 1 p. m. Wednesday in New Hope Baptist Church with the Rev. Otis Orr and the Rev. Roy Garland officiating. Burial was in Gunter cemetery.

Surviving are four sons, J. B. Jr. of Robbinsville, Leo of Etowah, Tenn., W. G. of Maryville, Tenn. and Howard of Knoxville, Tenn.; two daughters Mrs. Vivian Davis and Mrs. Ruth Holder of Robbinsville.

Also 23 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren; one brother, Philmore McCall of Balsam; two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Clark of Breward, and Mrs. Hattie Christopher of Amarillo, Texas.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge.

Soil Samples No Longer Required For Spring Seed

At first it was a requirement that any farmer obtaining cost-share assistance in carrying out the seeding practices under the 1954 Agricultural Conservation Program must have a soil analysis report on file in the ASC Office before he could obtain materials.

Due to the fact that the Laboratory of the N. C. Soil Testing Division is "snowed under" with soil samples it is impossible for it to analyze all samples and get the returns back to the farmers before spring seeding time, this requirement has been suspended for spring seeding practices only.

For fall seeding practices, however, the soil analysis report must still be on file.

To be able to obtain other materials for the spring seeding practices—seed and fertilizer—it is still necessary that farmers take 1 ton of limestone per acre when the land to be seeded has not been limed within the past five years, and 2 tons per acre when it has been more than five years since the land has been limed.

Without the soil analysis report the farmer also takes 10 cwt of 2-12-12 fertilizer per acre to be used in connection with seeding.

Mrs. Russell Is Club Hostess

The Graham County Woman's Club met this week with Mrs. Cordell Russell with Mrs. F. S. Griffin as co-hostess.

The program was arranged by the American Home Department, with Miss Nellie Jo Carter and Mrs. Arthur Ford as sponsors.

Historical Society May Be Organized

D. L. Corbitt, head of publications of the N. C. Department of Archives and History will speak in Robbinsville next month, in the interest of the organization of a Graham Historical Society.

Dr. Corbitt will come to Murphy after his stop in Robbinsville. His visit will probably be made between April 15 and 25, a spokesman said.

BTU Has Social At Baptist Church

The Training Union of the First Baptist Church had a social hour last Sunday afternoon at the church where games and refreshments were enjoyed.

The committee in charge consisted of Mrs. Joe Carver, chairman, Mrs. Merlin Gates and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Huffman.

Robbinsville Teams Rated High In Conference Play



JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE, that lost the conference trophies for the Robbinsville Girls Basketball team, but won them the coveted conference sportsmanship trophy, four of the team members posed prettily as they stopped for a short milk (in training, you know!). Left to right are Nellie Stewart, a Robbinsville High School senior, member of the Western Division all-conference team; Gene Jordan (Perkins), also a senior; Johnnie Ruth Rogers and Dorothy Burrell, both sophomores. Joan Buchanan, Robbinsville guard, not present for this picture, was also named on the all-conference team. (Scout Photo)

Robbinsville High School's basketball teams last week brought their season to a close with a succession of awards—topped by having Max McMonigle of the boys' team named the outstanding conference player.

Meanwhile the Robbinsville girls copped the sportsmanship trophy for the conference. Nellie Stewart and Joan Buchanan of the girls' team made all-conference, and McMonigle was named on the all-conference team for the boys.

Both Robbinsville girls and boys stayed in play to the semi-finals and figured in the consolation games. The girls suffered a close defeat (60-54) in a thrilling consolation battle with Cullowhee. Franklin won over Andrews for the conference title.

The boys, who came out as the top team for the Western Conference met Sylva in the consolation match, and sparked by Max McMonigle, were led to a 50-39 victory, placing them as third in the entire conference. Swain won the title for the conference after defeating Franklin 59-50.

Kirkland Files As Sheriff Candidate

Roy B. Kirkland, of Robbinsville announced today his candidacy for the office of Sheriff of Graham County, subject to the Democrat primary to be held May 29.

Mr. Kirkland, age 43, was born and reared in Graham County. He is a graduate of the Robbinsville High School and is a World War II veteran, having served 3 years, 14 months of this service was combat duty in Belgium and Germany. Mr. Kirkland is married to the

former Lucile Rogers, daughter of Charles Rogers and the late Sallie Wiggins Rogers. They have two children, one son, Pat, age 10 and one daughter, Wanda, age 7.

After receiving his discharge from the Armed forces, Mr. Kirkland was employed by the Tennessee Valley Authority for 4 years and for the past 3 years has been employed as clerk with the Post-office department in Robbinsville.

Variety Show Be Held At School

The senior class of Robbinsville High School will sponsor a musical program in the school auditorium Friday, Mar. 19, at 7:30 p. m.

The program will include school and other local talent, including Maurice Millsaps, Junior Carpenter, Maurice McClung, Christine Norris, Douglas Millsaps, Christine Rodgers, Edd Orr and Buster

Brooms.

Proceeds will go to the senior's trip to Washington, D. C., in May.

Included in the program will be new and old songs, sacred singing, comedy and instrumental numbers.

Admission prices are 35 cents for adults and 25 cents for students.

Thad Bryson Speaks For R'ville PTA

A two-fold program was presented at the meeting of the Robbinsville Parent-Teacher's Association at the school cafeteria when some 64 persons attended Monday.

Thad D. Bryson, solicitor for the 20th Judicial District, spoke on the relationship of the parent to the school, and a panel discussion, led by Miss Helen Ghormley, County Public Health nurse, was heard on the school health program.

Mr. Bryson said "we are hearing a great deal now about juvenile delinquency." He stated that more than half of all of the crimes committed in the United States are committed by persons between 12 and 25 years of age, and a similar percentage of traffic accidents are caused by drivers 16 to 21 years of age.

He attributed a large part of the crime and accidents rate to a lack of proper training in the home. "There would be no delinquent children," he said, "if it were not for delinquent parents."

Parents should spend more time with their children. Nothing should be finer than a father taking his son fishing or hunting, and getting to know him, and becoming his friend.

Mr. Bryson referred repeatedly to the Bible as an instrument and guide in the training of the child. He said parents should instill into the minds of their children the moral fibers of honesty, truthfulness and integrity.

On the health panel Miss Ghormley discussed the School Health Budget, the problems and ser-

Miss Jordan Is Bride Of Perkins

Miss Imogene Jordan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jordan of Robbinsville, became the bride of Charles Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Perkins, also of Robbinsville, on Friday, Feb. 26, in South Carolina, according to announcement made last week.

The bride is a senior at Robbinsville High School and the bridegroom is employed in Robbinsville.

For the present the couple are at the home of the bride's parents.

Graham Ministers Organize Conf.

Ministers of Graham County had an organizational meeting recently to form the Graham County Ministerial Conference.

The organization will meet monthly to discuss religious and social problems facing the churches.

The Rev. B. F. Shope was made temporary chairman. The meeting will be held in various churches. Church officers are invited to attend the meetings.

Mrs. J. V. Maxwell Has WSCS Meet

The Woman's Society for Christian Service of the Robbinsville Methodist Church met last week at the home of Mrs. J. V. Maxwell with Mrs. LaVerne Maxwell as co-hostess.

Mrs. John Frazier, Jr., was in charge of the program on "Spanish Speaking Americans in the Southwest." Others on the program were Mrs. K. S. Clem, Mrs. James Stanley and Mrs. Laverne Maxwell.

At the close of the meeting a salad course and coffee were served.

Three More Democrats File For Primary

Three more democrats had filed last week for Graham posts to run in the primary May 29.

The three new candidates filed were C. C. Bateman for the board of education; Leonard Jordan for register of deeds; and Luther Millsaps, for Cheoah Township constable.

School Board Meets On Bond Allocation

A special meeting of the Graham County Board of Education was held Thursday, Mar. 11, to discuss ways to allocate the \$126,902.40 allotted to Graham County Schools by the recent N. C. School bond issue.

Community Improvement and Feed Crops.

Robert L. Holland, Assistant Farm Agent, was named to serve as co-chairman with Clemmie C. Lovin on the Community Improvement Committee.

The council will meet the first Wednesday of each month.