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READ THE WANT ADS

Little Folk School To Start July 5

The Little Folk School at the John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, will begin on Tuesday, July 5, and continue through Friday, July 15. Any child between the ages of five and twelve is eligible, and should register between now and July 2.

Classes will be held in nature study, gymnastics, play-party games, folk dancing and singing, stories and creative art. Activities will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 11:30 a.m.

For further information, contact George Bidstrup, Director, John S. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, North Carolina.

Soil Conservation News

By JOHN S. SMITH

William Norman, who lives on the Harshaw Farm, said this past Saturday that the sericea lespedeza which he planted two years ago was ready for its first cutting of hay. He was high in his praise for this hay crop which is planted on a light, sandy field near the river. The deep roots of sericea go down into the sandy soil where they can get moisture even in very dry weather, and as a result, the

plant can survive on light soils and in droughty periods which would kill many of our common grasses and legumes.

William mentioned one thing which every one who has sericea should know and remember. He said, "Sericea makes the best hay of any plant I know if you cut it when it is about a foot high. If it gets much higher before it is cut, it gets pretty stemmy and tough."

Planted in the same field as the Sericea Lespedeza is an acre of Bahia grass, which is another deep-rooted, and drought-resistant plant. Also in the same field is an acre of a mixture of sericea and Bahia. All three plots were cut for hay last year, and excellent hay was gotten from all of the plots. The plots will be cut for hay again this year.

Only one cutting is planned for the Sericea plot this summer as William intends to save a crop of seed. The seed will be used to plant more Sericea in several acres of light soil in the same field.

Karl Graetz, Plant Materials Specialist with the Soil Conservation Service was in Murphy two weeks ago to observe the Bahia Grass planting on the Harshaw Farm, and a planting of Tick Clover on the McCombs farm at Peachtree. He was well pleased with both of these plantings, for which seed were furnished by the Plant Materials Section.

Karl also was interested in a planting of King Ranch Bluestem Grass on the McCombs farm. Due to the hot and dry weather we have experienced in this section lately, however, this planting has not made much of a show so far. It is hoped that the seed will still germinate and come up to a stand. This grass is a native of Texas and has produced fine results on steep and shallow soils there.

A letter recently received from Mr. H. A. Smith, who is Tributary Watershed Representative with the Tennessee Valley Authority, states that Peachtree Creek watershed contains eleven thousand, six hundred forty eight acres. This is more than the minimum required for consideration of an application for assistance from the Federal Government under Public Law 566. If any of you who live in Peachtree or Slow Creek Watersheds are interested in establishing a Small Watershed Project, get in touch with the Supervisors of the Cherokee County Soil Conservation District. They can give you more information on the steps necessary to undertake such a project.

Kidd Brewer's Raleigh Roundup

ALMOST SOLID . . . If Dr. I. Beverly Lake is nominated for Governor of North Carolina on the Democratic ticket Saturday, June 25, his victory would signify a political change for many reasons.

In the first place, Dr. Lake is not regarded as a politician.

If you recall, he took himself out of the race completely at one time—only to be pushed back into it by the pushing and pulling and prodding of spontaneous public opinion.

Now with all due respect to those involved in his campaign, his candidacy for the position of Governor has been guided for the most part by rank amateurs in the field of political strategy, know-how, and general approach.

On the other hand, Dr. Lake has had pitted against him an almost solid front of all the leadership—political, educational, and industrial—in North Carolina.

FEAR INTO KINGMAKERS . . . Dr. I. Beverly Lake's organization has not been adept or in any way talented with the old political skill of rolling with the punches or at straight punching where openings have appeared in the attack of his opponents.

And yet, let's admit the man has thrown real fear into the hearts of the king-makers by coming through with 180,000 votes in the first primary.

Most observers we have talked with feel that about twice that many ballots for Dr. I. Beverly Lake would be enough to assure victory for him come Saturday, June 25.

But that would be 360,000 votes . . .

TROUBLES INTO ADVANTAGES . . . Terry Sanford and his astute and multitudinous advisors have done nothing less than an all out wonderful job of organizing and conducting his campaign.

In fact, consensus among those who keep up with such things here and abroad is that the Sanford Campaign has been as scientifically handled from all viewpoints as any ever conducted in the Old North State.

The candidate has gathered around him a large group of quick-witted and clever political advisors unusually sharp at making the most of opportunities—and in some cases actually turning potential trouble spots into advantages.

DEEP WATER . . . Due to the fact that most of the people who are supporting Dr. Lake are still relatively quiet about it, no one has been able to determine his true voting strength.

Very few people outside of his inner circle of friends and hard core support thought Dr. Lake would be better than fourth in the first primary.

Nobody will ever know what happened to Seawell—they are still scratching their heads over that one—in the first go-around. Although he had big industry,

the Governor, and a lot of personal big guns who are now avowedly for Terry Sanford on his side, Malcolm Seawell was lucky to come in third on May 20.

Now we all know what mainly happened to John Larkins. Most of the money expected to go to himself suddenly and mysteriously switched to Malcolm Seawell a few hours after Seawell announced.

But Larkins votes and Seawell strength are flung in all directions for his second session.

WHAT THEY SAY . . . Despite what you may have heard or read to the contrary, the chief difference between Candidate Terry Sanford and Candidate I. Beverly Lake seems to be along these lines:

Dr. Lake says he is for all good things we can pay for without the necessity of putting on extra taxes. Sanford has said he is for them even if it becomes necessary to raise the taxes to get them.

On segregation, Lake favors sticking with the other Southern States which so far have had little or no integration, no closed schools, and no Federal troops—and to work for the election of a Democratic President favorable to the South in hopes of getting

a national climate favorable to the South on this touchy subject.

NOTES . . . Old-line Democrats around here now say that U. S. Sen. John Kennedy is all but a certain bet as the Democratic Candidate for President . . . but N. C. will still go to California almost solid for U. S. Sen. Lyndon Johnson. . . .

Three months ago Democrats we know privately thought that nobody could beat Nixon. Now they seem to believe that Kennedy or almost anybody else might have a good chance of beating him. . . .

You won't get them to admit it publicly—and they will only whisper it privately—but many a good Democrat would like to see none other than Republican Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York as the Democratic nominee for the Presidency!

Some interesting things have happened in this gubernatorial campaign. Politics never made stranger bedfellows than this time. . . .

Unless we are badly mistaken, you should know by 11 o'clock at the latest on the evening of June 25 who will be your next Governor of N. C. Hint: His first . . . or last . . . name has seven letters in it.

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