

Scurlock Students Compete

The Scurlock School students had a Field Day recently, and here are class winners.

If some are not included in this issue of *The News-Journal*, they will be published next week.

In each grade, separate Field

Day and Tug-O'-War contests were held.

Mrs. Judd's class won the Field Day and the Tug-O'-War in the First Grade competition. Mrs. Lide is teacher's aide for the class.



Mrs. Judd's First Grade class, shown here, won both Tug-O'-War and Field Day in that grade. Mrs. Lide is teacher's aide.



Second Grade Tug-O'-War champions are Mrs. Lowery's students. Mrs. McClendon is teacher's aide.



Fourth Grade Field Day winner: Miss Patricia Livingston's class.



Third Grade Tug-O'-War champion: with Miss B. Coleman, the class's teacher, and Mrs. E. Pittman, the teacher's aide.



The Third Grade Field Day winner was this class, whose teacher is Mrs. Linda Richards, shown with her students. The teacher's aide is Marvia McAllister.



Fourth Grade Tug-O'-War winner: Mrs. Joann Butler's class.

CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues



SOCIAL SECURITY... Social Security is somewhat like a drunk man I witnessed, as a young man at a dance more years ago than I like to admit. He had his knife open and his hand was drawn up like he was going to jump on someone at any moment. Some were saying "take his knife away from him" but nobody volunteered to do it.

Plenty of people know what needs to be done about run-away social security, but no one seems to want to do what must be done, if it is to survive permanently.

Social Security taxes must be raised considerably, or Social Security checks must be reduced substantially.

It seems that not many in Congress are willing to face what must appear clear to every clear-thinking, responsible person.

Take U.S. Senator Claude Pepper from Florida, or U.S. House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill. Neither one wants to raise the Social Security tax, and neither one is inclined to vote a higher Social Security tax.

The two know what needs to be done and neither is willing to face up to the issue: Pay more or get less!

Social Security had its beginning under the sponsorship of Franklin D. Roosevelt who never dreamed of the issue to which it has come.

It is a great and fine thing, but must be held under control.

When Social Security started paying off in the early years of the program people thought it was such a wonderful thing -- \$30.00 a month! And years later, when it started paying \$100.00 a month, it seemed like utopia!

Why doesn't some congressman with some backbone stand up, and say:

Let's raise Social Security taxes to go halfway from what we are paying, and reduce the checks to meet the money, and pay out no more than comes in every month from what was paid in, say the third month before!

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS... Tar Heel voters will face five Constitutional Amendments to the North Carolina Con-

stitution come primary day, June 29, 1982.

Heretofore, if not always, constitutional amendments were submitted at the General Election, when a greater part of the public voted.

In the May primary in 1980, 901, 293 voted in the Democratic and Republican Primaries.

In the fall election in 1980 the vote was 1,855,833 -- about twice as many as in the primary.

Why, was it set in June this year rather than in November, when the vote will be about twice what it will be in June?

OTHER AMENDMENTS...

The number one amendment on the ballot, headed Chapter 504 (SB 300) Ratified 6-5-81 for or against "The Constitutional Amendment making the term of members of the General Assembly four years beginning with members elected in 1982; and conforming amendments concerning the election of other officers and the filling of vacancies."

The above proposed amendment, in the opinion of the writer, is a very poor amendment and should be killed.

Four other proposed amendments to the State Constitution will be on the ballot on Primary Day; June 29. We hope to be able to comment on them between now and Primary Day.

HOUSING BILL... We note in the news media that the U.S. House of Representatives is going to provide \$1 billion over the next 6 months with low interest rates for thousands of families. The money would be used to subsidize mortgage interest payments for home buyers whose incomes are no more than 30 percent above the medium income for their areas.

This would be a fine project if Congress had the money, but it will be providing funds that the government doesn't have and will have to borrow at a high interest rate!

ADDING... Adding to the national debt could be the \$1 billion over the next six months to lower mortgage rates, if enacted into law. If enacted into law it would of course add to the national debt.

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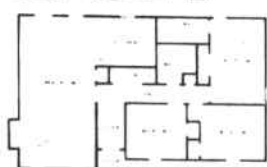


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