

'Self Image', 'I Can' Theme

By Sherry Matthews
 Building a good self image was the theme of this year's graduation ceremony for the boys of the Sandhills Youth Center's "I Can" Motivational Program.

"I haven't benefited from anything as much as I have the 'I Can' program," Brian Campbell top graduate of the class said.

"I learned things I was never aware of before, and think I know now the right steps to take in becoming a success," added James Steele who was second in class ranking.

Learning how to formulate goals and build positive attitudes were key goals in the program and key ideas in helping the boys believe they can be a success, Nancy Fasanella, one of the instructors for the program said.

"I have seen these boys take a little self-confidence and build it up into something they can be proud of," Fasanella said.

The graduation ceremony came after six weeks of instruction in building a good self image, learning to deal with other people and learning to set goals that one can reach, said Tom Olsen another instructor for the program.

"I have never seen in a collected

group of 10 or less such a magnitude of change," Olsen added.

The change in the boy's attitudes is a rewarding experience and that is what makes the instructor's job seem worthwhile Fasanella said.

The ceremony which was held on Valentine's Day was sponsored by the Raeford Women's Club in the form of a barbecue chicken dinner for the boys and the instructors.

Mrs. Rhenda Cameron, guest speaker for the ceremony, also based her speech on the good self image theme.

Mrs. Cameron enthralled her audience with stories and anecdotes about how to be happy with the world and with oneself.

She gave us a needed pep talk on how to be happy with our surroundings and ourselves.

It was nice to hear it from someone outside of our environment, said Gary Lee one of the graduates.

The graduation was best summed up by J.P. Smith, program coordinator. "This program has made a group of winners out of you boys, and it makes me feel good that people can now share in your victories," Smith said.



DINNER TREAT--The boys from the Sandhills Youth Center enjoyed a good meal and some good speeches during their graduation ceremony last Monday night.

Merchants' Assoc. Seeks Downtown Businesses

The Raeford-Hoke Merchants Association met Tuesday morning at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant to discuss the need of more businesses in the Raeford community.

Brad Turley and James Wood, two members of the association, polled merchants and consumers as to the need for more business in this area.

According to the poll, several fields were mentioned including,

children's clothing stores and some form of entertainment.

Earl Fowler, manager of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce said that he had interest in several of these fields but he needed more information regarding the buildings available.

After the business was discussed, a call meeting was set for March 15 at 7 p.m. at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant

Around Town

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Danny DeVane. It was impossible to miss him because he is the one that has lost his razor.

A few minutes later in a news scene about blind operators at a service center, into the camera range came Pete Hasty of Maxton. He is also a representative of Hoke County. Pete was in the food line where the blind man worked, but I don't know if he is a chow hound or not.

McNeill, Linda Huff, Beth Wood, Doris Austin, and many others that I can't remember.

This group is under the direction of Susan Gillis, who was in the Hoke groups in high school, and from the performance Sunday seems to be carrying on elsewhere what we have had here for many years.

The West Carteret Small Ensemble performed Sunday at the Raeford Presbyterian Church and was well received by the congregation.

Most of us are used to hearing good music from High School groups because we feel that the choruses at all the Hoke Schools are tops. These have been under the direction of Mary Archie

One of the longest running shows on TV will come to an end next Monday night. It is the story about a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital unit in Korea and the program is known as MASH.

The last program will be for two and a half hours and much has been in the newspapers and TV magazines about the show ending.

It will follow the other great shows; this is my opinion; Gunsmoke, Have Gun Will Travel, Jackie Gleason, etc.

Time marches on!

Trial Date Delayed For NG Sergeants

Charges against two Raeford National Guard Sergeants accused of mishandling funds were continued until March 11 in Hoke County District Court Friday.

Sgt. First Class Richard Alfred Wolf, 32, of Rt. 3 Raeford and Staff Sgt. Franklin C. Brown, 40, of Rt. 3 Lumberton are officially charged with misapplying state property.

This is the second such continuance given to the two sergeants for these charges.

In other court action Friday, a Hoke High driving instructor, who was suspended from teaching with full pay, was also granted a continuance of his trial date until April 1.

ment upon payment of cost.

Willie Gay, Jr. of Red Springs was found guilty of speeding (46-35), and a prayer for judgement will be given upon payment of cost.

William Tony Wrench of Raeford was found guilty of speeding (59-35) and instructed by the judge to pay \$25 and cost.

Keith Eugene Troutman of Kanapolis was found guilty of speeding but a prayer for judgement will be given upon payment of cost.

In still further action, James

Walter Purcell of Rt. 3 Raeford was found guilty of speeding (70-55) and was instructed by the judge to pay \$15 and cost.

Christalene Clark McDonald of Wagram was found guilty of speeding (67-55) which the judge reduced to exceeding a safe speed. She was instructed to pay court cost.

In more unrelated incidents, William Irving Hayner of Fayetteville was found guilty of driving with a 0.10% blood level by weight and given a 90 day suspended sentence.

Ronnie McPhatter of Red Springs was found guilty of driving under the influence. The judge gave McPhatter a 30-day sentence to be served in the Hoke County jail and instructed him to surrender his driving license.

Kenneth Ray Young of Lumberton was charged with speeding (95-55) but found guilty of driving without due caution and in a manner that might endanger persons and property. The judge gave Young a 60 day suspended sentence and instructed him to pay \$75 plus cost.



ALUMNI SPEAKS--Guy Williams "I Can" Alumni President speaks to this year's graduates and gives the program objectives.

Demos Huddle March 3

Democratic precinct meetings will be held in Hoke County and throughout the state on Thursday March 3 at 8 p.m. to elect the new precinct officers and delegates to the county convention.

According to Harold Gillis, Hoke County Democratic chair-

man, the precinct meetings are the beginning of the race.

The precinct meetings, which are open to all registered democrats, will be held at the normal voting places.

"I urge all registered democrats to attend these meetings because they are important," Gillis said.

Hoke Grand Jury Indicts Four Persons

The Hoke County Grand Jury handed down four indictments Monday before recessing until next month.

Clifton David was indicted for common law robbery.

David was charged with unlawfully and willingly taking another's property in the form of a ring, watch and a billfold valued around \$200.

In another incident, Michael Harris was indicted for common law robbery.

Harris is charged with unlawfully and willingly taking another's property valuing up to \$200.

In an unrelated action by the Grand Jury, Billy Ray Collins was indicted for felony escape from the confines of a State Prison Unit.

Collins was charged with escaping from Sandhills Youth Center where he was serving a sentence for conviction of a felony.

In a still further matter, Jesse T. Hayes aka Willie Roger Jacobs was indicted by the Grand Jury for felonious larceny.

Reaves was charged with willful and unlawfully taking a 1976 El

Camino truck that valued in excess of \$400.

The Grand Jury adjourned during the opening day of Hoke County Superior Court which will be in session this week.


According to Assistant D.A. Jean Powell, this Superior Court session will deal with primarily civil matters.

McCray Finishes Basic

Army Pvt. Toney B. McCray, son of Florence B. McCray of 505 E. Prospect Ave., Raeford and Grady McCray, also of Raeford, has completed basic training at Fort Bliss, Texas.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is a 1982 graduate of Hoke County High School, Raeford.




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