

School News

Leach elected co-chairperson of Cornhuskin

Virginia Susan Leach, a Meredith College student and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred K. Leach of College Drive, Raeford, has been elected co-chairperson of Cornhuskin' for next year's junior class in student elections held recently at the women's college.

Cornhuskin' is an annual competition between classes and faculty. It includes skits, songs, tall tales, a parade, as well as cornhusking and apple bobbing.

Miss Leach is a member of the Granddaughters' Club and has served on the tennis team.

Meredith, founded in 1891 by North Carolina Baptists, is the largest private college for women in the southeastern United States.



Jumping the cause
These second, third and fourth graders from West Hoke, Scurlock and J.W. McLaughlin schools join together to raise money during last Saturday's Jump Rope For Heart activities. The students are competing at Upchurch Junior High School.

Six Hoke students chosen to attend Governor's school

Six Hoke County High School students have been chosen to attend the 1984 session of the Governor's Schools.

There are two of these schools. Governor's School West is located at Salem College in Winston-Salem. Governor's School East is located at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg.

Four students will attend the session at St. Andrews.

Linda Alice Glisson, daughter of

John and Alice Glisson, Route 5, Box 40, Raeford, was chosen for dance.

Kelly Grayson Chalaire, daughter of Eugene and Mary Chalaire of 114 Birch Circle, Raeford, was chosen for choral music.

Arnold Graham Miller, son of Carlos and Joyce Miller, Route 1, Box 25F, Red Springs, was chosen for instrumental music.

Robert Andrew Sizemore, son of Robert and Rosemary

Sizemore, Route 3, Box 85, Raeford, was chosen for mathematics.

The two students who will attend the session at Salem College are Sharon Noel Jones, daughter of Robert and Barbara Jones of 645 Oak Dale Gin Road, Raeford, for English and John Michael Sappenfield, son of Mary Sappenfield, 408 E. Donaldson Avenue, Raeford and Gerald Sappenfield, Old Farm Road, Raeford, for English.

Andrea Shaw wins NC writing contest

Andrea Shaw, a senior at Hoke County High School, won first place in the Woman's Club State Arts Festival on March 24 in Charlotte. Her essay on "The Social Security Problem" took first place in the non-fiction literature division.

Andrea is president of the French club, a member of the executive board for the *Buckeye Review*, a member of the HOSTS tutors and band. She has been inducted into the Society of Distinguished High School Students, Who's Who in America's High Schools, and the Hoke County High School Senior Hall of Fame. She has represented the high school as this year's Century III Leader, an Ambassador to the 1982 High O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar, a representative for Lumbee River to the 1982 North Carolina Youth Co-op Camp and the 1983 Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.

In addition to these accomplishments, she has been a candidate for Governor's School, a 1983 Marshal and has been on both the college preparatory A and B honor rolls.

Editor's note: This essay was judged a first place winner in North Carolina in the non-fiction category.

By Andrea Shaw

With the increasing number of senior citizens approaching the age of retirement, who will receive Social Security? The dwindling number of Americans that make up the work force are faced with the probability of entirely supporting the Social Security System. The problem facing our society in America's Third Century is the working people in their struggle not only to support their families but also to support the vast number of elderly people depended upon Social Security. Many people can not afford to support retirees, therefore, widening a gap between the young and old.

The major factors contributing to the problem began when the Social Security Act was approved in 1935. Its first intentions were not to include everybody in its limitations. Next, Social Security was to be financed entirely from contributions by employees and their employers. The government was to have no part in it. The last factor was a pay-as-you-go program in which payments were paid to retired persons from payroll taxes.

These three factors became vulnerable to many changes that were to come years later. When the first Social Security checks were issued in 1940, a rising birth rate and an expanding economy boosted the program. Payroll taxes made a surplus in the budget.

Today, this has changed very dramatically. A decline in the



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birthrate, inflation, and high unemployment have contributed to higher tax rates in order to prevent the collapse of the Social Security System.

Inflation affects the young and old alike. Elderly people make up 12% of the population, yet they will receive about 28% or \$234 billion of the 1984 fiscal budget. As a result, the poverty rate among the elderly is declining which is about 15% today. Due to the increase in taxes, nearly one fourth of all American families pay more in Social Security taxes than in federal taxes. This means that the number of Social Security beneficiaries is growing much faster than the number of workers on the work force. This problem has posed great concern for many young people. They are beginning to ask if there will be Social Security when they reach the age of retirement. Until the leaders of America's Third Century act upon this problem, there will be no hope of having Social Security benefits for those who have worked very long and hard.

The solution to this problem is quite obvious and has been overlooked for sometime. In order to bail out the system, the rate of taxes should not be increased. One third of Social Security benefits should be cut. Then, the age of retirement should be raised from 65 to 68. Over a period of twelve years beginning in the year 2000, as much as \$200 billion would be accumulated. Many older Americans are forced to retire against their will in their early 60s. By allowing them to work until their late 60s, the revenue would build up which will greatly aid the Social Security System tremendously.

The problem facing the leaders of America's Third Century is a very important one that not only affects the old but the young. In order to insure ourselves of a secure future, it is up to America's Third Century Leaders: US.



Signing up
This Turlington teacher who is assisted by a parent helped others in signing up more than 130 students to take part in Saturday's Jump Rope for Heart.

So. Hoke students have an 'egg-citing' time

More than 75 fourth grade students participated in an egg-drop experiment at South Hoke School on April 10.

The experiment involved the students in utilizing the scientific method. Students had to protect a raw egg so that it would remain in one piece when dropped more than 30 feet.

Creative and uniquely designed containers added interest and color to the experiment as they fell through the air from more than 30 feet.

Hank Richards, Principal, Steve McNeill, and George Drawhorne carried out the experiment in the school gymnasium as "Egg-Cited" fourth grade students and teachers looked on.

Laughter filled the gymnasium and climaxed the experiment when Principal, Hank Richards, Assistant Principal, Cohildia Lyons and Reading Teacher, Steve McNeill showed up with containers they thought would work.

The outcome was scrambled eggs and a burst of laughter from the crowd!

Two fourth grade students, Ralph Slate and Roman Jacobs from Jerry Oxendine's science classes, were very successful in designing containers that protected their eggs from breaking.

The experiment was one of many demonstrations shared by the Hoke County Science Demonstration teacher, Carol Jackson.

North Carolina women accounted for nearly 57% of the increase in the civilian labor force in the last decade. Almost 400,000 women entered the labor force between 1970 and 1980 in North Carolina. This growth in percentage of women working was somewhat smaller than the growth for the nation, primarily because of North Carolina's historically high labor force participation rate for women.



Best containers
Ralph Slate (front) and Roman Jacobs (front left) were successful in designing cartons which kept eggs from breaking during the South Hoke experiment. The students are members of Jerry Oxendine's (back right) fourth grade science classes. They are pictured here with science demonstration teacher Carol Jackson (back left).

McLean takes part in Navy exercise

Navy Seaman Recruit Freddie L.

McLean, son of Herbert and Emma McLean of 1816 Cockman Hill Road, recently participated in "Teamwork '84."

He is a crewmember aboard guided missile destroyer USS MacDonough, homeported in Charleston, South Carolina.

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Capps inducted in honorary fraternity

Laurie J. Capps, a junior from Hoke County, was among students at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro who were recently inducted as charter members of the new Zeta Chi chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, the national honorary accounting fraternity.

Miss Capps, a graduate of Hoke County High School, is the daughter of Agnes T. Dees of Rt. 2, Raeford.

Forty-two accounting majors at UNC-G were inducted into the fraternity at a recent ceremony presided over by Dr. Richard Metcalf of Sarasota, Fla.

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