

... Literacy group helps on low budget

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There has never been a recruiting effort in the county before, she said. The council is looking for a few volunteers to get students from the outlying areas of the county. The first volunteer was found last week, said Buie. Six or seven more are needed to travel around in the county, she said. According to Buie, the volunteers will have to be trained and then they will go knocking on doors for the cause. The drive, if the needed number of volunteers can be gotten, will save time for the staff, said Buie. The director feels that many needy students can be recruited by the drive. "Almost any word that gets out about us or any publicity we get, gives us a student," said Buie. The final product, turned out by the council's efforts, is a productive person who can function in the reading world, the director said.

The method used to teach students contains four books. Students work through the books in a series. "We are just very excited when a student gets through the first three books," said Buie. When the third book is completed, a student is able to sound out 88% of the English language, Buie said. The first three books teach students to sound out long and short vowels and primary consonants, she said. At the completion of the third book, students have "blending skill," or those needed to sound out difficult words, said Buie. Most all of the students that enter the program finish book three, said Buie. Currently, there are five students in that book and one that is nearly finished. If students want to move on to book four, chances are their tutors will not have the skills to get them through it, said Buie. The last book of the series con-

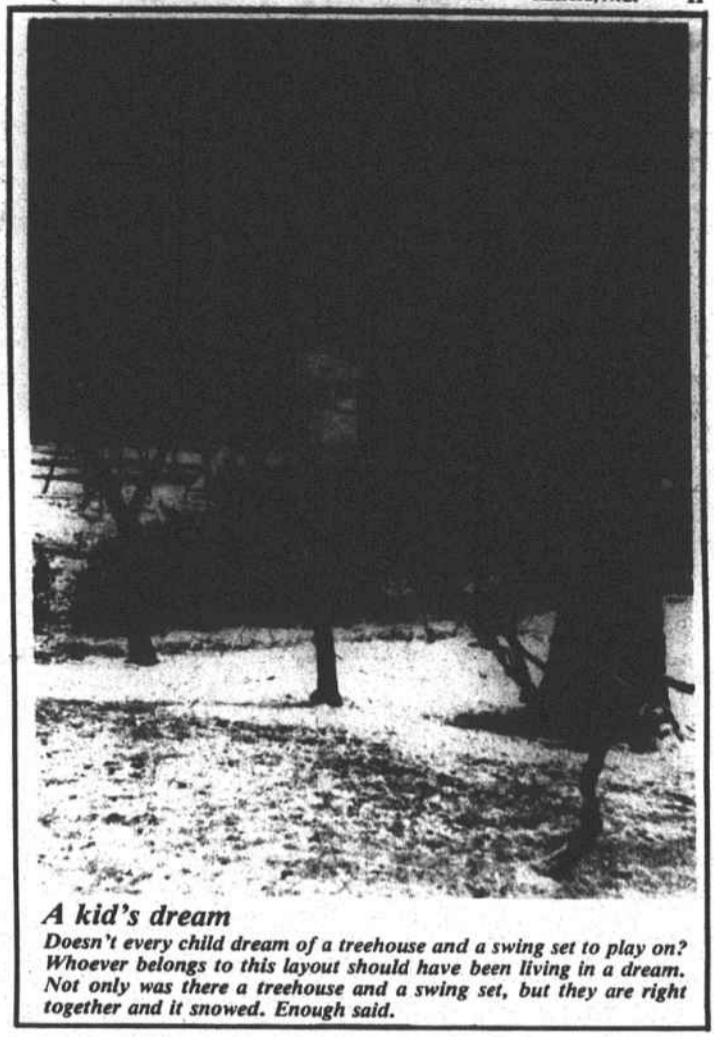
tains some grammatical work, she said. Some of the students who move to the final book may have to be referred to Sandhills Community College, she said. Although most of the students worked with by the Literacy Council did not finish high school, there are some who actually graduated who cannot read or write, said the director. "We have had people who went through the eighth or ninth grades

who do not know their alphabet," Buie said. When asked how a student could get that far without knowing the alphabet, she replied: "For a long time, I don't think an education in Hoke County was necessary. People could function without it." "Now, they come to us because they want to function," said Buie. "One lady came to me and said she just wanted to be able to read what was on the boxes she packed."

... Chore work cuts costs

(Continued from page 1) adding that people who heat with electricity will get larger checks. Board members were also told that 55 families were helped last month with additional crisis intervention funds. The Department of Human Resources freed up an additional \$1 million dollars for helping peo-

ple who have homes but no money to heat them, said Witherspoon. Those persons must be totally out of heating fuel before they qualify for funds, said the director. Hoke County's allocation of the extra funds was \$5,960, said Witherspoon.



A kid's dream
Doesn't every child dream of a treehouse and a swing set to play on? Whoever belongs to this layout should have been living in a dream. Not only was there a treehouse and a swing set, but they are right together and it snowed. Enough said.

... Around Town

(Continued from page 1) old Graham's Service Station building has brought forth several telephone calls and also many people stopping me and talking about not destroying the deer. One call last week from a local lady said that she saw busted cement in front of the station and wanted to know if the deer had been put in a safe place. I told her that from all reports the deer would not be destroyed.

The people that have talked to me don't care if a new courthouse is built, but they don't want to see the old courthouse torn down. It has become a landmark for downtown Raeford just like the Market House in a nearby county. I don't know if you watch Channel 11, Durham or not, but when they mention the heart of Carolina and Raeford or Hoke County, a picture of the courthouse appears.

I can't say it is a fact, but I have been informed that the deer are now at the Hoke High School and will now be the mascot of the Bucks. For many years they were the symbol of the Elk Restaurant, so I would say it is time for them to be deer as they were sculpted. To the students of Hoke High, please take care of the deer.

There have been many new courthouses built in North Carolina in the past few years, but the old courthouse has not been destroyed in most counties. I will not name the counties, but will tell them to anyone that wants to know.

Since the remarks by Judge D.B. Herring and the editorial comment in *The News-Journal* concerning the Hoke County Courthouse, that has also brought forth calls and conversation on the streets.

Downtown Raeford has to be kept alive and preserved if Raeford is to go forward. There are places to put office space next to the old courthouse and with some imagination the old building could still be renovated and still be used for a courthouse. Let's keep the old courthouse. Our heritage must be with us for years to come.

... School districts eyed

(Continued from page 1) High holds grades 9-12, said the superintendent. The middle school organization offers students a transition period after leaving the elementary school level, said Nelson. Current transitions from elementary to junior high levels are too harsh on the development of students, he said. "We now have students changing classes in the fourth and fifth grades just like high school, and that's much too early," Nelson said. In a middle school organization, students will still change classes, but they will stay with a single teacher longer, said Nelson. There will be time for individual attention and students will come in contact with more than one teacher per day, he said. The superintendent said that children in grades six, seven and eight are going through traumatic periods in their lives and need special attention to develop properly. The middle school organization will offer students time to adjust to the high school way of life while not completely losing aspects of elementary school, Nelson said.

Deaths & Funerals

Star Sessoms
Star Wilson Sessoms, 72, died Wednesday evening in Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville. Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Pittman Grove Baptist Church by Revs. Rodney Barwick and Mack Musslewhite. Survivors are his wife: Mrs. Anna K. Sessoms of Raeford; one son: Donald Conant of Oklahoma City Oklahoma; two daughters: Mrs. Patti Peck of Geneva, Ohio and Mrs. Kathy Hardaker of Lakeland, Florida; two sisters: Mrs. Hattie Chason of Raeford and Mrs. Mary Sessoms of Raeford and nine grandchildren. Crumpler Funeral Home served the family. Contributions may be made to the Pittman Grove Baptist Church, Building Fund.

Mack Andrews
McDougal (Mack) Andrews, 75, of Asheboro formerly of Hoke County, died January 22 in Asheboro.

He was the son of the late Ras Roscoe and Letha Pierce Andrews. Andrews was a retired executive of Acme-McCray Corporation in Asheboro. Funeral services were conducted January 24 at Pugh Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Oaklawn Cemetery. He is survived by one brother Carl Roscoe Andrews of Asheboro and several nieces and nephews.

Maymie Riley
Mrs. Maymie Downey Riley, 84, died Saturday at her home. Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Monday at Shiloh Presbyterian Church with Rev. W.K. Fitch Jr. officiating. Burial was in the Church Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, Fred W. Riley and a sister, Mrs. Cora D. Queen, Orlando, Florida. Arrangements were handled by Powell Funeral Home of Southern Pines.

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