

Woman's Club Depot project gives station growing accent

By Kay Thomas
On Saturday Harriet's dream came true. Harriet McFadyen has spent hours organizing, consulting, and praying as she provided leadership for the landscaping of the depot.

The Woman's Club of Raeford chose the landscaping project as a way that the members might get involved in the Depot Restoration in hands-on work. Initially, each department of the Club was asked to pledge a specific number of hours of work. As planning progressed, people with more knowledge and skill got involved and the Club decided to provide money instead of time.

The restoration of Main Street's Aberdeen & Rockfish Depot has consumed many, many hours of volunteer labor. Many will be able to point with pride to their contributions. Others will know that their thought and energy made good things happen.

In the landscaping work, several knowledgeable people were consulted. Several prepared plans and gave suggestions on use of the land. Some gave advice on the plans to be used and the care certain plants would need.

When a plan was ready and further suggestions were made, the plants came from Danny McGougan's nursery and Hopkins Nursery in Lumber Bridge. Under the watchful eyes of Hilton Villians and Danny and Joe McGougan, Hoke High Future Farmers planted.

"Planted" is a small word for working the topsoil delivered by the City of Raeford, placing the timbers to make the beds, putting in the plants, watering, and liberal use of many green thumbs. Dan McGougan and Hilton Villians teach Vocational Agriculture at Hoke High. Their students, members of the Future Farmers of America Club, signed up to work during Saturday. McGougan said

around twenty gave some time and hard work.

Foster holly, andora juniper, shore juniper, coral belle azaleas, white azaleas, and other varieties were chosen for their special decorative and maintenance qualities. Everyone knows that the azaleas will bloom in the spring, but do you know there will be bronze growth on the junipers in fall and winter? The shore junipers will grow low to the ground and spill over the corners in a few years.

In October, the students will come back to the Depot to plant some dogwoods and crepe myrtle. Two other beds are in the "maybe" stage of planning. The important idea for now is that the Depot has a fine ruffle of healthy shrubs as Hoke County puts on its best face for the N.C. Turkey Festival.

Thanks and commendations are due Mrs. McFadyen and the Women's Club, those who planned and advised, and those who bought and directed the work. Also to be praised are the Future Farmers who did the strong-back work. One of the students commented that in 50 years he could point to the Depot and tell his grandchildren "I helped plant those things right there".

There are many who can be as proud as he.



Growing at depot
These Hoke High students were among about 20 Future Farmers of America members who worked on the depot landscaping last Saturday as part of the

push to get the building ready for the North Carolina Turkey Festival.

Former educator to speak at AME Zion Church Sept. 22

Mrs. Josephine Spaulding, of Whiteville, will be the guest speaker at the Annual Woman's Home & Overseas Missionary Society observance day services at Freedom Chapel AME Zion Church in Raeford on Sunday, September 22, at 11 a.m.

Mrs. Spaulding is a native of Columbus County, Clarkton.

Mrs. Spaulding is involved in many Community activities. She is a member of The Community Garden Club, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Mental Health Board. She is a very active member of Rehobeth AME Zion Church, Route 2, Clarkton. She is a Sunday School teacher, member of the Choir, Stewardess Board, Deaconess Board and President of the local Lay Council.

On the District Level she is Chairman of Missionary Education, President of the Lay Council and serves on the Budget Committee. She serves in her Conference as Chairman of Missionary Education, as Conference Secretary, member of the Board of Development and Finance Committees and as Chairman of Shaw-Speaks Community Center Steering Committee.

She is presently Treasurer of The Woman's Home & Overseas Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Mrs. Spaulding, a retired educator - taught in Columbus County Schools for nine years. She was Supervisor of Instruction for sixteen years in Whiteville City



Mrs. Josephine Spaulding

Schools and was Coordinator of Federal Programs for five years with the State Department of Education.

EMT course offered

Sandhills Community College will offer an Emergency Medical Technician program beginning Tuesday, September 24 and ending December 14. Class will be held at Hoke County High School in the Gibson Building, room 101. Students are requested to register the first night of class at 7 p.m.

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