



**Entertaining moment**  
Mrs. Loretta Davis provides an entertaining moment for McLauchlin School students during Grandparents Day.

## Grandparents tell 'like it was then'

"Our school back then had space underneath that pigs roamed in," said Neil Senter about his visit on Thursday, November 21, for Grandparents' Day at J. W. McLauchlin Elementary School. Mrs. Senter also engaged in a brief story-telling session prior to lunch. Her husband liked the lunch especially, since schools of his day had no lunchroom--students had to pack a lunchbox. The praise of the traditional Thanksgiving meal--turkey, dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, candied yams, green beans, and roll--was offered by approximately 65 grandparents who visited our school to enjoy the lunch prepared by Mrs. Druella McLeod's cafeteria staff. Not many children were trading items on trays like their grandparents said they used to do with sandwiches from a packed lunchbox. "Inviting and interesting" were words used by Mrs. Louise Love and Mrs. Rosa Bratcher about kindergarten, something they did not have back then. Displays in the room, such as holiday turkeys, make for an atmosphere that is inviting. Desks years ago all were in straight lines, students did not talk

at all unless called upon, and classes (whether combination grades or single grades) had only one teacher and no aides. "It seems children learn certain things earlier. What they learn in first grade we learned in third grade or later," was the feeling of Mrs. Irma Gates and Mrs. Charlotte McLauchlin. Definitely the 3 R's were stressed--no art or music by separate teachers. One teacher did it all. If something special came about like a film, all students watched it as a large group because audiovisual equipment was scarce. Do you know what a sand table was? The classes in our grandparents' day made objects very much like children today do at a beach, but the school children of their day used a board much like an old dry sink and placed sand on top to create shapes. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Crowley feel kids today have more freedom to move about. They remembered the strictness of teachers and quiet that was so much so that "... you could hear a pin drop." Mrs. Archie Howard thought teachers here at McLauchlin are nice, and Mr. Charles Morrison felt behavior of the students was pretty good.

## Contest winners announced

As part of the Reading is Fundamental program and the Children's Book Week held on November 12 at J.W. McLauchlin Elementary School, winners were announced in the poster contest on the theme, "The Joy of Reading." First place went to Katie Lipard of Ms. Glenda Lester's second grade. Her poster was submitted to the county RIF coordinator, Ms. Lavetta Horton, as McLauchlin's entry in the county-wide contest. Second place was awarded to Janet Davis, also of Ms. Lester's class. Third place went to Patrice Henderson of Ms. Cathy Morgan's class, and an honorable mention was given to Wendy Branch in Mrs. Teresa Cowan's second grade. Each of the students was given a readalong book and

cassette of her choice as an award. An upcoming event of interest to our parents at J.W. McLauchlin Elementary School is the school's annual Book Fair. This project will be held during the week of December 2-6 from the hours of 8-3:15. All students will be given the opportunity to browse through the books and other reading material to make selections they will purchase. Parents are invited to attend with their child at the times listed in an invitation sent home this week. Proceeds from the project will be used to purchase needed library materials. The support of the community will help enable the library to broaden its collection for use by all students and staff members.



**Swapping books**  
These Scurlock School students are participating in The Scurlock Super Book Swap. For two weeks third and fourth grade students have been bringing to the library, books from home, which they have finished reading and no longer want to keep. The books were compiled and on swap day the students were invited to the library to select different books equal in number to those they brought.



**Acting like the judge**  
On Friday, November 15, the second graders of West Hoke School welcomed parents and special guests to share with them their first RIF party. Under the direction of the media specialist, Mrs. J.F. McAllister, the second graders dramatized a book titled *The Judge* with characters costumed. Each student received a book of their choice. Refreshments consisted of a cake in the shape of the book *The Judge* and pink punch. The Library Club members made ceramics for each parent present. Thanks to the Raeford Woman's Club for their part in RIF.

## 17 colleges courses on tap for winter at Hoke Sandhills

This winter quarter will see 17 college credit courses offered on the Hoke campus of Sandhills Community College. Students who have not pre-registered may register December 2 at the Old County Office Building from 9 a.m. to noon and at the Hoke High School library from 4 to 8 p.m. A variety of basic curriculum courses will be provided for students needing to review math, writing and reading skills. Math 023 (geometry) and Math 025 (pre-college Algebra II) provide introduction or review for students with an insufficient math background. English 098 (sentence writing) and English 099 (paragraph writing) will give students an opportunity to review grammar and practice fundamental writing

skills. Reading 100 will offer a refresher in reading comprehension that is critical for advanced study. In addition, students attending winter quarter can satisfy some general freshman requirements by taking courses such as psychology, political science, and aerobic exercises. A group of courses offer college credit and appeal to specific interests or professional needs. Business students will be interested in Keyboarding I or II or Business Math. The college will offer courses in Computer Literacy and Computer Programming. In addition, students may enroll in a course in Beginning Acting or Learning to Read Music. For more information, call Betty High at 875-8589.

## Ed Tatum on Change, Challenge and Commitment



In 1973, something happened that made the buying and selling of automobiles an entirely new experience.

First came the oil embargo creating its inevitable effect on the price of gasoline. Concurrently, there was a widespread public concern for a cleaner environment resulting in legislation mandating new emission control devices on vehicles. Highway usage increased leading to an intensive effort to augment driver and passenger safety. The world was changing. We were changing as citizens and as consumers.

The automotive industry spent millions of dollars in research and development to address these problems and concerns. Engineers designed, tested, evaluated and redesigned -- not only the basic vehicle but all the component parts including some we consider to be accessories. Extensive test data and subjective evaluation were used to determine the kind of vehicle that would represent the best price/value equation.

The industry now produces Turbo charged models to gain more power; biomechanic seats to assure a more comfortable ride; seat belts and dramatically improved braking and steering mechanisms to improve road safety. Miniature computers set the air-to-gas ratio, fine tune the engine and alert the driver to a specific component failure. Computers operate the new fuel injection systems now replacing carburetors, by carefully injecting the precise amount of fuel to each cylinder. They assure a smooth running engine at all temperatures and in all climates, control fuel consumption and control emissions. Voice synthesizers tell us to fasten our seat belts, to lock our doors and remind us to stop for needed gas.

This advanced technology can now make buying and driving a new automobile a bewildering and somewhat apprehensive challenge.

In the ten years I have been in the automotive business I have talked to thousands of people about what they were looking for when buying a new vehicle. Over the years their desires have always been style, performance, reliability, responsive handling, comfort -- all for the lowest price possible.

To be a knowledgeable buyer and to obtain the best value for your money, take time to study the literature on the vehicle you are interested in purchasing. This literature is free and available in most showrooms. Reconcile your individual and family needs and driving habits with your choice of vehicle. Be sure the salesperson fully explains the operation and others in your price range. Understand the warranty agreement offered by both the manufacturer and the dealer. Discuss fully the financial options open to you including leasing, and insist on test driving the vehicle.

And finally, understand that the real value of your purchase extends beyond what you actually pay for the vehicle. I'm referring to the total service package that you should receive -- from sales presentation to warranty service and then to the critical service period after the warranty has expired. I have seen people shop to save \$25.00 on the sale price of a vehicle without any concern for what they may pay later in frustration, inconvenience and added expense.

The automotive industry is only on the leading edge of its technological advancement. In the years ahead we will witness some truly unbelievable developments which will stagger our imaginations. As consumers we need to be prepared to buy in this new marketplace. As sellers, those of us who intend to serve you must present a new image and a new maturity, and a new commitment to total service.

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