

RED SPRINGS SCHOOL FUNDS STILL HELD UP

LUMBERTON—Red Springs school officials learned Monday that a pending discrimination law suit against Robeson County's five school systems will bar Red Springs officials from paying of bills for a new vocational center.

The Robeson County Board of Commissioners tabled a request from the Red Springs Board of Education for \$575,000 to finish the project until the county board meets again Aug. 18. Robeson County attorney Joseph C. Ward Jr. hopes to know if bond attorneys will go ahead with the sale of \$8 million in school bonds despite the pending discrimination suit.

Two other school systems in Robeson County requested construction funds Monday. The St. Pauls Board of Education was told it would have to wait until the bonds are sold before it can go ahead with the construction of a \$1.5-million high school.

The Fairmont Board of Education, however, was granted \$196,000 for new construction because the funds reportedly had been promised last February as part of the school system's allocation from \$8 million in bonds sold last September.

Ward said the existing situation of having school bonds up for sale and having a lawsuit pending is unprecedented in the county. He said county school bonds have not been sold in Robeson for about 20 years.

The federal civil legal action, filed in June, alleges the county commissioners and officials from the five school systems in Robeson have artificially manipulated the school system lines to maintain racially segregated school systems.

The Red Springs school system has had to request additional construction funds over and above their bond funds allocation to date because of an underestimation of the costs involved.

SCRAPBOOK FAVORITES

by Anne St. John

Faith and prayer.

"Prayer is the key to Heaven, but Faith unlocks the door." Webster defines Faith as belief. All of us have to believe in something or someone. How often do we find our faith misplaced? The agony of disappointment and heartbreak is often the result of lost confidence or "misplaced" faith.

One way to avoid a continual occurrence of this is to learn the value of prayer.

A plaque upon my bedroom wall

Bears three small words you may recall:

I cannot say the words are new.

But, oh, they are steadfast and true.

The plaque itself is very old—

But it is worth its weight in gold.

Out of the darkness of the night

It seems to shed a ray of light.

I love it for the peace it brings;

It simply says, "PRAYER CHANGES THINGS."

—Laura Baker Haynes

In my collection of writings on prayer, I have a story by the Rev. A. Purnell Bailly.

"A Layman who was known widely for his use of the term 'Amen,' was asked on one occasion why he used it.

"The sincere brother replied, 'In most cases it means just this to me: Yes, Lord, I'm with it, and I'll stand my share of the expenses.'

"What do you mean when you say 'amen' at the end of your prayers?" he was asked.

"When I say 'amen' at the end of a prayer I mean just this: God I'm working with you that this may be true, but I'm willing to receive any one of your three replies—yes, no, or wait."

Did you ever listen to the prayers of a child? They usually pray so unselfishly. Always they are concerned about the family members, their friends, their pets, all the time not remembering to ask for blessings on themselves. What a lesson there is to be learned for prayer that it may

be effective, that others will be our first concern. Too often we take time to "say a prayer" when we are in trouble, or when we want a special favor. How many times do we forget to really thank God for all the beauty that is ours to enjoy. When we awake in the morning, the very first thing we should do is to give thanks to God that He has permitted us to awake to another day. Then, we should ask—ask for sufficient grace to carry us through the day.

You will be surprised how much easier the day will go when you take a moment to "talk" with your Father in Heaven. Remember to thank Him, in the ways of a little child, and you will have more happiness than you've ever known before.

If you want to deepen your prayer life, study the prayer Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:39-46).

Here are seven steps to spiritual strength contained in Christ's Gethsemane experience:

PLACE. Jesus "came out and went to the Mount of Olives." (Luke 22:39)

PRACTICE. Jesus went "as was His custom." (Luke 22:39)

PRIVACY. Jesus "withdrew from this about a stone's throw." (Luke 22:41)

POSTURE. Jesus "knelt down and prayed." (Luke 22:41)

PURPOSE. Jesus prayed "nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done." (Luke 22:42)

PRICE. "And being in agony He prayed more earnestly; and His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground." (Luke 22:44)

POWER. "There appeared to Him an angel from heaven, strengthening Him." (Luke 22:43).

Selected

FAMILY PRAYER

When I was just a little child

So oft at the close of day,

My Dad would call the family together

And we would kneel to pray.

He always gave thanks for his family

Sometimes calling each one by name,

I knew that he'd feel better

He just didn't look the same.

The years passed slowly onward

And each of us older grew,

Dad still prayed to the father

To bring us all safely through.

One by one, we all left home

Our destiny to pursue,

But we've always been influenced

By the teachings that we knew.

Now Mom and Dad's lives here are over

To heaven they've already gone

But at the close of day I wonder

If they aren't calling the children home.

If even one of our achievements

Can be valued here as "fair."

We'll have to give the credit

To a home where there was family prayer.

—Anne St. John



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Reunion Held

The third annual reunion of the descendants of the late George and Ruth Hatcher was held Saturday, August 2, 1980. The setting for the reunion was the backyard terrace at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Esdras Hatcher in Parkville, Maryland. An outdoor buffet lunch, followed by an afternoon of swimming was enjoyed by all.

All the children still living of Mr. and Mrs. Hatcher attended. They are: Mrs. Molly Sampson and Mrs. Eva Lowry of Pembroke; Mrs. Phyllis Taylor of Waldorf, Md.; Mrs. Maudie Maynor of Dundalk, Md.; Mrs. Lana Hunt of Rosedale, Md.; Mr. William Hatcher of Essex, Md.; and Mr. Esdras Hatcher of Parkville, Md.

Sons-in-law and daughters-in-law attending were Mr. John H. Sampson, Mr. Ozo Hunt, Mrs. Lee Hatcher, Mr. Willie Maynor, Mrs. Carolyn Hatcher and Mr. James Taylor.

Grandchildren, spouses and great-grandchildren attending were Mark Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hunt, Ellen Hatcher, Kim Hatcher, Bruce Hatcher, Wanda Hatcher, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sampson, Jr. and children Jon Breck, Ryan and Jeremy, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sampson and children, Jana and Jamey; Shannon Taylor, Hans Hatcher, Mr. Eric Hatcher and children, Amy and Chris; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pogge and children, Jennifer and Lisa; Mr. and Mrs. James Pasko and children, Gregory, Vinson, and Steven; Mrs. Jan O'Hare and children, Kelly and Gregory; and Mrs. Christel McKinstry.

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submitted by Mrs. Molly Sampson

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