

## School Officials To Tour Hatch

In keeping with the State Conservation in Energy Committee's interest in reducing energy consumption for North Carolina's public schools, Polk County Superintendent Larry Coble is heading up a group of principals and interested citizens on a tour of the Hatch Mill Plant in Columbus on Tuesday, September 30, at 10 a.m.

Hatch Mill, a subsidiary of Milliken, is one of the leaders of industry in the attempt to conserve energy, and has reduced its consumption over the past seven years by 50%. Giving a graphic explanation of the many energy saving steps taken by Hatch Mill will be Michael Rollins, plant engineer, who also serves as chairman of Hatch's conservation committee. On hand to direct a guided tour of the plant itself will be plant manager Jerry Carr. Hal Rigby, personnel manager, will give a slide presentation, shown to all new personnel on energy saving practices, and will also explain the skills and background needed for employment in today's industries. Arrangements for the tour have been made by training manager Hubert Sterling in conjunction with the Polk County Community Schools Program. Mr. Sterling has promised an added attraction during the tour: a special "energy computer" which, given certain variables of information, can supply exact figures regarding monthly and annual costs for your car and home.

Says Superintendent Coble, "I believe we can all benefit from the experience of observing firsthand an efficient energy reduction program. It is my hope that our principals will continue the improvements some have already begun at their respective schools. They may also want to take advantage of the special opportunity we are being offered by Hatch Mill of saving the energy computer visit some of our Polk County classrooms. It's never too early to learn how to conserve."

## A Yankee Doodle Dandy Coming

When the final curtain ran down on the first Children's Theater Festival two years ago, it was clear to a great many people that this energetic group of sponsors would not roll over and die after this single production. And it didn't. The Children's Theater Festival Sparkled again with its second production earlier this year. Now the group is bringing to Tryon a completely professional show, "A Yankee Doodle Dandy" which will appeal in equal measure to adults as well as children.

Those of us who grew up in the era of George M. Cohan will bask in nostalgic memories; our children and grandchildren will marvel that anything so stirring as "A Yankee Doodle Dandy" would come from the olden times. The show is, of course, a musical, based authentically on the life of George M. Cohan, and it will be presented to Tryon by the Producers Foundations, New York professionals.

A Yankee Doodle Dandy is an extension of the basic purpose of the Children's Theater Festival... "to provide a rich theater experience for the children of our region." The genius of entertainment giants like Cohan bridge the generation gap, and the years.

The activities of the Children's Theater Festival is a well organized group under the chairmanship of Emmie Mackay, and its work continues throughout the year. A Yankee Doodle Dandy is a case in point, unlike the Spring Festival, there will be no local participation in this show; it will be sung and danced entirely by New York professionals. It is, however, consistent with the basic purpose of the Children's Theater Festival, and all arrangements and details are handled by this capable group.

Two performances of A Yankee Doodle Dandy are scheduled for October 10 at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center.

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