

Louis Surles Reports On Boys' State Week

A delegation of three boys who attended Boys State at Chapel Hill, 17 through 24 was cured of the disease known as homesickness when they arrived in their respective hometown Sunday morning June 25th. The delegation, consisting of Claude Pope, L. C. Draughn and Louis Surles, arrived safely and "full of government."

Sunday night, June 24th they were lectured to by Col. Wiley M. Pickens, Executive Vice Commander of the Dept. of the American Legion in North Carolina, Albert Coats, Director of Institute of Government, which directed the Boys State Conference, J. Gordon Bugh, Chairman of the Boys State Commission, and Basil Sherrill who did more than an excellent job of directing the entire conference.

Col. Pickens in his lecture informed all the delegates from all parts of the state that Boy's State was not by any means to be a vacation. Mr. Albert Coats in his message recognized John Swainson a World

War II, veteran who was to act as a counselor, as receiving 3 purple hearts had been wounded 3 times and who had lost both legs (now plays basketball and gets around as anyone else). Basil Sherrill told the boys that they were to use self-discipline, which was carried out in a marvelous manner. Monday morning started the work with calisthenics at 6:15 with lectures and recreation to follow. A day consisted of revile, calisthenics, breakfast, 3 lectures, 1 movie, dinner, lecture, recreation, supper and another lecture. Tuesday night was the night for city elections with county and State registration. Wednesday night was the nominating conventions for the county offices, with a Sheriff, 5 county commissioners, Judge and a Solicitor being chosen. Thursday night was the highlights of Boys' State with the State nominating Convention with a Governor, Lt. Gov. Sec. of State, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Commissioner of Agriculture, seven Justices of the Supreme Court, Attorney Gen. Commissioner of Insurance, and a Auditor being nominated. One of Dunn's delegates, Louis Surles was a nominee for Attorney General on the National ticket but who lost in the final election. Friday night was the night of the balloting for State offices with a trip in store for the boys at the Morehead Planetarium. Saturday night was the final night with a banquet to end the week.

Upon registration the boys were given swimming cards, linen cards and breakdown into the 2 different parties; the Nationalist and Federalist. The delegates were put in mythical cities and counties. The delegation was honored to have as lecturers: Lt. Gov. H. P. (Pat) Taylor, Sec. of State Thad Eure, Louis Parker, Commander of the American Legion in North Carolina, Dr. Ellen Winston, Commissioner of Public Welfare, Dillard Gardner, Marshall and Librarian of the Supreme Court in North Carolina, George Esser, Henry Lewis, George Ross Director of Conservation and Development, Walter Anderson, Director of S B I, Dr. T. C. Johnson, Commissioner of Paroles, Eugene Shaw, Commissioner of Revenue, Dr. Clyde Ervin, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dean Fred Weaver of U. N. C., Dr. J. W. R. Norton State Health officer, Frank Hanft, Professor of Law U. N. C., L. Y. Balentine Commissioner of Agriculture, R. B. House Chancellor U. N. C., Dr. Henry Jordan Chairman of State Highway and Public Works Commission, Dr. Archibald Henderson, Representative John Umstead State House of Representatives.

Some of the accomplishments of the Boys' State was a daily newspaper, The Statesman and new this year a band which could make plenty of good music.

The nation's cows produced 120 million pounds of milk last year. This was second only to the 121 million pounds produced in 1945.

Fishing Rodeo Doubles Prizes

WILMINGTON, N. C. — Salt-water anglers competing in the sixth annual Fishing Rodeo of the South Eastern North Carolina Beach Association, starting July 1 and continuing through October 31, will be shooting for twice as many prizes as ever before.

For the first time, SENCBA is offering one set of prizes to vacationists and tourists and another set to local fishermen in the counties of New Hanover, Pender, Onslow, and Brunswick. All salt-water fish caught in these counties will be eligible.

In all, there will be 576 prizes with a total value of more than \$5,000 and ranging in individual value up to \$125.

Six prizes will be awarded on each of 22 species of salt-water fish each month, grouped for men, women, and children in both divisions — visitors and local. Species eligible are marlin (white or blue), sailfish, amberjack, barracuda, wahoo, dolphin, cobia (cabio), bonito, king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, red drum, bluefish, tarpon, trout, sheepshead, rockfish (stripped bass), pompano, Virginia mullet, croaker, pigfish, and black drum.

In addition to monthly prizes, there will be best fish awards for each species presented at the end of the season. All contestants are eligible for these awards. Grand prize winners also will get savings bonds in values of \$100 for men and women and \$50 for children.

Salt water areas of the contest cover the 99 miles of coastline from Swansboro south to Holden Beach.

A Vacation Guide Book and Rodeo Rules Booklet may be obtained free on request to J. J. Hudiburg, SENCBA secretary, Box 698, Wilmington, N. C.

Norris Funeral Services Today

Miss Luency Elizabeth Norris, 53, of Dunn Rt. 3 died Monday morning at 11:40 at her home. She had been ill for about two weeks.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 3 p. m. Elder Luther Turner of Erwin officiated at the graveside service at the Norris family cemetery. The body remained at the Hatcher-Skinner Funeral Home in Dunn until the funeral hour.

A daughter of the late W. J. and Nancy Norris, Miss Norris was a native of Johnston County, and was a member of the Black River Primitive Baptist Church of Dunn. She is survived by one brother Ira Norris of Dunn Rt. 5; one sister, Mrs. Sarah Langdon of Erwin, and by several nieces and nephews.

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