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MRS. BETTY SKIPPER . . . NOW FULL-TIME

## Something New At Williams

By CHARLES YOUNG

While it is admittedly difficult in most cases to put your finger on specific instances of improvement in the public schools as a result of the new "Quality Education" program, a new situation at Williams Township School is a definite case in point attesting to the value of the move toward something better in the field of learning.

For the first time in its history, the school has a full-time elementary librarian.

Whereas in the past it was necessary to operate the library on a part-time schedule, it is now possible to keep it open and staffed throughout the full school day.

Before this year, the person assigned to handle the library was a teacher who in addition had to carry her regular class load.

**The New Librarian**

Mrs. Betty Skipper is the new full-time elementary librarian at Williams. Prior to this year she was teaching a combination of fourth and fifth grades in the morning and attending the library in the afternoons.

Now she is no longer required to divide her time between classroom and library work.

And as she says, "It was not nearly so good as it is now, and obviously we were not able to do a very complete job of it."

"I miss it in a way. The teaching, I mean. In the library you don't get quite the same feeling of closeness to the children, but there is a lot you do get which makes up for it."

"I find library work very challenging, and I enjoy it a great deal. Children seem to be so enthusiastic about reading. With the arrangement the way it is now, I have a lot more time to work with them and help them where ever I can, and it doesn't seem at all like it did before, when I was doing it only for a part of the day."

**Native of Acme**

Mrs. Skipper, a native of Acme and a graduate of the high school there, attended Duke University from 1943 to 1946, and has done extension work through the University of North Carolina. She began her college career majoring in history, but switched to elementary education, and is now in the process of earning her B. S. degree.

She taught the fourth grade at Tabor City from 1947 to 1949. For the past three years she served as the part-time elementary librarian at Williams Township.

The library serves eight grades, and has on its shelves 3374 volumes.

Included are books of fiction, non-fiction, science, history, geography, biography, art, recreation, religion, social sciences, applied sciences, in addition to atlases, reference books, a teacher's guide, and two sets of encyclopedias.

All of the books are designed so as to best serve children of the age levels represented by the eight grades. None are for older students.

**Mystery Is Favorite**

"They like fiction most," Mrs. Skipper says. "And in that category, mystery. Mystery books are by far their favorites."

The library also has a large rack for periodicals, some of which are paid for by the school and some by the county. Also, Mrs. Skipper brings a number of them herself.

Among the list are Boy's Life, Children's Digest, National Geographic, American Girl, Child Life, Holiday, Life, and Newsweek.

Audio visual aids, used to supplement instruction in the library include film-strips dealing with the lives of great men, science, mathematics, government, health, travel, animal life, etc.

"I show film-strips according to what certain grades are studying. It gives them a broader understanding of the material, and also gives some diversion in study method."

**Five Classes A Day**

Five classes a day make use of the library, in addition to older students in the seventh and eighth grades who come in on their own for work on special research projects.

"There are about 32 in each class, and I guess we have about 160 students each day. Most rooms come in twice a week."

"The first three grades stay 30 minutes on each visit. The others stay an hour."

"Sometimes I read a story to the younger ones, or show a film-strip. Sometimes they read to themselves."

A new innovation this year, a direct result of having a full-time librarian, is bringing the first grade children for regular sessions in the library during the first part of the year.

The previous practice was to wait until the second half of the term to begin bringing them.

**Read Out Loud**

"First graders all read out loud when they first begin coming. We have quite a time when they all get a book and start in. They don't know what all the words are, but they make them up and read right along and it's exciting to see them trying to learn."

"And they are always misplacing their books. They come in and when I ask them where their books are, they say they don't know. But eventually they turn up. They always

## Good Shepherd Home Uses Religious Therapy

BY R. H. STONE

LAKE WACCAMAW — Religious therapy for the cure of alcoholism is having a positive effect on patients at the Good Shepherd Home at Lake Waccamaw, according to figures released by the Rev. E. V. Dunn, its founder.

Dunn says 60 per cent of the home's graduates have successfully conquered alcoholism and have retaken their place in society.

It was in the year 1955 the Hallsboro Methodist minister conceived the idea of the religious cure for alcoholism. He interested several friends and business men in his newly conceived idea which later became the Good Shepherd Home.

A suitable building was obtained with the purchase of a large frame hunting lodge adjacent to placid Lake Waccamaw.

The lodge was hastily readied and opened in July, 1956, with a capacity of 38 men.

Near the close of the first year of operation, the project appeared "headed for the rocks" when the State Board of Public Welfare and the insurance underwriters decreed a new fire-proof building must be built.

**New Building Built**

The people of the State and Lake Waccamaw came to the minister's rescue and the new building was built. Merchants donated materials and the home's residents joined with other interested persons to complete the new dormitory by October 1957.

Dunn said this same spirit of cooperation and determination later carried the Good Shepherd patients into other communities with hammers and saws where they helped remodel and build churches and parsonages.

The completion of the new dormitory out the capacity to 18 which remains constant. This small limit, coupled with limited finances, has necessitated strict selectivity of persons to be helped.

"Money will not buy a person into the Home, nor will it buy a person out," the minister said frankly.

The non-profit organization relies on public contributions and funds from former residents. "There is no particular club or organization sponsoring the home."

**To Gain Admission**

To gain admission, a man may either make a personal application or make an application through his minister. The applicant must be sincere in his purpose and have a desire to remain permanently sober, the Hallsboro minister explained.

Although only 60 per cent are actually cured, the minister said the other 40 per cent acquire some symptoms of the therapy.

One former patient recently returned to the home to testify. Dunn quoted the man, listed in the 40 per cent group, as telling his hearers, "When I returned home I once again began to drink beer, but every time I drank I was miserable. The Good Shepherd treatment may not cure you, but it will surely mess up your drinking."

The Good Shepherd rules are not the easiest to follow. Each patient is required to do his share of work and participate in all devotional exercises, including sentence prayers, Bible study, memorizing scripture verses and participation in discussions.

**Recite Bible Verse.**

Each day at breakfast every man must recite a verse from the Bible. A Bible is given to each patient when he enters the home for treatment.

His daily chores consist of tasks in the kitchen, dining hall, the house, the laundry, garden yard, office or shop.

More than 700 persons have graduated from the institution which allows eight weeks of treatment for its patient.

Dunn, a native of Edgecombe County, said, "We are looking forward to the future when we

## Children Shop With Dollars From Jaycees

Tabor City's business district got some unexpected Christmas shoppers Tuesday afternoon of last week when the local Jaycees brought 66 underprivileged children into the stores for last minute purchases.

The children, selected by their teachers at school, were brought into town on the activity bus following the round of class Christmas parties on the last day of school before the holidays.

The Jaycee chapter here schedules the event each year, and in connection with it gives each of the children a crisp new one-dollar bill to spend as he sees fit.

The children were taken into the stores in groups of 15, each with a Jaycee in charge.

Chairman of the event, Clifford Gore, said that it was surprising and touching to see what the children bought with their dollars.

"Of course they wanted to get something for themselves," Gore said, "but most of all of them went around looking for something for their parents and their brothers and sisters too."

The children are selected from grades one through six in the local school.

Helping with the project this year, in addition to Gore, were Bill Rogers, Travis Wright, Harold Ward and Charles Reavis.



CHILDREN ON A SHOPPING SPREE

## Children Shop With Dollars From Jaycees

## Douglass Man Dies In Home Fire Friday

Charles Thomas, 27-year-old Douglass Community resident died in a fire at his home early Friday morning after he had apparently fallen asleep while smoking in bed.

Maxie Watts, secretary of the Tabor City Fire Department, said that the rear section of the small 2-room wood frame house where Thomas had been sleeping was completely burned out when firemen arrived, answering an alarm turned in by Police Officer Ted Watts.

Columbus County Coroner J. B. Long, Jr., said his investigation indicated that Thomas had fallen asleep while smoking in bed, and that no inquest into the death would be held.

Watts said the firemen didn't know there was anyone in the house when they arrived on the scene, but that it took only a few minutes to get the fire out, and they went in and found him.

Thomas was employed in Tabor City by the Par Service Station on Whiteville Road.

**Earlier Blaze**

On Wednesday night a wood-frame house outside the town limits near Douglass School was destroyed by fire of an undetermined cause.

The house, belonging to John Cox, was empty at the time of the fire.

Watts said that the 3-room dwelling was all but totally lost when firemen arrived.

He said the firemen made no effort to save that house, but concentrated the water supply on a house next door belonging to John C. Johnson.

Both houses are located on School Street.

## Deficiency In Reading Also Is Drop-Out Cause

By CLAYTON LEWIS

Principal, Williams Township

In addition to intelligence and grade failure factors, school dropouts are likely to be poor readers. This fact may account for their low test scores and grade or subject failures.

In a study conducted by Teachers College, Columbia University, it was found that three times as many poor readers as good readers dropped out of school, and another study has shown a close relation between the ability to read well and various home influences such as the size of the family, the level of parental aspiration for the child, the educational status of the parents, and the occupational level of the father.

Of the 102 dropouts in the Williams Township School selected for study, 58 were boys. Twenty-eight of the 58 had failed reading during their last year in school, and 25 had made a "C" which is a grade that represents below average achievement. Only six girls failed reading, and only 17 of them had made "C's."

## PCA Advisory Committee Hold Annual Meeting

The Columbus Production Credit Association's Advisory Committee held its annual meeting on Thursday night, December 14, at the North Whiteville Community Development Center.

This year members of the committee entertained their wives, the PCA staff, and Directors with holiday meal, prepared and served by the ladies of the North Whiteville Center.

After the dinner, there was a short business session, presided over by Mr. W. B. Buffkin, President of the Association.

Mrs. Maude G. Lewis, who has been a guiding light in the association for 26 years, was unexpectedly presented her own choice of a gift up to \$65.00. She expressed her gratitude and told how much she had enjoyed working with the manager, directors, members, and other employees over the years.

Mr. Yoder, Manager, delivered an informative and entertaining talk. He revealed that, although the association is lending more money every year, there is still more available to qualified people. Many uses of credit were discussed, and Mr. Yoder said he wanted all the ladies to know that household appliances were considered as well as fertilizer!

The Columbus Production Credit Association is owned by 1500 Columbus County farmers and has a Net Worth of over \$900,000. Loans in excess of \$4,600,000, were serviced in 1961, and a volume of over \$5,000,000, is expected in 1962, according to Mr. Yoder.

Directors of the association besides Mr. Buffkin are: Walter Shaw, Evergreen, Robert H. Britt, Whiteville, Roscoe Enzor, Fair Bluff, and G. T. Gore, Tabor City.

He who is plenteously provided for from within, needs but little from without. — Goethe

Covering iniquity will prevent prosperity and the ultimate triumph of any cause. — Maxwell Struthers Burt

## Order Of Arrow To Hold Meet

Order of Arrow, camping fraternity of the Cape Fear Area Council, will hold their annual meeting and Christmas party on Wednesday, December 27th at 7:00 p. m. at the Leder Recreation Center in Whiteville. The annual event will be the gathering of all members of the National Organization of the Council area.

The meeting will serve as a business meeting and also as a social and fellowship program for the lodge. The young men and their dates will have a covered dish supper and a program of fun and fellowship.

The business portion of the meeting will be presided over by Charles Edwards of Elizabethtown who is Lodge Chief. John Joyner of Whiteville is Staff Advisor and Kenneth Wooten of Wilmington is Lay Advisor.

Election of officers for 1962 will be made at this time and plans for camp improvement and promotion will be discussed.

## Columbus Men Elected DHIA Asso. Directors

The Southeastern DHIA Association met at Sam's Place at White Lake for their annual meeting Wednesday night, December 13. Lacy Gore, Clarendon, Route 1, Dr. A. F. Pumphrey of Elizabethtown, whose dairy is located in Columbus County, were elected directors for three years.

Mr. R. R. Rich, extension dairy specialist of Burgaw, presented eight certificates to dairymen in the Southeastern Association for developing a dairy herd with an annual production average of 400 pounds of fat or over. Five of the eight certificates were awarded to Columbus County dairymen.

Certificates were awarded to Billy Nance of Cerro Gordo with a herd of 46.9 cows that averaged 11,190 pounds of milk and 424 pounds of fat. J. Phillip Strole, with 56.8 cows averaging 11,518 pounds of milk and 428 pounds of fat. Earl Miller, Chadbourn, 31 cows, 12,444 pounds of milk and 463 pounds of fat. Tate C. Soles, Clarendon, with 40 cows, averaging 13,005 pounds of milk and 478 pounds of fat. Lacy Gore also of Clarendon, with 36 cows averaging 13,838 pounds of milk and 495 pounds of fat.

Miller and Strole attended the annual meeting and were awarded their certificates. Nance, Soles, and Gore will receive their certificates at the next Columbus County dairy meeting.

Mr. Rich made special mention of the progress that Phillip Strole had made since starting on DHIA work. Phillip started testing in 1951 with 64 cows that averaged 6,199 pounds of milk and 265 pounds of fat. Through good management, artificial breeding and an expanded feed program, Phillip has steadily gained ground until now he has a herd average of over 11,500 pounds of milk.

Dairying is becoming an important item in Columbus County's agricultural production.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR — DRIVE CAREFUL THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS!**