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Wakelon Principal Arrives; Faculty Still Incomplete

John J. Hicks, new principal of Wakelon High School, moved to Zebulon Thursday and has begun his duties at the school.

Hicks is 35 years old and headed the faculty of Moss Hill School in Lenior County since February, 1947, before accepting a position as principal of Wakelon School.

He is a native of Easton, Pa., the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hicks, and was educated at Atlantic Christian College where he received his A. B. degree in 1943 and East Carolina College in Greenville where he received his master of arts degree in 1951.

His wife is the former Margaret Glover of Wilson, who has also taught. They have an adopted daughter, Pamela, 20 months old.

Hicks was active in the Moss Hill community and educational circles. He is a past president of the Schoolmasters Club, the Moss Hill Ruritan Club and PTA and other agencies. While at Moss Hill he promoted a tough brand of sports competition and served as chairman of Troop 41 of the Boy Scouts of America in that community for some time.

The Moss Hill School supported a faculty of 18 members, and the acceptance of the 30 teacher school at Wakelon means a promotion for Hicks.

Hicks and his wife are Methodists.

The new principal said that all the vacancies at Wakelon are not yet filled, but he hopes within the next couple of weeks the faculty will be completed.

At Fort Lee

Army Reserve Sergeant First Class Thomas E. Harris, whose wife, Julia, lives at 5235 Eighth St., NW, Washington, D. C., is receiving two weeks of active duty training at Fort Lee, Va.

The training, which will end Aug. 18, includes weapons firing and familiarization with the latest developments in Army quartermaster procedures.

Harris, son of Jake Harris, Wendell, is a train car repairman in Washington, D. C.

Hitchhickers Are Scarce During Hot Weather

WHAT NO BRIDGE? . . . Was talking to Mrs. Franklin Jones before her departure to the Jones' new home in Roxboro . . . Said she hated dreadfully to leave Zebulon . . . She would miss all the friendliness and graciousness of everybody here . . . Everybody had been so wonderful to her family . . . Also said she would miss attending the bridge parties here . . . Seemed she was somewhat disturbed . . . She had seen an issue or two of a Roxboro paper and had not found a single account of a bridge party write-up . . . Was wondering if they play in that city . . . Wouldn't be the same if she didn't have a weekly card party to go to as she did while here in Zebulon.



These Farm and Home Week participants figure out how to eat their cake — a 400-pound one — and have it too. They share the cake with 2,000 others at an "International Tea" Wednesday afternoon. The cake was given by Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company to the Home Demonstration Clubs United Nations organization. Sampling the icing are, left to right, Bruce Ratchford, assistant director of the State College Extension Service, Billy Waddell, Jacksonville, Fla.; Dan Paul, Raleigh; Miss Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent, Raleigh; and P. M. Bealer, Jr., Charlotte, vice president of the Southern Division, A. & P., who presented the cake to Miss Current.

Uncle Sam Works Overtime Paying Social Security to Retired Countrymen

Old-age benefits under Federal social security were awarded to more than 2,500 of the nation's newly retired workers a day during 1955. In Wake County alone, 337 more retired workers were receiving old-age monthly benefits at the end of 1955 than at the beginning of the year, according to figures just released by John Ingle, District Manager in Raleigh.

At the end of 1955 1,741 retired workers in Wake County were getting monthly old-age benefit payments; in addition, 2,270 people in this county were receiving monthly benefits as dependents of old-age beneficiaries or as survivors of workers who had died. In the country as a whole the number of persons receiving old-age and survivors insurance benefits increased by nearly 1.1 million in 1955, 16 per cent more than at the end of 1954. Nation-wide, there were al-

most four and a half million retired workers receiving old-age benefits at the end of 1955 and an additional three and a half million dependent and survivor beneficiaries—wives, husbands, children, mothers, aged widows, widowers, and parents.

In Wake County, retired workers were receiving \$93,789 monthly in social security payments as 1955 came to a close, Ingle said. Dependents of old-age beneficiaries or survivors of workers who had died were getting \$77,693 a month in Wake County at the end of the year. These amounts represent increases of 31 and 21 per cent, respectively.

Pointing out the significance of old-age and survivors insurance under social security as a floor of financial protection for the aged, Ingle said that in the nation as a whole today, over half of the non-working aged people are eligible for monthly benefits under the social security program and that in the three years ahead the protection will steadily increase. This, he said, will result primarily from the extension of coverage under the 1954 amendments to approximately 10 million more working people — including most of the nation's farm population.

Children made up a large group of beneficiaries in Wake County in 1955; 1,210 of them were receiving monthly benefits totaling \$38,581 at the end of the year. Most of them were survivors of an insured father or mother who had died, but some were the minor children of retired workers receiving old-age benefits.

If the child of a retired or deceased person is entitled to monthly payments, the child's mother may also be entitled to benefits, regardless of her age. In Wake County at the end of 1955, 295 widowed mothers who were caring for child beneficiaries were receiving \$11,695 per month. \$15,319 went to aged widows, aged de-

pendent widowers, and aged parents of deceased workers in December, 1955. Lump-sum death payments, which can be made regardless of whether or not monthly benefits are also payable, totaled \$1,715,000 in the State of North Carolina in 1955.

The Nation-wide total of monthly and lump-sum benefits paid under the old-age and survivors insurance program in the year 1955—\$4,855 million—exceeded the total amount paid in the 11½ years from January, 1940 through June 1951. By the end of 1955, benefit pay-

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Degree Work

It has been announced that the Masons of Whitstone Lodge who are working on the second degree will meet tonight at 8 o'clock at the Lodge.

Vocational Agriculture Important Teacher Tells Rotary Club at Meet

Speaking before the Rotary Club Friday night, Paul Dew, agriculture teacher at Wakelon High School, told of the importance of vocational agriculture in the high schools of the state and nation.

Before giving a resume of the things he hopes to accomplish in the agriculture department at Wakelon School next year, he gave a brief history of vocational agriculture.

He said that it is of great importance that boys are urged to stay on the farm. He cited figures of the decreasing number of boys who are seeking livelihood in the city instead of the agriculture areas.

Dew said more and more agriculture departments are beginning

Public Welcomed To Observe Guard During Training

"Parents and all others in the community are invited to visit our armory and observe National Guard training," CWO Johnsey P. Arnold said yesterday. He made the statement in answer to an inquiry from a parent about permission to view Guardsmen during regular training periods.

Battery A, 113th Field Artillery Battalion, drills each Monday evening for two hours beginning at 8 o'clock.

At the present time training is devoted to basic military subjects—everything from first aid and personal hygiene to weapons and tactics—to insure the men are well grounded in fundamentals before more technical subjects are taught.

The outstanding record of Battery A is the result of intensive armory training, Mr. Arnold said. "There's no time for play during the 48 armory drills during the year," Mr. Arnold said. "We know that what a man learns during drill may some day save his life."

The training schedule is prepared by Lt. James Potter, commanding officer, in cooperation with Mr. Arnold. Individual lessons to be taught each week are prepared by the officers and non-commissioned officers of the unit.

CWO Arnold, on duty at the Armory Monday through Friday of each week, said he will be happy to show visitors through the armory at any time.

News Boy Given Another Trip

Billy Pippin, The Raleigh Times carrier in Zebulon, is the first carrier to win an expense-paid trip to the Great Smoky Mountains.

Lee Baker, The Times circulation manager, said that Pippin will be among 35 Times carriers who will earn free trips.

The carriers will leave Wednesday aboard a chartered bus and will return Friday night.

In addition to visiting the outdoor drama, "Unto These Hills," at Cherokee, they will tour the Cherokee Indian Reservation, Asheville, Clingman's Dome and

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EXPLANATION . . . The Rev. Carlton Mitchell was explaining to a friend the meaning of the abbreviation of the degree he recently received . . . The degree was S.T.M. . . . meaning Master of Sacred Theology . . . the Rev. Mr. Mitchell stated he was under the impression that all theology was sacred.

RUINS . . . Ever noticed the remains of the old warehouses behind Percy Parrish's business established . . . Reminds one of the old Roman and Grecian ruins of Europe.