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Teacher of Year

Honor Goes To Corinth-Holders School Educator

A teacher hears many and varied appraisals of her work. Sometimes these appraisals come from the students she works with, sometimes from former students, sometimes from parents, and sometimes from persons who have no association with the school.

Comments of a teacher's ability, personality, success or failure are forever reaching her ears. And Mrs. Percy Richardson's are no different.

Mrs. Richardson has been named "Teacher of the Year" for 1957. She has heard all sorts of appraisals of her teaching, but she believes that her fairest critics have been her pupils. She said they have helped her see herself through their eyes.

"Sometimes it hasn't been good, these criticisms from the pupils," Mrs. Richardson said. "But it has helped me to grow and, I feel, to become a better teacher and person."

And there is no better teacher to be found. Her pupils, past and present, and her fellow teachers, past and present, agree heartily that Mrs. Richardson is "just about the best," "dedicated to the profession," and "a born teacher."

Mrs. Richardson remembers she always wanted to be a teacher. Even during her early childhood she would gather the neighborhood children in the Fleming home and yard during the afternoons and hold school.

She, naturally, was the teacher. Mrs. Richardson is the former Annie Laurie Fleming, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fleming of Enfield. She is the tenth child, the baby and only daughter. There were nine brothers, of whom only four are now living.

When she was two and one-half her mother died; when she was six her father died. After the death of her parents, her father's maiden aunt, Sallie Fleming, took the children under her protective wing and reared them.

When Mrs. Richardson spoke of her aunt, her voice became tender and loving.

"She was a stern disciplinarian," Mrs. Richardson remembered. "But she was so very wonderful, with a heart full of love and a soft, warm chest for us to weep on"

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Mrs. Percy Richardson

Local Woman's Children Almost Burned To Death

The two children of S/Sgt. and Mrs. Kenneth Leggett were almost burned to death in a fire which completely destroyed their house trailer.

The children, 20-month-old Kim and 3½-month-old Kenny, were rescued by a friend of S/Sgt. and Mrs. Leggett before the blaze enveloped the trailer.

S/Sgt. Leggett and a friend were underneath the trailer thawing the water pipes with a blow torch. Sparks ignited the body of the vehicle and spread quickly.

Mrs. Leggett was away from the trailer at the time. She was at the launderette doing the wash.

The estimated loss was \$4,000.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Leggett and their children reside in Anchorage, Alaska, where S/Sgt. Leggett is connected with the Army.

The parents of Mrs. Leggett, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Allman, were recently notified of the accident and reported it to the press.

Art Talk Given By Mrs. Bill Beck To Junior Women

Mrs. William Beck brought out at the January meeting of the Junior Woman's Club that 20th Century art is the outgrowth of two world wars.

Mrs. Beck, an accomplished artist, used the subject, "20th Century Art and Modern Art." She was introduced by Mrs. Norman Screws, program chairman for January.

"During this era," Mrs. Beck said, "the artists painted what they felt. They embodied into their works vivid, florid colors and uninhibited subject matter."

She told that modern art is unlike art of previous years because it is international. Modern artists hope, she said, that the viewers may be able to see what he feels. The modern artists, like the 20th Century artists, use color with a predominant flourish.

A number of post-impressionist painters were discussed by Mrs. Beck. The major ones were Picasso, Cezanne, Gauguin, Van Gogh and Seurat.

Mrs. Beck is the former Helen Sarcione of Boston. She studied art at Vesper George School of Art in Boston, and works in all media, though she prefers oils. She was an instructor in art during last summer's recreational program.

Older Women Need Interests To Prolong Their Life Span

The need for interests of people after they reach middle age is great, the home economics supervisor in the Division of Vocational Education of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction said.

"Women 50 years old or older are faced with the feeling of being left out," Miss Catherine Dennis told the Zebulon Woman's Club on January 18. "To prolong our lives, we must acquire and develop interests."

She cited that adult education classes are excellent means of learning new subjects and acquiring new interests.

After the rearing of a family Miss Dennis said, older women have the greatest opportunity for self-expression.

"The talent of aging women can be utilized fullest in their community," she said, "if they will use this talent."

She urged older women to assume more responsibility in their community.

"To prolong interests," she said, "is to prolong life."

She told the group to encourage the younger members of their families and friends to develop interests in hobbies and community projects.

"Help these younger members to see that they are going to live longer, they are going to have more leisure time on their hands, and to utilize this time by learning something interesting, something they will be capable of passing on to their community, church and school."

Miss Dennis urged the women to stop and think "what I am go-

SEASON ENDS

Wakelon's winless Bulldog basketball team ends its home games of the season Friday when it collides with Millbrook.

The other games will be at the home of the rivals. Feb. 4, Wake Forest; Feb. 7, Wendell; Feb. 11, Millbrook; and Feb. 14, open date.

Wakelon May Lose Football Program Due To Shortage Of Funds

Newspaper Carrier Injured In Accident Early Tuesday AM

Billy Pippin, Raleigh Times news carrier, suffered a broken left leg Tuesday about 5:30 a.m. while helping his mother deliver papers.

Pippin, it was learned, was sitting on the tail gate of the 1953 Ford station wagon driven by his mother, Mrs. Allen Pippin, Jr., tossing the News and Observer newspapers into the receivers' yards.

According to Mrs. Pippin, who is an agent for the News and Observer, one paper was not thrown by Billy in the right direction and he directed his mother to shine the automobile lights into the yard of J. C. Debnam so that he (Billy) might find the paper and deposit it where the owner might be able to find it.

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Operating In Red; Boosters Club To Give Full Support

Wakelon School faces the danger of losing its football team.

The suggestion of this possibility came as a blow to the pitifully small Boosters Club Monday night.

Principal John J. Hicks reported to the group who had met to try to revive the gasping club that because of inadequate athletic funds some athletic program stands a chance of having to be curtailed.

The most likely to be taken off will be the football program.

Principal Hicks said, "Unless there is more local support of the athletic program, there is a possibility that the football program will be the first to be curtailed."

For the past two years Wakelon's athletic program has been operating in the red.

"I don't know the answer to putting it into the black," Principal Hicks said. "It was operating in the red when I came here and it looks as if it will continue."

The principal revealed to the group the expenses for operating the 1957-58 athletic year.

Players football insurance, \$247.50

Official association, \$20.
N. C. High School Athletic Association, \$10.10

Salaries, \$430.

Equipment, \$111.21

Lighting, \$147.38

Adjusting of lights, \$139.31

Referees, \$296

Guaranteed football, \$105.

Equipment, \$106.59

The total athletic expenses for the current school year are \$1,626.85. Gate receipts total \$1,318.65. The only other revenue will come from the county basketball tournament.

The school will end the season with an athletic indebtedness of approximately \$600, Hicks said.

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Audubon Junior Club Formed, Headed By Miss Gladys Baker

The organization of an Audubon Junior Club in the eighth grade of Knightdale School has been announced by Miss Gladys Baker, teacher and club leader.

The purpose of the group will be to stimulate interest in nature and conservation among students. Miss Baker said more than 9,500,000 boys and girls throughout the schools of the United States belong to Audubon Junior Clubs.

Officers of the club are Jerry Horton, president; Terry Horton, treasurer; and Dianne Poole, secretary.

The National Audubon Society, which sponsors Audubon Junior Clubs, has sent the new unit a supply of materials which include buttons for each member, colored pictures of birds, mammals and flowers, as well as suggestions for exploring the outdoors in order to become better acquainted with "the community of living things and its importance in terms of human progress."

Miss Baker said, "The National Audubon Society has found that until children develop an interest in birds, mammals, insects, trees,

or other nature subjects, they have little interests in conservation of natural resources. It is for this reason that the Society devotes a great deal of time and money to the organization of Audubon Junior Clubs. These clubs were founded in 1910 with a gift of \$15,000 from Mrs. Russell Sage to the National Audubon Society. She was shocked by the widespread slaughter of robins that she observed during a trip through the South and decided that an organized program of nature education would offer the only real solution to the problem."

During the 45 years of their existence, Audubon Junior Clubs have expanded their scope of activities to include all branches of nature and conservation. These clubs are active in every state of the union.

Any group of ten or more children, plus an adult leader, may form a club.

Miss Baker was the recipient of a \$100 grant from the Wake County Audubon Society last year for study in the state of Maine.

School In New Athletic Conference, Principal Named Vice President

Wakelon School Principal John J. Hicks has been named vice president of the Wake-Edgecombe-Nash Conference. He was elected to this position Wednesday, Jan. 22.

The new athletic conference is composed of 12 Class A high schools in Wake, Nash and Edgecombe counties. It was formally organized at a meeting of school officials from the three counties in Spring Hope January 22.

Benefits expected to be derived from the new conference include elimination of game-scheduling difficulties often encountered by schools which are not affiliated with a conference and a reduction in travel distances for the participating schools.

Nash will dominate the new loop in number of member schools. All of the county's eight white high schools are included in the conference. Four of the other seven schools are in Wake County and three are in Edgecombe. The Wake schools are Wakelon, Knightdale,

Rolesville and Wendell.

Only six of the 15 conference schools play football. These are Wakelon, Wendell, Nashville, Spring Hope, Benvenue and Rolesville. Organizational plans for the football schools were developed at a meeting last November.

All 15 schools have basketball and baseball teams, and the conference has been divided into Eastern and Western Divisions for play-off purposes in these two sports. The Eastern Division is composed of the three Edgecombe schools—North Edgecombe, South Edgecombe and West Edgecombe—plus five Nash schools, Benvenue, Whitakers, Red Oak, Coopers and Nashville. The Western Division is composed of the four Wake Schools, plus Spring Hope, Bailey, and Middlesex in Nash County.

C. H. Fries, assistant superintendent of Nash County Schools, is chairman of a schedules committee which will set up conference

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