

West Southern Pines

BY DOROTHY JOHNSON
The members and friends of Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church are sponsoring an Appreciation Program for the pastor, the Rev. Joseph Johnson, on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. A program is planned and the public is invited to attend.

Wells Tabernacle Church of God in Christ at 450 S. Stephens St., is celebrating its pastor's fourth anniversary through Oct. 18. The evening speakers are Elder T.C. Leak, Wednesday; Elder C.D. McNeil, Thursday; and Elder J. Williams, Friday. Mother Mary Hallman conducts noonday prayer every Monday. Elder J.H. Turner is the pastor.

The West Southern Pines Civic Club will meet Monday, Oct. 21, in the Longleaf Court office building on Mechanic St. at 8 p.m.

The Rev. T.E. Flowers and the congregation of Faith Baptist Church are temporarily worshipping at Lawson Institute. They invite the public to join

them at 10 a.m. Sunday for Sunday School and at 11 a.m. for morning worship.

Evangelist J. Alford will be conducting a revival at Harrington Chapel F.W.B. Church Oct. 16-19. The public is invited to attend these services.

The Rev. Samuel Thomas announces the following services at Refuge Church of Christ, Monday, Wednesday and Friday - Prayer Service; Saturday night - all night Prayer Service; Sunday - Sunday School, 10 a.m., morning worship 11, and evening worship, 7:30. Youth Services every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Apostle Wm. L. Bonner, presiding Apostle of the Churches of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith, has a goal of \$10,000 to help feed the starving in Africa. Donations may be sent to Refuge Church of Christ, 855 W. Indiana Avenue Southern Pines, or Greater Refuge Temple, 2081 7th Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10027, c/o Apostle W.L. Bonner.

Capital Comments

BY BILL NOBLITT

It comes as no surprise to close observers of public education in North Carolina that if teachers were given a thousand dollars to spend to improve education, they would keep half for themselves. There is growing resistance, both in the Department of Public Instruction and the General Assembly to that attitude among teachers.

And now, principals have joined the ranks of those who think perhaps education could be improved more by spending money in other ways, than just boosting teacher benefits.

That, at least, is the message contained in one segment of a research project just completed by the State Department of Public Instruction, and contained in a report called a "State Assessment."

As part of their work in providing information for the educational assessment, teachers were given a hypothetical \$1,000 and asked how they would spend it compiling a "wish list."

Vote Raise

Responding to that situation, some 12,000 elementary school teachers earmarked \$460 for salary increases or direct benefits for teachers.

The remainder of the \$1,000 would be spent for additional materials and supplies (\$250); and the rest (\$290) for hiring specialists in music, art, physical education, or reading, and aides to reduce class size.

Principals differed with that approach, the report showed. "When principals were given the opportunity to fund the three broad categories of teachers benefits, new personnel, and instruction supplies, they earmarked exactly half of the monies for new personnel while designating one quarter each to the remaining categories," the State Assessment reported.

While principals and teachers agreed on "all major points of capability and need...the basic differences arose over spending of new monies to meet the special needs of primary and elemen-

tary students, with principals giving a higher priority to new personnel; and teachers giving a higher priority to teacher benefits," that report suggested.

There is growing resistance in Raleigh to the constant pressure from teachers, and from the North Carolina Association of Educators, for accelerating pay schedules and benefits.

\$12,000 Cost
Dr. A. Craig Phillips has spelled out for members of the General Assembly that it is now costing the state an average of about \$12,000 for each full-time teacher.

That amount, of course, is not all salary. The average teacher salary during the current school year is \$9,679. The lowest beginning salary is \$8,130; the highest regular salary for a veteran teacher is \$12,560.

The rest of that \$12,000 figure comes in state contributions to Social Security, retirement, medical insurance (\$13 monthly per teacher), and hiring substitutes.

Not included in these figures are local supplements to the state salary which are paid by most school systems in the state.

Critics of teacher pay-raise pressures also point to the 10-month work year for teachers; to the sick leave granted at the rate of six days per year and accumulated without restriction; to numerous holidays, plus two days of personal leave during the school year; and to annual leave accumulated at the rate of 1.25 days per month.

And while fearing the wrath of the Women's Liberation movement, some critics also point out that a goodly number of teachers are women, therefore representing second incomes in many families.

The survey report notes that fact when it shows that of the more than 12,000 teachers participating, 96 per cent are female; and one section of the report notes that the teachers themselves feel more men are needed as teachers at the elementary level.

Capital Cloakroom Conversations

By Sam Burrow

Two little words but with potent meanings are being kicked around these days. They are "candid" and "candor."

In practice if not in use, these words have reached a new low in their meaning in some political and business circles. Mr. Webster uses "frank," "straightforward," "unbiased," "outspoken but fair," and even "purity" in his explanation of the different meanings of these two little words.

Watching them become obsolete is disheartening to those who still believe that honesty makes the best policy. Even though the trend seems to be going against this school of thought, there is still a great need to get it headed in a better direction.

Let's take a look at some of the dispatches coming out of our seats of government.

Just recently, one of its most trusted and respected statesmen looked America straight in the eye and told a complete falsehood without so much as the wink of an eye lash. And he keeps insisting that candor is the hallmark of his remarks.

Small Talk

BY WATT HUNTLEY

With the rising cost of high living, we should all be on the lookout for low-cost luxuries.

I was introduced to one of my favorite poor-boy luxuries about 30 years ago in the waning days of World War II. Stationed in Puerto Rico, I was given a "rest and recreation" leave to go on to nearby Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, capital of the Virgin Islands. Although there wasn't really much to rest from, with the war concentrated in the Pacific, I wasn't about to turn down a GI vacation.

While in Charlotte Amalie, I stayed at the Hotel 1829, which indicates the age of the building. It was also old in the ways of gracious living, a fact I learned the next morning at breakfast on the terrace overlooking the blue waters of the Caribbean Sea.

With a cheery "good morning," the waiter led me to a table covered with a clean white tablecloth. It in itself was a novelty, but when he placed before me a sparkling glass of

water with ice in it, I thought, "This is really living. Ice water for breakfast!" I told myself that if and when I made it back to civilian life, I would have ice water for breakfast every morning of my life. It was a luxury I could afford.

Now, 30 years later, I can gauge my wife's early morning condition as soon as I see the breakfast table. If there's no ice in the water, I know she's not feeling so hot. On the other hand, a glass of ice water is proof that she's on top of the world and putting first things first.

Today, if I go into a strange restaurant for breakfast and the waitress shows up with a glass of ice water, I am confident they understand the finer things of life. If she brings a glass of water without ice, I think, "I'll bet they can't poach eggs, either."

In spite of its reputation as something heavy drinkers crave the morning after, ice water for breakfast is something a poor, sober man can enjoy.

Cameron Community

BY VERA McLEAN

Carl Loving went to Chapel Hill on Friday for some business and also he saw his sister, Mrs. Frank Maddrey, while there.

Members of Circle Number One had their October meeting in the ladies parlor of the Presbyterian Church here at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. H.B. Roberts went to the home of her daughter, Hilda and her husband for a day of two a few days ago. She was accompanied by her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Roberts and Diane.

Spending a few days in the home of Mrs. C.W. Voyles of Route 1 recently were Mrs. Jones Bowden and her daughter Ruth from Florida.

Mrs. Bill Phillips and daughter, Sharon Phillips, came over from Sanford a recent afternoon and visited with Mrs. Hubert Phillips.

Seven of the ladies from the Presbyterian Church here went to Bethesda Church for the District Conference.

Leon Keith represented that church at the meeting of Fayetteville Presbytery in Dunn.

Mrs. Gray Bullard of Route 2 was the hostess on a recent evening for the members of the Beaver Creek Extension Club.

The family of Mrs. M.W. Harbour entertained her on her birthday anniversary recently by all going to Raven Rock, where they enjoyed a picnic dinner together with all of the family on hand, with the exception of one son, and one small grandchild.

The Rev. and Mrs. Carol Foneville have a new baby son, whose name is John Mark Foneville.

The members of Wayside Church on Route 2 went to the home of Mrs. Wade Eads for their Circle meeting for October, and when the program had ended the hostess served refreshments.

Mrs. Tommy Wallace and two small sons came from Wilmington and spent most of the past week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hardy, and also in the home of his mother, Mrs. Ralph Wallace on Route 1.

On the weekend they were joined by her husband, Tommy Wallace. All were here for the homecoming at the Baptist Church on Sunday.

SCC Students

Attend Meet On Horticulture

Four students of the landscape gardening program at Sandhills Community College attended a meeting of the National Council for Therapy and Rehabilitation through Horticulture held last week in Arlington, Virginia.

Over 200 leaders who work in Horticulture with the retarded and physically handicapped met for the second annual conference of the national organization.

The Sandhills students were Harry Baucum, Rockingham, Toni Bayless, Fayetteville, Sue Woodruff, Whispering Pines, and Gerald Powers, Chapel Hill. Also at the conference was Debbie Buschman who received her degree in landscape gardening at the Sandhills commencement last May. Debbie is employed at Melwood Farm, Nanjemoy, Maryland, a 100-acre horticulture facility for the mentally retarded, which hosted the meeting.

The National Council for Therapy and Rehabilitation through Horticulture was founded in Washington, D.C. and the membership includes representatives of the Menninger Clinic, Topeka, Kansas; the Institute of Rehabilitation, New York University; and other institutions concerned with mental retardation, the physically handicapped and the poor.

The keynote address was delivered by A.S. White, noted British horticulturist who is with the Mt. Vernon Hospital, Middlesex, England. Other speakers were the author of a Boston newspaper column, "The Wheelchair Gardener," the horticulture instructor of the Texas Department of Corrections, and the chief of the rehabilitation medical services of the Veterans Administration in Washington, D.C.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Clapp were at the home of her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Holt.

Mrs. W.G. Parker and Mrs. Marion Hinson went to Raleigh and spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. George Adams and Mrs. George Adams from Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. McGill of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Reeves from Southern Pines, who then attended the homecoming services.

Mrs. Gladys Warren of Route 1 has returned from Bethesda, Maryland, where she attended the marriage of her sister, Annie Lee, to Lester D. Wheeler, Capt. U.S.N. Ret., on Saturday, October 12 in the Bethesda Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Warren of Durham also attended.

To name just a few former residents of this place who were here Sunday for homecoming were Professor and Mrs. Stephenson, Professor and Mrs. Holmes and two daughters, Flint Loving and wife, Col. and Mrs. Wingate Jones, the family of the late Mrs. Geraldine Stutts, Tommy Trent, and Mack Trent.

No Applications On Wednesdays

No financial applications other than emergency and no food stamp applications will be taken in Moore County Department of Social Services Office at Carthage on Wednesdays. Mrs. Walter B. Cole, director, has announced.

Announcement will be made later as to where branch offices will be set up in November and December.

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Sandhills Kennel Club

Leash Lines

BY ALICE BAXTER



ANIMAL CARE—Mrs. Catherine Kennedy, manager of the Animal Shelter, and Dan Adams, chairman of the board of the Humane Society of Moore County, look over facilities at the shelter.

If you think bull fights in Spain and Mexico are cruel, read this. It is happening in North Carolina as well as in other states.

The American Dog Owner's Association has requested Federal Grand Jury hearings in an effort to prohibit and penalize the interstate transport of fighting dogs and other animals and to prohibit dog fighting.

Congressional hearings were begun in September at which ADOA showed on-the-spot films made by their investigators. Some of the films were so savage they had to be censored and in spite of this many committee members were sickened and had to leave the hearing room.

Although illegal, dog fighting has become a national "sport" involving gambling bets that have run as high as \$12,000. Weekend "conventions" are held where as much as \$90,000 has been known to change hands.

Staffordshire Terriers (Pit Bulls) are the most commonly used breed, although Dobermans, St. Bernards, Siberian Huskies, Alaskan Malamutes, Boston Terriers and mixed breeds from the local animal shelter are also seen in the pits.

In their publication the ADOA quoted a breeder as saying that the best method for training a fighter is to put a cat into an onion bag and string it up on a screen door spring so it will bob up and down as the dogs snatch at it. If the cat gets pretty well mauled, take it down and keep it till the next day and then throw it in and let the dogs kill it. They also mentioned other equally cruel methods of training.

ADOA is asking concerned citizens to write to their congressmen requesting the necessary legislation to stop this activity. For us that would be Congressman Earl Ruth and Senator Jesse Helms.

Another Side
And now for a turn to the lighter side. The following is what was told to us by a new Aberdeen resident.

"My name is Towser and I'm a sort of a brown and white bird dog. I was sniffin' my way

through Moore County not too long ago in search of a place to stay and finally put up at the Humane Society's animal shelter out on Highway 22 near Carthage.

"That's quite a place they have there. The front lobby is painted a cheerful yellow and the In-keeper (they call her shelter manager) Mrs. Catherine Kennedy checked me into a room with nice light grey walls and floor and ceiling to match. The room had a great patio, too.

"But you should see their cat room. All fancied up with curtains at the window that Mrs. Kennedy made when she wasn't busy at the shelter. Each cage has a yellow doodad hanging in it for their highnesses to play with. They tell me that nice Mrs. Jennifer Clark in Pinehurst is responsible for softening up those cats with toys.

"Mrs. Kennedy insisted I take a bath and brush and powder myself because company was coming. Company came all right. That was the day the Humane Society had their Open House at the shelter.

"I didn't stay for the whole thing but I hear there was a good crowd. As for me, I was getting settled down in my new home here in Aberdeen. I wonder if those folks know they were also celebrating National Dog Week?"

At least we know that Towser didn't wind up being trained for fighting here in N. C. and we certainly hope those pampered cats he speaks of will not meet the same fate as those the American Dog Owner's Association speaks of.

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Gardening Gift Made By Club To Sandhills

The generous check was sent by Mrs. Stuart H. Smith, treasurer of the club, to Fred Garrett, chairman of the landscape gardening program. Other officers of the Garden Club of the Sandhills include Mrs. Richard Chatham, president; Mrs. Lionel Callaway, first vice president; Mrs. Charles Phillips, second vice president; Mrs. George Mather, corresponding secretary; Mrs. John Haserick, recording secretary; and Mrs. Thomas Hodges, assistant treasurer.

The club has been an enthusiastic supporter of the gardening program since it was initiated at the college. The two-year course provides classroom courses in all phases of horticulture and field work in the three greenhouses on the Sandhills campus, the college grounds, and at Weymouth, the Boyd estate in Southern Pines.

In expressing appreciation for the gift Dr. Stone said, "The gardening program at Sandhills is one of our most important occupational courses. We are grateful to the Garden Club of the Sandhills members for their interest and support."

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