

White Oak CDP Selects New Officers

By MRS. ROWE LEDFORD
Community Reporter

The White Oak CDP held its regular meeting Saturday night at the Community House. Chairman Robert Fisher presided. The meeting was opened with everyone singing two songs. Robert Fisher read the scripture and Odie Fish led a prayer. The rest of the new officers were then elected: co-chairman, Odie Fish; secretary, Jane Davis; treasurer, France Teague; reporter, Mrs. Rowe Leford.

Program committee—Mrs. Robert Davis, chairman; Mrs. Joe Davis, and Mrs. Bobbie Hunter.

Refreshment Committee—Mrs. France Teague, chairman; Mrs. Robert Davis, and Mrs. Sam Leford.

Scrapbook—Mrs. France Teague and Mrs. Odie Fish.

The program was then turned over to Mrs. Rowe Leford, Virginia Leford and Jane Davis. A Mother's Day program was given. A prize was given to Mrs. Sam Leford for being the oldest mother present and Mrs. Rowe Leford the youngest mother.

A poem—"What is Home Without Mother?" was read by Mrs. Rowe Leford. A demonstration was given with the letters of Mother by Mrs. Rowe Leford, Mrs. Robert Davis and Mrs. Odie Fish.

A bubble gum contest was conducted for the men, young boys and girls. Candy was given to each one blowing bubbles.

Our next meeting will be Saturday night, May 21. The Robert Davis family, and Teague Williams family will be in charge of program.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bramlett are doing a lot of work on their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill Teague have started on their new home. Odie Fish is doing the building. They hope to have it built by winter.

The senior class of Fines Creek School has just returned from Daytona Beach, Fla. Those who went from White Oak were Patsy Davis, Carl Davis, Frank Dee Leford and Bobby Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis have installed a new electric range in their kitchen.

Navy Plant Nears End Of Rope



END OF ROPE—Two employees inspect some of the rope made in the Boston Navy plant which will close Aug. 1.

By TOM HORGAN
AP Newsfeatures

BOSTON—Time is running out at the Boston Naval Shipyard ropewalk.

It has made enough rope to bind the earth at the equator 100 times since it was established by Congress in 1834. It's the only rope-producing plant ever operated by the Navy, and its entire output has gone exclusively to the Navy.

The ropewalk's death warrant has been signed in Washington, execution date Aug. 1.

The administration has decreed, over loud protests of congressmen, that the Navy obtain its cordage from private industry.

The decision is tragic for families of 71 employees, who know no other trade. Most are war veterans, with long service in the ropewalk. Ten per cent are war-disabled.

Supervisor William J. Kaes has worked there 27 years, preceded by his father and grandfather. Louis Porter, 55, with 35 years service, ruefully considers himself "too young for a pension; too old for a new job."

Despite his 19 years service, David Himmelfarb, the Navy's last master ropemaker and boss of the Navy's last ropewalk, is chiefly concerned for his fellow employees and for welfare of the Navy.

"We turn out less than 2 per cent of the country's rope," he says, "so I can't see how it can have much impact on private industry. On the other hand, it's too late for most of these people to pick up other trades. And if the Navy needs them again, where will you find them? You can't mothball manpower and skills."

In Himmelfarb's opinion, one of the ropewalk's greatest values has been the testing, experimentation and research, including adaptation of synthetics. He did not mention it, but fellow workers said Himmelfarb developed a preservative which adds 25 per cent to life of rope.

Ropewalks were so named in the days when length of cordage was limited to length of a building, because it was necessary for a man to walk away, backward, with a piece of rope as it was fabricated. The shipyard's ropewalk is a quarter of a mile long, but machinery long ago outmoded the ancient method and theoretically there now is no length limitation.

Raw material enters one end of the long building as bales of hemp. Most of it comes from the Philippines; some from central

America.

Immediately begins sorting and combing, then fine spinning or twisting of the long, gleaming fibers into yarn and strands. From these, cordage up to the size of great towing and mooring hawsers are fashioned.

Much of more than 2½ million miles of cordage produced by the ropewalk—the figures are Himmelfarb's—actually has gone around the world, not to bundle up the old earth, but as equipment on the nation's warships.

Although cordage has been popularly associated with sailing vessels, in World War II a 27,000-ton aircraft carrier required 290,000 feet—approximately 50 miles. That compares with the 122 ton frigate Constitution, better known as Old Ironsides which required 186,500 feet in fitting out, although she is only 204 feet long compared with a modern carrier's length of approximately 1,000.

Flowers Given To Ninevah Folk

By MRS. AZE GRIFFIN
Community Reporter

The W. M. U. presented flowers on Mother's Day to the following: Mrs. James Webb, youngest mother; Mrs. Max Davis, second oldest mother; Mrs. Ben Kirkpatrick, oldest mother; Mrs. John Smiley, youngest grandmother; and Mrs. Jason Smiley, the mother of the largest family at church.

The W. M. U. circle will meet Monday, May 16, at the home of Mrs. Anna D. Gilford.

Mr. and Mrs. Aze Griffin, and Mrs. Dock Green visited Clifford Green who is a patient at Moore General Hospital. Green was hurt while working on the church, 38 months ago and has never regained consciousness.

Mrs. Wallace Sharp gave a surprise birthday party for her mother, Mrs. Vincent Fisher, on Tuesday night. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fisher, Miss Carolyn, Doris, June, Nellie, Ed and Arthur Fisher.

The community singing program has been changed from the first to the second Saturday night of each month. The next singing will be June 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rathbone visited relatives in Cliffside Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Womack of Kingsport, Tenn., spent the weekend with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Smith.



1,000 PLATES OF RAMPS were served by kitchen personnel Sunday at the Ramp Convention at Camp Hope. Preparing a plate of the renowned smelters are Carroll Smathers and William Grogan, both of Canton, employes of Food Service, Inc., at the Champion Paper and Fibre Company cafeteria.

U. S. proved reserves of natural gas reached a record high of 211.7 trillion cubic feet at the beginning of 1955.

Some experts believe that by 1976, half the new power station installations will use atomic energy.

Do It Yourself

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Pittsburgh chapter, Paints and Decorating Contractors of America (AFL), says his group is no fighting the "do-it-yourself" craze.

"The publicity on 'do-it-yourself' has created an urge in a number of people to go beyond the materials and equipment necessary to do the job right. In rare cases will they be in the materials and equipment necessary to do the job right. When they get home surrounded by their many people become discouraged by the problem and call in expert. Some get bogged down in the middle of the job and call in expert. Quite a number finish the job, and then call in an expert to do it over."

Sirens Silenced

CHICAGO (AP)—Police Commissioner Tim O'Connor said sirens disconnected on 800 vehicles enforcement cars in traffic accident division. The cars averaged 12 accidents a month. Policemen now expected to drive more cars and not run through as many lights.

Accurate Information

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—President Lou Witt of the Gulf Coast Photographers Assn. was pretty weary of speeches when it came his turn. After the announcement, "We will now have Mr. Witt's address," he responded: 5418 Timber Creek Drive" and sat down.

Taking Steps

GREENVILLE, S. C. (AP)—A set of door steps, front of a house was stolen from a house under construction.

Cherokee Drama Trvouts Set For This Saturday

CHEROKEE—Tryouts for roles in the 1955 production of "Unto These Hills," America's only Indian drama, will be held here in Mountaintop Theatre, Saturday, May 14.

The casting tryouts were announced by Harry Davis, veteran associate director of the Playmakers of the University of North Carolina, who has directed this top boxoffice attraction since its beginning six years ago.

Davis announced that the schedule for tryouts will be from 9 a.m. until 12 noon, and from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday only.

"All persons wishing to try out for acting parts in the drama," Davis said, "are requested to be at Mountaintop Theatre either at the morning or the afternoon session."

The first public presentation of "Unto These Hills" this year will be given June 25. With the exception of special performances July 4 and Labor Day, the drama will show nightly except Monday through September 5th.

News Events Of West Pigeon Area

By MRS. CLIFTON TERRELL
Community Reporter

The Bethel PTA met in the school auditorium this afternoon.

The Presbyterian Youth Fellowship gave a surprise birthday party for their adult advisor, Mrs. Clifton Terrell on Tuesday night at her home. She was presented a piece of crystal by the group.

Among those present were Misses Jean Mann, Annette Sheffield, Janette Sheffield, Rheta York, Nancy Walker McCracken, Mrs. Turner Russell, Mrs. Henry Garner, Mrs. Jack McCracken, Henry Hope, Lynn Harkins, Jerry West, Jackie McCracken, Billy Terrell, Russell Terrell, Bonner York and Kenneth York.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Maney and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Masters and family of Asheville spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Terrell of West Pigeon community.

Miss Betty Ann MacFadden of Spartanburg, S. C. spent the weekend with Mrs. L. M. West on Pigeon River Road.

Clifton Terrell, Jr. of Western Carolina College spent the weekend with his parents on Sonoma Road.

The Women of the Bethel Presbyterian Church met at the home of Mrs. Claude Church on Friday night at 7:30 for the annual birthday party.

Mrs. Henry Garner was in charge of the program on our birthday objective. This year the birthday offering goes to the Yodogama Christian Hospital in Japan. During the social hour a lovely birthday cake was served by the hostess.

On Friday, May 13, at 10 a.m. a work day will be held at the Bethel Presbyterian Church to clean the church and grounds. Those planning to help are asked to bring a picnic lunch to be spread at noon.

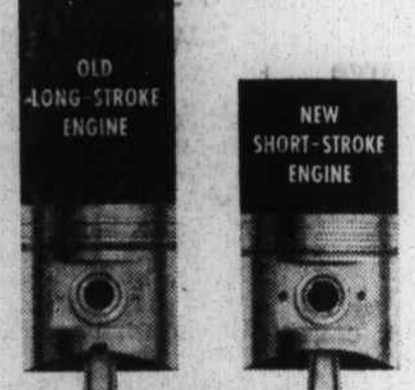
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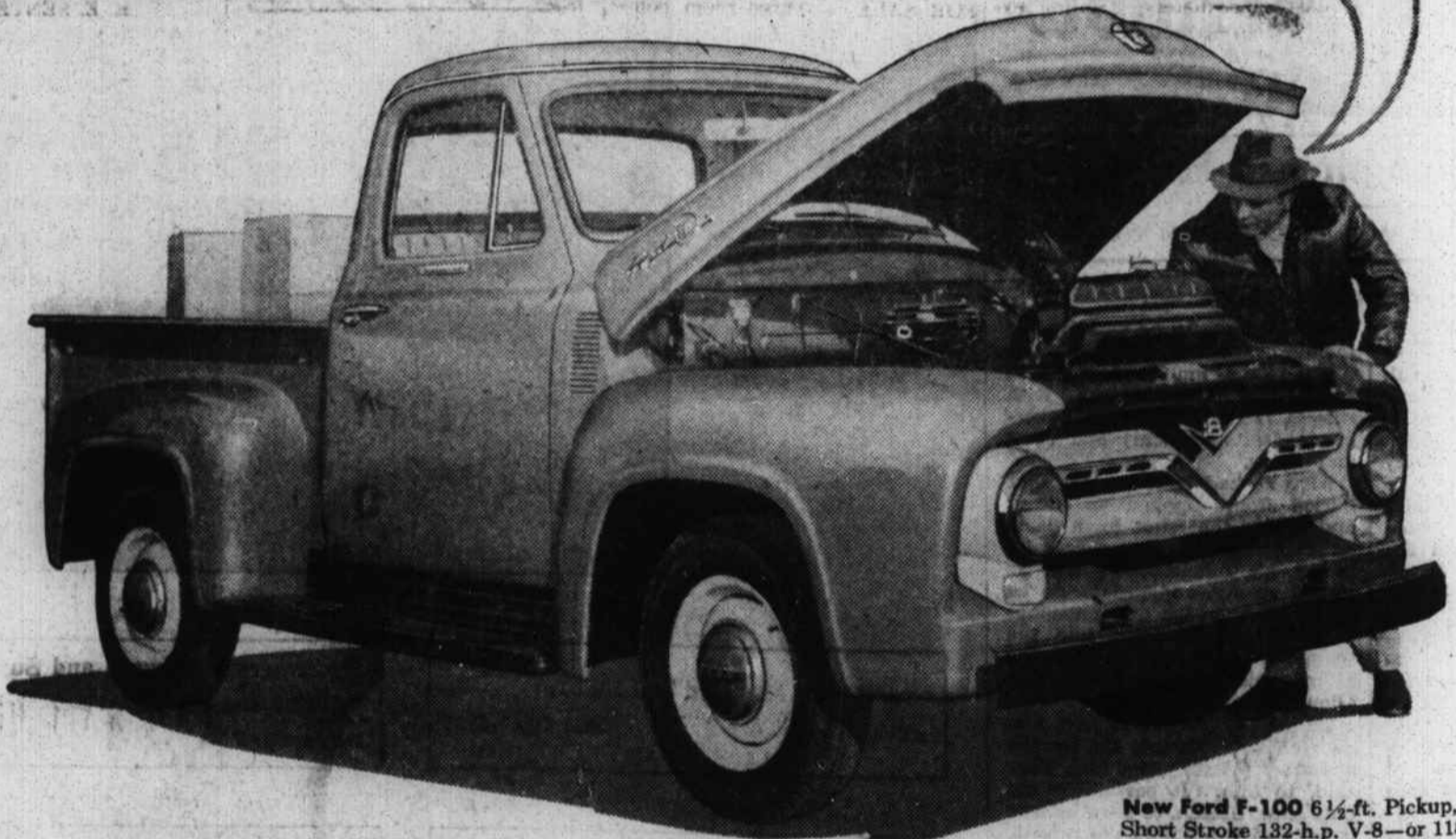
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