

Officials Attending Defense Meet

County and municipal officials from eighteen central North Carolina counties will meet in Asheboro today for an area conference on CIVIL DEFENSE RESPONSIBILITY.

Keynote speaker for the six-hour session is Alex McMahon, general counsel for the North Carolina Association of County Officials. He will explain the Civil Defense program -- now considered a vital part of continental defense -- pinpointing the responsibility of local government officials under Federal and State law.

The conference will be conducted by the University Extension Division in cooperation with the Department of Defense and the North Carolina Civil Defense Agency. Other highlights of the program include a message from Governor Sanford, a report from State Civil Defense Director Edward F. Griffin, talks and radiation shielding demonstrations by the radiological safety officers from Duke University and North Carolina State University, Raleigh.

Invitations and detailed information were sent through chairmen of county boards of commissioners and the mayor of each municipality to all elected officials and other interested community leaders.

Counties participating in the Asheboro Conference comprise North Carolina Civil Defense Area D. They are Stokes, Lee, Rockingham, Caswell, Forsyth, Guilford, Alamance, Orange, Davie, Davidson, Chatham, Rowan, Randolph, Montgomery, Moore, Hoke, Richmond and Scotland.

Sunday School Lesson

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

How Two Men Died Lesson for March 22, 1964

Background Scripture: Luke 23:32-47
Devotional Reading: Luke 23:44-56

Death came to three men on the same afternoon. We cannot say that "as it must to all men, death came to these," for the three died by cruel violence. They died, in fact, by being executed. It was a form of death that was meted out only to the most degraded of men--traitors, slaves, the worst of criminals. The punishment was crucifixion. We have been so long accustomed to glamorized pictures of the cross that we forget how horrible it was. Naked men were fastened with nails to their crosses. No fatal blow was struck; the men were just left to die. Gradual loss of blood would bring on a torturing thirst, and death was slow in coming. Victims often took two or three days to die, and most men would go insane before the end came.

The two men crucified to the right and left of Jesus were marked as bad men, and would be considered dangerous in any country at any time. They were not "thieves" in the 20th century meaning of that word. The Greek word for them means robber, bandit. They were the kind of men who do not hesitate to commit murders in order to rob their victims. The police and the public breathe more easily when such men are executed.

One of these men died as he had lived, his hand against every man's. Hung up there to die, he kept his bitter heart to the end. Whoever had condemned him to

be crucified was not now out there in the crowd. This robber hated people without reason. So he turned against Jesus and picking up what the mob was shouting, he spoke mocking words to the dying Jesus. Ridicule can hurt more deeply than harsh words and curses. The bandit's partner on the other side joined for a while in the jeers (Matthew and Mark both recall that the two men taunted Jesus) but changed his mind; this bandit kept his bitterness and died in it.

The other victims were just as dead, when sunset came, as this angry outcast. But they came to their end in a quite different way. Consider the other bandit. He was just as bad a man as his partner on the far cross; he admitted guilt for both of them acknowledged that what they suffered, they deserved. Somehow he knew that the man on the central cross did not belong there. Whether this, bandit had ever heard of Jesus, or seen him before we do not know. But criminal though he was, he had a clearer insight into the situation than all the high priests. He has done nothing wrong, he said. And then he says a strange thing to Jesus. Remember me when you come in your kingdom! he said.

Jesus answers the faith with a promise: Today you will be with me in Paradise. Just as simple as making a lunch date. Under that promise he died, not in bitterness like his partner in crime, but in hope and faith. Christians from then to now die as other men die, yet not as other men in spirit. For every Christian dies under a promise: "I am the Life."

All sorts of gloomy things are said about death, and we are supposed to feel bitter about it. But Christians know better. Grace Noll Crowell wrote a poem about death, and she called it "This is His night." Saint Paul, first Christians to put on record his thoughts about death calls it a departure, going to "be with the Lord." Death is not merely what so many millions think it is, the end of all things. It is the end of a great deal, to be sure; but it is actually a commencement. Death ends many things but it does not end you. If that first bandit's spirit survived death--and we believe it did--what kind of future would he have? If the second man's spirit survived--and Jesus assured him it would--what kind of future would he have? Luke tells the story; he leaves us to draw our own conclusions. (Based on outlines copyrighted by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. Released by Community Press Service.)

Home Agent's SCHEDULE

The demonstration, "Bathroom Planning," will be given by Miss Hall at H. D. Club meetings.

- Monday, March 23, 8:30 a.m. -- Staff conference.
- Monday, March 23, 12:30 p.m. -- Radio Program by Miss Josephine Hall.
- Monday, March 23, 7:45 p.m. -- Mildouson H. D. Club with Mrs. Woodrow Hayes.
- Tuesday, March 24, 2:30 p.m. -- Arabia H. D. Club meeting with Mrs. Lillie McDougald.
- Wednesday, March 25, 12:30 p.m. -- Radio program by Miss Loretta Gay.
- Wednesday, March 25, 2 p.m. -- Rockfish H. D. Club meeting in the lunchroom with Mrs. A. A. Ray serving as hostess.
- Thursday, March 26, 2:30 p.m. -- Clothing leader training school.
- Thursday, March 26, 7:30 p.m. -- Raeford H. D. Club meeting in the county office building with Mrs. Earl Floyd and Mrs. Johnnie King serving as hostesses.
- Thursday, March 26, 7:30 p.m. -- 4-H County Council meeting in the county office building.
- Friday, March 27, 12:30 p.m. -- Radio program by Miss Loretta Gay.

Workshop Held On Nutrition

Scurlock Elementary School held its second annual parent-teacher-workshop on family life with emphasis on nutrition on March 9, 10, and 11. Consultants for the three-night workshop were: Mrs. Elaine Robinson, assistant dietitian McCain Hospital, and Miss Elizabeth Jukes, chief of nutrition section State Board of Health.

The areas discussed were: The objectives of nutrition, classes of foods and vitamins, minerals and their uses. Activities were highlighted with an actual balanced meal being served to all in attendance. Helpful recipes were given to parents to help them plan balance diets from the surplus commodities now being distributed to the community.

Bucks Top Red Springs In Opener

Two Hoke high pitchers limited Red Springs to two hits in six innings as the Bucks gained a 6-4 victory in their abbreviated opener at Red Springs last Friday.

Ted Lunsford pitched no-hit ball for the first three innings, but allowed three runs on seven walks. He gave way in the fourth frame to Paul Clark, who allowed two hits and one run during the remaining three frames. The game was called at the end of six innings because of darkness.

The Bucks pounced on two Red Springs pitchers for eight hits. One hit apiece was registered by Benny Harward, Howard Taylor, Billy Parham, Micky McNeill, Chuck Clark, Ted Lunsford, Paul Clark and Robert Lentz.

The Bucks' next game will be played Friday in Raeford when the local nine goes against Massey Hill at 4 p. m. at Armory field.

Meanwhile, the Boosters Club announced that season tickets for all Buck home games are now on sale.

Dean's List

Miss Linda Fitz-Simmons, student at Woman's College, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, has been placed on the dean's list.

Miss Fitz-Simmons is the daughter of Mrs. A. R. Fitz-Simmons of 215 Roberts St.

New Kitchen, Dining Room Brighten McCain Hospital

A new all-electric kitchen and a recent change of location for the dining room has brought the dietary department at North Carolina Sanatorium at McCain up to date in every respect.

The change has been in the planning stage for a long time and not the least among the improvements is the fact that there has been created a westward view of pine-studded hills for the pleasure of diners. The old dining room faced east where there was little more in view than the hospital's main corridor with its disturbing sights and sounds.

Twenty-seven formica-covered dining tables are equipped with chairs which have backs and seats fashioned of foam rubber affording relaxed comfort. Extending upward from floor level to five feet the walls have been sprayed with ultra-modern vitreous enamel to a thickness of one inch in an attractive salt and pepper color effect.

Two buffet-type planters, each five feet in length, brighten the room with attractively arranged ferns and other growing plants. Subdued background music piped into the area serves to further aid relaxation during the dining hours.

The cafeteria table is adjacent to the kitchen. A new elevator also runs past the kitchen making it possible to speed the delivery of hot meals to bed patients.

The entire project cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000, officials reported.

Mrs. Betsy Cole McNeill of Raeford is the director of dietary services. She is a graduate of Woman's College and has been associated with the sanatorium since completing her 1948 internship. She is a member of the American Dietetic Society.

Mrs. Elaine Rovinette of Iowa and a University of Iowa graduate is assistant dietitian.

A total of 1,500 meals are prepared daily. Included among the numerous diners are 45 children; ages ranging from six months to 12 years and 62 prison unit patients. Many are on modified diets.

The new facilities include a stainless steel underslung conveyor belt electric dish washer eliminating dish racking. Dishes are air dried. There is also an electric bottle and can crusher.

The new kitchen with stainless steel deep fat fryers, baking and roasting ovens, provides operation efficiency and sanitation. All cooking surfaces are covered by this giant stainless steel head, equipped with exhaust fans. It was fabri-

Music Program Set At Church

Miss Kay Whitley, contractor; Alan M. Porter, tenor and Nelson P. Edens Jr., baritone, will be soloists in "A Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer," at the Raeford Methodist Church Sunday, March 22.

At the 4 o'clock program, works by Bach, du Bois, Handel, and Stainer will be performed.



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