

# Sandhills Offers Varied Adult Ed

Sandhills Community College will offer a varied and extensive program of adult education courses during the fall term. D.L. Furches, director of the department said.

The thirty-two classes scheduled include courses of practical value as well as courses in fine arts and crafts, many of them free of charge except for the cost of materials.

Among the fine arts classes are a church music worship designed for choir masters and organists of churches in the area and a Sandhills Chorus class for men and women interested in participating in concerts and recitals this year. There will be four classes in beginning oil painting, a class in drama, one in guitar playing, three classes in beginning sewing, two in advanced

sewing, and one in tailoring. Also scheduled are courses in needle point, chrisons, knitting, pottery making, and making draperies. One course will be offered in creative writing and one in horticulture for amateur gardeners.

Courses of practical value include driver education and estate planning, both of value to men and women. A course in "power puff mechanics" designed for women car owners, and classes in gymnastics, bridge, and weight watching are on the fall schedule.

All classes are scheduled for the campus of Sandhills College except a course in upholstery which will be held in Cameron.

Registration for the adult education courses will be held September 8 through September 11 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and advance registrations may be made September 1 through September 4, Furches announced. Also, for the benefit of persons employed



daytimes, registration is scheduled September 8 and 9 from 7 to 9 in the evening.

Complete information on the scheduled classes will be mailed to persons requesting details.

# Posted Signs Taken From Camp MacKall

The Camp MacKall Military Reservation, near Pine Bluff, is posted "No Trespassing U.S. Government Property."

However, the removal by unknown persons of some of the "no trespassing" signs around the Camp MacKall boundary has created a trespassing problem there.

Steps are being taken to re-post the signs, but until then, residents of nearby communities are reminded that this is a posted area.

Camp MacKall is used extensively for vital military training which includes, airborne and vehicle traffic, posing danger to unknown

civilians in the area. Even more danger lurks in camouflaged brush areas where highly explosive simulators have been installed as a part of the Special Forces training.

For personal safety, nearby residents and especially their children are reminded of the potential danger within the boundaries of Camp MacKall.

If the removal of no trespassing signs has created some question as to the actual boundaries of the camp, contact the noncommissioned officer in charge at Pine Bluff, 281-3276.

Persons having business on Camp MacKall should also contact the NCO in charge.

# State Won't Lose Medicaid Funds

North Carolina will not be denied Federal matching funds for its Medicaid program as a report circulating in the State has indicated.

The President of the North Carolina Medical Society sent a wire this week to all county medical societies informing them that all Federal Medicaid funds would be withheld from the state starting September 15.

John R. Jordan, Jr., Chairman of the State Board of Social Services, announced in Raleigh today that there had been a definite possibility that Federal funds for Medicaid might be cutoff at the end of August, but that since all 100 counties have now paid their share of it at least temporarily solved.

Jordan stated that the State must certify to the Federal government that both State and local matching funds are available each quarter. Due to the delay of several counties in making their share of Medicaid funds available, this had created a problem.

Jordan stated that as long as all counties continue to remit their share of these costs, the problem should not recur.

There are, however, seven counties who have submitted inadequate budgets for Medicaid for the current fiscal

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OPENING MEETING - The Raeford Woman's Club began a new year Tuesday night with a meeting at the Civic Center. Honored at the meeting was (left to right) Mrs. T.B. Upchurch, Jr., who received the dedication of the club yearbook; Mrs. Paul Keller, state president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs who spoke at the meeting; Mrs. John Balfour, outgoing president and Mrs. Hubert Cameron, incoming president.

# More Local People Get Retirement Checks

(Special to The News Journal)

NEW YORK, AUG. 29 - A growing number of men and women in Hoke County are getting social security checks each month from Washington.

A total of 1,383 persons in the local area, more than ever before, are now on the receiving end. It compares with 1,116 four years ago.

They are reaping the benefit of money that was deducted from their pay envelopes over the years and put into the social security trust fund for their future needs.

Most of the recipients are retired or disabled workers. The rest are the wives, widows, children and other dependents of these former workers.

The details are contained in

the annual report of the Social Security Administration, covering 1969. It marks the 35th anniversary of the program.

The increase in the number of local beneficiaries is the result, in great measure, of the periodic liberalizations voted by Congress. With each change additional groups of workers have become eligible for enrollment.

Today, well over 90 percent of the employed people in the local area qualify for such protection.

Keeping pace with the increase in the number of beneficiaries has been the marked increase in the size of their pension checks.

The average payment to Hoke County residents in 1969 was \$729. This compares with \$626 four years ago.

And this year they are doing still better, by virtue of the 15 percent hike in benefits now in effect.

What with the increase in the size of the checks and in the number of recipients, the inflow of pension funds has become an important item in the local economy.

According to the official figures, total payments in the area, as of the beginning of this year, were at the annual rate of \$1,008,000. In 1965 the total was only \$698,000.

Hand-in-hand with the improvement in benefits has been the increase in payroll taxes to pay for them. Since the program began, in 1937, there have been 13 tax hikes, through changes in both the rate and wage base. No such change is expected, however, this year.

A total of 25,317 motorists were arrested in North Carolina during 1969 on the charge of driving while intoxicated.

The veteran holding a government life insurance policy should pay premiums by the due date whenever possible, the VA cautions, although a policy remains in force for a 31-day grace period following the date the premium is due even if the premium payment is late.

# State President Speaks At Woman's Club Meeting

The president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs was the guest

speaker at the first meeting of the Raeford Woman's Club for the 1970-71 year held Tuesday evening at the Civic Center.

Mrs. Paul Keller, state president, told of the origin of the Woman's Clubs and discussed what the clubs today must do to maintain their prestige. She was introduced by Mrs. T. B. Upchurch.

Mrs. Robert Gatlin held a ceremony dedicating the club Yearbook to Mrs. T.B. Upchurch.

During the brief business session, officers, committee chairman and department

chairman reported on club and department plans and progress.

At the close of the business session, Mrs. A.D. Gow installed the new officers, Mrs. Hubert Cameron as president and Mrs. Earl Gordon as treasurer.

Miss Sylvia Sellars and Miss Sharon Currie, both contestants in the 1970 Fine Arts Festival, presented a program of music. Miss Sellars sang and played the clarinet and Miss Currie accompanied her. A social hour was held after the meeting was adjourned.

**With Our Service Personnel**

Captain Wyatt L. McGhee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel McGhee, Rt. 2, Franklinton, has graduated from the Air University's Squadron Officer School at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Captain McGhee was specially selected for the 14-week professional officer course in recognition of his potential as a leader in the aerospace force.

The captain is being reassigned to Chung Chuan Kang AB, Taiwan, as a bio-environmental engineer.

A 1958 graduate of Franklinton High School, the captain earned a B.S.C.E. degree in 1962 from North Carolina State University where he was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps program. He also holds an M.S.S.E. degree from the University of North Carolina, and is a member of Pi Kappa Phi.

His wife, Elizabeth, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl K. Bullard, 1401 Patton St., Lumberton.

Doctor Joe W. Hardison, (right), son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Hardison of Raeford, recently was promoted to Army Major while serving with the Martin Army Hospital at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Congratulating him is Colonel Cesar A. Lopez, acting commanding officer, Martin Army Hospital.

He was stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., prior to arriving overseas.

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