



STUDENTS - Graduating from dog training class are (from left) Vicki Pagni with Sheba; Mary Baxley with Nakai; Becky Jones with Linus; Linda Steed with Danks and Ted Davis with Charley; (kneeling) Cindy Fassler with Cesar; Christine Johnson with Jack and Pat Black with Spunky.

Students Picked For Gifted Programs

Six students from South Hoke School have been accepted into summer programs for superior and gifted at Western Carolina University and Appalachian State University.

Chosen for Western Carolina were Paul Rose, a fifth grader and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rose; Valerie Kaye Simmons, a sixth grader and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Pinkston Simmons; and Neil Townsend, a sixth grader and the son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert G. Townsend. Accepted for Appalachian State University's program were Teresa Capps, a sixth grader and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Capps; Willis Sellars, a fifth grader and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Sellars; and Charles Allen, a sixth grader and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie H. Allen, Jr.

This is the second time Neil Townsend has been picked for the Western Carolina program.

Charles Allen was accepted by Western Carolina but chose the Appalachian program instead.

The Western Carolina program for fifth graders will examine the cultural changes in America. The sixth graders will study the geographic factors influencing the making of a nation.

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Four Win Trips To Olympic Meet

Four Hoke County track stars earned trips to the Region III Junior Olympic meet in Athens, Ga., although standout Kathy McMillan failed to qualify in her specialty, the long jump, at the state meet in Raleigh Saturday.

According to track coach Billy Colston, Kathy turned in some of her best jumps, but scratched, or surpassed the takeoff point, three times to disqualify. Her jumps were measured anyway, he said, at 21-4; 21-10 and 21-2.

However, Kathy won her trip to the Region III meet anyway, setting a record 10.8 in the 100 yard dash and winning the 220 in 25.4.

Angela Davis also took two events, winning the 14-15 year-old discus and shot put, with distances of 87-11 in the discus and 32-5 in the shotput.

Franklin Jordan tied for third place in the polevault with a 12-6 to earn his trip and Lula Beatty finished second in the 100 meter low hurdles with a 17.3 time.

Younger Hoke County athletes won placings in the state meet, but are not eligible to compete further.

Lee Andrews finished second in the mile run for boys ages nine and under with a 6:12.4 and two Hoke girls took first and second in the long jump. Rose Parrish won the girls ages 10-11 jump with a 13-8 leap and second in the same division was Brenda Blue with 13-2.

Jennifer Leak won the 220 yard dash in the 10-11 division with a 29.0 time.

Jr. Tar Heel Wins 20-0

Hoke's Junior Tar Heel team opened the season with a 20-0 victory over Parkton No. Two last week.

Pitching for Hoke were Anthony Brown, David Blue, and Eddie Jackson. Catchers were David Horne and Mike McDougald.

Leading hitters were David Horne, hitting two for two with three for four with three RBIs; and Mark Wood, Ervin Jones, and Bob Jordan, each batting two for two.

Hitter	AT Bat	Hits	RBIs
Halbert Brown	2	1	2
Thomas Campbell	2	1	1
Garry Brayboy	3	1	2
Bob Jordan	2	2	2
Bob Moses	1	1	1
David Horne	4	3	3
Mike McDougald	1	0	0
Bruce Carroll	2	1	1
John Moses	2	1	0
Jeff Upchurch	2	1	1
Leverne Bratcher	2	0	1
Mark Wood	2	2	1
David West	1	0	2
Mike Tuttle	0	0	1
Ervin Jones	2	2	1
Anthony Brown	1	1	1
David Blue	1	0	0
Eddie Jackson	1	1	1

Jaycees Lead Ladies League

Wednesday, June 4 the Hoke Jaycees defeated Hollingsworth Barbers, 16-14, after five innings of play and a 55 minute time limit. Barbara Campbell hit a home run for the Jaycees, driving in two runs.

J. Bease of Hollingsworth hit two home runs.

Brufington defeated Pig n' Chicken, 14-4, after five innings, and the final game of the night saw B & J Funeral Home defeat Doby's 19-2, in five innings.

Monday night Doby's obtained an easy victory over Pig n' Chicken due to a forfeit, 6-0. The Hoke Jaycees overtook B & J 15-9, after trailing 3-7 at the bottom of the fourth.

Hollingsworth had an easy victory over Burlington, 20-5, after four and a half innings, aided by J. Bease's two-run homer.

Standings	W	L
Hoke Jaycees	8	1
Hollingsworth	7	2
B & J	5	4
Doby's	4	5
Burlington	3	6
Pig n' Chicken	0	9

Service Personnel

Spec. 4 Horace Gilchrist, son of Mrs. Mattie Gilchrist, Route 1, Red Springs, completed the noncommissioned officer education system (NCOES) course here.

The course consists of instruction in skill development techniques and military occupational specialty subjects.

Marine Private First Class John C. Stocks, son of Mr. Clyde C. Stocks of Rt. 3, Raeford, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with the 2d Marine Division, at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

A former student of Hoke County High School, he joined the Marine Corps in March 1974.

Private Carl S. Smith, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Smith, Rt. 1, Shannon, completed four weeks of armor training at the Army Training Center at Ft. Knox, Ky.

Pvt. Smith was trained to operate and maintain the Army's M-60 tank and its weapons.

Army Command Sergeant Major Lewis E. Jones, whose wife, Mary, lives on Rt. 1, Raeford, is on temporary duty at Ft. Chaffee, Ark, serving in support of the relocation of Vietnamese refugees.

Sgt. Jones is regularly assigned to the 46th General Support Group at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

Wildlife Afield

We left the landing early in the morning. A thick fog had settled over the river during the night. At least we thought it was just fog.

After running down the wide, blackwater coastal river for several miles, Mike Gaddis turned the boat towards the bank and cut the engine. We drifted in among towering cypress trees festooned with Spanish moss.

It was ghostly. In the fog, you could hardly see anything but shadows and the only sounds were the tentative chirps of birds, the whine of mosquitoes and the soft plops of cottonmouth moccasins falling off the cypress into the water. Surrounded, as we were, by such great beauty and ambience, we began to fish.

"As soon as this fog burns off, we'll have nice weather," I remarked. A few minutes later, the fog thickened and began to produce a slight fallout.

Mike reached into the hatch and put on his rainsuit. Then he threw me mine.

"No sweat," I said. "It'll pass shortly."

It did pass, or at least the light drizzle passed. It was soon replaced by a somewhat heavier drizzle.

We fished on stoutheartedly.

The heavy drizzle was replaced by a steady rain. Well, it was not exactly steady. Gusts of light wind (not more than 25 knots) occasionally passed through, driving the rain in at a wicked slant. I don't know if you've noticed or not, but there is nothing in the world wetter than a waterproof rainsuit. I don't understand why.

I should tell you why we persisted in this madness. There is a simple explanation. Shortly after we began fishing, Mike caught a six and a half pound largemouth bass. We didn't catch much of anything else, but that was enough. We gritted our teeth and kept on trucking.

By late afternoon, Mike was running the bilge pump full time. Plastic worms were floating in the boat, along with tackle boxes and a camera case.

I was almost ready to call it quits when I caught a small bass. I thought this was a highly encouraging omen and decided to stick it out a while longer.

Sometime in late afternoon, the weather conditions suddenly changed. The sky got very dark (gee whiz, it must not have been a morning fog after all), and the wind began to whistle up the river. The Spanish moss was horizontal on the trees.

Then it began to rain. I mean it really began to rain. For a while, I couldn't even see Mike in the other end of the boat.

"You know what?" said a voice through the rain. "I believe it's going to get serious about this. You think maybe we ought to go in?"

I pulled off a boot, poured out a half gallon of water and thought it over.

"I guess so," I said. "I've enjoyed about all of this I can stand."

Back home in Raleigh on Monday, a friend stopped me on the street and asked me what kind of weekend fishing trip we'd had.

"You can duplicate our trip exactly by getting fully dressed and standing in the shower for 72 hours," I replied.

"Well that probably cured you of fishing," observed my friend.

Indeed it has. I'm not going again until later this week.

As you probably know, the N.C. State Legislature recently passed a bill which, in effect, gives the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission a cost - of - living increase.

In other words, hunting and combination license fees will go up beginning August 1, 1975, and fishing licenses will go up January 1, 1976. Despite the hard times, there was little opposition to the increased fees, possibly because most sportsmen realize that their license fees - not tax dollars - foot the bill for wildlife management, protection and research. The general taxpayer doesn't contribute to wildlife conservation unless he buys a hunting or fishing license.

Let's look at some of these increases and some of the other changes in the license structure.

Suppose you currently have a resident combination hunting and fishing license. You paid \$7.50 for yours. Under the increase, a similar combination hunting and fishing license will cost \$10.

A resident statewide hunting license which sold for \$5.50 will cost \$7.50, while a resident statewide fishing license which cost \$5.50 will cost \$7.50. Other examples include resident trout license (was \$2.25, will be \$3.25), resident big game license (was \$1.75, will be \$3.50) and primitive weapons license (was previously not required, will be \$5).

The Game Lands Use Permit also went from \$6 to \$8, and it is required in addition to other necessary licenses for hunting and trapping on the Wildlife Commission's 1,988,000 acres of Game Lands across the state. It also covers mountain trout fishing on these Game Lands. Game Lands, by the way, include all of the National Forest Service land in the state, as well as some large tracts of privately owned and state owned land.

Let's say you're the type of sportsman who would normally buy all of the above mentioned licenses each year. How much would the increase amount to? Under the old structure, you paid a total of \$17.50 for a resident combination statewide hunting and fishing license, resident trout, resident big game and Game Lands Use Permit. (No primitive weapons license was required).

Under the new license fee arrangement, those same licenses would cost a total of \$24.75, or if you also bought the new \$5 primitive weapons license, it would run to \$29.75 a year.

You can, of course, still buy them individually and the man who does not use the Game Lands, hunt big game, hunt with primitive weapons or fish for trout would come out ahead by buying just a simple combination hunting and fishing license.

But lots of sportsmen hunt and fish for virtually everything, and they do it both on and off the Game Lands. It has also been an inconvenience to buy and carry so many licenses.

"I simply can't understand why one license couldn't be set up to cover it all," one fisherman told me recently.

It can, now that the Legislature has authorized it. And it has been done. The new license is called the Resident Sportsman's License, and it covers everything - well, almost everything. It doesn't cover the Duck Stamp, because that's Federal. Nor does it cover trapping or fishing with special devices (nets, bows, etc.) because these activities have commercial aspects.

But it covers everything else, and at a savings in cost. For \$25, a Resident Sportsman's License will give you the privilege of statewide hunting and fishing, as well as a big game license, primitive weapons license, trout and Game Lands Use Permit. That means you're getting \$29.75 worth of licenses for \$25, with the added bonus of having to carry only one license instead of five.

"We expect this new Sportsman's License to be very popular because it's going to be so convenient," said a Wildlife Commission spokesman. "A fellow with one of these doesn't have to worry about whether he's covered or not, and he only has to buy the license once a year."

You might want to check it out in late July at your local license dealer.

Fund Mounts For Kathy

Contributions amounting to \$247.26 have been collected by the Booster Club to help meet competition expenses for long jumper Kathy McMillan and a special day is planned for Kathy this Sunday at McLauchlin Chapel.

The fund has been expanded, however, to help with travel expenses for other Hoke County athletes to attend the Junior Olympics Region III meet in Athens, Ga. in July.

Because of the distance, the youngsters will have to arrive the day before the meet, according to coach Billy Colston. Competing in the meet will be Lula Beatty, Angela Davis, Kathy McMillan and Franklin Jordan.

A "Kathy McMillan Day," sponsored by the Hoke County Civic League, will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at McLauchlin Chapel with Kathy as guest of honor.

The Rev. W.K. Mitchell, his choir and congregation, will render the service, along with St. Andrews Holiness Church. The total free will offering will be donated to the fund.

Kathy will compete later this month in national AAU junior and senior championship meets in White Plains, N.Y. The winners there will compete on the U.S. team against the Russian track stars in July.

A collection taken up at the softball game last week netted 97.26 with \$50 donated by Lumbee Marval.

The Booster Club has donated \$100 and the Kiwanis Club has donated \$50. Gary Ashburn of Apex mailed a \$5 donation after reading the story in The News-Journal last week, treasurer Mike Wood reported.

Wood said that he thought there would probably be a collection effort made to get individuals to donate, as well as in addition to the donations from clubs.