

TROUT CATCH - Thomas Macko of Raeford displays these speckled trout, one weighing eight and one half pounds, which were caught on a recent trip to the Tappanannock, Va. home of former residents Mr. and Mrs. Willie E. Prince.

District EMC Office Open

The Lake Rim district office of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corp. is open with full services available, EMC officials announced. The office is located on U.S. 401 South at Lake Rim, six miles from the Fayetteville city limits. District manager for the office is Paul Dallas.

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Sunday School Lesson

One evening last week I stood in the auditorium of our local high school, waiting for my son, Todd, and his graduating class to file past and begin the baccalaureate service.

I could not help but remember my own high school graduation almost three decades ago and compare the two occasions. As I looked at the long procession filing past me, I noted that today's youth are on the average, considerably taller than my own student generation. Physically, young people today are considerable advanced. They also appear to be intellectually advanced, too.

Whether they are any more mature or better prepared for life in today's world, only time will tell.

Growth by itself is not enough. Everyone grows. Some people grow heavier, some bitter, and everyone older. It is of vital importance to determine in what direction we are growing.

In one of his novels, Louis Bromfield says: But with me there was no growth...I had never attained any degree of maturity. I had merely grown older...

But it is not enough to grow "older," we are also called to "Grow up!" And Christians are given a specific direction in which to grow. In Ephesians we are told to "grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ" (4:15). In Philippians, Paul says the same thing in different words: "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (3:14). And the Apostle John admonishes us to "be like him" (1

John 3:2).

Upon receiving that kind of admonition, some people shake their heads in either disbelief or resignation. "But who can be like Christ?" they ask. "He was the Son of God."

If we concentrate on the divinity of Christ to the exclusion of his humanity, we exalt him into irrelevance. We will see him as so far above us that he can have little or no influence upon our lives.

Yet, as someone has said, "Jesus became what we are, so that we might become what he is." In him we did find, not some "Impossible dream," but the example of what human nature can become. Jesus is the Son of God, but he also came to share that sonship with us. The Apostle says, "Beloved, we are God's children now" (1 John 3:2). In Galatians, Paul speaks of us as "adopted" son (4:5) and again in Romans 8:23.

So, in Jesus, God showed all men what he created them to be and challenged us to grow in that direction. It is not so much a matter of arriving at the goal, but always being sure we are moving toward it. As Paul puts it: Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (3:13, 14.)

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'Just Great'

Sidewalk Sale Success

Raeford merchants hailed as generally successful the third annual sidewalk sale held here July 3 and 5.

"I think everybody was pretty well pleased," Theresa McBryde said. "Crowds were good and the sale compared favorably with last year's," she said.

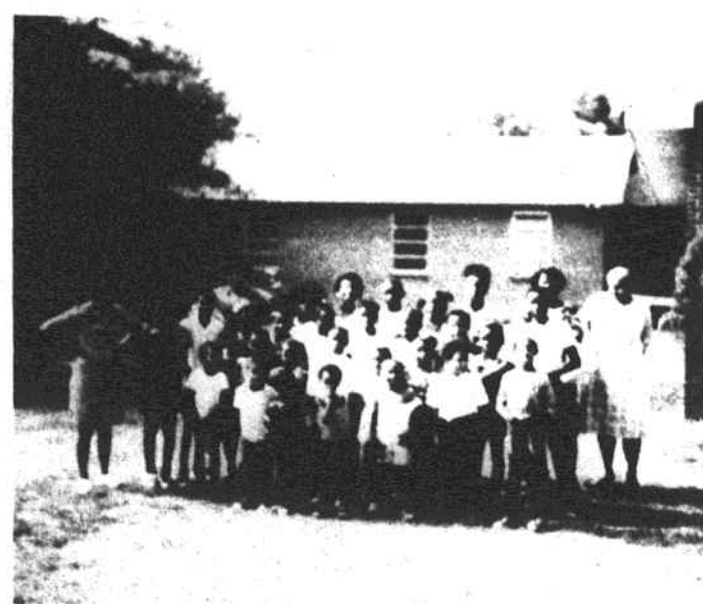
James Wood, president of Raeford Merchant's Association, said crowds were more numerous on Thursday. "We had more people in town on

the third," he said. "But I think everything went well."

Cato's manager, Warnetta McNeill, called the sidewalk sale very successful.

"It was very good," she said. "And I really enjoyed it. It was the first one for me, not for the store and I think it was very successful."

"It was great, just great," said B.C. Moore's manager, Danny Powers.



BIBLE SCHOOL - Pictured are the children who attended Vacation Bible School at Mt. Sinai Holy Church of God with adviser Mrs. Lanie McNair, and teachers Mrs. Alberta Adams, Mrs. Mary Massey, and Dorothy Cook. Theme of the school was 'Love', Bishop J.A. Jackson reported.

Hoke ASCS

by Thomas R. Burgess

Loans available to grain farmers - Farmers must use the latest technical know-how in order to produce good crops. They must make the right decisions relating to seed, seeding dates, fertilization, cultural practices, harvesting methods, and many other production practices. With all of these things handled properly and with a good harvest, the job is really only half done - the crop must be marketed for the best possible price for producers to realize a profit.

Two programs available through local ASCS offices can do a lot to assist farmers in the orderly marketing of grain crops. The first of these, the facility loan program, is intended to assist growers in erecting needed farm storage. These loans cover up to 70% of the cost of the storage structure or drying equipment. The loans are repaid in four annual installments and the current interest rate is 6.125 per annum.

The second program available is the commodity loan program. This is the mechanism that offers price support to eligible producers. These commodity loans make capital available to producers to help defray production and harvesting expenses. The grower may redeem the loan at any time before the maturity date. This feature of the program allows the farmer to take advantage of the seasonal rise in prices that normally occurs after harvest.

By using the facility loan program and the commodity loan program where needed, producers can do a great deal to realize more net return from their grain and soybean crops. Producers interested in either of these programs should contact their local ASCS office for full details.

Marketing flue-cured tobacco - With some flue-cured tobacco

markets opening on July 8 and 9 and others opening in a few weeks, there are a few pointers farmers need to consider in the handling of their marketing cards. A few simple precautions in the use of the card can save the farmer time, trouble, and possible payment of penalties for misuse of the card.

When the marketing card is issued to the farmer, we suggest that he use the following simple guides to assure proper handling of his tobacco: 1. Upon receiving the card examine it carefully to see that it is correct. Check to see that the name, address, farm serial number, and quota are correct. (The poundage will be 110 percent of the 1975 quota adjusted for under or overmarketings in previous years.) 2. Take the card to the warehouse when tobacco is to be weighed in. The card is to be left with the warehouseman until the check is issued to the farmer. Do not leave the card at the warehouse or with a trucker between sales. 3. After each sale check the card carefully to see that the entries for that sale agree with the sale bill. Also check to see that the balance is correct. 4. Report any error immediately to the marketing recorder at the warehouse or to the county ASCS office. The farmer is subject to penalty on any tobacco sold over 110 percent of his quota. It is his responsibility to see that any error is corrected so that his balance is correct. 5. Do not allow tobacco from another farm to be sold on your card. This will result in a penalty to you.

By following the above suggestions, a farmer can be sure of getting his tobacco marketed properly and be assured of not being subject to penalties. Any farmer with further questions is invited to visit his local ASCS office.

Suit Filed On Co-Op

A suit has been filed against operators of a business which offered farmers certain discounts on machinery. Attorney General Rufus Edmisten said Friday. Refunds will be sought for victims, he said.

Numerous eastern North Carolina farmers had been approached by Robert C. Dove and his son, Carey Dove, of Wilmington about becoming members of a "collective buying plan" designed to lower prices for implements, Edmisten said, quoting the suit which was filed in New Hanover County.

The Doves, who had several such programs operating at once under different names, promoted the group buying plan as a method of eliminating the middleman (retailer) by buying direct from manufacturers, according to the suit.

According to affidavits, membership fees, set at about \$300 each, were paid by many farmers.

The plan, as presented, appeared to be reasonable and sound, Edmisten said. But when farmers attempted to purchase equipment, their orders were usually diverted for various reasons. And most merchandise which was delivered was not as ordered, Edmisten said.

Edmisten quoted plan members as saying they began comparing costs on the retail market and learned that they were not getting lower prices as promised.

Complaints were investigated by the Consumer Protection Division and based on a probe by Special Agent Doug Kearns, the suit was filed.

The attorney general, in the suit, asks that the court order the Doves to refund the membership money to the farmers, and that the plan organizers discontinue the allegedly deceptive practices.

Man Hurt After Arrest

A Raeford man arrested by city police following a dispute over a parking ticket Monday afternoon was treated at a hospital after he reportedly injured himself in the magistrates office while under arrest.

Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said Louis C. Cunningham of Raeford was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct by Officers C.E. Campbell and J.E. Tindell after Cunningham became boisterous and objected to a parking ticket which was issued on Main Street.

Cunningham was subdued after a scuffle with the officers, Wiggins said, and he was taken to the magistrates office where he fell and sustained a bump on the head.

Wiggins said Cunningham complained of feeling ill, and after being examined by a doctor, he was sent to a hospital where he was treated.

Cunningham was freed on bond later after being charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Disaster Guides Are Available

Publications are available to business and industrial personnel to assist them in coping with the disasters and emergencies that businesses are vulnerable to every day. David L. Britt, State Civil Preparedness coordinator said recently.

The publications are grouped by the type of industry they serve, such

as chemical, textile, communications, and aluminum industries.

Business and industry can obtain guides applicable to their industry through their city or county CP coordinator. Two publications are recommended: Disaster Planning Guide for Business and Industry, and the Guide to Developing a Company Industrial Civil Defense Manual.

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