



CROCHETING CLASS-Students in the crocheting class sponsored by the home economics agent's office work on their creations. Left to right are Connie Holcomb, Tammy Hendrix, Janet Best, Myra McNeill, Addie Baldwin, Vanessa Huey,

Library News

Summer Passing By

Time is swiftly passing by, summer will soon be over, and so will our summer series of story hours. Curious George Story Hour for ages 3 - 6 will be held just two more times: Aug. 12th and 19th. Gone Readin' for Grades 2 - 7 will have two more showings; these dates are August 8th and 22nd. Posters have

been put up around town.

We are really pleased with our attendance for these programs. Our little folks, averaging 40 each time, have been introduced to two new puppers. Winkie the Bear and Timothy Turtle. The older group is doing a lot of reading Fifty, sight. doing a lot of reading. Fifty - eight children have registered, and 13 of these have finished their ten books. The children have been asked to include a few of the award winning Newberry (for their literary value) and Caldecott (for their pictures) books among those that they are

reading.
Mrs. Sudie Maxwell Fletcher, now of Quincy, Florida, and one of the young women in the 1901 Raeford Institute picture which was printed in The News-Journal of July 24th, has sent us a check. She is 87 years old this month. She expressed the wish that the gift be used in her honor toward the building of the new library. The check was forwarded to Mrs. Lacy McFadyen, who had visited by recently the check was forwarded to Mrs. Lacy McFadyen, who had visited by recently the check was forwarded to Mrs. Lacy McFadyen, who had visited by recently the check was forwarded to Mrs. who had visited her recently.

The library has received a

beautiful Liberty Bell ceramic plaque from Barbara Hiser, who made it. This gift is so appropriate in view of the new library being the county's Bicentennial Project.

Speaking of the new library, please mark it on your calendars: AUGUST 8, 11:30 A.M., the GROUND-BREAKING OF THE NEW HOKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY!!! See you there.if not before.

BOOKMOBILE SCHDULE

WAYSIDE, AUG. 11 -- Mrs. Robert McNeill, Mrs. Marshall Newton, Mrs. Lois Woodring, Mrs. Ralph Plummer, Mrs. Joe Lovette, Sheilia Womack, Nancy Dean, Mrs. Thomas McCall, Mrs. Claire Everette, Mrs. Cri. Grinner, Brobase Adena, A Mrs. Carl Grinner, Barbara Adams,
Mrs. Eugene Shannon, Mrs. Gilbert
Ray. Judy Henley, Mrs. Jay
Morrison, Mrs. Jack Woolley.
PHILIPPI & ROCKFISH, Aug. 12

- Marcia Johnson, Mrs. Bobby McDowell, Mrs. Josephine Hough, Mrs. Gladys Cummings, Mrs. Ruth Scott, Mrs. Mary Ann Bunnells, Mrs. Vernon Overton, Mrs. Jane Frazier, Mrs. Clara Wood, Mrs. John Baxley, Mrs. N.J. Ritter, David Tillman, Mrs. Mrs. R.J. Ritter, David Tillman, Mrs. Roscoe Bundy, Barbara Ann Ward, Jeanette Womack, Christine Dennis, Mrs. Grady Hardin, Mrs. Elsie Pittman, Mrs. E.W. Cohen, Mrs. A.A. Ray, Mrs. Annie B. McLean, Rouvinia Le Grande, Mrs. Rovenia Blackshear, Mrs. Ivone V. Gay.



Dr. Robert D. McCloud

Optometrist Extends Office Hours

Dr. Robert D. McCloud has expanded office hours to five days a week, giving the city a full time

The office will be open daily, except for Wednesday afternoons,

McCloud announced.

McCloud is a graduate of Southern College of Optometry, Memphis, Tenn. He was formerly associated with Dr. W.B. Whitehead in Favetteville.

He is married to the former Pricilla Whitehead and they have five

Tax Credit Extended For Buyers

A change in the Tax Reduction Act of 1975 will permit more taxpayers to qualify for the five percent Federal income tax credit for the purchase of a new principal residence, the Internal Revenue

The change provides that for the residence to qualify the seller has to certify by a signed statement that the purchase price of the residence is the lowest price at which it was offered for sale after February 28, 1975, and that construction of the residence began before March 26, 1975. The certification procedure does not apply in the case of self

construction.

The provisions of the new law are to be applied retroactively Taxpayers who purchased residences that did not formerly qualify because of the lowest price provisions should check with the seller to determine present possible qualification.

Service Personnel

Patricia A. McKoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McKoy Jr., Rt. 3, Red Springs, is taking part in a

3. Red Springs, is taking part in a U.S. Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (AFROTC) field training encampment at Lackland AFB, Tex.

During the six - week program, AFROTC cadets will participate in a wide range of activities designed to reveal and develop leadership, as well as provide an introduction to as provide an introduction to military operations and life.

The cadet is a member of the AFROTC unit at North Carolina A&T State University.

Cadet McKoy is a 1973 graduate

of Hoke County High School

From The Home Agent's Desk

By Ellen Willis & Brenda Canady

French fries, one of the All-American favorite foods for several decades - may soon be produced by a new "no waste" method which uses the entire potato. The new method produces a high quality product -- more flavorful, less oily and more economical to produce than the conventional product. It could provide a better product for less money for the consumer.

"In every strip you'll get more solid." All potatoes may be used, even the small and misshapen ones. There are no chemical additives in the new process of making french fries from extruded potato mash. It's a physical method of making the product into the desired shape that improves the crispness and rigidity—thus allowing it to absorb less oil during finish - frying.

In the new process, unpeeled, washed potatoes are cut into slabs of equal thickness so that they cooke uniformly. They are steam cooked after all rot and damaged spots are removed. Then they go into the ricer peeler which eliminates the conventional peeling equipment. The potato - mash then is put through a machine and molded into the desired shape - the conventional length of four or five inches long. They are surface texturized by a combination of drying and steaming processes with hot air at about 250 degrees to

275 degrees F. By following this method, no preservative or binders are needed according to the agricultural research report. For home consumption the new processed french fries are fried, packaged and frozen. Eight to ten minutes for heating in the home oven is all that is necessary. These potatoes prepared for institutional use are not packaged in the same way they are not fried prior to freezing. These products have been test-marketed and may be commercially available by the end of the year. However, they are not available at this time.

4-H Corner

By Freddie E. O'Neal

Six members of the different 4-H Clubs spent Monday through Friday in Raleigh attending the North Carolina 4-H Congress. Those attending were: Linda Croft, Debbie McNeill, Beth Cameron; Jimmy Turner, Bill Barnwell and Robert Attaway. They were accompanied by Freddie O'Neal. Freddie O'Neal, assistant agricultural

Hoke County was also the host for an out - of - state delegate from Maryland, John Schmidt. Robert John for a week of 4-H Activities.
This gives delegates a chance to see how 4-H compares with the 4-H Programs of different states.

All through the week the 981
4-H'ers were surrounded with special
interest classes, demonstrations,
(competing on the state level) dress (competing on the state level) dress revue, dancing, talent and free time to swim or do other interesting activities. Bill Barnwell represented Hoke County in archery demonstration and Wanda Locklear in talent. Both represented the county very well and should be congratulated.

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The week was very exciting in that it marked both the completion of "Operation Zoo" with the total of over 10,000 dollars collected by 4-H'ers all over the state and the beginning of the Bicentennial Celebration in North Carolina 4-H, and will continue through next year

Around 50 members of the 4-H County Travel Club left Raeford Sunday morning on a chartered bus to Miami, Florida for a four-day cruise to Nassau and Freeport.

They spent Sunday night at Daytona Beach and boarded the luxury cruises at Miami Monday afternoon. On their return trip they will spend the night in Jacksonville. Florida, and return to Raeford Saturday afternoon.

Among those from Raeford and Hoke County on the trip are: Mr. and Mrs. Ron Canady, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones, Kathy Bishop, Cynthia McNeill, Rita Jo Gillis, Lori Niven, Norma Wilburn, Avery Connell, Mrs. Bertha Hendrix, Dale Teal, Joe McMillan, Van McBryde, Carlton Niven, Mrs. Bobby Carter, Mrs. Dewey Inman, Martha Miller, Mary Nell Harward, Sharon Ashburn, William Daniels, and Mr. and Mrs.

Earnings Up

Heilig-Meyers Company announced increased revenues of \$11.8 million for the first quarter ended June 30. Net earnings increased to \$922,640 as compared to \$811,629 for the same period last

The company paid an eight cent per share dividend, the first dividend in its history.

SCS Activities

F.O. Clark, District Conservationist

This article does not tie in directly with the Conservation program, but it does show importance of agriculture in North Carolina. This material was taken from agricultural statistics report.

A lot of people live in cities and towns probably think of farms as those stretches of countryside that they see as they drive from one place to another. Some even think of farmers as "vanishing "Americans", who are just anxious to sell their place to a developer so they can quit

This is an incorrect impression for North Carolina, even Agriculture is not only a tremendous business, but it provides people with large quantities of good food and many other necessities.

Farm receipts from crops alone total almost two billion dollars - the actual 1974 figures is \$1,707,000,000, up 16 percent over

Livestock, dairy and poultry amounted to \$916 million in 1974 while forest products passed the \$40 million mark

Most people know that North Carolina leads the nation in tobacco and this is true - but the state also holds first place in sweet potatoes, having edged Louisana in recent years, in cucumbers for pickles and in farm forestry products.

In 1974 tobacco was an \$834 million crop. Corn for grain was second with \$336 million (plus \$2.2 million for sweet corn, consumed by humans) and soybeans third with \$220 million.

Most people think of the Great Plains when they think of small grain, but North Carolina's diversified agriculture also has an important grain segment. Wheat was the leading small grain, at \$33.5 million. Oats amounted to a \$6.6 million dollar crop, with barley at \$5 million and rye at \$1,000,000.

Vegetables are also important in North Carolina. The sweet potato crop totaled \$30 million in 1974, far ahead of the \$19 million as recently as 1972, and kept the state Number Festival will testify, fruit is another major North Carolina agricultural product. Apples hold the place of honor, with a \$17.5 million crop in 1974. Peaches were worth \$2.6 million. blueberries \$2.3 million, pecans \$1 million, and grapes which are on the increase, with many destined for wine vats -- also \$1 million.

The \$916 million livestock, dairy and poultry business is actually led by broilers, \$243 million in 1974. Hogs, usually considered a bulwark of the North Carolina livestock trade came a close second with \$223 Eggs totaled \$162 million, milk \$141 million, and turkeys \$75

Although beef cattle is comparatively a minor factor in North Carolina, the figure still amounted to \$72 million in 1974.

To help feed livestock, a hay crop valued at \$22 million was produced. Farmers believe in their own produce. Most derive part of their family food from their own farm.

One available statistics shows that farm families consumed \$23 million of their own eggs in 1974.

Looking over farm figures for North Carolina, one observer said that: "Not only is this big business, that need not take a back seat to anybody -- but it makes farm operators mighty good customers for those who sell things to farmers -and this ranges from tractors and combines to fertilizer and other chemicals - but includes education, vacation trips, and regular consumer

Irish potatoes sold for \$14 million. Other significant vegetable crops included cabbage, \$4.7 million: cucumbers, \$4 million: snap beans, \$2.7 million: snap beans, \$4.7 million: snap beans, \$ strawberries, \$4 million; snap beans, \$3.7 million; bell peppers, \$3.6 million; tomatoes, \$3.4 million, strawberries, \$1.8 million, and watermelons, at \$1.6 million. In addition to these fresh vegetables, those for processing—mostly cucumbers for pickles and snap beans for canning—amounted snap beans for canning - amounted to another \$10 million. As the sponsors of the Apple