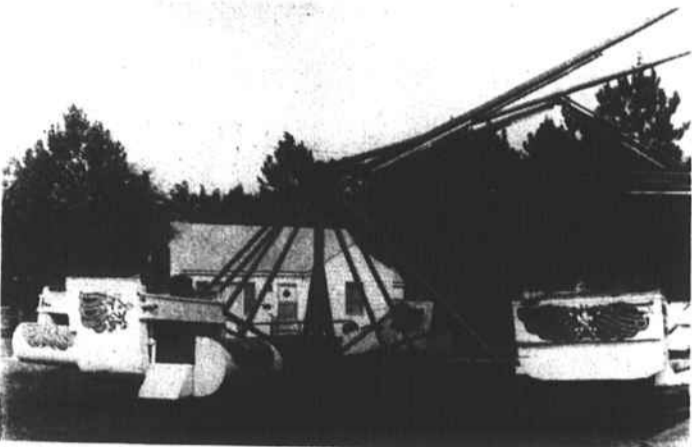


Tar Heel Spotlight



COTTON CANDY - Bonita Edmund gets set to enjoy a man-sized helping of cotton candy after taking a break from the rides at the Raeford Jaycees Carnival on the Armory grounds.



CARNIVAL OUTING - The primary trainable class at McLaughlin school and the intermediate trainable class of West Hoke were guests of the Raeford Jaycees for a morning of carnival rides. On left are Derrick Holland and Sharon Denise Graham, on right are Alex Armstrong, Pam McGee, and Tom Brayboy.



'ROUND AND ROUND - Carolyn Smith, Cathi Miller, and Sharon Thomas (in foreground) never seemed to tire of their rides at the Raeford Jaycees carnival Tuesday morning. Teachers are Mrs. Larry Phillips and Mrs. Dorothy Riddle and aides Mrs. Dawn Burrows and Mrs. Margaret Farmer enjoyed watching the youngsters' fun.

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This \$12 billion surplus made up deficits of \$10 billion in nonagricultural trade, giving the United States an over-all favorable balance of trade of \$2.2 billion for fiscal 1975.

The surplus in agricultural trade the past year has helped to stabilize the dollar, to strengthen our international economic position, and to pay for high-cost petroleum imports.

In addition, this high level of exports was essential to American farmers, who have expanded crop acreage in order to meet world market needs. During the past fiscal year, exports required the production from 96 million acres of U.S. cropland - one out of every 3-1/2 acres harvested in calendar 1974.

The United States does not have a corner on supply, however. We have productive capacity and the capability of handling the product, but we must have access to the large volume markets of the world.



Lumbee River EMC Nominates Directors

The four incumbent directors of Lumbee River EMC have been nominated for re-election to the board of directors by the EMC's official nominating committee. The candidates nominated for election for three year terms and their director districts are: Eli F. Murray of Rt. 2, Laurinburg, representing Area IX, which contains all of Scotland County; W.B. Branch of Rt. 2, Laurinburg, representing Area III which contains Back Swamp, Smyrna, Britts, Wisharts, Raft Swamp and Lumberton Townships;

Charles Pendergrass of Rt. 3, Raeford, representing Area VII which contains all of Hoke County west of highway 211; and Elias Rogers of Rt. 1, Red Springs, who represents an at large directorship.

Candidates for directors will be voted upon at the Annual Membership Meeting of Lumbee River EMC which will be held Wednesday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center of Pembroke State University in Pembroke.

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did not intend to apply the torch to her property, she explained that she was fully prepared to burn it herself, then and there, to deny him the use of it.

During their stay the soldiers plundered the farm, seizing her grain, cattle and whatever else they chose. Later, as one particularly insulting fellow passed her door she wished "his horse would throw him and break his neck." A few minutes later her wish came true as the horse bolted, hurling the soldier down an embankment, where his head was crushed on the rocks.

When the army retreated to a neighboring farm, Martha found an excuse to follow them, asking questions of every household along the way. Riding boldly into their camp, wearing her husband's uniform, she complained bitterly of the depredations of the soldiers at her plantation, discovered, she said, "only after they'd left." The information on troop strength and position she'd gained on her ride was invaluable to Gen. Nathaneal Greene.

Another time, she rode all night with a Whig to determine Tories' movement, and the information led to Col. Light Horse Harry Lee's successful raid the following night.

Her husband feared to stay at his home at night and her own activities kept her in constant danger. Once, Tories burned her barn and its contents, wounded one son and threatened to shoot another because they complained.

Tories once threatened the life of Martha's aged father, then visiting. As they approached the elderly man with drawn swords, Martha quickly seized a broadaxe, raised it over her head and declared angrily, "If one of you touches him, I'll split you down

with this axe. Touch him if you dare!"

Overawed by her bravery and defiance, the soldiers fled the house, and left her father unharmed.

In the fall of 1781, returning from a trip, attempted to sleep under his own roof. Watching Tories, aware of his movements, appeared promptly to hang him.

They arrived, found the house securely closed, and decided to burn it. Bell leaned out the window to fire upon them and was immediately knocked unconscious by a Tory blow to his head.

Martha aroused their teenaged sons from their beds upstairs and told them to shoot from above, and in a loud voice ordered a servant to rush to the neighbor's to summon "him and the light horse, for the Tories are here."

The neighbor had a troop of men at his command, but Mrs. Bell was

completely ignorant of their whereabouts. However, her bluff was successful - the Tories decided retreat was the wiser course, and once again Martha had saved her family and her home.

After peace was declared, Martha continued her career of helping the sick and wounded. She died Sept. 9, 1820, confident she'd helped her country in countless ways.

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