

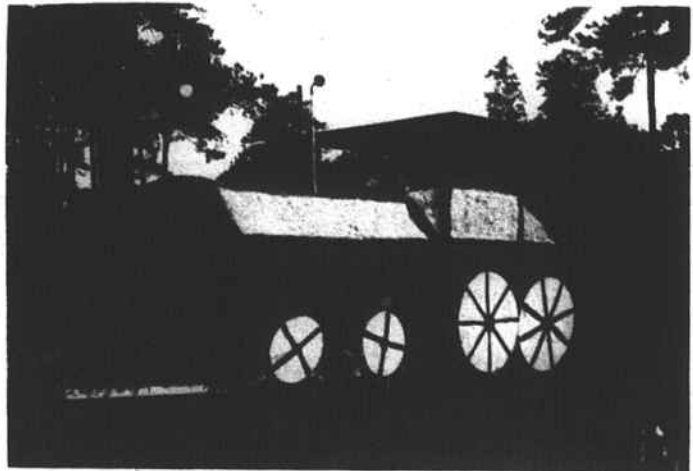
Community Calendar

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Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce

Wednesday, November 12, 1975 the Recreation Commission will meet at Knit-Away at 7:30 P.M.
Thursday, November 13, 1975, the Kiwanis Club will meet at 6:30 P.M. at the Civic Center.
Monday, November 17, 1975, the Junior Woman's Club will meet at 7:45 P.M. at the Civic Center.



WINNER - The Sophomore float came in first in competition and had a chance to really "let victory ring."



SECOND PLACE - The Junior float ran a little short of steam as they finished second in the float competition.



THIRD PLACE - The Freshman float says the "Bucks stop for nothing." The float got third place, but that's not that bad because Freshmen are suppose to come in last.



FOURTH PLACE - The Senior float had a rocky ride as they finished last in the float competition.



1950's FROLICS -- Hoke High student David Carol, adopting the dress and manner of a character on a popular television series, is surrounded by Martha Ann Wood, Linda Croft and Becky Coker during last Thursday's annual Fifties Day at the high school.

Library News

Back From Conference

By Mrs. Jay Williams
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A library is a vital, integral part of the educational, civic and cultural fabric of a community. It should become involved in the community it serves and reach out to the whole population - users of the library as well as non-users.

These were only two of the points made at the North Carolina Library Association's biennial meeting October 29 through November 1, 1975, in Winston-Salem. Theme for the conference was "The Pursuit of Excellence Together." The program was arranged by new NCLA president Annette Phinazee, Dean of the School of Library Science at North Carolina Central University in Durham, first black leader of the organization.

Among the speakers and panel members were authors, library trustees, newspapermen, and members of the North Carolina General Assembly. Meetings of this nature usually give a perspective on what's going on in the field, and this was no exception.

- Local Participants -

Attending the conference from Hoke County were Library Supervisor Mrs. Lee Cameron, Assistant Mrs. Archie McDiarmid, and the Sandhill Regional Library's Hoke County Consultant, Mrs. Jay Williams. At Winston also were the other Regional staff members and representatives from other county libraries in the Region.

- Bicentennial Emphasis -

The bicentennial era was very much a part of the convention. Albert Murray, black author of several books, including *SOUTH TO A VERY OLD PLACE*, spoke of the necessity of heeding our ancestral imperatives, of not losing touch with things that were of basic importance to our ancestors: the basic tenets of freedom and liberty.

Murray's books are couched in terms of themes and moods which run through black-oriented forms of music: jazz, blues and spirituals. He said he does this as a conscious emulation of the literary style of German authors who drew heavily on themes and moods in works of German composers. By doing this he feels he is speaking directly to the heart of his audience, building his creations on what is close to those reading his books.

Our nation's 200th birthday was also commemorated at the conference with a continuous showing of several bicentennial-oriented films. This presentation was compiled by the Bicentennial Committee of the Public Libraries Section of NCLA. This committee also announced its sponsorship of a specially-equipped barge which will be a floating library, museum, art gallery and theater for dramatic presentations. It will go up and down the coastal regions of North Carolina, moving inland wherever rivers are deep enough to allow it to navigate. Wouldn't it be great if the barge could come way up the Cape Fear close to us! The body of the barge is to be strong enough to last thirty years.

- Cooperation -

Senator Thomas Strickland of the North Carolina General Assembly spoke to the Public Libraries Section on "The Library as a Cornerstone for Excellence." In the late 1960's, Senator Strickland was on a state-sponsored committee which held public hearings around the state on the importance of libraries. As a legislator, he is well-aware of the importance of accountability to agencies who receive state funds. Legislators look for wise expenditures and whether there is unnecessary duplication of services.

The state's public libraries, under the leadership of the state library, have traditionally tried to consolidate resources and have developed a strong system of interlibrary loan, which enables small public libraries to take advantage of the collections of large libraries who have much greater book budgets and are able to afford the more expensive technical materials.

The WATS-line into the state library's reference section is one of the oldest and most-used in the state. This trend of cooperation is continued through a new interlibrary loan network among the southeastern states.

Senator Strickland is a candidate for governor of North Carolina; he announced his continued support for all types of libraries in whatever capacity he is able to serve.

- Censorship -

At a General Session of the whole convention, Neal Austin of the High Point Public Library moderated a panel composed of an Asheville attorney, a High Point newspaper editor, a senator and a representative to the North Caro-

lina General Assembly, and a professor at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Topic of discussion was censorship and the ramifications of the recent court rulings that each community can evolve its own obscenity law.

This has more far-reaching implications than merely regulating pornographic book stores and movie theaters. Libraries have long attempted to present well-balanced and well-rounded collections. The library has no point of view of its own. It should ideally represent the community and be a place where people can come and make up their own mind about current issues.

- Authors As Speakers -

Members of the North Carolina Association of School Librarians heard several speakers discussing the special problems faced by school librarians and media specialists, who constitute over 50% of the total membership of NCLA. The Honorable James C. Green, speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives was also on the program.

Bette Greene, children's author, spoke to the Children's Services Section of NCLA. She reached to her daughter's protestation that Judy Blum was her favorite author by showing her a letter from Judy Blum's daughter announcing that Bette Greene was HER favorite author.

Two other notable authors spoke at General Sessions of the North Carolina Library Association. Willie Snow Ethridge gave a funny, rib-tickling, highly entertaining explication of the type of writing she does, the informal narrative. She stated that more and more people were turning to it for a large part of their reading pleasure.

Lawrence D. Kusche, author of *THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE - SOLVED*, gave most of the credit for tracking down this mystery, which has attracted so much national interest, to libraries and librarians. The information was there, but everybody else had just written books based on hearsay; no others had done objective research that went back to sources which could be found in and through libraries.

- White House Conference -

Alice Ihrig, a midwestern non-librarian, who has been appointed to head a White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services, announced that funds have been allocated by Congress but that President Ford has not yet placed his signature on the document. Congressmen are urging the President to endorse the conference, which is in tune with the trend toward strong, close examination of various facets of our life. A notable

national self-study of this type was the White House Conference on Children, which took place only a few years ago.

Miss Ihrig stated that a required prerequisite to the national conference would be state-sponsored conferences on libraries. These would be similar to the Governor's Conference on Reading, which was held in Winston in September. (Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Williams attended this.) Ihrig urged North Carolina librarians to see to it that their state begin laying plans now for such a conference.

As the state and national library conferences are conceived, they will not merely consist of librarians patting themselves on the back, congratulating themselves on what a good job they are doing. The main participants in these meetings will be people in all walks of life, users and non-users alike, who will tell what libraries have done for them, what libraries can do for them, what they expect from libraries, and if these expectations have been realized.

The Governor and members of the North Carolina General Assembly, the President and members of Congress should be urged to sponsor these conferences. As was brought out time after time at the meeting, libraries are at the basic heart of all desire and search for knowledge and understanding. They are the corner stone, the foundation and the repository of all learning.

Any attempt to strengthen libraries will also strengthen our hold on the basic beliefs which we have held and stood by for the last 200 years.

Bookmobile Schedule

November 18 - Arabia, Mrs. Martha Jackson, Mrs. Bertha Hendrix, Mrs. Archie Maxwell, Mrs. Dan Hagan, Mrs. Linda Miller, Mrs. Aretha Lee Ray, Mrs. William Harris, Mrs. Lillian White, Mrs. H.J. Chason, Mrs. W.E. McGougan, Mrs. Buena Melvin, Mrs. Johnny McGougan, Mrs. Helen K. Williams, Mrs. Trudy Batton, Mrs. Geneva Coggins, Mrs. Cathy Ackerman, Mrs. Brenda Tillman, Mrs. Marlene Russi, Mrs. Elizabeth Hood, Mrs. Linda Black, Mrs. Mozelle Robison, Mrs. Janice Winter, Mrs. Catherine Quick, Mr. Donald Bendell, Mrs. Mozelle Duncan.
November 19 - Scurlock School

Accent On Agriculture

Farm-City Understanding

Farm and city people depend on each other for products and services that are essential to modern business and living. One can't live without the other. Together they make the best food and fiber team in the world.

Farm-City Week (November 21-27) is designed to call attention to this interdependence and to narrow the gap that sometimes divides these two segments of our population.

A wide variety of concerns in our society bring clearly into focus the growing need for better understanding. For example, the consumer should realize that he is actually getting a bigger bargain in food today than ever before because of the decline in the percentages of earnings required to meet family food needs. The consumer should also know that lower farm prices do not automatically mean lower food prices. In fact, farm prices sometimes seem to have very little effect on food prices. At the same time, increasing farm production costs are in many cases wiping out any profit the farmer can hope to make.

Environmental quality is another major concern of farmers and urban dwellers alike. We must understand that this is a problem that should be approached in responsible, reasonable way for the benefit of all.

Farm-City Week highlights the work already done and stimulates interest in bettering the relationship between the urban and rural segments throughout the year.

It is clear that the national interest is served best when there is a free and full interchange of views and opinions between farm and city people on questions that affect the welfare of all of us. Activities of Farm-City programs encourage these interchanges and create an atmosphere in which they can operate easily and effectively.

Drama Opens 13th

The second production of the Fayetteville Little Theatre season, "When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?" opens Thursday, Nov. 13. "When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?" will run Nov. 13-15 and Nov. 20-23 at the Little Theatre's Haymount building on Hay Street. For reservations and information call 485-7502.

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