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**Council Concept Begins For Scurlock Students**

Fifth grade pupils at Scurlock elementary school are getting some practical experience with the democratic process of government beyond their class work this year with the creation of a student council, the first such at the elementary level here.



**COUNCIL LEADERS** - Pictured from left to right are Michelle Crotty (president); Mavis Lide (secretary); Patricia Kellermann (vice-president); and Samantha Baldwin (treasurer). The Scurlock student council is a new experiment for the elementary pupils.

students picked the council leaders: President Michelle Crotty, Vice-president Patricia Kellermann, Secretary Mavis Lide, and Treasurer Samantha Baldwin. The rest of the council members are Patricia Schiebe, Pam Currie, Ronnie McRae, Velyn Graham, Lonnie McRae, Elisa Blackshear, Alice Baldwin, Tony Barefoot, and Carl Bundy.

Ronnie Branch, assistant principal, is enthusiastic about the concept and feels it would provide a good foundation for developing leadership skills, as well as exposing the youngsters to the responsibilities of citizenship.

"We at Scurlock feel that the best way to teach leadership and build good citizens is to get the children involved. If you wait until high school, their opinions of rules and governing student body are many times distorted by older students with a bad attitude," Branch said.

Enthusiasm from the students has

been good, with plenty of "politicking" before the election, complete with campaign flyers and speeches from the "candidates".

"The decisions that the council will be faced with won't change the school calendar, or the curriculum of events, but will give them some practice in decision making through voting", he added.

First order of business for the council will be working on a school honor code and choosing a school mascot and colors. The ideas will come in the form of recommendations from the council and these will be voted on by the students.

"It was emphasized to the children who were elected to the council that they must obey all rules of safety and conduct at school. We hope that this in itself will teach them that our representatives are to be sound moral leaders as well", Branch said.

**Stonewall Report**

By Miss Ida Graves

Ephesus Baptist Church will present its Christmas program Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. After the program there will be refreshments and Cokes served in the basement. Everyone is cordially invited.

Mrs. O.B. Maxwell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Surles Butler in Parkton.

Mr. and Mrs. Minor McGougan of St. Pauls visited Mrs. Allie K. Maxwell and daughter Mrs. Flo Clarady Saturday night. Rev. and Mrs. Willard Singletary were guests of Mrs. Maxwell and Mrs. Clarady, Sunday.

Mrs. Woodrow Hayes, Mrs. Lib Tolar, Mrs. Mary Adams and Mrs. Isabel Maxwell went on a Homemakers tour in Reidsville last Wednesday.

Mrs. B.F. McGregor and her niece Mss Jeannette Middleton were dinner guests of Glenn McInnis and family Sunday night. Miss Middleton is from Detroit, Michigan.

George Caddell of Raeford, visited his mother Mrs. Mamie Wickline Sunday. We are sorry to report Mrs. Wickline isn't improving very much.

Frank McMillian is able to be home from the hospital. We are very glad to report Mr. McMillian is able to get around on his own.

Mrs. J.A. Jones' guests for the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Oliver of Atlanta, Georgia.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mrs. Zeb Butler's son-in-law, Wayne Crowder. Mr. Crowder's mother passed away

last week in Mountain City, Tennessee.

Mrs. Bill Crawley visited her sister - in - law Mrs. Leona Chason Sunday. Mrs. Chason has been in the hospital. We hope she has a speedy recovery.

Miss Ida Graves visited Mrs. G.C. Gibson last Tuesday, and enjoyed it very much.

Mrs. David Freeman and son Davie were Sunday guest of the Graves' family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Butler visited Mrs. Butler's mother, Mrs. Irene Mayes, in Lumberton Sunday.

Austin Butler and Mr. and Mrs. William Ratley visited Mrs. Ratley's mother, Mrs. Austin Butler in the Rest Home at Sanford last Sunday. We are glad to report Mrs. Butler is doing well.

Mrs. Pearl Harriss of Salisbury visited her son and daughter - in - law, Mr. and Mrs. William Harriss the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris gave her a birthday party. Other guests were Mrs. Sam McClanahan, Pat Burris and Caron and Tod.

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