



ST. NICK VISITS—Members of the 4-H clubs held a county-wide Christmas party highlighted by a visit from Santa Claus.

4-H Corner

By Marsha Smith and Freddie O'Neal

With the holiday season well over, we look back now that a new year has begun. Last year was full of 4-H activities that enabled us to grow both mentally and physically. During the Christmas season the Hoke County 4-H'ers held a county-wide party with 102 members and leaders present. The night was full of fun activities, such as mixers, which allowed the newcomers to get acquainted with the old members, dancing and singing. The get-together brought both young and old, rural and urban, for an evening of fun, ending with a visit by Jolly Old St.

Nick.

Refreshments were made by the members of the different clubs, and ranged from homemade cookies, candies and confections, which were served with punch.

Some of the upcoming events for spring will be achievement night, Talent Night and dress Revue, with all county 4-H'ers participating. Anyone who wishes to join 4-H please contact your County Extension Office, phone 875-3461. Let's make 1976 a better year than ever.



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Airport Committee Bids For Land Funds

The airport committee unanimously agreed in a regular meeting Friday to ask the Raeford City Council for appropriations to update the master plan which is needed to qualify for a federal grant they are seeking and to acquire land so the airport can be expanded.

Chairman Joe Rackley told a full committee the cost of the updated plan would not exceed \$3,000 and it would include some alternative sketches of the airport.

Rackley said the plan cost would include drafting charges of the plan and some field work.

He admitted the price that was originally quoted to him concerning the new plan was \$1,000.

"This is our number one concern. We have to have the plan updated in order to receive the grant we've applied for," he said.

The committee next reviewed the possibility of a non-directional beacon that would cost from \$6-8,000.

It was disclosed that the state would pay 50% of this cost through a state grant.

Rackley said it would be ideal if all the needs of the airport could be tied together and money could be obtained to get both projects done.

He said an official letter would have to be sent by L.H. Koonce Jr., civil engineer, in order for the request to be made since he does the plan for the airport.

Rackley then pointed out that many errors were found in the application made for state airport funds and this should be taken up with Koonce also.

Rackley indicated that the Raeford airport might be able to qualify for a VOR instrument approach system and listed some of the qualifications needed to apply.

Committeemen decided an application should wait until the new plan is drawn up.

A discussion was then opened involving the hangar owned by committeemen William Poole and Tom Cameron.

Rackley said that he hoped in the future certain building standards could be set up by the committee and he did not think the hangar in question would qualify.

He said it was not a question of appearance, but he personally thought it would not qualify for standard building construction.

"It is obvious that we are not going to be able to pursue the future of the airport until the hangar is moved," said Rackley.

Poole requested the hangar be left where it is until the new plan was made up or some more land was acquired.

Rackley proposed that the city pay the owners a reasonable fee for the hangar and take it down.

A copy of Gene Thacker's lease was passed among committeemen and they decided that the lease could not be broken by the city.

Committeemen then decided it would be best to ask the City Council to appropriate funds for land acquisition and the updating of the present plan so progress could be made toward solving the hangar and lease problems.

In other business, Paul Rose requested permission to cut some trees down that are located between his business and the parking lot in order to provide space for more parking.

The committee decided to wait until the new plan was drawn up before they took action on the request.

Raeford Fire Chief Crawford Thomas Jr., suggested that a meeting should be set up between the fire department and the fixed base operators so they could outline procedure that could be taken in an emergency situation.

Sunday School Lesson

In the early days of the Federal Bureau of Investigation there was published periodically a list of most-wanted criminals (a practice that still survives in a somewhat modified form). The desperado at the top of the list was designated "Public Enemy No. 1." There was always a sense of great accomplishment whenever this criminal was brought to justice and removed from the list.

The Bible also often reads like a "most-wanted" list of "public enemies." Different enemies occupied the number-one spot from time to time and it would be difficult to determine which of these was the most formidable of God's foes. In the early chapters of Genesis the serpent seems to occupy top-billing in the Bible's "Hall of Infamy." For a while it is the Pharaoh, then the Philistines, followed by the Assyrians, Babylonians and Persians in succession.

In Jesus' day the number-one enemy seems to be the Romans, but a close examination of the Gospels reveals that Jesus was much more concerned about other more subtle and insidious foes. The legalism of the Pharisees was identified as one of God's greatest of all enemies. Jesus attacked the legalistic approach to God, not as a minor distortion of the Hebrew faith, but as a principal alternative to the worship and service of God. The Law had become more important than God himself for many people.

There was, however, another foe whom Jesus attacked with equal vigour and determination. This enemy also had seemed to have become for many people an alternative to religious faith, a substitute for God. Jesus drew the line distinctly in Matthew 6 when he proclaims: "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." (6:24)

In Matthew 6:24 Jesus calls God's enemy "mammon." Today we would call this same enemy by the name of "materialism." A punster has dubbed this alternative religion "Moneytheism" - the belief in money and material goods as the highest values in life. Jesus was unequivocal: you can't give your life to the pursuit of material things and still maintain that God is first in your life.

Yet, the problem is not that material things are evil - as some religious people have maintained - but that they must always be secondary to spiritual values. We can have both so long as we realize and acknowledge that the spiritual is more to be desired than the material: "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well" (6:33).

In the lives of many people, God's number one foe has been and continues to be the subtle, seductive false god of materialism.

"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have government without newspapers or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate for a moment to prefer the latter. But I should mean that every man should receive those papers and be capable of reading them."

"The press is the best instrument for enlightening the mind of man, and improving him as a rational, moral and social being."

"If a nation expects to be both ignorant and free, it expects what never was and never will be."

-Thomas Jefferson

Rockfish News

By Mrs. A. A. McInnis

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hare of Charlotte spent the weekend with Mrs. Hare's mother and brother Mrs. Mary McInnis and Thomas.

Mrs. A.W. Wood Sr. has had "flu" or some of its kin for several days and has been real sick.

Miss Katharine Ann McInnis of Florence, S.C. is spending this week with her Gillis and Ray relatives at Rockfish and Galatia.

Everyone is delighted that Mrs. George Dees was able to come home Saturday from Cape Fear Nursing Center after a long stay there and Cape Fear Valley Hospital. Here's hoping she will soon be out among her children and friends again.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Smith have returned to New Orleans, La. after a visit with Mrs. Smith's brother, Mr. Bruce Ray and Mrs. Ray. Mrs. Smith is the former Willie Ray of Raeford.

Mrs. Garnett Emory and daughter Ruth of Durham spent Friday with her sister Mrs. Will Monroe, Mr. and Mrs. James Wood of Raeford. Misses Debbie Wood and Pam Monroe of Fayetteville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Robert McNeill and daughters, Susan and Nancy have returned home from Lincoln, Neb. where they spent the holidays with Mrs. McNeill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mussmann.

Mrs. Lib Bunce, Mrs. Carol Pittman and Mrs. Cecil McKittham were hostesses for a stork shower Friday night honoring Mrs. Clarence Batten at the Fellowship Hall of Pittman Grove Church. She received lots of nice gifts and all enjoyed the get together.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Parker, Mr. and Mrs. D.B. Parker and children attended the Orange Bowl game and Parade in Atlanta Ga., last weekend. They were joined in Atlanta by their sister Elizabeth and her husband Mr. Thomas McPherson and children of Yanceyville, N.C.

Mr. Carl Boahn entered Duke Hospital in Durham, N.C. Sunday, after a long illness at home.

The death of Miss Flora McLaurin of Mt. Olive, N.C. was learned with sadness. She was a cousin of the Community Parker families and an aunt of Mrs. Margaret Terry and Thomas McCall. Our deepest sympathy is with Mrs. Effie McCall Farbis and family whose husband and father, Hunter Forbes, died Sunday morning with burial at Lumber Bridge Monday afternoon. Mrs. Forbes is a sister of Mrs. Margaret Terry and Thomas McCall.

The Community Sympathy also extended to the Clarence Lee family of Fayetteville R3. Mr. Lee was killed last week in a Raleigh explosion and was buried in the Lee family cemetery near Rockfish Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Marshall Newton had her sisters Miss Lessie Martin, Mrs. Charles Rozier and Mr. Rozier as her guests Sunday.

Mrs. Frances Braddy Capps went to the Kellar Rest Home, Sanford, N.C. Friday and carried her aunt, Miss Bessie Cameron out for a birthday dinner and to Miss Bessie's home in Vass for a few hours and also called on some of her neighbors. She was for many years a teacher in the Vass schools before entering the Rest Home. She is eighty-four years old, but still has hopes of coming back to her pretty home some day to stay.

Mrs. Floyd Monroe had several of her many good neighbors in to dinner Wednesday night.

Mr. Duncan McCraney has just returned from an extended holiday visit with his son, Johnny McCraney and family of Nolanville, Texas.

Mrs. Henry Fowler and daughter Kathy, and Mrs. R.V. Tanner were in Shelby, N.C. Sunday for the Silver Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gibson.

Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Tanner, Kathy and Carol Fowler also visited the Allen Gibsons in Richmond, Va. returning home Thursday.

Theresa Allen spent the holidays in Charleston, S.C. with Sandra Allen.

Mrs. Paul Johnson visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Vidalia, Ga., last week. They have not been well for some time, but she found them as well as she could expect. Mr. Johnson is recovering from a severe heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Guin had as their dinner guests Sunday, Jack Lunsford, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Clark and Mrs. Floyd Monroe.

Miss Susan Upchurch of Lexington, N.C. spent last week in the M.S. Gibson home. Mrs. M.S. Gibson and Mrs. M.S. Gibson, Jr. carried her to Mt. Gilead Friday where she was met by her mother on her way home.

Mrs. M.S. Gibson, Sr. spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. Virginia Bounds in Red Springs. Mrs. Bounds who was so very sick at Moore Memorial Hospital recently, is at home but is restricted to her home by her doctor, for four months.

Mrs. Ellen Willis visited her mother Mrs. Mary Southerland of Clinton during the weekend.

Miss Mary Priest who carries Mrs. Quick to the Adcox Rest Home to see her brother, Mr. Will Culbreth went in to see Mrs. James Livingston, the former Bessie McMillan of Dundarrach and Mrs. Nealie Ritter Dail, patients in the home, Friday. Mrs. Dail isn't doing well at all. Mrs. Livingston isn't improving any.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Sheats of Red Springs and Mrs. Bess Newton of Parkton were visitors of Mrs. Marshall Newton Monday evening.

No special news from the nearby churches except Galatia Presbyterian Church had their Communion Service Sunday morning and Parkers Methodist will observe theirs next Sunday. The usual Monday and Wednesday night meetings at Pittman Grove and Rockfish Tabernacle Baptist churches. All reported good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Culp have returned from Alabama where they visited Mr. Culp's mother and other relatives during the holidays.

Walter Brock is still a patient at Moore Memorial Hospital, Pinehurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Koonce and Mrs. Janie Monroe were overnight guests of their sister Mrs. Fred Cameron and Mr. Cameron at Carolina Beach, Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Barnes of Columbia, S.C. were Friday visitors of Mrs. Martin Wood and Mrs. Eric Wood. They had with them their mother, Mrs. Ben Johnson.

Mrs. Joe Lovette had all her children and grandchildren with her for dinner Sunday evening. Dr. and Mrs. Vanik Bombatepe, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lovette and children from each home.

Mrs. Lacy Sessions of Pine Bluff, spent Friday with Mrs. Martin Wood.

Mrs. Lee, owner and operator of The Family Care Home, says all patients are fine and getting on nicely. Her husband Mr. Jessie Lee who recently had back surgery had the misfortune of falling and hurting his back since surgery and is still suffering from the fall.

Mrs. Alex Ray had a surprise visit from her brothers, Vernon Mooring of Seven Springs and Dewey Mooring of LaGrange Sunday.

Misses Jennie Monroe and Kathy Newton returned to East Carolina Sunday afternoon to resume their school work.

Miss Addie McDonald who is with Mrs. Will Monroe during her recovery from a heart attack, spent the weekend with her sister Mrs. Gladys Glisson. Mr. Glisson who has been sick for some time and a patient at Moore Memorial and St. Joseph's Hospitals is now at home in Dundarrach.

Annexation Gets 'Thumbs Down'

The proposed plan by Fayetteville to annex the Ft. Bragg reservation got a "thumbs down" from the county commissioners Monday after a Chamber of Commerce spokesman argued against it.

"I think the board should oppose any annexation of Ft. Bragg which lies in Hoke County by the city of Fayetteville," Chamber manager J.H. (Buddy) Blue, Jr., argued.

Blue told the board that Fayetteville was eyeing increased revenue, such as Powell Bill funds, and it wasn't fair since Ft. Bragg has the use of 90,000 acres of county land it took over.

"Hoke County will never see a penny of that," he claimed, referring to tax dollars.

Blue also argued he checked the census officials and learned Ft. Bragg personnel were carried as Cumberland County population.

"I called, and everybody on the

reservation was counted as Cumberland County," he told the board.

The motion to go on record opposing the annexation was carried unanimously.

"None of the means of information are more sacred or have been cherished with more tenderness and care by the settlers of America than the press."

-John Adams

Q - What is the "man - on - campus" program I keep hearing about?

A - It is an all-out effort by the Veterans Administration to place a man on college campuses to insure prompt delivery of GI Bill educational assistance checks by expediting change of addresses, dependency status or training programs.