



OUTING — Youngsters in the McLaughlin Elementary kindergarten class got an outing in the warm weather last week to collect broomstraw for use in a project.

**Area Incidents**

**Cross Burned After Shooting**

Sheriff's deputies are investigating a shooting incident that allegedly led to a cross burning at the home of a Hoke County woman late last Saturday night.

A cross was burned in the yard of Carrie Bell McBryde of Rt. 1, Red Springs, after four windows were blown out by shots fired from .12 and .20 gauge shotguns, according to Sheriff D.M. Barrington.

Barrington said a similar shooting incident occurred earlier in the week at the McBryde home when a series of shots were fired into the house Thursday, Feb. 19, about 12:30 A.M. when McBryde was in the house.

He said a juvenile had been brought before the court on a juvenile petition involving the

shooting on Thursday night.

Barrington said no one was in the McBryde house when it was shot at Saturday night. "This had nothing to do with the Ku Klux Klan. It dealt with an interracial marriage and conflicts between the families involved as far as my office is concerned," said Barrington.

"As far as I know we do not and have never had an active Klan in Hoke County," said Barrington.

In other incidents, Tom Jones, of Rt. 1, Raeford, reported that a cabin located on the Jessie Lee place was broken into sometime Monday, Feb. 16, and \$10 in damages were done to a window. Nothing was reported taken from the cabin according to the report.

James Porter, Rt. 2 Raeford, reported that someone took 62 bundles of roofing shingles from a construction site near the Parker Church sometime Wednesday, Feb. 18. The shingles were valued at \$325.

Archie C. Davis Sr., of Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge, complained that someone took a garden tiller valued at \$100 from his place sometime Thursday, Feb. 19.

F.C. McPhaul, of Rt. 1, Red Springs, complained that someone broke into his house and took meats and vegetables from his freezer valued at \$73.37 sometime Friday, Feb. 20.

John McMillan, of Rt. 1, Raeford, reported that someone broke into his home sometime Sunday, Feb. 22, and took two pistols valued at \$250 and did \$100 in damages to his door.

Mrs. N. Morrison reported that someone broke into the Masonic Lodge near the caution in Raeford and took a typewriter, radio, and heater valued at \$240 sometime Thursday, Feb. 19.

Joe Louis Moore, Rt. 1, Raeford, reported that someone beat his car with an ax and did \$500 in damages sometime Saturday, Feb. 21.

Willie Mae Liles, Rt. 1, Raeford, reported that someone took a .410 shotgun from her home sometime Saturday, Feb. 21. The gun was valued at \$50.

Leopold K. Salzer, Rt. 2, Raeford, reported that someone took a CB radio valued at \$100 from his truck sometime Sunday, Feb. 22.

Richard Daniels, 512 E. Fifth Ave., complained to police his home was burglarized sometime between 3:30 P.M. Monday and 12:15 A.M. Tuesday. Listed as stolen are RCA black and white 12 inch television, a RCA eight track FM tape player, and a .22 caliber nickel plated pistol, with a total value of \$239. An investigation is continuing.

**Reading Workshops Certify 18 Tutors**

Eighteen persons from a four-county region received certification as Laubach reading tutors during workshops last weekend here.

The tutors, 12 of them Hoke residents, received instruction in the Laubach method, which utilizes phonetic techniques taught by laymen to adults who have been unsuccessful learners in a classroom setting. It is a "one-to-one" method of teaching.

The workshops were conducted by Martha A. Lane, program coordinator for Lutheran Church women, and Bill Cadell, tutor teacher from Robeson County

Church and Community Center in Lumberton.

Future workshops to train volunteers are scheduled for March 29-31, and those interested in participating should contact Citizens United for the Improvement of Reading through the public library.

Chairman Kay Thomas announced a meeting March 9 at 7:30 P.M. at the library to discuss formation of a literacy council. Materials, including workbooks and reading aids, are available at discounts to incorporated literacy councils.

**Postal Job Cuts Save \$200 Million In Year**

The number of paid employees in the Postal Service has been reduced by nearly 15,000 positions from the same period last year, the most recent payroll reports of the Service indicate.

The equivalent reduction in man-years approximates a cost of reduction of \$200 million. Postmaster General Benjamin F. Bailar said.

Bailar announced the paid employment reduction figure as part of his nationwide program to

reduce postal costs by as much as possible without cutting essential postal services.

"The Postal Service is in a financial bind and cannot foresee any hope of immediate solution to its operating deficit problem," Bailar said. "Faced with a \$1.4 billion deficit, we are compelled to do everything within our power to reduce postal costs to the maximum extent feasible."

Bailar said over 50 per cent of the positions eliminated represent career positions, removed from the rolls of the Postal Service by attrition. The remaining positions were casual and part-time positions, he said.

As of Jan. 2, the most recent reporting date, there were 699,650 paid employees on the Postal Service payroll, compared to 714,496 on that date a year ago.

**Freedom Of Press Called Salvation**

Calling it "the salvation of this country", freedom of the press to report the truth must be as vigorously guarded as freedom of religion, Sam C. Morris, city councilman and newspaperman told the Kiwanis Club Thursday night.

"Freedom of the press is one thing that is the salvation of this country. Today there are a lot of things that want to stop freedom of the press. They want to have closed meetings. I'm not talking about corporations, I'm talking about the public's business, and your tax dollars. Whenever they close from the press, pretty soon they're going to stop freedom of speech. Next thing they'll stop is freedom of religion", Morris told the Kiwanians.

"I will say, for as long as I have been in the newspaper business, 41 years, that we have tried to print the truth. A lot of things we don't want to, but it has to be done to be fair. It's hard to do, because you don't make friends. Just like Rev. Mansfield preaching in the pulpit, some people don't want to hear it. The day we stop printing things because somebody asks us to, is the

day you won't have a newspaper", he said.

Morris outlined the early history of publishing in the county, beginning with the first newspaper, "Facts and Figures", started in 1905 by D. Scott Poole, and explained that news items in those days were kept short and to the point because of the time-consuming work of hand set type.

"Facts and Figures" was sold in 1911 to Fred Johnson, and in 1913 J.W. Johnson changed the name to The Hoke County Journal and established the Raeford Publishing Co. In 1915, Poole bought the paper back and published it until 1929, when Paul Dickson, Sr. bought it after publishing a newspaper that was printed in Red Springs using linotype, modern equipment at that time. The Hoke County News and The Hoke County Journal became The News-Journal.

The circulation of The News-Journal has grown to 3,500, after becoming the first North Carolina newspaper to begin "off-set", a revolution in printing which eliminated the old hot metal type and was a boon in cost-of-labor savings.

**Grower Co-Op Meets Mar. 3 In Lumberton**

Flue-Cured Tobacco Co-operative Stabilization Corporation, the grower CO-OP which administers the price support program for tobacco, will hold its 18th annual district meeting for District #4 growers. This district includes the following counties in the NC-Border Belt: Anson, Richmond, Hoke, Scotland, Robeson, Columbus, Brunswick, New Hanover, Bladen, and Cumberland. District #4 Director James R. Pate of Rowland, N.C., and Fred G. Bond, the CO-OP's General Manager, announced the meeting will be held in the O.P. Owens Agricultural Building, in Lumberton, N.C., on March 3, beginning at 2:00 P.M.

The CO-OP's operational report for the past year will be given. Among the highlights of the CO-OP's activities during 1975 was the sale of the remaining inventories of the 1967 and 1968 crops which resulted in net gains amounting to \$18 million. Growers who delivered tobacco to Stabilization from the 1967 or 1968 crops will be receiving their dividend checks around the middle of February.

Reports will also be given by representatives of Tobacco Associates, Inc.; Tobacco Growers' Information Committee; USDA Inspection (Grading) Service; and other allied organizations and agencies. Ample time will be provided for discussion.

In a business session, members will elect the director of represent District #4 growers on Stabili-

zation's Board of Directors for a 3-year term beginning May 28, 1976. Stabilization's Advisory Committee from each county in the district will also be elected for this year.

Pate added, "Flue-cured growers are urged to make every effort to attend the Lumberton meeting in order to get a better understanding of the present and future tobacco situation."

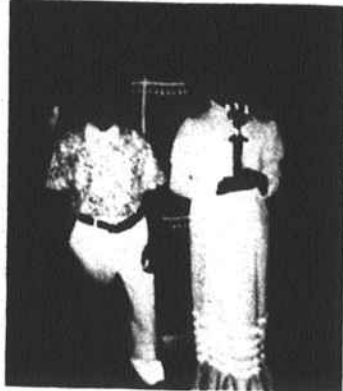
**Deaths And Funerals**

Summie Daniels

The funeral for Summie Daniels, 73, who died Saturday, Feb. 21, will be held today (Thursday) at 3:00 P.M. at the Mountain Grove A.M.E. Zion Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery.



FIRST PLACE- De De Graham of Victory Temple Holiness Church was crowned first place winner in a Valentine Contest Feb. 14. Shown is Miss Graham and her escort Timothy C. Roper.



SECOND PLACE- Valery Galbreth was named second place winner in the Valentine Contest at Victory Temple Holiness Church. She is shown with her escort Otis Galbreth, her brother.

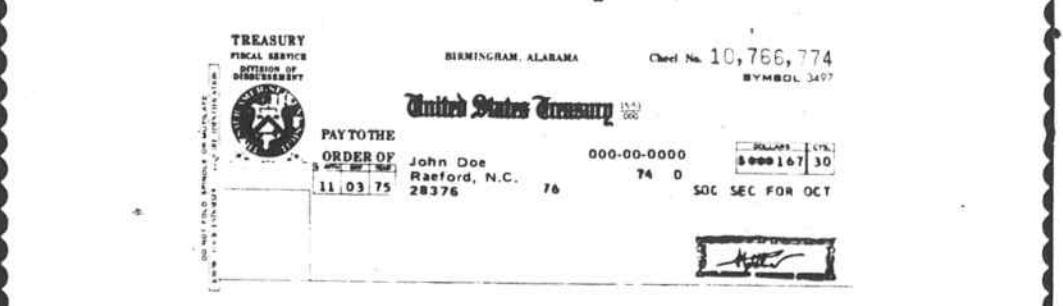


THIRD PLACE- Vanessa Huey was third place winner in the Victory Temple Holiness Church Valentine Contest. She is shown with her escort Anthony Singletary.

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**WEEKLY Health TIP**

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