



CONTEST WINNERS -- The Raeford Junior Woman's Club winners in the junior high division of the literature contest pose. Seated, left to right, are Donna Holland (first place, short story), Carolyn Wilburn (second place, short story) and Jane Maxwell (third place, short story). Standing are Anita Cartrette (first place, poetry) and Angelo McRae (third place, poetry). Not shown is John Jordan, second place winner in poetry. All of the winning entries in the arts festival will be on display at the public library beginning this week.

Army Honors County Man

Thomas M. Macko received the Meritorious Service Award from the Army last month on the occasion of his retirement from the active services.

Macko, a major in the Signal Corps, was transferred to the retired reserves in recognition of his continued service by Brig. Gen. Robert S. Young. He received a Certificate of Appreciation from Maj. Gen. Henry Mohr, Chief Army Reserve.

Macko, a Raeford mail carrier, served four years in the Marine Corps during World War II in the Pacific. He joined the National Guard and served over 20 years. After joining the Army Reserve, he graduated from Communications School at Ft. Gordon, Ga. as a Communications Electronic Officer.

Macko resides on Rt. 2, Raeford.

History Teachers Plan Workshop

Florence Cohen, director of instruction, and Theresa Mills, history teacher, will attend the workshop on local history Mar. 8 in Fayetteville being sponsored by the Department of Public Instruction and the N.C. Museum of History.

The workshop is designed to provide teachers with knowledge, techniques and materials for improving their teaching of state and regional history.

HOKE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD

Physical Education Week Is Mar. 1-7

The American Alliance for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (AAHPER) is out to get all Americans on their feet during National Physical Education and Sport Week, March 1-7.

While there's a growing awareness that physical activity is of vital importance to mental, physical and emotional health, AAHPER officials feel that most Americans -- particularly adults -- have not accepted responsibility for their own beings.

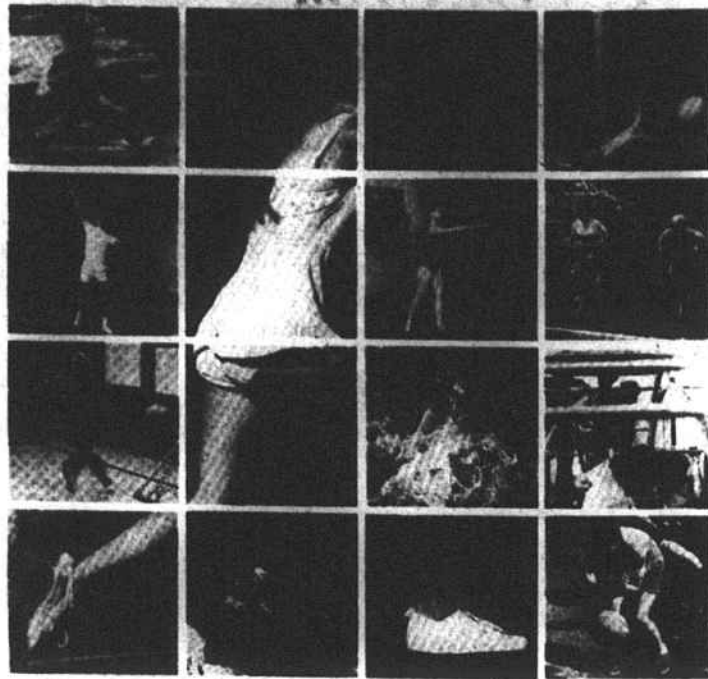
"We're beginning to get excellent programs into our schools now," explains Celeste Ulrich, President of AAHPER. "Physical education programs start in elementary school today, and the emphasis is on developing excellent movement skills for all children; finding and correcting motor difficulties at an early age."

According to Hoke schools' coordinator of physical education programs, Loria S. White, "Thousands upon thousands of youngsters are being cheated out of quality physical education programs every year because too few parents and school officials understand the difference between physical education and 'gym' of bygone days. There's a new, enlightened physical education in many of our schools today. Physical education that touches and benefits every single boy and girl, develops individual confidence and self-esteem for a lifetime of sport and activity."

Mrs. Ulrich added, "Perhaps one out of four schools have such programs...designed for every child. The handicapped as well as the gifted."

"Sequential physical education leads young people then into team sports; competition; lifetime sports. By the time they finish high school, most students should have integrated good physical education practices into their life styles," she said.

"During National Physical Education and Sport Week, we're trying to focus attention on these new approaches to physical activi-



ty. We want better programs in the schools, but we're especially interested in making all Americans realize that it's never too late to take on responsibility for their health and well-being," Miss Ulrich noted.

The American Alliance for Health, Physical Education and Recreation is a 50,000-member professional organization with interest in physical education, athletics and sports, dance, school nursing, health and safety education, outdoor education and recrea-

tion. National Physical Education and Sport Week provides an ideal opportunity for increasing awareness of the new physical education. AAHPER members are hopeful that the week's activities will lead to widespread acceptance of "fitness consciousness." Teachers, families and community organizations are urged to visit schools and evaluate the P.E. programs. By sponsoring and planning special activities to integrate fitness into everything we do, physical education can indeed become a lifetime experience.

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Sunday School Lesson

The request that James and John made of Jesus is almost unbelievable -- at least until we remember that audacity has never been in short supply, even in the church. Nevertheless, James and John still tend to shock us!

"Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you" (Mark 10:35)

That by itself would be sufficient to cause our jaws to drop; how presumptuous to even make such a request, regardless of what they would ask! But their audacity seems to know no limits, for when Jesus responds with, "What do you want me to do for you?" they answer:

"Grant us to sit one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory" (Mark 10:37)

Imagine! Just a little favor, Lord: make us Vice Presidents in the Kingdom -- First and Second Vice Presidents, that is!

There is but one thing that we must hand these two men: they were certainly candid about their desires. In fact, it is probably this innocence mixed with their brashness that softens Jesus' reply: "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" (10:38). And the breezy assurance with which they answer indicates that they really do not know what they are asking: "We are able."

Jesus' patient forbearance is almost as impressive as their arrogance is shocking, for instead of a stinging rebuke, it is a patient explanation which he gives to help them understand the issues they have raised. If Jesus had responded with some irritation or annoyance no one could have blamed him.

To us, of course, it is quite

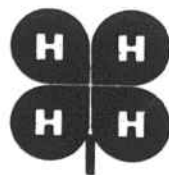
apparent that they did not understand what they were asking. For one thing, they apparently did not understand what Jesus meant by the Kingdom of God. They are still holding the traditional and popular concept of a temporal kingdom with secular power, military might, and a royal court. Somehow they had missed the point: the kingdom of God was really the kingdom within, a kingdom of man's spirit, of God's rule in the heart.

Secondly, they obviously misunderstood what discipleship meant. They seemed to think it meant being in on the "ground floor" for status and power in the kingdom. They thought in terms of rank, whereas Jesus emphasized not rank but service: "whoever would be great among you must be your servant" (10:43).

Thirdly, they did not comprehend the kind of power which would bring in God's kingdom. They thought of power that would compel with force, whereas Jesus spoke of the power of love and self-denial: "For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (10:45).

From our vantage point, we wonder how James and John could have so badly missed the point, for to us it seems so obvious.

Can it be that we still miss the point?



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