

ASCS Worker Retiring

Sadie S. Carter retires March 31 from her job in the Hoke County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) after 28 years of service.

Mrs. Carter began her government employment April 10, 1949 in Robeson County working for the PMA and ASC Committees. She transferred to Hoke County in May of 1958.

"She has served the farmers of Hoke County in an effective and impartial manner for the past 19 years," Tom Burgess, ASCS executive director said. "Her dedicated

service has made outstanding contributions both to agriculture in general and to ASCS."

Mrs. Carter was feted with a retirement party last Wednesday by her co-workers and received gifts.



RETIRING -- Sadie S. Carter receives a gift from Tom Burgess, executive director of the ASCS office, while Joe Upchurch, county ASCS chairman, looks on during a party given for her last week. Mrs. Carter retires March 31 after 28 years of government service.

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Library News

Arts Council Sparking Interest

We are glad at the success of the meeting here at the library last Wednesday night to investigate community interest in starting an Arts Council for Hoke County. We are proud that this meeting and its follow-up in a couple of weeks can be in the conference room of the new Hoke County Public Library.

That the citizens of Hoke County can get behind an effort and insure its success is exemplified by the very existence of the library building itself. Hoke is a small county in area, but it is large in spirit and pride.

An integral purpose of the public library has always been to provide and support cultural enrichment of the community it serves. Sandhill Regional Library Director William G. Bridgman and staff are gratified that its February forum on government sponsorship of the arts was the catalyst for such a concrete endeavor as last night's meeting.

Book and Flower

One of the most beautiful and elaborately illustrated children's books, thinks this writer, is Hans Christian Anderson's *The Nightingale*, translated by Eva Le Gallienne. Nancy Ekholm Buckert's paintings are properly Oriental in style and feeling.

Most attractive of all is the one in which the emperor is shown listening to the nightingale for the first time.

Citizens of Hoke County, take note: the branches of flowering shrub in the foreground and in the urn at the entrance to the emperor's hall are none other than those of the saucer magnolia or "tulip tree" which grace the courthouse lawn and other locations around the county and which were photographed so strikingly by Suzanne Aplin for last week's *News-Journal*.

More on National Peanut Month

No, we're not advertising Charlie Brown or presenting a paeon to our new president; the material in our library proclaiming March as National Peanut Month was prepared by the National Peanut Council and obtained by Edna Jo Hall, Outreach Librarian, Sandhill Regional Library System.

From a nutshell history of peanut farming over the centuries and around the world to recipes for peanut goodies to be served at a peanut party, the brochure accompanying the poster offers suggestions for a school unit or part of a unit on that venerable staple -- the goober.

Bookmobile Schedule

Monday, March 28
DUNDARRACH -- Eva Conoly, Myrtle Sappenfield, Mrs. Lytle, Ruby Saunders, Ophelia Womack, Ina Mae Womack, Carrie Creech, Mary Thompson, Helen A. Locklear, Jim Maxwell, Betty Livingston, Lawanna Hayes, Victoria Balfour, Mary Adams, Mance Moll, Jinnie Walton.

Wednesday, March 30

BLUE SPRINGS & ANTIOCH -- Dora Leslie, Shirley Carson, Mrs. Pendergrass, Mamie Webb, Frances Purcell, Lottie Walters, Cassie Walters, Irene Currie, Annie Autry, Bonnie McLaughlin, Gladys Niven, Bernice Sanderson.

Community Calendar

Monday, March 28
Lions Club, Civic Center -- 6:30 p.m.
Slimnastics, Raeford Elem. Gym. -- 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 29

Mothers' Story Hour, Hoke County Library -- 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 30

Executive Board, Womens' Club

Thursday, March 31

Slimnastics, Raeford Elem. Gym.

-- 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 2

Burlington Boys' Choir - Internationally Famous, Hoke County High Gymnasium -- 7:30 p.m.
Children's Double-feature movie, Hoke County Library, "Ferdinand the Bull", "The Little Mermaid" -- 3:00 p.m.

These new books were received by the Sandhill Regional Library System and distributed among member county libraries. They may be requested from the Hoke County Library and its bookmobile.

FICTION

"Cruise of the Snap Dragon" by Ruth P. Barbour
"The 290" by Scott O'Dell
"The Quarter Boy" by Richard Parker
"Old Man's Gold and Other Stories" by Ovid Pierce
"Sleep It Off, Lady" by Jean Rhys
"Into the Road" by Adrienne Rich
"Butte Landing" by Jean Rikhoff
"Woodsmoke" by Susan Sibley
"Heartbreak Hotel" by Anne Siddons
"Preservation Hall" by Scott Spencer
"Moirra" by Carolina Stafford
"Tunes for a Small Harmonica" by Barbara Wersba
"Stories of Charlemagne" by Jennifer Westwood
"Dreamer Beware" by Ruth Wissman
"Tallant for Trouble" by Andrew York

FACT

"A Brief History of Lionism in N.C."
"Everything I Know About

Cars" by Stephanie Judy

"Veterinary Medicine" by Helen Gilling

"Plants From Plants" by Suzanne Crayson

"Veterinary Medicine" by Helen Gilling

"A Veterinary Guide For Animal Owners" by C.P. Spaulding

"Complete Book On Home Remodeling" by Robert Scharff

"Help Yourself To A Job" by Dorothy Winter

"Miniatures" by Phyllis Meras

"New York Times Book of Needlepoint" by Elaine Slater

"Good Sailing" by Rudder

"A Musical Christmas with Peter Duchin" by Peter Duchin

"Growing Up With The Beatles" by Ron Schaumburg

"The World's Greatest Team" by Jeff Greenfield

"Pro Football and The Running Backs" by George Sullivan.

"Long Live the King" by Lyn Tornabene

Encyclopedia Britannica 15th ed. '77

Praeger Encyclopedia of Art

"Clyde Monster" by Robert L. Crowe

"Down To The Beach" by May Barelick

"My Puppy Is Born" by Jeanna Cole

"Bearymore" by Don Freeman

"Corduroy" by Don Freeman

"Smile for Auntie" by Diane Paterson

"Mr. & Mrs. Pig's Evening Out" by Mary Rayner

"I Will Tell You Of Peach Stone" by Nathan Zimelman

Tax Returns Ahead Of Last Year's Filing

Greensboro -- With only four weeks remaining in the federal income tax filing season, North Carolinians are taking the forms from the shelf, dusting them off and settling down to the chore of telling Uncle Sam if they owe more tax or are due a refund.

After a slow start earlier in the year, North Carolina taxpayers are filing returns at a slightly faster rate than last year. As of March 12, records indicate that 1,049,692 returns had been received from the Tar Heel state. Of this number, 829,063 had been processed and 638,449 refunds issued, totalling \$227 million, an average of \$356 per refund.

More short Form 1040A's are being received this year, indicating that many taxpayers are taking advantage of the increased standard deduction instead of itemizing deductions.

Don't Miss Credit

When you file your tax return this year, chances are you have at least one tax break coming. It's called the General Tax Credit.

Many North Carolinians are making errors when computing their General Tax Credit, accord-

ing to Robert A. LeBaube, district director for the Internal Revenue Service in North Carolina.

"There is an option you may choose this year," the director said. "You may take \$35 per exemption claimed on your return, or two percent of the first \$9,000 of taxable income, whichever is larger. The important thing to remember is to take the larger of the two options, but not both, as many people are doing."

The new credit does not affect the \$750 exemption allowed for each dependent when figuring taxable income.

Complete instructions on how to claim the General Tax Credit are in the tax package.

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