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CHRISTMAS CONCERT -- The Campbell College Choir will perform its annual Christmas concert at 8 p.m., Dec. 6, in Turner Auditorium on the college campus under the direction of Dr. Paul Yoder, chairman of the Department of Music, Art and Drama. Miss Tara Lynn Barnes, of Raeford, who sings alto, is on the second row, second from the left.

Hoke Schools Offer Job Training, Special Classes

By Cassie Wasko

Of the 16 over-school-age people pleading guilty to various charges in the last session of Superior Court, only six had completed high school or taken the G.E.D. Only one had any type of education beyond high school. Had these students remained in the school system and been motivated to gain further education or learn a job skill, perhaps they would not have ended up in the courts.

The Hoke County Schools are working to make education and job training easily obtainable for all students. They offer programs not only for the mentally and physically handicapped, but also for those who are handicapped by time, money and desire.

Assistant Superintendent John D. McAllister explains that a major part of his job is to seek out funding to aid in offering the many programs available. This school year alone, Hoke County Schools will receive close to a half-million dollars in federal grants. These grants make possible such programs as remedial reading, Indian education, migrant education, all types of media and a new program dealing with early childhood failure. Harold L. Gillis, local director of vocational education,

says that his vocational programs also receive some federal funds.

Gillis explains that the vocational courses begin in the middle grades in an exploration program. The students discuss different careers and what skills and training are required for them. Hoke High School provides students with an opportunity to learn a trade that can be incorporated into further training or can be used to secure a job immediately out of high school. The 17 vocational teachers provide students the opportunity to learn brick masonry, drafting, carpentry, mechanics, electrical work, textiles and health occupations.

Currently many of the vocational students are working on a "live project" -- they are constructing a house that will be auctioned off next spring. Most of the construction will be done solely by the students. They will receive help in areas where a license is required to perform a specific skill.

The goal of this program, Mr. Gillis says, is to provide students with a skill so that upon graduation, they will not be unemployable. Many students do not have the desire or the financial resources to continue their education past high school.

Mr. Gillis says that to be a part of the vocational program, a stu-

dent must declare a tentative objective. The student works with a guidance counselor to determine what program would best suit him. The student has the freedom to change courses if he wishes. Gillis also says he hopes to eventually get certification for his students.

Another exciting program available for students who are limited by time and find they can no longer attend school during regular hours is the Extended Day Program. Under the guidance of Geraldine Munn, learning lab teacher, the students come to school at 3 p.m. and work until 8 p.m. They do not have to repeat anything already mastered and may remain in the program until age 21. At the completion of the program, a regular high school diploma is awarded.

In the migrant program, any person in the school district in the last year seeking employment in the area of agriculture or agriculture processing may obtain special help for their children in math. Mrs. Sam Morris teaches these children in an attempt to improve their math skills. Surveys are done in the classroom and local government agencies are contacted in an effort to locate migrant children who need the help this program offers.

The Indian Education Act provides cultural enrichment for the Indian students attending Hoke County Schools.

Clara Pope, school food service director, says that the free lunch program is paid for through the sales of supplemental foods. Approximately 70 percent of the children attending Hoke County Schools are eligible for the free lunch program. Breakfast is provided at a cost of 20 cents for those children in grades K-6 that do not qualify for the free meal. Although there is no breakfast program in the higher grades, the program is extended to include special children such as the trainable mentally disabled and others.

The Hoke County School system offers programs to aid almost any student, regardless of his situation. The opportunity is there for those who wish to take it.

**Steininger
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To Committee**

The appointment of a McCain physician to membership on an important public service committee of the State Medical Society has been announced by Dr. E. Harvey Estes, Society President.

Dr. Wilbur J. Steininger has been reappointed to the Committee on Chronic Illness. The function of this committee is to remain informed about and to make recommendations in the field of medical care as it pertains to the problems of long term care of the chronically ill.

The committee also studies the causes leading to chronic illness, the development of the illness to the stage of disability, the potential for rehabilitation, and the needs for institutional care.

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Campbell Concert Honors Paul Green

The Department of Music Art and Drama of Campbell College has announced the annual Christmas concert of the Campbell Choir for 8 p.m., Dec. 6, in Turner Auditorium. A local girl, Miss Tara Lynn Barnes is a member of the choir.

The program will open with classic sacred compositions written for church choirs by Palestrina, Handel, Mendelssohn, and Mozart.

The performance is to be dedicated to Paul and Elizabeth Green, dramatists, poets, and musicians of Chapel Hill; and its second half will feature two selections from the Christmas lyrics of Paul Green, together with traditional carols of five nations.

One of these, "Awake, Glad Tidings," will be performed by three soloists: Melody Colvin of Wilmington, Sherry Jones of Smithfield, and Betty Lynn Wallace of Buies Creek.

The second Paul Green selection will be given as a reading by Daniel A. Linney, director of Campbell's division of drama. Professor Linney, whose master's thesis is a study of aspects of Green's works, is founding sponsor of the Paul

Green Order, dramatic honorary society of the college. As a former Carolina Playmaker, Linney has a further common interest with the North Carolina dramatist, who, as a graduate of the Buies Creek Academy class of 1914, is a Campbell College alumnus.

An associate of Dr. Yoder, who accuses him of believing each year that his present group of singers is "the finest I have ever had," reports him as especially pleased that this particular group is singing "this particular concert."

Dr. Yoder has commented that the 35 singers are exceptionally bright and lively -- a group of leaders who have been wearing him out trying to keep a challenge in front of them. "They have," he said, "exceptional spirit and enjoy each other more than any group I have had recently." In this, he thinks, "They themselves express unusually well the real meaning of Christmas."

Dr. Yoder, who received training from Florida State University, has directed the choir since 1961. The Christmas concert, open to the public without charge, will be the 14th appearance of the Campbell singers in the current season.

Sunday School Lesson

Background Scripture:

Job 1 through 3;

12 through 13.

Devotional Reading:

Psalms 143.

Although the story of Job may find its origins in the times of the patriarchs, it is likely that the Book of Job, as we now know it, was written in the 7th century B.C., approximately 2,300 years ago. It is ironic that the concept the writer was attempting to destroy is one that is still so prevalent today. In 2,300 years we have not succeeded in putting that concept to rest.

The writer of the Book of Job was primarily concerned with attacking a popular belief which he was convinced to be quite erroneous. It was the belief that, if a person suffered in any way, it was a punishment from God. Correspondingly, if a man prospered, it was assumed that his prosperity was a reward for righteousness. In the story of Job his three friends seem to assume without question that Job's suffering must be the result of some iniquity on his part.

The writer of Job was intent in demonstrating that concept as quite false. There must be some better answer for human suffering than God's punishment. The writer of Job makes this abundantly clear in Job 1. In the very beginning of the story he is described as a man who "was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil" (1:1). The writer describes him as a very prosperous man, even calling him "the greatest of all the people of the east" (1:3). When God speaks with Satan about Job, his description is glowing: "...there is none like him on the earth" (1:8). When, in Job 2, we see this prosperous and happy man in the midst of abject suffering, we cannot claim that it is God's punishment for Job's sin.

Nor can his tragedy be ascribed to his response to his troubles. Satan is confident that, although Job's faith in God remains constant in the face of his tragedies, if his health is taken from him he will

finally turn against God. So, Satan orders terrible physical ordeals for Job to make him abandon God. Although Job is subjected to cynicism by his friends, it was the words of his wife that must have wounded him most deeply of all: "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God, and die" (2:9).

Yet, despite these extreme provocations, we are told: "In all this Job did not sin with his lips" (2:10). So the writer has illustrated forcefully that Job's suffering must have some other answer than sin and punishment. But few learned what the writer was trying to say and seven centuries later Jesus' disciples would look at a blind man and ask: "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" (John 9:2). And today, thousands of years later we are still wondering "why?" and settling on the wrong answer.

Band Takes First Place

The Hoke High Marching Band, under the direction of Jimmy James, completed their year of parades Monday in Laurinburg, where they won first place.

Prior to that, the band marched in Hamlet on Nov. 19, also bringing home a first place from that parade.

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