



SECOND GRADE WINNERS -- Louise R. Barnwell's class won the first-place trophy for the second grades at the West Hoke School Field Day. The students are shown with their teacher (left rear) and Vicky McMillan, teacher's aide. Front, L-R -- Matthew Kelly, Jody Cummings, Thomas McMillan, John Beaver, Alexander McDougald, Daniel McClendon, and Daniel Purcell. Second -- Heidi Williams, Cindy Sanders, Gerald Baker, Tera Campbell, Andrea Blue, Sharon Shaw, Vivian Gibson, Lynette McKenzie, and Sharon Hobson. Third -- Johnny Walters, John Patterson, Bobby Bethea, Damon Dockery, Roy Harris, Terry Thompson, Ronnie Gibson, Dennis Fairley.



THIRD GRADE CHAMPS -- The competition for the third grades at West Hoke School's Field Day Friday morning was won by Rosette Locklear's class, shown here with the teacher (right rear) and teacher's aide, Debbie Little (left rear). The students are, except for William Purcell, who couldn't attend, are, L-R, front -- Lou Ann Dunagan, Denise Cameron, Lynette Jones, Troy Simmons, Betty Jacobs, Aurgay Fairley, Chalmere Cobb, and Twana Bridges. Second -- Aldred Purcell, Stephen Baker, Anthony McLaughlin, Shannon Hofferberth, Jackie Locklear, Anthony Monroe, Jonathan Malloy, Richard Ross, Richard McNeill, and Randy Locklear. Third -- Craig Southerland, Robert Torrence, Wendell Jones, Evelyn McNeill, Antonia Kearns, Kern McLean, Pamela Wright, and Barbara Nixon.



FOURTH GRADE WINNER -- Mrs. Barbara Lupo's class, shown here with Mrs. Lupo, won the trophy for the Fourth Grade competition at the West Hoke School Field Day Friday. The students are, L-R, front -- Alvin Shaw, Link Morrissey, Billy Kelly, E.J. Smith, Sonya Morrison, Kevin Pagan, Wanda Cobb, and Kathy Beaver. Second row -- Wesley Baldwin, Jackie Goins, Kristie Baker, Shelie Vincent, Tabitha Jackson, Rodney Sanders, and Gregory Dockery. Third row -- Luwanda Bronson, Stefanie Holland, Dwayne Morrison, Sharon Cameron, Chris Batton, Hondo Blue, Curtis Cummings, and Teresa Kershaw. Fourth -- James Robinson, Jerry Williams, Joseph Cox, Dana Hagins, Tina McLawhorn, Barbara Morrissey, Janet McMillan, and Darryl Young.

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Oxendine, Son Ride 25 Miles In Bike-A-Thon

Forty-seven-year-old Earl Oxendine and his 12-year-old son Bucky were the only entries to pedal the entire 25 miles of the Hoke County Bike-A-Thon Sunday. Sue Fant, chairman of the cystic fibrosis fund-raising bike event, reported.

The elder Oxendine covered the distance in about an hour and a quarter.

She said only seven riders entered, and \$85 raised from people pledging a certain amount for each

mile a sponsored rider traveled. Mrs. Fant attributed the small number of entries to the facts that the program was held on a holiday weekend (Memorial Day) and the weather was excellent for beach-going.

Oxendine, assistant superintendent of Hoke County schools, finished first, but his son got the first-place prize because the elder Oxendine is an adult. The elder Oxendine's pledges

totaled \$35. Bucky Oxendine had to ride two bikes to finish. His first broke down about 5 miles from the starting line. So he and his injured bike were picked up and carried back, another bike was obtained for him. Then he was taken back to the point where he had his malfunction, and he continued his trip.

Bob Moses, covering the regular 16-mile course in 50 minutes, placed second, and his brother Jim,

who pedaled the 16 miles in 60 minutes, third.

Lewis Upchurch, Jr., also covered the 16 miles and was the youngest rider to make the route. He is 10.

His sister, Mollie, who is 8, pedaled 5 1/2 miles, becoming the youngest girl to travel that far.

Vianne Howard called in the highest total in pledges - \$40. She couldn't participate in the ride but others honored her pledges among them.

Raeford Jaycettes Receive State CP Honors

The Raeford Jaycettes received a plaque from the state organization earlier this month for their outstanding achievement in the Pounds for Palsy project.

They also received a plaque from the Cerebral Palsy Foundation for raising the most money for the foundation among North Carolina Jaycette chapters. Another award

was given the local group for participation in cerebral palsy activities.

The Raeford chapter was presented the awards during the state

Jaycettes convention May 16-18 in Asheville.

Barbara James and Rhonda West of the Raeford Jaycettes attended the convention.

National Educational Bosses Week

Hoke School Officials Honored

As public information officer for Hoke County schools, associate Supt. John D. McAllister announced that Supt. Raz Autry, principals, supervisors, and others in the school system were honored during National Educational Bosses Week, May 18 - 24.

In proclaiming National Educational Bosses Week in North Caro-

lina Gov. Jim Hunt cited increasing complexity in the role of the school administrator.

In addition, the governor's proclamation noted participation by school administrators in professional and civic duties.

Efforts to honor educational bosses were undertaken, statewide and in local communities, by members of the North Carolina Association of Educational Office personnel.

Administrative and supervisory personnel at the central office were treated to a luncheon on Friday by the central office secretarial staff.

Health Watch

Safety Rules For Bicyclists

Distributed by the N.C. Medical Society

With the price of gasoline increasing along with the spring temperatures, more North Carolinians are turning to two-wheeled transportation.

Whether you cruise along on a bicycle for recreation, exercise or to cut pennies, you are classified under North Carolina's laws as the driver of a vehicle and are subject to the same rules of the road as cars and other wheeled transportation.

"Safety First" is a good motto to remember when you are biking. Cyclists are no match for larger, faster vehicles.

There were 1,062 bicycle accidents reported by the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles for fiscal year 1979. Thirty-one were fatal and 17 of the victims were under the age of 16. The two largest contributing factors in these casualties were attributed to ignorance of bicycle safety and disregard for traffic laws.

Bicycling can be fun and safe if you apply a few common sense rules when you are out riding. The North Carolina Medical Society has several guidelines to help ensure your safety:

--Ride **only** in the traffic lane designated for traffic flowing your way or on paths especially designed for bicycles.

--Look before crossing any intersection, and STOP at those intersections with stoplights or traffic signs.

--Give signals when turning. Let the vehicles around you know your intentions.

--A bicycle, like all vehicles, must be kept in good physical condition and serviced when necessary. Make sure that your brakes work satisfactorily and keep enough air in your tires to avoid popping a wheel as you ride.

--Have the reflectors checked regularly to make sure they are positioned where other motorists can see them clearly. If you ride at night, DO put a light on your bike to warn others of your presence.

--Wear a protective helmet to guard against head injuries should you be thrown. Avoid wearing clothing such as baggy pants or long shoe laces that might get caught in the gear chain or wheel spokes.

--Above all, OBEY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS: they are there for your protection.



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Vets Ask

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q -- I want to use my GI Bill entitlement to purchase a mobile home and a lot to put it on. But I understand I must get two separate loans at different interest rates. Is this true?

A -- No. Effective April 3, 1980, the loans may be combined at one interest rate.

Q -- May a veteran receive Veterans Administration educational assistance for training leading to a private pilot's license?

A -- No. Educational assistance may not be provided by VA for training leading to a private pilot's license. A veteran must, however, possess a private pilot's license

before entering a commercial flying program for which VA educational assistance is to be provided.

Q -- Can closing costs be included in the amount of money the Veterans Administration guarantees for a GI home loan?

A -- No. All closing costs must be paid by the veteran in cash from his or her own resources.

Q -- I am presently on active duty and am participating in the Post Vietnam Veterans' Educational Assistance Program. I have a three-year enlistment commitment. How many months of entitlement will I have on completion of this commitment?

A -- Under the Post Vietnam Veterans' Educational Assistance Program entitlement is limited to a maximum of 36 months, or the number of months you contributed, whichever is lesser.

Hoke County Soil & Water Conservation

by Sam Warren

Darlene Garner, District Secretary for the Hoke Soil and Water Conservation District, attended a statewide District Secretary workshop on May 20 and 21. The workshop was sponsored by

the N.C. Division of Soil and Water Conservation.

Of 96 District Secretaries in the state, 66 attended. Environmental education was one of the many topics discussed.

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