

Boys, Teacher Get Stove Wood For Sisters

Thanks to some Hoke County High School students and their teacher, two Hoke County sisters in their 60s have a fresh supply of wood for the small, pot-bellied stove that is all that keeps their house warm in cold weather.

They are Mrs. Mary Stewart McLean, 68, and Miss Daisy Stewart, 66. The home of Mrs. McLean's. It's in farm and woods country about a mile east of the main residential area of Tylertown.

Arthur Kemp, Hoke High electronics teacher, and four of the boys in VICA, a national organization of occupational education students in high school, went out to the woods on Airport Road Thursday afternoon after school, cut some scrub trees down, cut the timber into stove size logs and sticks, then delivered them to the sisters' home nearby. Later, they went back and cut another load for them.

The boys are John Dees, Timothy Davis, Robert Wayne Maynor, and Frank C. Burkes.

They and Kemp worked with a small and temperamental power saw, a small bow saw, and two two-handed axes and hauled the wood in a pickup truck.

Cutting and hauling firewood sounds simple; but for two women in their 60s with no car or truck and living about 200 yards from the woods it's a job that would have taken most of a day because of the physical exertion necessary, and would have to be repeated.

Mrs. McLean also is temporarily handicapped because she broke her right hand. It is healing, but she still can't use it.

The women also had difficulty besides getting wood for their stove. Somebody stole Mrs. McLean's water pump. The theft robbed

them of their water supply. Mrs. McLean said, however, people in Fayetteville and Southern Pines have been bringing them water, helping out till another pump comes, and the Hoke County Department of Social Services is

working to eliminate the problem. Other Hoke High VICA students are working to help make Christmas a good one for poor children. Members of the Drafting Club are making stuffed animals for the youngsters (see photo).



Daisy Stewart [left] and sister Mrs. Mary Stewart McLean at home in the Clay Hill community. The old-fashioned stove at left serves them for heating and cooking. They wanted to come out and pose with the students and Arthur Kemp with the wood they got for them but it was too cold outside for the women that day. [Thursday]. [Staff photos].



Hoke High students and teacher with the load of wood they cut after school Thursday for Mary McLean and her sister Daisy Stewart. L-R -- Frank C. Burkes, John Dees, Timothy Davis, teacher Arthur Kemp, and Robert Wayne Maynor. The picture was taken in Mrs. McLean's yard.

Deaths And Funerals

Joseph R. McAnulty

Joseph Richard McAnulty, 59, of 522 Kirby St., Raleigh, a civil engineer, died Friday in Rex Hospital, Raleigh.

The funeral was conducted Sunday afternoon in Shiloh Presbyterian Church by the Rev. W.K. Fitch, Jr. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his brother, Ikey McAnulty of Wilson; his sisters, Mrs. Sadie Lou Diggs of Raeford, and Mrs. James Melton of Greenville, S.C.; and several nieces and nephews including Mike McAnulty of Chesapeake Va., and Mrs. Joel Stancil of Aberdeen.

John Walter Bowen

John Walter Bowen, 52, of Rt. 1, Red Springs, died Saturday.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday morning in Red Springs Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Olin Hefner. Burial was in Shiloh Presbyterian Church cemetery.

Surviving is a brother, Henry E. Bowen of Raeford.

Johnny McGougan

The funeral for Johnny B. McGougan, 60, who died December 11, was conducted December 16 at Laurel Hill Baptist Church by the Rev. T.P. Patterson. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Robert A. Whitworth

Robert Allen Whitworth, 51 died Monday.

Memorial services were held in Lawrence, Mass.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Bertha Whitworth of Raeford.

Memorials may be sent to Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church, 709 Harris Ave., Raeford, 28376.

Yesteryear

In days gone by, strings of chewy popcorn balls, gaily-wrapped candies, bright paper chains and thickly-iced cookies dangled from the family Christmas tree, delighting the eyes and tummies of young and old alike.

Give of Yourself

Maybe this is the year to stop buying a lot of THINGS for your family and friends at Christmas time. Instead of presenting them with superfluous luxury objects, why not take a more meaningful approach to Christmas gifts?

Let It Snow!

A pretty and inexpensive way to get a "snowy" tree is with soap suds. Use a beater or electric mixer to make thick suds, then spoon them onto your tree, sprinkling with dry flakes for a lovely, snow-touched effect.

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