

Goals Realized At Youth Center

"The incarcerated resident population at McCain's Sandhills Youth Center during Christmas Season '81 represent many areas of North Carolina and other states as well," said J.P. Smith, Sr., program director.

SYC's Staff Christmas Committee, Citizen Advisory Committee members and nearly 200 youthful offenders combined their love, energy, talent and outreach in ways to accomplish sharing the joyous spirit of Christmas with numerous surrounding area citizens and among themselves. A capsulated account of SYC's Christmas Story revealed the depth of resident correctional experiences.

SYC's Resident Choir rendered musical programs for elderly or handicapped citizens at the Cameron Heights and South Hoke Lunch Centers in Hoke County; also at Camp Easter of the Pines and the Moore County Association for Aged.

SYC's Vocational Woodworking Classes constructed over one hundred wooden toys and donated them to Hoke and Moore County Social Service Centers for distribution to client families.

SYC's Academic resident volunteers joined with Hoke County Extension Services' Staff and Volunteers for two holiday decoration workshops. Items produced were donated to the patients at the McCain Speciality Hospital.

SYC's Leathercraft Residents joined with Hoke County Parks-Recreation Department's Staff and Volunteers and conducted a county wide Christmas Party for Youth. Admission to the party was one can of food per person. The canned food was given to Social Services for

distribution to special love families.

SYC's Resident Explorers conducted a Christmas Party and supplied gifts for all the Developmentally Delayed Children at the Moore County Children's Center. They also collected items and donated them to a blind Moore County couple.

SYC's I Can Motivation residents and alumni combined resources and assisted the Raeford Woman's Club with distribution of Christmas Cheer to Social Service clients throughout Hoke County.

SYC's Resident Jaycees conducted a Christmas Party and provided gifts for all Developmentally Delayed Children at the Hoke County Children's Center. These residents also collected food, clothing, fuel money and toys for distribution to identified Hoke County Social Service clients.

SYC's Life Skills resident volunteers assisted the staff and TMH students at Upchurch Junior High School with decorating their Christmas Float which was part of Hoke County's Yuletide Parade.

SYC's Garden Project resident volunteers harvested winter crop vegetables and donated them to the Social Service Centers in Moore and Hoke Counties for distribution to client families.

"Additionally, some 15 and other on-site holiday activities were enjoyed by residents and citizen volunteers alike," said Smith.

The highlight of these activities was the Resident Christmas Party which featured entertainment by the South View High School Choral Singers and SYC's own Resident Choir.

SYC Residents also enjoyed many party favors including homemade layer cakes provided by concerned area citizens. Each resident received gifts, courtesy of "Friends of SYC." The gymnasium was attractively decorated with some handmade items and donated poinsettias, as well.

Yes, it is true that these residents are incarcerated because of their past crimes committed against society, but it may also be said that these same residents have, through associations with dedicated staff and concerned citizen volunteers, learned the true Christmas Spirit and the art of caring for others as for themselves.

Surprise Retirement Party Honors Sam Morris

Staff Photos

Sam Morris was given a surprise retirement party Thursday by the management and employees of *The News-Journal*.

He retired that day after 41 years with the newspaper, serving since 1935 except for five years active military duty in World War II.

His wife, who retired from the Hoke County school system at the end of the last school year, and other friends from outside the organization also attended.

The party was held in *The News-Journal* office, and these pictures show him with some of the honor and other gifts he was presented with.



Morris holding photo of 'Iron Mike,' the statue at Ft. Bragg honoring the American airborne troopers who fought in World War II. An Army skydiver who jumped on a special occasion at the memorial is in the photo also. The picture was presented on behalf of Ft. Bragg by Capt. William Maddox, post public information officer, in appreciation of Morris' work in producing 'The Paraglide' the Ft. Bragg weekly newspaper, for the past many years. 'The Paraglide' is printed by The Dickson Press for the Army. Between Morris and Maddox are Louis H. Fogleman, Jr., The News-Journal's new publisher and Pam Frederick, The News-Journal receptionist and a photographer for The News-Journal.



Sam Morris with gift from The News-Journal employees.

"Things That Matter"

by Lucien Coleman

PLASTIC PACKAGING PROLIFERATES

This morning's garbage pick-up was the first one since Christmas. Last night I hauled two 32-gallon garbage cans, three king-sized plastic bags, and one cardboard box full of trash out to the curb.

I've never understood why the volume of wrappings from Christmas packages is always greater than the contents of those packages. But, every year, the result of the gift-swapping orgy is always the same -- a garbage collector's nightmare.

When I finally got around to shaving on Christmas Day, I went three rounds with another kind of wrapping, that virtually impenetrable plastic envelope surrounding the disposable razor I wanted to use.

There I stood in my underwear, shaving lather all over my face, trying to tear open a deceptively thin plastic package. When it finally became apparent that bare fingers wouldn't do the trick, I tried tearing it open with my teeth. To no avail. Finally, I had to resort to a pair of scissors.

As I scraped at my recalcitrant whiskers, I got to wondering about all that packaging. What purpose did it serve, anyway? Take that disposable razor, for instance. Why couldn't it just be sold over the counter out of a box, like the pencils we used to buy at the

five-and-dime? Why does it have to be swathed in plastic?

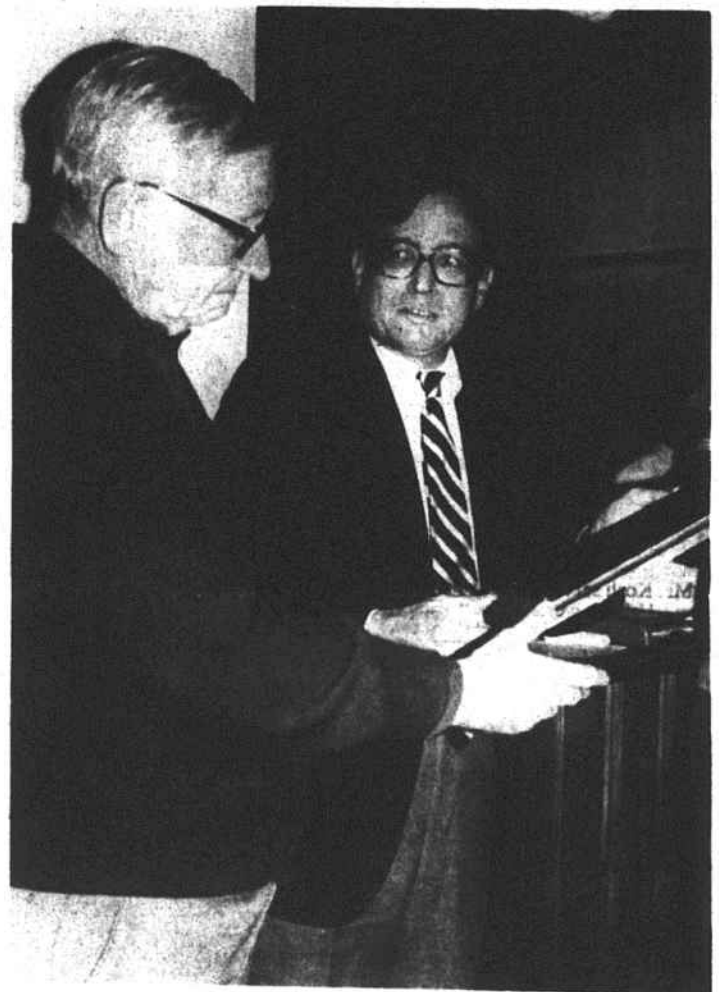
Even sillier are the dinky little packages of nails, screws, nuts, and metal washers -- the things hardware dealers once kept in drawers and bins. Sometimes you get the feeling that you're paying as much for the plastic package as the merchandise itself costs. And you probably are.

The Council on Environmental Quality reports that the average person in the United States produces about 1,300 pounds of solid waste annually. Most of this went to municipal landfills and dumps. This added up to a national total of 130 million metric tons in 1976. And, based on present trends, the projection for 1985 is 180 million metric tons.

The cost of disposing of this waste is astronomical; about \$9 billion in 1977. And guess who pays the bill for waste disposal? The consumer and taxpayer, of course. People like you and me.

The mountain of solid waste generated in our country in 1977 included 5.3 million tons of plastics, 14.7 million tons of glass, 13.7 million tons of metals, 3 million tons of textiles, 4.7 million tons of wood, and -- are you ready for this? -- 49.2 million tons of paper.

At this rate, we'll soon have more city dumps than parking lots.



Morris receiving plaque given by The Dickson Press in appreciation of his services. It is being presented by Louis H. Fogleman, Jr., The News-Journal's new publisher.

For New Term

Juanita Edmund filed Monday for reelection as clerk of Hoke County Superior Court.

She filed with the Hoke County Board of Elections.

Mrs. Edmund is a Democrat. If at least one more Democrat files for the office, a party primary will be necessary to choose the nominee to run in the November general election.

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Magistrates Court

The following Hoke County magistrates' judgments were issued last week.

Sherrill Leon Parsons, Rt. 2, Ellerbe, expired inspection certificate, costs.

Ricky Lee Perkins, Rt. 2, Rembert, S.C., speeding 70 in a 55 zone, \$10 and costs.

Norman J. Edwards, Ft. Bragg, passing at an intersection, costs.

Terence Malloy, Box 562, Raeford, speeding 60 in a 45 zone, \$10 and costs.

Eric Eugene McGee, Raeford, driving under the influence, no probable cause (Breathalyzer reading .01).

James L. Murphy, Marlow

Heights, Md., passing at an intersection, \$10 and costs.

Charles Edward Handon, Raeford, driving without a license, \$25 and costs.

John Doe, also known as Chipmonk, address unknown, trespass, no probable cause.

Rodolfo Ramos, Ft. Bragg, no operator's license, voluntary dismissal by the prosecutor; no current inspection certificate, costs.

Nancy Ellis Ray, Fayetteville, failing to stop at a stop sign, costs.

Accent On Agriculture

Some of America's largest corporations have learned that farming is not always a profitable business.

A decade ago several corporations, seeing only easy money from rising prices and dire predictions of a world food shortage, leaped into farming, mostly in

California. They discovered they were not immune to the weather, labor, market uncertainty and pest problems that afflict all farmers.

A recent *Wall Street Journal* article chronicled corporate farming's failures and successes and noted that of 25 publicly traded nonagricultural firms involved in farming 10 years ago, only seven are still at it.

Companies failed at farming, according to the article, because of ignorance about farming and impatience for profits. Corporations still involved in farming have accepted that farming is a risky business and see it as a long-term investment.

Not the least of corporate farms' problems was Cesar Chavez's United Farm Workers. During the 1970's, the union attempted to organize workers at all the California corporate farms and drove one company it signed a contract with out of business. The company "lost control" of its operation when its union workers protested for changes with work slowdowns and refusals to work.

After suffering heavy losses and having to destroy fields of asparagus, the company withdrew from farming.

Top management found out the hard way that corporate tactics can't be applied to agriculture. One farm manager said, "After explaining the effects of drought, bugs and frost on crops, it's tough to explain a beautiful crop and no market to sell it in because everyone else produced a beauty too."

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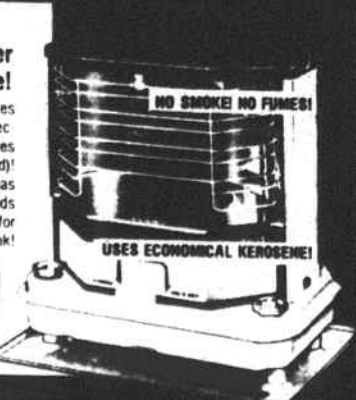
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