

Troop 404 Scouts, Fathers Attend Outing



Neill McFadyen assisting Scouts in preparing for a boat ride.



Scouts participating in an activity.

Thirty-five Boy Scouts of Troop 404 participated Saturday in the Third Western District Scout-O-Rama at Laurinburg High School.

After participating in various activities, they left for Lake Alice for a Father-Son Overnight Camping Trip. The troop was joined by 19 fathers who prepared meals including hamburgers, pork chops, steak, venison, sweet-and-sour pork, and hot dogs.

After supper, a campfire program was provided by members of the troop.

After a good night's sleep, breakfast and church services were held. The day's activities included fishing, boating, games, and Scouting events.

The outing was the final require-

ment in qualifying Troop 404 for the National Camping Award.

More than 300 people attended the Scout-O-Rama.

Participating from Hoke County in addition to Troop 404, which is sponsored by Raeford United Methodist Church, were Troop 434 and Cub Pack 434, sponsored by Freedom Chapel Church; and Cub Pack 437, sponsored by Scurlock School.

A rope-cutting ceremony formally opened the Scout-O-Rama. Activities included a Rain Gutter Regatta, District Pinewood Derby, Space Derby, First Aid Demonstration, Bicycle Rodeo, and games.

The 1982 Scout-O-Rama chairman, David Harling, said, "This year's Scout-O-Rama was the biggest and best ever held."



Tom McFadyen tries out the monkey bridge at the Scout-O-Rama.



Bob Clark watching some Scout activities.

Hoke Agricultural Extension News

by Willie Featherstone, Jr.
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HOW TO BECOME A TREE FARMER

Green signs with white letters that read "Tree Farm" are quite common in the rural areas of North Carolina. In fact, there are over 1,700 of them in the state. You'll find them on land owned by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., Actor Andy Griffith, entrepreneur Tommie Upchurch, and many other prominent citizens.

Tree farm signs are always posted on woodland that is attractive and productive. It is obvious that the owner takes pride in growing trees.

The tree farm program is sponsored by the North Carolina Forestry Industry Association in cooperation with the Southern Forest Institute to give public recognition to private timberland owners who are doing an outstanding job of managing their forestlands.

The minimum size forest area to be considered is usually 10 acres. Trees must be harvested in a manner that assures a continuous production of timber crops. Idle acres must be planted. Trees must be protected from fire and destructive pests.

If you would like to become an official tree farmer, here is how.

Each county has a tree farm coordinator. In Hoke County the tree farm coordinator is Robert Jones, County Forest Ranger. You may contact him by calling 875-2808. Tell Mr. Jones that you are interested in becoming a tree farmer. He will either inspect your woodland or make arrangements for another professional forester to inspect your woodland. There is no charge for this inspection. If you are carrying out the required management practices, you will be certified as a tree farmer. To keep this title you'll have to be inspected again every 5 years.

As a certified tree farmer, you will be eligible for state, regional and national awards. You will receive the green and white tree farm sign and a framed certificate. You'll also get an informative quarterly magazine, plus a colorful publication from the American Forest Institute. But, probably, the most beneficial aspect of being a certified tree farmer is the contact you will have with professional foresters, people who will help you to do an even better job of managing your woodland.

For more information on the tree farm program, contact your county Agricultural Extension office.

Reading Group To Meet Tuesday

Hoke County's chapter of the International Reading Association will meet Tuesday, March 30, at 3 p.m. in Upchurch School Library.

The workshop will be a material one titled "Reading With" with Mrs. Cathy J. Blackwell presiding.

Mrs. Blackwell is a reading specialist for the Cumberland County school system and has done numerous workshops across the state. She received her B.S. degree from Pembroke State University and her M.A. from East Carolina University, and was Teacher of the Year (1977-1978) of Morganton Road School.



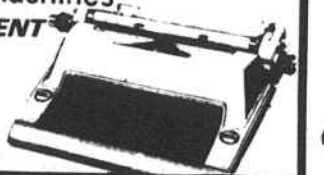
Cathy Blackwell

Grace Kelly was the first movie actress to appear on a postage stamp. She and Prince Rainier of Monaco, her husband, were featured on one in 1956 in commemoration of their marriage.

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Farm Focus

by Richard Melton
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LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

Feed efficiency in swine operations can be very costly to producers. While a great deal of work has been done on improving feed efficiency through genetics, there is something each producer can do on their own operation. That is, adjust self feeders so as to eliminate or at least minimize feed wastage. Swine researchers have found that a wastage rate of 10 percent can not be visibly observed. However, if such a wastage rate existed on a farm and the producer was using 648 tons of feed annually, then over 64 tons would be wasted annually. Assuming a cost of \$160 per ton for a simple corn-supplement ration the cost of that wastage to the producer would be about \$10,300. In these times of low returns to swine producer such a loss could make the difference between losing money or breaking even.

Management ideas for beef producers in March are:

1. Plan spring pasture management and fertilization to maximize forage yields and quality.
2. Make sure cows and calves are identified.
3. Keep the protein and energy levels for lactating cows high enough for them to carry calves until spring grazing begins.
4. Do any necessary work on calves at an early age, preferably by 30 days of age.

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOYBEAN GROWERS:

Extremely low market prices are making us all aware of trying to cut costs in order to make a profit. I

recently came across suggestions for living with low profit prospects of 1982 soybeans.

1. Plan to do better than average.
2. Farm one less field.
3. Avoid soybeans after soybeans whenever possible.
4. Lime all fields calling for lime, even those rented for only one year.
5. Add all fertilizer called for on a soil test, but no more.
6. Try one or two new varieties.
7. Choose herbicides field by field.
8. Consider band or post-directed herbicide application.
9. Scout for insects, especially during late July through September.
10. Set a target price, write it down, show it to someone, and take it the first time it becomes available.
11. Visit one soybean test or demonstration during the summer.
12. Harvest all the soybeans you raise.

SOYBEAN MARKET UPDATE:

Soybean prices should stay in the 6.00 - 6.50 range in North Carolina markets. Prices will probably recover from their depressed state which hit the market in early March. The extent of the recovery will depend on the amount of farmer sales and changes in the demand here and abroad. Brazil has begun harvesting soybeans and, their final crop size is slightly below estimated projection. North Carolina is expected to have an increase in acres planted by 9% and the U.S. overall will have a 2% increase in acres planted.



A child is usually able to crawl up and down stairs at thirteen months of age.

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