

Crippled Children Enjoy Two Weeks of Camp Near Swansboro

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Hammock Beach 4-H camp, near Swansboro, is the scene each summer of a two-week summer camp for handicapped Negro children. Attending the camp are 40 handicapped Negro children from all over the state.

The two-week period, ending Aug. 13, is sponsored annually by the State Easter Seal society, the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc., Chapel Hill.

Hillsboro Central high school instructor, Tarleton Davis, is the camp's director. Assisting Davis is a staff of 12 councilors, most of whom are college students experienced in camp life.

Although the camping program has to move a little slower than normal because of the children's handicaps, the directors of the program have, nonetheless, scheduled a busy and fun-filled two weeks.

The camp is located about three miles southwest of Swansboro on a high butte overlooking the White Oak river. The camp has housing and dining facilities for 144 campers, the only Negro 4-H camp in the state.

Councilors for the handicapped children include water safety instructors Vincent Spaulding and Walter Johnson; crafts instructors Edith Crowder and Dorothy Rand; recreation director, Margaret Wynn and guides and councilors, Ralph Reeds, Theodore Henry and Ruth Cozar.

Thurston Gainer is the camp's maintenance supervisor and the cooking staff consists of Emma Wilson, Johnny Bryant and Polly Smith.



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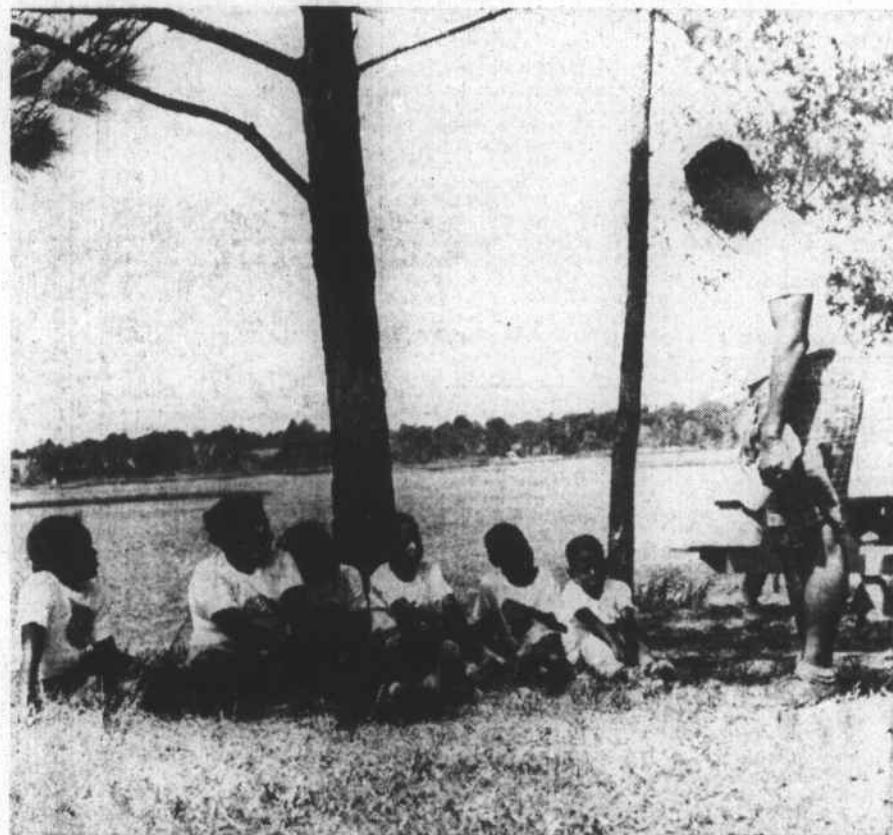
Dotting the campsite are eight cabins like this one which serve as housing quarters for the campers. In each cabin are 16 campers and two councilors.



A favorite with the girls during recreation period is the game, Redlight. Later in the day there will be other activities such as swimming, boating and handicraft. Margaret Wynn is the camp's recreation director.



Two proud children are Sharon Hunt, 7, and William Sprull, 8. They show crafts instructor Dorothy Rand their finished lamps.



Camp director Tarleton Davis of Hillsboro outlines some of the day's activities with six of the 40 handicapped Negro children attending the two-week session.



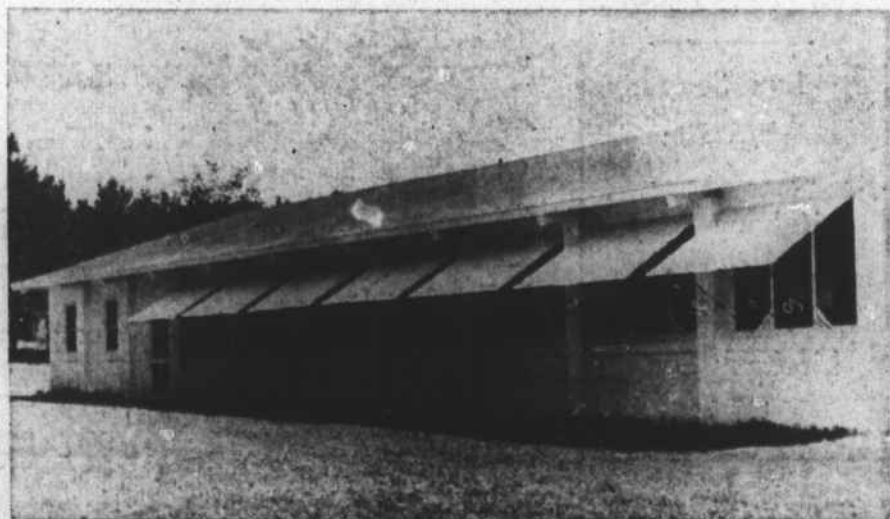
Two members of the cooking staff, Johnny Bryant and Emma Wilson, take a short break before serving the children's lunch.



Water safety instructors Vincent Spaulding and Walter Johnson instruct campers in the proper techniques of breathing in water. Swimming and water safety classes top the list of favorite camp activities of most of the children.



In the handicrafts class, boys work on pin-up lamps under the guidance of crafts instructor Dorothy Rand.



The camp's newest building is this modern recreation center completed last year. Many of the camp's activities are held here.



This is the camp's spacious dining hall which will accommodate 144 campers. A staff of three cooks prepare all the meals for campers.