

Bell St. Highlights

BY MICHAEL K. DARBINS

During last week I had the pleasure of interviewing some of the students here at Bell Street High on their feelings of how the guidance department can help or has helped them and the school

as a whole. It was a very interesting and beneficial experience for the and I hope that in the future more such interviews can be conducted.

In the interview I talked with members of the Senior, Junior, Sophomore and Freshmen classes. The Senior had this to say: "Our Guidance Counselor, Mrs. A. R. Barksdale, is very helpful in assisting students in making decisions of what courses to take, what extracurricular activities best fit their needs, and what careers they should choose. If you need information or help in solving your problems, go in and talk to her."

The Junior made these comments: "The members of my class and I feel that counseling is an important part of our school. It provides a way to get certain problems solved. I believe that if more students would go in for counseling, we would have less problems in our school."

These are the remarks of the Sophomore: "I don't feel that a student should be afraid to have a conference with the guidance counselor. The counselor is there to help with any problems that a student has which might interfere with his school work."

The last person to be interviewed was a freshman and he had this to say about the guidance department: "I feel that the guidance department is an essential part of the school. It is there not only to assist in academic problems, but also in

Cross Hill News

BY MRS. SARAH SEGARS

Mrs. E. P. Boazman, Mrs. B. W. Plyler and Miss Will Jones spent a day recently with their sister, Mrs. D. J. McAllister, in Mount Carmel.

Miss Leila Bryson is a patient in Bailey Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sharpe and Mrs. J. H. Atchison spent a recent weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eleager in Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Moore and Floyd Jr. have recently moved into the house last occupied by the Frank Stevens on lower Main Street. James Moore, the elder son, is with the Armed Forces in Vietnam.

Debbie Davis a student at Clinton Junior High School, has been ill at her home this week.

Lt. and Mrs. William Martin Boyce have moved from Ft. Belvoir, Va. to Ft. Riley, Kansas.

Friends and relatives here are interested in the wedding of Mrs. Lynn Walker Coats to Donald Dudley of Columbia. They will reside in Columbia.

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"Monument to the Dream," an American Iron and Steel Institute documentary film about the St. Louis Gateway Arch, won first prize in the eleventh Venice Film Festival.

FARMS and FOLKS

BY HAROLD ROGERS
Assistant Extension Editor

CLEMSON — South Carolina folks reaching for an expression of comparative height can forget that "as high as a Georgia pine" business.

We have some pretty tall pines in the Palmetto State too.

In fact, the tallest recorded tree in the state is a pine, a white pine in Oconee County which stretches 165 feet into the Carolina sky.

That makes it 55 yards -- more than half the length of a football field.

The Oconee beacon is among the state's biggest trees checked out by S. C. foresters in cooperation with a nation-wide "big tree" program. The foresters have found at least 16 trees in the state topping the 100-foot mark, five of them pines. They have also come up with 10 giants having a limb spread of over 100 feet.

The program is a part of the "Social Register of Big Trees," maintained by the American Forestry Association.

The listing gives each state an opportunity not only to keep an updated inventory of its own

outstanding trees, but to compare them with others around the country.

Since the program started in this state foresters have logged many miles through swamps, hills and flatlands to search out and measure trees possibly qualifying for honors.

A list has been compiled covering 76 tree species, with dimensions of the biggest in each category.

The champs range from the 165-foot pine in Oconee to an 18-foot tree-sparkleberry, in the same county.

Trees are measured for height, circumference and limb spread. The circumference is taken 4.5 feet from the base. The biggest in this category is a mountain-sized cypress in Orangeburg County which measured 29 feet and nine inches. It also topped out at 122 feet high and had a limb spread of 60 feet -- a pretty good sized tree also.

Largest overall sprawl was chalked up for a live oak in Dorchester County which has a limb spread of 141 feet.

How does S. C. rate in the nation-wide "battle of the biggest?"

We've come up with five nat-

ional champions and one co-champ.

A 40-foot tall Southern crab apple on Parkman Drive in Columbia is the largest of its kind in the country, and the nation's champion laurel oak is a 126-foot tall giant in Berkeley County.

Georgetown County boasts three of the national winners, two of them in Brookgreen Gardens. The three are a 33-foot tall red buckeye, an 86-foot swamp gum and a 38-foot laurel cherry.

Holding national co-champion honors is a 125-foot spruce pine near Mt. Holly in Berkeley County.

The program has drawn a lot of interest over the state.

Every county has its "bragging trees," and there are always people interested in seeing that they are logged. "We've had a lot of people nominate trees for the list," says W. J. Barker, Clemson University Extension forester.

"Most of the entries," he says, "are suggested by folks who recall that, 'that was a big tree when I was a boy.'"

The Extension forester asks those knowing of exceptional-size trees to report them to their county agents.

"Most people don't have the right tools for accurate measure-

ment," he says, "and if they will let their county agent know about them he will either take care of the measuring or pass the word along the forestry folks."

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