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## DOCTOR THOMPSON HONORED



Doctor Howard E. Thompson, President of WCC, was honored with a surprise birthday party on March 4th. The party, which was organized by John Cashion, was well attended by many staff and faculty members, along with many of Dr. Thompson's friends from the community.

John Cashion presented Doctor Thompson with a scrapbook consisting of personal notes and mementos from staff members, all of which in one way or another said, "Thanks and we love you." He was also presented with a sculpture of a moonshine still, created by Bobby Foster, an alumni of WCC. Bob Johnson, hotel-restaurant instruc-



tor, served refreshments consisting of punch and a specially designed cake. The multi-media staff decorated the stage with photographs of Doctor Thompson from baby photographs through his recent visit with the county commissioners. A group of WCC students, under the direction of Nancy Whittington, sang "Happy Birthday" and "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" in Doc's honor.

In his remarks to the group, Doctor Thompson stated that "this birthday would be long remembered" and that "this (the scrapbook) is one of the nicest gifts I have ever received."

## THE CIRCLE K WINS SERVICE AWARD

by Barbara Bumgarner

At the Carolina District Convention of the International Circle K on March 5, 6 & 7, Wilkes Community College received recognition for their service to Wilkes County. Colleges and Universities from North and South Carolina entered reports of their services done during the past year. Debbie Keller and Marlayne Lackey wrote the winning report which was submitted by the club President, Mike Bumgarner. Wake Forest University received first place in the Single Service event and Wilkes Community College second place. The Single Service project entered by the WCC Circle K Club was the members' donation of their free time to help the mentally retarded children at the Wilkes Day Center.

The club's upcoming projects are visiting the homes of needy families in Wilkes County, aided by the County Health Care Center, and the selling of bicentennial postcards of the Wilkes County hero, Ben Cleveland.



## McNEILL SCHOLARSHIP TO BE AWARDED

Application for the first annual Robert B. McNeill Memorial Scholarship may be obtained from Bill Moffett, Bud Mayes, or John Wayland. They are to be turned in to Bill Moffett by Friday, April 23.

Any graduating student from WCC who will be continuing at another college is eligible. The award will be made on the basis of academic excellence, financial need, and quality of character.

This year's award will be slightly over \$200.

During the next few months the club will be raising money to go to the International Convention in Washington, D.C., where their report will be entered in competition against other schools from the United States and Canada. The project will also be written up in the Circle K International publication.

## WCC SGA MEMBERS ATTEND STATE CONVENTION

Seven student government representatives from Wilkes Community College attended the state assembly of community college officers, held in Boone, February 12-14. The theme of the meeting was set by Lyman Reed, president of the organization, in his opening speech, entitled "The People Shall Be Heard." Mr. Reed stated that his goal as president was to establish a strong student government organization which could make its voice heard in both community and state affairs. To achieve this goal, several workshops and seminars were held to help student government officers iron out any problems they might have on their local campuses.

The Wilkes representatives attended workshops on student rights, voter registration, development of constitutions, leadership dynamics and specific problems. They were also very active in the state committees including the legislative liaison, the political platform, the constitutional amendments, the publicity and executive committees. The group from Wilkes felt these meetings were very informative and they were excited to see first hand how government works.

Attending the convention from Wilkes were Dayle Rogers, Marcia Foster, Steve Rogers, Barbara Bumgarner, Mike Bumgarner, Tricia Sturdivant and Eddie Sturdivant.

## PRESIDENT FORD VISITS WILKES

On March 10, 1976, Sheriff Bill Anderson, Chairman of the President Ford Committee in Wilkes County, announced that President Gerald R. Ford would visit Wilkes County on Saturday, March 13, 1976.

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## JLP TALENT FINALE MARCH 19-20

The county-wide James Larkin Pearson talent search is nearing its end. By March 16, nineteen public schools and WCC will have had shows in their individual schools to select finalists for the finale competition to be held at Wilkesboro Elementary School on March 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. An estimated 1300 students have participated in these shows, and donations from the schools will be approximately thirty-five hundred dollars. Over 50 acts will compete on March 19, and approximately 40 acts will perform on March 20. In addition, art competition will be on display. Prizes will be awarded to the art and talent winners.

It is extremely important that all art winners from WCC's James Larkin Pearson show (held in December) submit their winning entries to the desk at WCC's library no later than 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 19. Judging will be held at 6:30 that evening at Wilkesboro Elementary School. Talent entries from the College include Steve Cardwell, the Yadkin River Bottom Boys, Jeannie Absher, and Mark Clinard.

Come and support your favorite talent!

## HOTEL-RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT CLASS TRIP TO CHARLOTTE

On Monday and Tuesday, March 15 and 16, the WCC Hotel-Restaurant Management class, along with Mr. Bob Johnston and Dr. Phil Lewis, travelled to Charlotte. They attended the first two days of the three-day long North Carolina Food Exposition held at the Charlotte Merchandise Mart.

The class, who paid for the trip with money received from banquets that they have held under Mr. Johnston's skillful supervision, hope to have gotten heavy exposure to the North Carolina Food Service Industry.

Attendance at the Food Exposition also enabled the students to publicize WCC's Hotel-Restaurant curriculum through a booth decorated and manned by them.