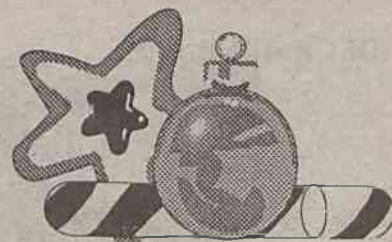


# The FULL MOON



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## Junior Civitans Aid the Disadvantaged

By Eloise Odom

The Junior Civitan Club has become very active in the community. Raising money for charity, sponsoring fund raisers, and helping unfortunate people are some of the ways that the club has made a positive impact on Stanly County.

During AHS's Homecoming Carnival, the Junior Civitan Club set up a bowling booth to raise money for Christian Ministry. \$43.90 was raised to answer the Ministry's plea for food. Macaroni and cheese, rice, soup, and peanut

butter were some of the groceries bought with the money.

On Oct. 29, members of the club sponsored a Halloween party at the Senior Center for ARC (Association for Retarded Citizens) clients. Other sponsors were the West Stanly and North Stanly Junior Civitans. On Oct. 30, AHS's club went to group homes to help the occupants celebrate Halloween.

Junior Civitans of AHS collected groceries for Christian Ministries outside of supermarkets on November 18. Numerous canned foods and boxed foods were collected at this time to help unfortunate citizens of the community.

The Special Olympics at Pfeiffer College were aided by members of Junior Civitans who served as volunteers. This event took place between 9:30 AM and 1:00 PM on November 17 and consisted of basketball and aquatic games.

Members of Junior Civitans hope to volunteer their services in future community services. Wanting to make life easier for poor and disadvantaged citizens, the club wishes to make a positive impact and encourage others to better the community.



AHS students spend time with their new friends.

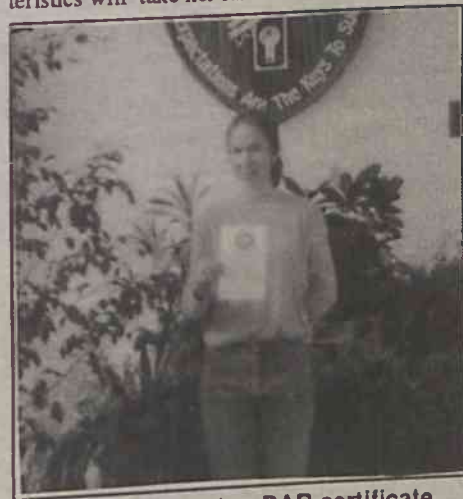
## Odom Competes in DAR Competition

By Kelly Rakes

On Oct. 7, one of Albemarle's seniors, Eloise Odom, competed in Stanly County's DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) competition. She competed against students from North, West, and South Stanly High Schools who were also awarded the Good Citizenship Award.

This award is given to students who have outstanding dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Once selected, Eloise and the other contestants were given a topic to write on within a specific amount of time. This year's topic was "Our American Heritage and the Importance of Preserving It." Nominees for the Good Citizenship Award read their compositions to the DAR committee at a party held in their honor. These compositions were sent on to regional competition for the state chapter of the DAR to choose the best essays. Students who win the regional competition will receive scholarships for college along with statewide recognition.

Good luck to Eloise as she enters regional competition. We hope her outstanding characteristics will take her far.



Eloise displays her DAR certificate.

## Pucker Up!!!

By Eloise Odom

Many decorations are traditionally used for Christmas, but only one is both festive and romantic. This jolly wonder is *Phoradendron flavescens*, otherwise known as mistletoe.

A parasite that grows on trunks and branches, mistletoe was first used by the ancient Druids to give to friends and relatives as good luck charms. To them, it was sacred and signaled that old grievances and enmities were forgotten. This came about when a priest offered mistletoe and two white bulls to the gods for a sacrifice that symbolized peace and prosperity. Celts and Scandinavians today pluck mistletoe off of trees every year on Midsummer's Eve. This is an ancient tradition that has been passed down for generations in order to show the emasculation of old kings by their followers.

Not only is mistletoe a festive decoration, but it also allows individuals to share in one of the oldest Christmas traditions of America. Individuals standing under the plant must receive a kiss from the nearest bystander as a type of Christmas gift. Many young men and women take full advantage of this tradition in order to become closer to their loved ones.

## ...And the Band Plays On!

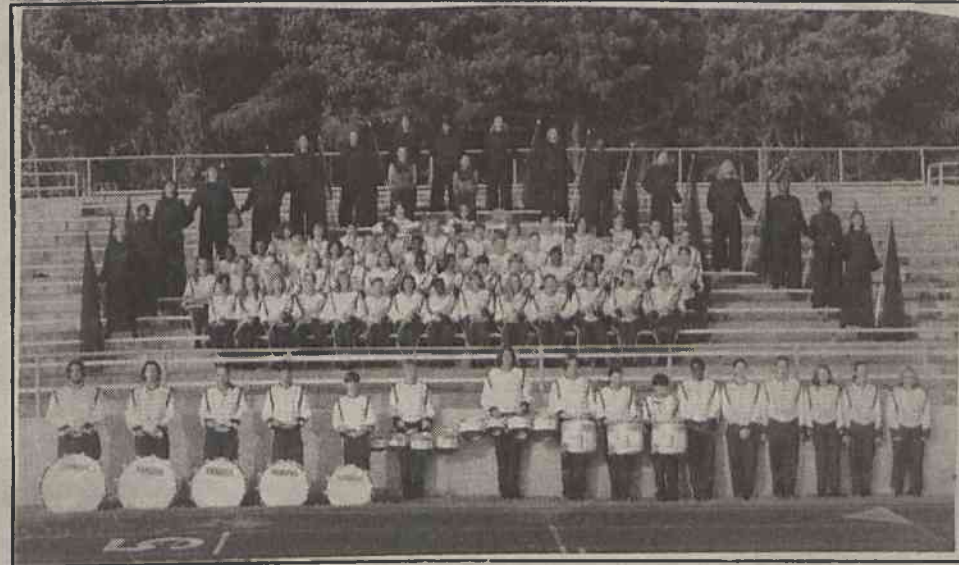
By Kelly Rakes

Albemarle High has been recognized for its outstanding sports, academics, and marching band. The marching band's superior style and grace has proven that "practice makes perfect."

AHS's band has done extremely well in numerous competitions. They placed second at Northwest Guilford's Marching Band Contest and third in the East Randolph Wildcat Classic. The band's colorguard placed second at Northwest Guilford and first at the East Randolph Wildcat Classic.

The AHS band has been working assiduously on their Christmas concert which will be held at the Agri-Civic Center on December 18 at 7:00 p.m. "This is an outstanding group of students. They have worked very hard this year on a difficult show," says a pleased Mr. Hedrick. The band "worked together very well" and received one superior rating, three excellent ratings, and played at half-time at the Wingate football game on September 30.

AHS congratulates the band captains, first lieutenants, drum majors, colorguard captain, colorguard first lieutenants, drum captains, drum co-captains, drum first lieutenants, and the entire marching band for an illustrious year in music coordination and talent.



AHS band stands proudly and ready to perform.

## Are You Ready to Interact?!

By Eloise Odom

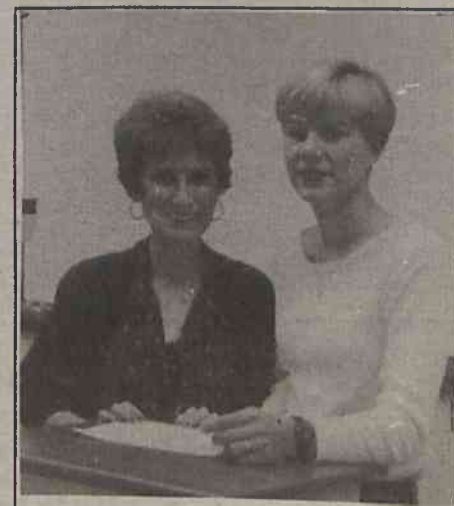
One of AHS's seniors, April Bailey, has started a group called the Interact Club. April learned of this club when she went to the Rotary Youth Leadership Conference at Pfeiffer College this past summer. Interested in the club's diverse activities, she decided to start one at AHS.

The Interact Club is an extension of the Rotary Club. It is a service organization that helps the community in numerous ways. In order for the club to be started it had to have a representative from the Rotary Club and a school sponsor. AHS's representative is Conrad Carter and the sponsor is Mrs. Harvey.

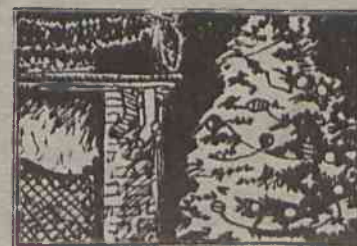
Students who wish to be members of the Interact Club must attend a formal meeting where they will take a pledge of oath. Once a member, students must meet the standards of the club, pay dues, and attend at least 60% of the meetings that are held twice a month.

Elected by members of the Interact Club, a council decides what projects the club will take part in. Some ideas of projects are to visit day-cares and rest homes, a tutoring program at the library, meetings with exchange students of Pfeiffer College, and a dance at the Senior Center.

April hopes the club will grow into a group that is helpful to the community. Not concentrating on one particular project, the Interact Club is very diverse and will help Stanly County in many different ways.



April and Mrs. Harvey discuss the club's future plans.



Merry Christmas and Happy 1996!