

# The Foothills View

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## Dog-Gone Squash!



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Sir Brandon Scott has a nose for fresh squash.

What's more, he has a very healthy appetite for the crisp yellow vegetable.

Brandon is so infatuated with the taste of squash that he steals away to a neighbor's garden everyday and devours several as appetizers, as an additive with his dinner, or as dessert.

What makes this semi-vegetarian even more peculiar is that Sir Brandon is a dog, an auburn-colored, registered Irish Setter.

Nine-month old Brandon is a pet belonging to Laura and Leslie Williams of Riverbend Acres. He was a present to the girls this past Christmas, and they certainly have been surprised by his unusual habits.

"I've never seen a dog with the instinct Brandon has," said the girls' father, Glenn Williams. "Brandon doesn't hunt meat or game animals. He goes after squash."

Williams said this daily routine of gathering the fleshy vegetable began when the first signs of squash appeared on vines this summer in his neighbor's garden. Lavon Laye's garden was Brandon's first and favorite stalking grounds.

Laye, personnel director at Ora Mill, said he had piled several oversized squash at the end of his garden rows because they were not edible.

"All the ones I had thrown out disappeared," Laye said. "Evidently Brandon thought they were just for him, but it was still hard to believe a dog would eat raw squash."

But eat Brandon did. Sometimes carrying two squash at a time in his mouth, the lanky dog hurriedly scurried away with Laye's leftovers.

Williams became aware of Brandon's

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eating habits when the dog began foaming at the mouth.

"I didn't know what was wrong," Williams said. "At first I thought he was sick, but as I checked him over I saw tiny seeds collected in his jowls that were covered by foam."

Williams searched his yard and found two half-eaten squash. It didn't take long for Williams to see for himself that Brandon has a yen for the summertime vegetable.

"It was almost impossible to believe," Williams said. "We had never given him any vegetables, not even table scraps. The only thing we ever fed him was Purina Dog Chow."

According to Williams, half the excitement for Brandon is the ritual of search, find, and play that precedes the final cracking and eating of the squash.

When Brandon first spots a golden trophy, the muscles in his slender body tighten and he rushes toward the vegetable as if it were living prey. Once he's trapped the vegetable in his jaws, he disappears into the brush at the corner of Williams' yard, occasionally tossing the squash into the air and leaping to catch it in his mouth before it falls to the ground.

For his neighbor's sake, Williams now keeps Brandon in a lot during the day.

Although his spacious living quarters do not provide total freedom, Brandon gets plenty of exercise in the afternoon, playing with his companions, Laura, 18, and Leslie, 14.

And, yes, Brandon has the cool evenings to plan and execute his squash hunts.

## From China To Cleveland



Nancy Sneed, above, one of 12 employees of the new Artex East plant which opened Friday in Boiling Springs, threads tablecloth, which Artex manufactures for hotels, airlines, and restaurants. The cotton in that tablecloth likely came to Cleveland County from the Far East, as Artex International was one of the first American companies to open trading with mainland China, and buys all of its unblended cotton from that country.

"We found the Chinese inside (communist) China to be very much like the Chinese outside China," said Artex chairman C. K. Anderson. "That is, they are very astute business people."

## Lee Funeral This Monday

Flowers marked the grave Tuesday of Roy Olin Lee under a gentle afternoon rain. Lee, 81, worked for many years as a gardener for Cleveland Memorial cemetery before his death Saturday.

"He always had flowers at his own home," said his neighbor, Dan W. Moore, Jr. Moore spoke Monday at a graveside service for Lee at Cleveland Memorial.

"Mr. Lee had a beautiful

garden," Moore recalled. "He produced food for a lot of people in his lifetime."

Prior to his working for Cleveland Memorial, Lee farmed cotton with his father-in-law. He was the son of the late Aaron and Elizabeth Black Lee, and was a member of Boiling Springs Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Tillie Maude Green Lee, and a sister, Mrs. Evie Campbell of Ellenboro.

## Need A Job?

Cleveland Technical College is offering a program to help unemployed men and women, persons interested in making a career change, single parents, displaced homemakers, and housewives who want to enter the job market again.

The career planning program is designed to help

participants build self-confidence, identify career interests, and teach job skills.

A short course emphasizing job applications, resumes, and interviews will begin on Wednesday, June 23, and end on July 8. The class will meet from six to 9 p.m. at the Williams House on Cleveland Tech's campus.

To register for the class contact the college's Department of Continuing Education at 484-4014. Cost for the course is \$8.00 per person.

## At The Crossroads

## Our Best For The Year

Crest Senior High School announced this week its end of the year honor roll of students making straight A's in all courses all year.

The straight-A students in the 12th grade are: Kay Cabaniss, Tonda Edwards, Pamela Hartis, Melanie Hester, John Whisnant,

and Laura Williams.

In the 11th grade: Ben Brown, Carmen Creach, Derek Greene, Donna Holland, Lana Jolley, Mary Lamb, Robert Lamb, Deana Latham, James P. Lovelace, Becky Proctor, Pam Rollins, Eric Rumpfelt, and Suzanne San-

ford.

In the 10th grade: Anna Crow, Molly Holmes, Mitchell Lipscomb, Melissa Mathews, Beth McKee, Renee Melton, Jeff Owens, Wendy Patterson, Lydia Perrin, and Eddie Turner.

Crest students in the 12th grade with an A average

for the past year are: Jeffrey Bell, Brenda Blackburn, Eric Blankenship, Pam Bowen, Cynthia Brooks, Jamie Campbell, Lisa C. Hollifield, Andrea Doster, Mary Crotts, Miriam G. Bell, Amy Harris, Julian Hargrove, Sherri Jackson, Angie

Jones, Sue Kelly, Beverly McChargue, Debra McDaniel, Mike McSwain, Rande Pearson, LouAnn Puckett, Tom Ramsey, Denita Storie, Chris Turner, Tim Vinesett, Crystal Jordan, Lula Gentry, Amanda White, David Wells, and Sam Hamrick.