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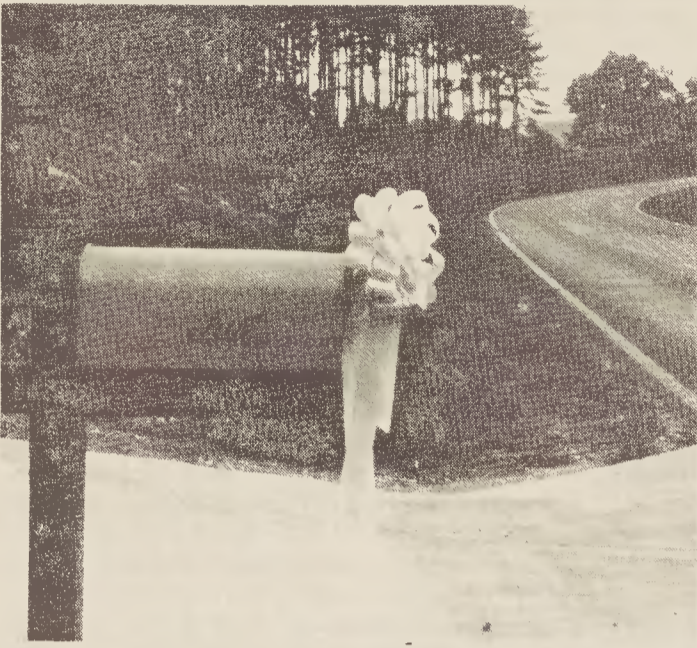
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It's A Girl....It's A Friend



The gift that arrived just one day before Wesley Lail's second birthday did not come by mail. The pink ribbon on Bobby and Hilda Lail's mailbox, on J.W. Hamrick Road in Boiling Springs, was just to let people know that Wesley has a little sister. Born August 9 in Cleveland Memorial Hospital, Lori Jean weighed 10 pounds, 3 ounces. She's a gift also to her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Barber Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lail, and her great-grandmother, Mrs. Cohen Hudson of Casar. Wesley has some trouble, at this moment, picturing the playmate that Lori's going to be. But three summers from now, it'll be a different story.



"Do Your Duty" Flinthill DAR Told

The Flint Hills Chapter, NSDAR, held a chapter workshop Tuesday evening at the fellowship hall, Double Springs Baptist Church. Mrs. Robert F. Sweezy, Regent, presided over the meeting.

Chapter Chairmen for the coming year were announced and their duties were outlined by the Regent. She also conducted a careful and complete study of the Chapter's by laws. Mrs.

Sweezy stated that the Theme for the 1983-84 year is: "Do your duty in all things; you cannot do more; you should never wish to do less."

Mrs. John L. McSwain and Mrs. Larry Gragg assisted Mrs. Sweezy with hostess duties. Refreshments were served tea style from a table beautifully appointed with an arrangement of miniature roses flanked by matching candles.

Registration Opens For G-W Night Classes

Registration for fall semester evening classes at Gardner-Webb College will be held on Monday, August 22 at 6 p.m.

Registration will take place in the Dover Chapel on the G-W campus. Classes will begin after registration.

Applications for Gardner-Webb's evening or GOAL program are still being accepted. For more information write Gardner-Webb College, Office of Special Studies, Boiling Springs, N.C. 28017 or call toll free (in N.C. only) 1-800-222-2321 or (704) 434-2361.

Local Traveler Takes Peking And Moscow In Stride

The streets of Moscow are deserted at night, and the atmosphere, night and day, is austere and forboding. The marketplaces of Samarkand are as warm with colorfully-dressed, friendly and responsive people, as out-going as the Mosovites are reserved. One glues one's own postal stamps in Russia.

Peking, bustling in the daytime, is glittering at night. The traffic-all buses, rickshas, bicycles and feet-never stops. The Chinese are pleasant and openly curious, crowding in on tourists to learn all they can.

These are the observations of Dorothy Edwards, who, with a tour group that included five Cleveland Countians, has recently returned from a 23-day whirl around the world, with most of the time spent in China and the Soviet Union.

Along with Mrs. Edwards, who is assistant to the dean of admissions at Gardner-Webb College, were her brother and sister-in-law, Dr. W. Wyan Washburn and his wife Emily, of Boiling Springs; the Washburns'

son, Dr. Philip Washburn, of New York, and Mrs. Washburn's brother, Gene Davis. "The five of us didn't know who else was going until we got to New York," Mrs. Edwards says. But the group of 23, organized by a teacher of Russian and German at a New Jersey preparatory school, turned out to be very cosmopolitan, with people of all ages from across the U.S.

They left New York for Amsterdam on June 23, and stopped over at Copenhagen and Helsinki, where they changed to a Russian airliner for the flight to Moscow. Later they rode the Trans-Siberian Railway across Mongolia and the Gobi Desert to see as much as tourists are invited to see of the high spots of Communist China, before heading for Hong Kong, Deoul, Tokyo and Honolulu on the Pacific route home.

In Russia, Mrs. Edwards says, the accommodations were spare but nice; "We were served nicely, the food was not as abundant in Russia as in China but it was



DOROTHY EDWARDS

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plain and good. Three times a day we had fresh sliced cucumbers. They'd serve plates with slices of cheese and meat, most of the time it was beef, and a coarse bread-it was really good."

The rough spot was the water. "We were told not to drink the tap water, that there was a protozoan in the water that could make us sick for six months. So they put lots of beef on the tables, and liquors, and a bottle of mineral water that tasted exactly like epsom salts. My mouth was just throbbing from dryness, when we left Russia."

On the train across Mongolia, the Chinese had anticipated thirst with a Thermos jug of hot water and ample tea cups. But the blessing came too late for most of the group, who had already succumbed to the traditional tourists' curse, which was greatly complicated by sparse sanitary facilities, and a language barrier to finding them, when needed.

Food was good and plentiful in China, Mrs. Edwards says,

although "we ate a lot of things we didn't recognize." The spirits of the people also seemed much brighter. "One of the things that impressed me most, both in Russia and China," she says, "is that we could put down our purses or suitcases anywhere, and not have to worry. We could walk out on the street and not worry about being mugged."

The Russians, on the other hand, were not so trusting. Passports stayed in the hands of the Russian guide who was always with them. A sad note was that the group's young woman guide lost her job because at one point she left their passports behind in a hotel safe and had to admit her error to unforgiving superiors.

Another unhappy moment was when a Chinese woman, one of many being expelled from the Soviet Union, tried to get the Cleveland Countians to hide her pedal sewing machine in their railroad compartment so that the guards would not take it. They couldn't understand what she wanted them to do, as the plea

was all in sign language. But the guards knew, for hefty Mongolian police ousted the Clevelanders four times, that night, from their compartment so they could search.

Tourists could take pictures of anything the officials wanted them to, Mrs. Edwards notes wryly. Airports and rail stations were off-limits to photographers, though and the visitors can only carry in their memories the Soviet army trucks near the Afghanistan border, and the electric fence that takes the lives of many between Communist mainland China and the freedom of the islands.

"For me," says Mrs. Edwards, the happiest thing was the beautiful response of the Chinese people-and the Russians, too, outside of Russia.

"We take what we have in this country so far granted."

Mrs. Edwards and the Washburns will give a program on their trip at Boiling Springs Baptist Church Sunday evening, Aug. 28th at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

A New Year And A New Beginning For College And Blind Students

Two new programs will highlight Gardner-Webb's 1983-84 academic year which begins on Tuesday, August 30.

The college's Degree Program for the Blind will enroll its first blind student this fall, while over 30 students will begin work toward a bachelor's of science degree in nursing under the college's recently established BSN program.

Gardner-Webb's program for the blind, which was initiated by a \$126,209 grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Health Care Trust, offers educational opportunities to visually-impaired students and fully integrates these students into all classroom and extra-curricular activities.

According to Nell Kilpatrick, director of the Degree Program for the Blind, the college is already undergoing physical modifications in preparation for the program's first student. By mid-September she says, doors on campus will be labled with braille and texturized mats will be installed in front of all curb curvings.

"A large part of the success of the student is his being able to travel around campus," said Ms. Kilpatrick. Because mobility is such an important factor in a blind student adapting to college

life, an orientation and mobility specialist from the N.C. Services for the Blind will assist in orienting blind students to the places on campus where he will need to travel independently.

"I would like to see the campus become a place where a blind student can feel comfortable and as normal as anyone else on campus," said Ms. Kilpatrick. "The student should be able to feel this way as a result of the accessibility to facilities and the training that faculty and staff will acquire in working with blind students."

In addition to the physical modifications being made on campus, the college is in the process of establishing a resource room in its library. The room will be equipped with a Perkins braille writer, and a braille typewriter among other specialized equipment. The college bookstore is also being stocked with supplies that may be needed by the blind.

Like the Degree Program for the Blind, Gardner-Webb's Davis School of Nursing is also making final preparations for its recently established BSN program.

According to Dr. Janie Carlton, director of the Davis School of Nursing, Gardner-

Webb's SN program is unique because it is designed for registered nurses who have earned an associate's degree in nursing and are interested in continuing their education toward a bachelor's degree.

The program will enable students to complete the requirements for a BSN at either the Gardner-Webb College campus or in Statesville, N.C.

Unlike the BSN programs offered at other colleges, said Ms. Carlton, Gardner-Webb's "two-plus-two" program, as it is called, allows for students to receive a greater concentration of nursing courses during their first two years.

While enrolled in an associate's degree program, students can quickly determine whether nursing is right for

them, said Ms. Carlton. At other colleges with BSN programs, she adds, students do not begin taking nursing related courses until their final two years. She also notes that because students entering Gardner-Webb's BSN program have already earned an associate's degree in nursing the transfer of college credits is simplified.

Headed For The Game



The goodyear blimp, seen on television at almost every sporting event in the United States, came through Kings Mountain last Friday. The blimp hovered around the trees and downtown for several minutes, then headed south for the big Atlanta Braves-Los Angeles Dodgers three-game weekend series at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium.