

# The Foothills View

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## Hamricks Home To History

The North Carolina Museum of History Associates kicked off their 1983 Membership Campaign with a luncheon and orientation session at the home of author Grace Hamrick in Shelby.

The Museum Associates, a 7,000 member statewide support group for the North Carolina Museum of History and 23 state historic sites, will use the theme "This Museum Brings you North Carolina" for this year's membership campaign. The theme refers to the educational programs and artifact displays that the Museum Associates provided in every county of the state.

Campaign volunteers were the first to preview a new Museum program "America's 400th Anniversary" which was produced and funded by the Museum Associates. The 400th Anniversary program tells the history of the first English settlement in the New World and the voyages sponsored by Sir Walter Raleigh to Roanoke Island beginning in 1584.

A highlight of the 400th Anniversary celebration will be a major exhibition at the Museum of History, including the original John White drawings, Raleigh's patent from Queen Elizabeth and many 16th century artifacts, a number of which were purchased by the Museum Associates with membership funds. Several of the artifacts were displayed at the Shelby meeting including a halberd, breastplate and an extremely rare Elizabethan sundial/compass dated 1574. A similar compass would have been used by ship captains sailing to Roanoke.

Grace Hamrick wrote the book "The First Ladies of North Carolina" with Mrs. Dan K. Moore. Following the meeting campaign volunteers were invited to tour the Cleveland County Historical Museum in Shelby.

## Bible Classes Open To Public At G-W

The B.E. Morris Academy for Christian Studies of Gardner-Webb College is sponsoring another series of classes for persons in the community interested in studying the Bible or music.

The Bible study, The Life and Teachings of Moses, will begin on Tuesday, October 11 and will conclude on November 8. Classes will be held each Tuesday night from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the seminar room of Gardner-Webb's Dover Library.

The cost of the five-week course will be \$15. Registration will be held on the first night of classes from 6:30 until 7 p.m.

Dr. Logan Carson, associate professor of religion at Gardner-Webb will serve as course instructor.

On Thursday, October 13 a course in handbells will begin. The five week course will conclude on November 10.

The course will be taught at the Boiling Springs Baptist Church each Thursday from 7 until 9 p.m.

## Rolling In... Bitterweed?



Clover is in short supply in Cleveland pastures right now. But this white colt takes a joyful roll in the yellow blooms of bitterweed. in a pasture on 150 south of town, as his companions disdainfully graze on.

## Heaps At Mountain Day

Mountaineer Days got underway in Kings Mountain yesterday and will continue through Saturday night.

A number of activities will be held in the downtown area, including a big Saturday morning parade, bingo, barbecue sales, and other activities. All monies raised by the sponsoring Kings Mountain Fire Department will go to the Toys for Tots project, which supplies toys for needy children at Christmas.

Entries are still needed for several contests, including the beard contest and best dressed (ole timey clothes) contests slated for Friday at 6:30 p.m. on Railroad Avenue; the pet show which begins at 12:30 p.m. Saturday outside the community center; and the bakeoff which will be held upstairs at the community center Saturday at 1:30

p.m. Pies and cakes may be entered in that contest.

The Kings Mountain Jaycees are sponsoring a free fingerprinting for pre-school and grammar school age children Saturday from 12-3 p.m. The fingerprints will be given to the parents to keep in case the child should become lost in the future.

The complete list of activities includes:

### FRIDAY

Morning - Industry exhibit (closes at noon).

4 p.m. - Rock-a-thon on Railroad Avenue.

6:30 p.m. - Raising of the flag and firing of the cannon at city hall.

6:30 p.m. - Judging of best

beard and best dressed contests on Railroad Avenue.

6:30-8:30 p.m. - Bingo (tent on Railroad Avenue).

7-8 p.m. - Play by Little Theatre and Elizabeth Baptist Church at lobby of city hall.

9 p.m. - Street dance on Railroad Avenue featuring "The Stony Point Band."

Continuing events - Barbecue sold by the fire department at concession stand on Railroad Avenue; dunking machine on Railroad Avenue.

### SATURDAY

8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. - Craft fair at the community center.

9 a.m.-3 p.m. - Car show.

9 am. - Senior citizens exercise class on Railroad Avenue.

## You've Got A Date This Week With College

Recognizing the need for "healthy and viable colleges and universities" Gov. James B. Hunt has proclaimed this week (October 1-8) as Higher Education Week in North Carolina.

According to Hunt, North Carolina's institutions of higher education are "essential to the economic and social progress" of not just North Carolina but to the nation as a whole.

"North Carolinians have long been blessed with institutions of higher learning which have made remarkable contributions to our state and nation through research, instruction and public service," he said.

These contributions, though, have not come solely from North Carolina's public schools.

"The private colleges in North Carolina have consistently supplemented and challenged our very fine public colleges and universities," said Dr. Craven Williams, president of Gardner-Webb College. "North Carolina has demonstrated the values of a strong dual system of higher education."

According to figures released by the North Carolina Center of Independent Higher Education,

close to 300,000 students were enrolled in North Carolina's 112 institutions of higher education in 1982.

Enrollment figures for 1983 are not complete but according to Ralph Byers, executive director of the center, preliminary figures indicate that this year's enrollment will equal last year's.

Byers also noted that while many North Carolinians take advantage of the state's colleges and universities, a large number of out-of-state students have also recognized the quality of North Carolina's colleges, particularly the state's private schools.

Some 55,000 students were enrolled in North Carolina's private colleges in 1982 with over 23,000 or 42.5% of those students coming from out-of-state.

"In general the tuition at colleges here is relatively low compared to other states which attract many out-of-state students," said Byers.

"But the main reason for the large number of out-of-state students is that North Carolina has a good reputation for higher education."

## 'Endow A Dream'

# National Honor For Sister Of Shelby Resident

A "positive mental attitude" in the face of crushing misfortune paid off for Debbie Crouch McKeithen of Charlotte this week.

Mrs. McKeithen, 29, is the sister of Bill Crouch of Gardner-Webb's Development office, and daughter of Rev. William Henry Crouch of Providence Baptist Church in Charlotte. Suffering from multiple handicaps since she was 18, she learned Wednesday that she is the winner of \$75,000 "Endow A Dream" award from philanthropist W. Clement Stone, who gives the award each year to encourage what he calls "PMA," positive mental attitude.

Debbie McKeithen was 18 when she became desperately ill. Doctors could not immediately diagnose the problem, and she was taken to Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, where surgeons found multiple bloodclots on her brain. In a series of operations, portions of her skull were removed to relieve pressure as brain tissue swelled.

After 16 months in the hospital, she was found also to be suffering - unrelatedly, physicians believed - from multiple sclerosis. Largely unable to walk, and with diminishing vision, she held onto mental vitality and concern for others. She met Jim McKeithen at a friend's house, and they fell in love and seven years ago they were married, and still live happily together.

Then, about four years ago, feeling strong empathy with the

loneliness and isolation of many handicapped women, she arranged for a brief spot on television. Filmed sitting in her wheelchair, she invited the lonely to call her, if they needed a friendly voice. They did, Bill Crouch remembers - "so many that she had to have extra telephone equipment."

Out of that experience came "HOW" -- Handicapped Organization for Women - which meets now at a Charlotte church. Debbie was named the handicapped volunteer of the year in 1982, and received a commendation at the office of Gov. Jim Hunt.

Then, "Accent on Living" magazine did an interview with her, and from that, handicapped women from 35 states wrote asking for help in setting up similar organizations. Thus, "HOW" went national.

Thousands apply each time for multi-millionaire Clement Stone's National "Endow A Dream" award. Debbie applied, and was astonished a couple of weeks ago to hear that she was one of ten finalists. Then Wednesday she learned she had won. The only "strings" upon the award is that she use the money toward her goal - encouragement for handicapped women everywhere.

Debbie has also written a book about her experiences, which is now in the hands of a publisher. "If there was ever a person who deserved all this attention, she does," says her admiring brother Bill.

## American Indian Festival Slated At Schiele Museum

Schiele Museum of Natural History in Gastonia will sponsor an American Indian Festival October 23-23 from 10 a.m. through 6 p.m.

The event is free to the public. It is hosted by the American Indian Cultural Association of Schiele Museum.

Museum activities include a planetarium program "American Indian Star Legends" each day at 3 and 4 p.m.; the traveling exhibit "Eskimo Art" featuring car-

vings and graphics of the Eskimo; the traveling exhibit "Roger's Collection", selections

from a private collection of contemporary Indian art representing tribal affiliations across the country; films dealing with a

variety of subject relating to native Americans; and "Red Dawn Collection", a private collection on permanent loan of Indian pottery, baskets, tapestry and carvings.

## Oh, Heavenly Rest



Thanks to a shower which stopped work, briefly, on country roads in the southwestern county, this State Highway Department crew takes a short break on the steps of Mt. Plea-

sant Baptist Church. They had finished repairs on McKinney Road and were working on Mt. Pleasant Church Road when the showers of blessings intervened.