

## Chris Turner Winner Of State DAR Essay Contest

Chris Turner, 11, a fifth-grader at W.B. Wicker School in Sanford, N.C., has been selected as the state essay winner of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution history essay contest.

Turner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Turner of Sanford, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso Spivey of Edenton and Mr. and Mrs. Stockton Turner of Tyner.

His essay was sponsored by the local DAR chapter, the Pvt. John Grady Chapter of the National Society DAR. The topic of his essay was Buffalo Bill, who fit the required subject matter of a famous American born in February before 1900.

His prize-winning essay reads as follows:

America, what a country! This country with all its greatness was established by many great Americans. Who were these great Americans? Abraham Lincoln and George Washington surely come to mind. However, there were others. Since I am interested in Indians and the Wild West, one man quickly comes to my mind - William F. Cody, better known as Buffalo Bill. Let's join Buffalo Bill as he makes one of his many mail runs with the Pony Express.

"Come on, Prince, let's go. The mail is due in Three Crossings at 5:00 sharp. This being a Pony Express rider brings back old times. Well, Prince, you're a smart horse, but I'm sure you don't remember all the old times. If you go faster, I will tell you about the old times as we go."

"I can remember when I got my first job. That was

back in 1835. I was twelve. Alec Majors gave me the job. Boy, was I proud to have a man's job, working with the wagon train. He had employed over eight thousand men and had seventy-five thousand head of oxen. That was when I got you, Prince. Alec Majors gave you to me as a present for trying to support my mother and two sisters. My father died in 1857, and from then on, I was the man of the house. (Turn right here, Prince. We don't want to fall in that ravine.)

"Now, where was I? Oh, that same year on my first trip with the wagon train, you were stolen by the Cheyenne Chief, Yellow Hair. You probably remember that well, Prince. (Look out for that gopher hole!)

"Well, two days later in my hometown of Leavenworth, we took off on another wagon train for Fort Laramie. At Fort Laramie I met the famous scout, Kit Carson. After I told him that my horse had been stolen by a Cheyenne Chief named Yellow Hair, he said that he knew this Indian and promised to get you back. The next day we rode into the Indian camp and demanded that you be returned, Prince. Kit Carson not only returned you to me, but he also got back 201 more horses that had been stolen from the wagon train. Boy! Was I glad to have you back again.

"A few days later I made friends with the son of the Sioux Chief, Rain-in-the-Face. My friend's name was Red Hawk. Together, we warned a wagon train of a buffalo stampede, and the wagon train was saved. This friendship later saved my life.

"You see, Prince, one day I was trapping on Prairie Creek with my friend, Dave, when a blizzard swept through. I did not see this hole in the ground. I stepped in it and broke my leg. We found an old, deserted dugout. Dave went for help and left me there for twenty-nine days. On the sixth day, I felt a hand on my shoulder. I thought it was Dave. I looked up to see a band of Sioux braves. The chief was Rain-in-the-Face. He remembered me and would not kill me, but he did take all my supplies. On the twenty-ninth day, Dave returned with help. (Hey!

Look where you're going, Prince!)

"Now, I'm sure you want to know how I got the name Buffalo Bill, Prince. Well, I got my name because I killed 4,280 buffalo in eighteen months. People said I was the champion hunter on the plains.

Well, Prince, most people say that I have helped America, but an American must do what he must do and must do what he feels is right in his heart. Now, for us, on to Three Crossings!"

Yes, Buffalo Bill helped to make America the country it is today. He fought for American land; he helped start the Pony Express; and he helped make the Transcontinental Railroad a success. He was brave, daring, and honest, and he was even wiry like his horse, Prince. He was a great American. I admire him.

"Truth is rarely pure and never simple." Oscar Wilde

## County Agricultural Extension Office Receives Micro Computer

Computers are rapidly having an increasing influence on our daily lives. As the technology is becoming more advanced, we are now seeing how micro and mini computers can be used in our own business and homes.

You may have read some of the recent articles in the papers and magazines about these computers and may be making the decision as to whether the investment would be a wise one for you. There is a wide range of prices, depending on the capabilities, and it is difficult to know exactly what you need or just what these computers will do unless you can sit down and work with one.

The Chowan County Agricultural Extension Office has recently received one of seventeen Radio Shack TRS-80, Model II micro computers to be placed in counties throughout the state. This is a disc-drive computer with printer and it will also have

a telephone terminal that can be used as a connection to obtain current market news.

There are a number of programs now available for use and are listed below with a description of each. Additional programs will be developed through North Carolina State University and will be made available depending on the needs of this area.

**FMCOST** - Farm machinery cost analysis. Calculates fixed and variable costs of owning and operating farm machinery. Displays annual, annual per acre (hour), average annual, and annual per hour (acre) for life of machine.

**HOUSE BUY** - Economic costs and benefits of purchasing a house.

**SOWPIX** - Calculates productivity index for sows using procedures developed by the National Swine Improvement Federation in cooperation with USDA.

**CROPBUD** - Prepares NCSU enterprise budget

records with the computer. This would be inconvenient on a permanent basis but it will show you whether this is the kind of system in which you would like to invest.

**CROPS** - Produces a crop by crop analysis, divided if applicable, between landlord and tenant. Shows nine results based upon the user's best and worst expectations for yields and prices. Allows user to accumulate totals from all planned crops to help in estimating cash flows.

**CROPRENT** - Calculates breakeven land rental rates and - or residuals under a wide range of prices, yields and cash rents.

Use of this computer system is available either to groups or to individuals. As an example, you may be interested in keeping records for your farm operation. All you would need is your own inexpensive disc to record on and then to make arrangements to come to the office to enter your

records with the computer. This would be inconvenient on a permanent basis but it will show you whether this is the kind of system in which you would like to invest.

If you would like to know more about this opportunity, call us at the Chowan County Agricultural Extension Office, 482-8421.

## Medical Assistants Meeting To Be Held

Albemarle Area Medical Assistants will meet April 1 at 7:00 P.M. in Elizabeth City at the Golden Corral for a "Dutch" dinner.

The program for the evening will be "Dialysis Center Functions" by Karl Brandspigel, M. D. It has been approved for continuing education in the clinical category. All Medical Assistants and Allied Health Professionals are invited.

## Shepard-Pruden Library Receives New Books

The following new books have been received at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library.

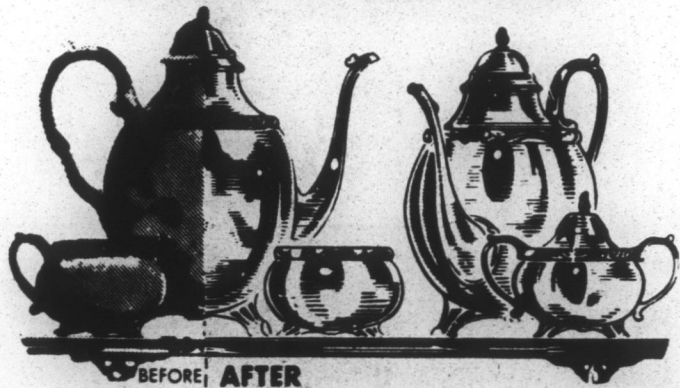
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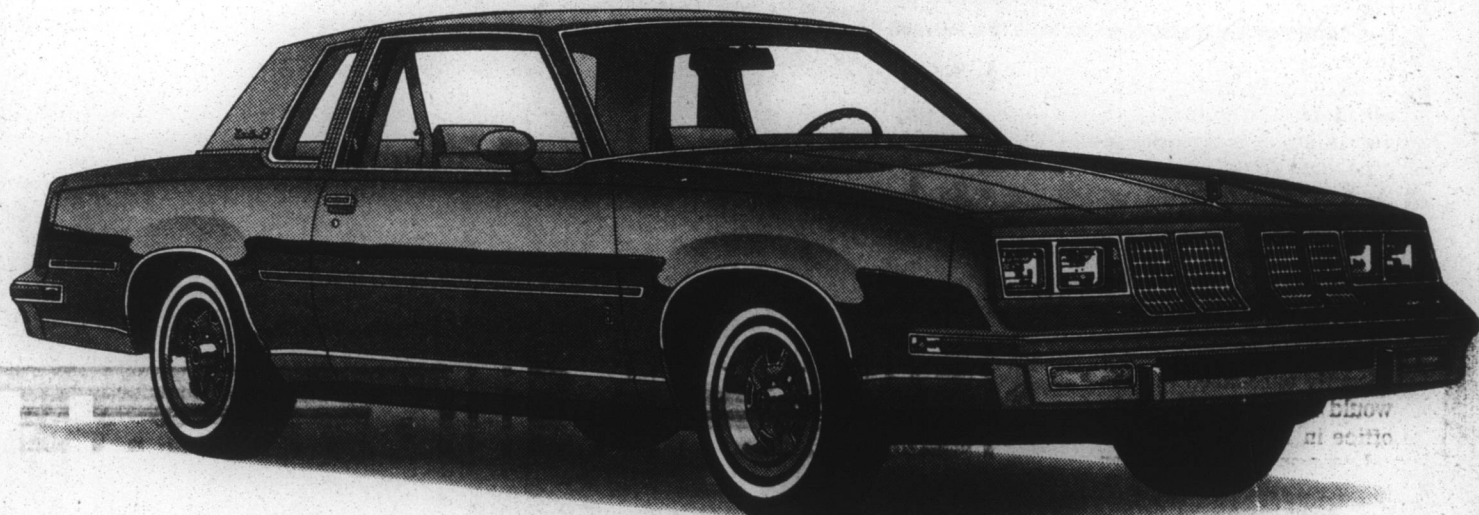
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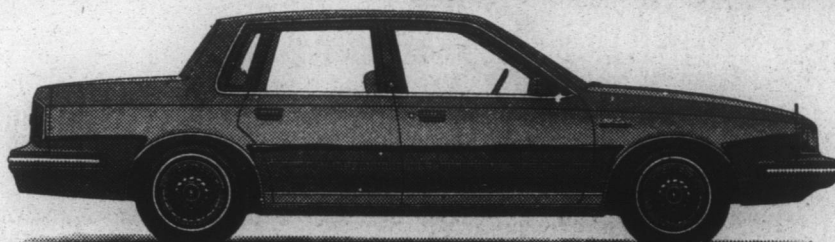
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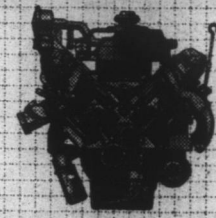
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