

# Help kids become better readers

One of the key issues in our society today is illiteracy. Since this is an important problem that needs to be addressed, literate

ters, and churches. The good thing about these books is they are washable and will

should sound like the action they describe. For example, rush, whine, howl and moan. Your voice should take on the quality of the word;

(d) Use rhythm with prose. Maybe even use some rap rhythm with prose; and

(e) Act the parts of stories. Use cut-out characters on a flannel board or make finger or hand puppets to make reading more interesting and enjoyable for children.

Whatever technique you use to read to children it's impossible to be a failure. The child will benefit and more than likely gain a keener interest in reading.

## HOME ECONOMICS

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adults should have as a goal to help children become better readers in 1992.

Adopt a child or children to read to this coming year. Set up a schedule of dates so that the reading or storytelling hours will be consistent.

Look into the possibility of carpooling children to the library. Check with other parents in the neighborhood for carpooling possibilities of carrying children to the library for storytelling hour or browsing through books.

Start a lap reading program in your church, community centers, or in your homes. There are lap reading, preprinted cloth or fabric pages, that can be sewn together as books at most fabric shops.

These books are easy to sew together. Several parents can get together and have a workshop to make these books and donate them to Daycare centers, recreation cen-

not tear up.

These preprinted pages not only have stories in them but opportunities for the child to look at items that they can zip up, button, snap and lace. The books can be quite educational.

Books can be enjoyable for children. In fact, children's books contain many of the same elements that draw children to movies and TV.

These elements are action, drama, rhythm, and dialogue; however, it's up to the person reading the story to bring these qualities to life. Keep the following techniques in mind while reading to children:

(a) Do not read too slow or fast;

(b) Change the tone of your voice to create the desirable mood or to depict the character;

(c) Let the words slither off the tongue, imitating the action. Imitate the sound of animals. Verbs

## Local Christmas dinners and parties

### Skyland Senior Citizens Club

The Skyland Senior Citizens Club held its annual Christmas Party at the Rupert Bell Recreation Center, December 19 at 12 p.m.

The program was as follows: welcome from Mrs. Dorothy Hugh; Mistress of Ceremonies; Scripture was read by Miss Eunice Suler; Prayer was given by Mrs. Rebecca Ellington; reflections on the year of the Club 1990-1991, Mrs. Mamie White; introduction of speaker, Mrs. Gertrude Scipio; and the Ruppelle Choral Group

sang Christmas carols.

The speaker for the occasion was Dr. Samuel Stevenson, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church.

Members of the Senior Citizens Club brought gifts to be distributed to the various rest homes.

Christmas carols were sung by the group, remarks were given by the president, Mrs. Hattie Vaughn; Director, Mrs. Mary Brit gave special gifts. Music was by Mrs. Elizabeth Speight and Mrs. Gwendolyn Steward. A Christmas dinner was served.

### Slater Park House and Garden Club

The Slater Park House and Garden Club held their annual Christmas dinner at the Rupert Bell Recreation Center, Sunday, December 8 at 5:30 p.m.

The program was opened by the Mistress of Ceremonies, Mrs. Ida Pauling. The welcome was given by Mrs. Margie Scarborough. Mrs. Mary Shuler led the group in the singing of Christmas carols.

The Rev. E.L. Clark read the scripture and the Rev. Ira McCullough gave the prayer. Mrs. Ida Pauling and Mrs. Mary Shuler sang a duet. A poem was read by Mrs. Jessie Robinson, Mrs. Mary Shuler, and Mrs. Speas. The guest were entertained in song by the Douglas sisters. A turkey dinner was later served. Approximately 50 guests attended.

### Thacker family

The Thacker family had a Christmas dinner Saturday, December 21, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church File-Goodwin Center.

Scripture was read by Ms. Brenda K. Hairston followed by reciting the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Then dinner was served. Next, Clarence Thacker Jr. sang the Christmas song and recited "Twas

the Night Before Christmas" for the children. Ohsa Stinson then sang "Jesus Loves Me." Afterwards, we all sang Christmas carols.

Out-of-town guests included Talmadge (Tab) Thacker from Raleigh, Gwenetta Stimpson from Orlando, Florida, and Jhimi Kennedy. Local guests were Harold M. Penn Jr. and Helen C. Davis.

## Lance President honored at WFU

A Wake Forest University business honor society recently honored the top executives of Lance, Inc., and inducted several student members.

Lance President and CEO, John W. Disher of Charlotte was recognized for his business and community service accomplishments by Beta Gamma Sigma, a national business honorary society at the university. Disher, a 1959 Wake Forest graduate, was also recognized for his contributions to his alma mater.

Seven seniors in the Wake Forest School of Business and Accountancy were inducted into

the society. They include Jennifer Layman, Winston-Salem; Anthony Cochran, Lincolnton; Cheryl Reid, Wilkesboro; Margaret George, Albany Ga.; Kavita Shah, Wilmington, Del.; Margaret Jones, Woodbury, Conn.; and Jennifer Chapin, Ashton, Md. Each is ranked in the top 10% of his class.

Beta Gamma Sigma grants chapters only to those business schools whose programs are accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. The Wake Forest School of Business and Accountancy and Wake Forest MBA are accredited.

## American Legion Post #453 give baskets to needy

The Chaplains Service Committee of the Lawrence Joel American Legion Post #453, again gave back to the community by giving fruit baskets to senior citizens, disabled veterans and the widows of veterans.

Also the children and youth committee of the Post made contributions to the Christmas Toy Shop for needy children.

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