

Cold Fails To Chill Library

In spite of bitterly cold weather, the library at Vaughan School is a busy place. The kindergarten and first grade children watch Sesame Street. Children in grades two and three watch the Electric Company. This program supplements the reading program.

For the remainder of the year students in grades three through seven will receive instruction in library skills. This instruction includes the learning of the Dewey Decimal system of classifying books into ten categories. These categories are: Philosophy, Religion, Social Sciences, Language, Science, Technology, Arts and Recreation, Literature and History. These categories include the books on facts. There are also books in fiction and the easy books.

Students will also learn to use the Card Catalog which is the alphabetical index of all the materials in the library. All students have access to the audio-visual materials available to them. These materials include filmstrips, records, sound filmstrips, tapes, 16mm films, and transparencies. They learn to operate the machines that make use of these audio-visual materials.



If you see a mountain lion [cougar] in North Carolina, be sure to let the State Museum of Natural History know about it. Any footprints, hair samples or other evidence should be preserved for study, and a photo — if you can get it — would be especially welcome.

People In The Future May Live For Two Centuries

Some scientists think the time is coming when people can expect to live for 200 years or more.

As 1977 began, there were about 13,000 people in the United States who were born in 1876 or earlier—a small number in a population that exceeds 216 million. Yet in some parts of the world, living more than a century is not unusual.

In a study on aging supported by the National Geographic Society, gerontologist Alexander Leaf a few years ago visited Abkhazia in the Soviet Union, Vilcabamba in Ecuador, and Hunza in Kashmir. Dr. Leaf found that in all three places 100 years was regarded as a normal lifespan.

Lead Active Lives
In Abkhazia, he met a woman who was 130. Dr. Leaf noted: "Many elderly couples had been married 70, 80, or even 100 years." He reported that most of the centenarians worked and led active lives.

Since the structure of the molecule DNA first was described by scientists in 1953, the possibility has grown that aging may be delayed and life dramatically prolonged.

DNA is present in every living cell and has been called "the keeper of the keys to life." Research now has deciphered the genetic code by which this mysterious chemical directs the manufacture of proteins, enabling each cell to sustain and duplicate itself.

"Since they realized that DNA holds such a trove of secrets, biologists have taken revolutionary strides," observed Rick Gore in a recent National Geographic article on

the progress of "The New Biology."

"We are whatever we are because of our cells," he wrote. "Our every breath is the work of lung cells and blood cells. Each step we take, each word we speak, is the collaboration of thousands of nerve and muscle cells."

Complex Subject

But there are many kinds of cells, and it takes a hundred trillion or more to make a human being. The areas of research now under way, and still to be done, are immense.

Yet unlocking the secret of how cells remain healthy and productive is helping to combat cancer and other diseases and holds the ultimate promise of doubling and even quadrupling a person's normal life.

The prospects are startling and, in the view of some authorities, alarming. Albert Rosenfeld, former science editor of Life, examines them in his new book, "Prolongevity."

"If people live longer, would we prize life more—or less?" he wonders. He speculates on what might happen to insurance and pension benefits and the outlook for younger job-seekers if retirements are postponed for decades.

"If people begin to think of themselves as their own heirs, how will they feel about their children?" he asks.

Mr. Rosenfeld concludes that, for better or worse, it appears certain that science will continue to make new discoveries and people will have to come to terms with living longer.

Hunt Is On For Big Cats

Have you seen any big cats recently? The N. C. State Museum of Natural History would like to know about it if you have. The Museum is not interested in ordinary housecats, or even bobcats. The cat they're interested in is the panther (also called cougar, puma, mountain lion or catamount).

In recent years, there have been a number of reported sightings of cougars in various parts of the State, and at least one of these reports is considered reliable. Five employees of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park made a confirmed sighting of a cougar on July 23, 1975, on the eastern end of the Park near the Catalochee River.

Because of the likelihood that a few cougars still exist in the State, the Legislature has passed a bill providing complete protection to these rare cats, and it is now against the law to shoot or harm one in any way. These cats are also protected by Federal law.

The State Museum has printed signs showing a drawing of a cougar and furnishing a telephone number which you are urged to call if you see one of these big cats. The number to call (collect) is 919-829-7451. You can also write the N. C. State Museum of Natural History, P. O. Box 27647, Raleigh, N. C. 27611, but

they'd rather get a call because it's quicker.

The sighting of the Catalochee panther is particularly interesting because it offered not one, but five, men a sustained look at an animal previously thought to have been extinct in North Carolina for many years. An account of the experience was published in the January 1976 issue of "Wildlife in North Carolina."

The five men, Lee Cochran, Ernest Wiggins, Horace Cunningham, Walter Laws and Jesse Elliot, Jr., all of Bryson City, N. C. were sitting on the front porch of a bunkhouse in the late afternoon watching some deer feeding in a nearby meadow.

The deer seemed quite agitated, which was unusual. At one point, they bolted from the meadow only to return moments later. Again the deer bolted wildly. A park service truck drove up, greetings were exchanged, then the truck headed down the road past the meadow.

Suddenly, a panther leaped across the road and sprinted through the meadow. Everyone got a good, long look. That

night, the horses were uncharacteristically skittish, and the next morning, round pad marks were found in the edge of the road.

Other sightings have been reported near eastern swamps, and also in the Uwharrie area.

Hair samples have confirmed the presence of at least one panther. The big cats may be visitors, or they may live here. No one knows for sure, but hopes are high that additional solid information will be forthcoming.

Former State Senator Named To Staff Of Senator Helms

WASHINGTON — Former State Senator Hamilton C. Horton, Jr., of Winston-Salem has been named administrative assistant to United States Senator Jesse Helms, and will assume his duties in Washington "in the very near future," according to an announcement by Helms today.

"Our staff is one of the smallest on Capitol Hill," Helms said, "but I have always been proud that it is the best. I am proud to have Mr. Horton join us, and he comes at a time when

the work-load is increasing rapidly. Ham Horton is a distinguished and prominent North Carolinian; he understands the needs of our state, and he enjoys helping people. He and Clint Fuller, working as a team, will render top-flight service."

Fuller has served as executive assistant to Helms, and will continue in that capacity. Fuller was editor of The Franklin Times in Louisburg prior to joining the Helms staff, and was chairman

of the Franklin County Democratic Executive Committee.

Horton, one of North Carolina's most prominent Republicans, will give continued emphasis to what Helms called "the kind of constructive bipartisanship which all public offices should regard as an obligation. We're here to serve all North Carolinians, regardless of political affiliation—and that's what we have done, and what we will continue to do."

Horton served in the North Carolina Senate from 1971 through 1974. Prior to that, he served in the North Carolina House of Representatives for two years. He is an attorney and business man, active in civic affairs. He was one of the leaders in the fight to save the New River. Senator Helms was the chief sponsor of Legislation in the United States Senate which led to the preservation of the New River.

Horton was educated in the Winston-Salem public schools and is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of North Carolina where he also received his law degree in 1956. He is a Morehead Scholar, and did summer study at the University of Salzburg, Austria, and the University of Grenoble in France.

He has done extensive writing for law journals and other periodicals. He is a Moravian, having served as an elder and trustee of Calvary Moravian Church in Winston-Salem.

Horton is married to the former Evelyn Moore and they have one child, Rosalie Hanes Horton.

Export Value Rises

The value of exports from the state has risen from around \$321 million in 1964 to \$765 in 1975.

Peoples Bank Has Record Earnings

Peoples Bank and Trust Company has announced record earnings and assets for the year ending December 31, 1976.

Peoples Chairman and President W. H. Stanley reported assets of \$279.6 million compared to \$246.1 million a year ago, an increase of 13.6 per cent. Deposits increased by \$28.5 million to \$251.9 million from \$223.4 million last year, a 12.8 per cent climb.

During the year, Stanley reports loans of \$150.2 million, up 16.5 per cent over loans of \$128.9 million reported in 1975.

Last year the bank's net income was \$2.49 million. This rose to \$2.72 million at the close of fiscal 1976, an increase of 9.3 per cent.

Per share earnings (before security gains and losses) for 1976 were \$3.36, after adjusting for the stock dividend of 20 per cent paid in November.

Mr. Farmer Why Purchase from FCX?

- 1) Prices are competitive at FCX.
- 2) We can carry your purchases until the fall with approved credit.
- 3) A complete line of farm supplies.
- 4) Any analysis of fertilizer you need.
- 5) We have paid a refund on your purchases for a number of years.
- 6) FCX believes in service to you.

Be ready for the upcoming season. Come in and ask about our fall terms.

Nicky Lassiter, Mgr.

Warren FCX Service
Phone 257-2410

PAYANYDAY AUTO FINANCING IS MORE THAN AN OPTION. IT'S A STANDARD PART OF EVERY GOOD CAR DEAL.

Consider the money you can save.

With a PayAnyDay Auto Loan you pay only simple interest on your monthly declining balance. And only for the number of days you use your loan funds. You also gain the advantage of First-Citizens' low bank rate. You can save money by making early payments or paying extra amounts in advance. You may pay off the entire amount of

your loan anytime without a prepayment penalty/ no rule of 78's or short rate rebate of unearned interest. A PayAnyDay Auto Loan permits you to make your payment any day of each month. Unlike other financial institutions, First-Citizens does not charge you for late payments. Simple interest simply accrues from date of last payment.

INSIST ON PAYANYDAY SIMPLE INTEREST AUTO FINANCING. ONLY AT FIRST-CITIZENS. THE CAN DO BANK.

Before you buy, borrow, finance or sign anything, insist on a PayAnyDay loan at First-Citizens Bank or through your dealer.

MEMBER F.D.I.C. ©1977 FIRST-CITIZENS BANK & TRUST COMPANY.

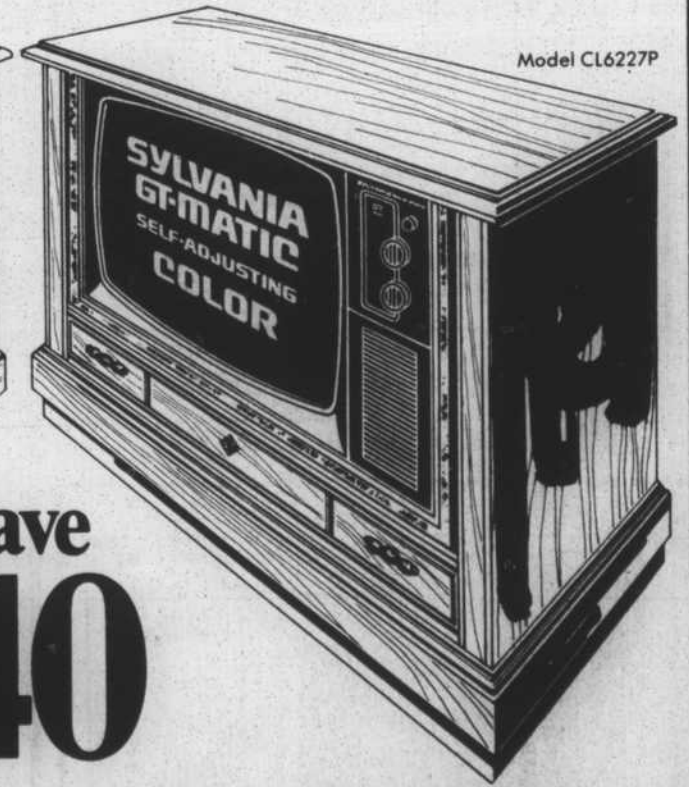
1827-20-8

Sylvania Something Special

Model CL6223K



Model CL6227P



Save \$40

Your Choice

Sylvania GT-Matic™...the FIRST true self-adjusting color set. Features giant 25" diagonal Dark-Lite™ color picture tube for a bright, sharp picture, 100% solid-state GT-200™ chassis and the GT-Matic tuning system to help keep the picture the way you like it. Available in Early American style cabinet of Maple grain finish or Mediterranean style of Pecan grain finish. TM-Trademark GTE Sylvania Incorporated.

New Low Price \$588.88

Something Special Now at a Special Price

Benton Furniture, Inc.

234 N. Main Street

Phone 257-3476

Warrenton, N. C. 27589