



Leonard Williams (left) automotive instructor, observes as three of his students adjust the carburetor on a car as part of automotive training at John Graham. (Staff Photo)

Students 'Plugging' Away At Overhauling Car Motors

By DON STITH
Teaching high school students how to rebuild motors, overhaul transmissions, set timing and perform other major and minor mechanic work may seem like an impossible task for most, but for Leonard Thomas Williams, a Warren County native, it just goes along with the job. Williams is the automotive instructor at John Graham High School where he began teaching in mid-January of last year after the resignation of J. Medlin, when the automotive class appeared to have stalled.

Since then Williams has placed a few of his students on jobs and says that he has about ten more ready to enter the automotive field upon graduation.

The students in his first-year class are taught the proper tools to use for different jobs and as they progress they do minor tune-ups for the teachers and some of the students that have cars.

His second year students "get down to the nitty-gritty" as Williams puts it — overhauling transmissions, rebuilding

motors and just doing all types of automotive repair work. Some of the county's staff cars as well as teachers, and just about anybody that doesn't mind students working on their cars brought vehicles to his shop for servicing.

Williams said that he doesn't get a lot of calls from the general public because of the time that it takes his classes to finish a job. He added that it's very important to his students that they take time on all repairs so that nothing is missed, either by the students working on the car or those that may be observing.

So far his classes haven't been idle for any long periods. When they do run out of things to do the teacher brings in his old 1964 Chevrolet for experimental purposes.

Like all other classes at John Graham, the automotive shop has a few girls who "are doing just fine," according to their teacher. Williams said he felt females would be able to make their presence known in the automotive field, but not to a substantial degree. He said there are a few of them but not enough. "Women don't like to get greasy and there's no way you can work on a motor and not get dirty or greasy," he said.

Sometime during this spring the automotive classes at John Graham will take a few trips. They plan to visit an assembly plant in Norfolk, Va., and Wilson and Nash Technical Institute to observe the automotive classes there.

Williams is a graduate of Votec Institute in Hampton, Va., and has also attended summer courses at North Carolina State University. He has been in the automotive field for 18 years and says that he "just loves working with students" at John Graham.

Two From Here Feted At UNC-G

Two Warren County students were among the 650 juniors honored at a special reception recently at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

The junior scholars were invited to the reception on the basis of their academic achievements at UNC-G. The students were Miss Pamela King, a medical technology major, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth D. King, Warrenton and Charles E. Lyles, an art major, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lyles, Rt. 1, Macon.

The purpose of the reception was to honor the students for their academic achievements and to inform them of the opportunities for graduate study.

At the reception, the students had an opportunity to talk with UNC-G Chancellor James S. Ferguson and other University officials, including vice chancellors and heads of departments.

The 650 juniors were selected from a junior class which has an enrollment of 1,762. Each of the 650 students chosen has at least a "B" average or better.

About two-thirds of Spain's 80,000 miles of highways are paved.

There are more than 3,000 varieties of tea, most of them named for the area where grown.

Vaughan Library Gets Steady Use

As a result of the release of federal funds, children at Vaughan are enjoying selecting and reading new books. Books by Dr. Seuss and other easy-to-read books are among those selected for real young readers.

"It is a pleasure to hear a child say that he wants a book because he can read it," the school librarian reported.

March 22 was the birthday of a pioneer in children's literature. Randolph Caldecott, 1846-1886, was an English artist and early illustrator of children's books. The Caldecott medal, named in his honor, is awarded each year at the conference of the American Library Association to the artist of the most distinguished picture book for children published in the United States during the year. The winner is selected by the Association's Public Library Section and School Libraries Section of the Division of Libraries for Children and Young People.

The library at Vaughan houses most of these books.

Older students also have new books to read and enjoy. Most of the books are reviewed and recommended on the television program "Cover to Cover" on Channel Four at 12:45 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Bumgarner To Be At Depot Event

Stan and Sylvia Bumgarner will present a program of music and pottery on Friday, April 15, at the Warrenton Depot under the auspices of the Warrenton Arts Commission. This program was rescheduled from March 10 as part of "Friday Nights at the Depot" which was cancelled due to snow. The program will begin at 8 p. m. and is free to the public.

Sylvia is a Warrenton native, the daughter of Robert and Frances Davis of Afton-Elberon. She will demonstrate making pots on an electric wheel.

Mr. Bumgarner, visiting artist at Edgecombe Technical Institute, is a guitarist. He will play both popular and classical pieces and also entertain playing the mountain dulcimer and lute.

The Bumgarners have made frequent television appearances on programs in their area. They reside in Tarboro.



THOMAS STEVENSON ADMIRES FIRST-PLACE MEDAL

John Graham Student Wins Drafting Award

Thomas Stevenson, a second year drafting student at John Graham High School, won first place in a 12-county drafting contest held at N. C. State University on Friday.

Stevenson, son of Mrs. Mildred Stevenson of Rt. 2, Warrenton, won a gold medal in the District III Vocational Industrial Clubs of America Skill Olympics Machine Drafting Contest held in Poe Hall.

Students from Warren, Granville, Vance, Wake, Johnson, Wilson, Franklin, Nash, Edgecombe, Halifax, Durham and Northampton counties participated in the event, judged by a team from the N. C. State School of Industrial Education and School of Engineering.

Stevenson, a student of Gilbert Blaylock, will compete against winners from seven other VICA districts in Greensboro on April 29.

Application Deadlines Set

Governor Jim Hunt announced yesterday that farmers in 30 counties may be eligible to apply for emergency loans to cover losses incurred by drought and freezing weather. The announcement comes as a result of President Carter's declaration of emergency for that area.

The thirty counties are: Alamance, Cabarrus, Caswell, Catawba, Cleveland, Davis, Davidson, Durham, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Granville,

Guilford, Iredell, Johnson, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Person, Rockingham, Rowan, Stokes, Surry, Vance, Wake, Warren, Wilson and Yadkin.

Farmers may apply through May 9 for loans to cover physical losses and through December 9 for loans to cover production losses. Information on emergency loans and other types of aid is available through local county supervisors of the Farmers Home Administration.

Norlina High Activities

By DANYLU PALMER

The Easter vacation is just around the corner and all students and teachers are joyfully awaiting its arrival. With the flowers in full bloom and the birds singing, the nine-day break will be enjoyed and will also give everyone a fresh start for the fourth nine-weeks of school.

Miss Barbara Martin visited N.H.S. on Monday and presented an extremely useful and informative program on Sickle Cell Anemia and Sickle Cell Trait. She explained the basics, showed a film and left about ten minutes for questions and discussion. We thank the State Board of Health for giving all Norlina students the opportunity to hear and view such informative material and everyone looks forward to seeing Miss Martin on Friday.

Derrick Cheston and Robert Palmer attended the North Carolina Association of Student Council's Central District Convention April 2-3 at Enloe High School in Raleigh. They participated in workshops on communication, pressures on the high school student, special projects and leadership. They also took part in the district election activities with Robert Palmer assuming a leading role in Division III affairs. They heard several interesting speakers, viewed educational movies, and made many new friends.

Members of the Food Service class, along with their teacher, Mrs. Sue Skinner, and chaperones, Mrs. Mamie Kersey and Mrs. Magnolia Terry, traveled to Charlotte last Wednesday to attend the Food Exposition. This was quite an educational experience for the group. They also visited the Culinary Arts Show which was held in conjunction with the exposition. Members of the food service who attended were: Joyce Ann Bullock, Alfreda Griggs, Peggy Hargrove, Pam Kersey, Cheryl Mason, Deloris Mayfield, Mary Mayfield, Brenda McAfee, Connie Montague, Vivian Palmer, Emma Seward, Brenda Spruill, Ida Terry, Mary Talley, and Sandra Terry.

Report cards are scheduled to be given out on Thursday. Some students look forward to Thursday and some don't, but all agree they are glad that the third nine-weeks is behind them.

April 4-8 will celebrate Beta

week. All prospective members are challenged to meet the following requirements: Monday: wear gold and black (Beta colors); Tuesday: talent show; Wednesday: talent show continued; Thursday: dress in 1950's; Friday: Beta Club initiation; no jeans or chewing gum all week; write composition on "Why I want to be a Beta."

New Beta Club officers were elected Thursday. They are as follows: President, Maxine Campbell; vice-president, Alton Fleming; secretary, Patricia Hicks; parliamentarian, Shawn Cheston; and reporter, Rosa Durham.

Thirteen N.H.S. students accompanied by Miss Meredith, participated in the Special Olympics at North Warren Middle School.

The Norlina Prom committee was extremely successful with the sale of doughnuts in Warrenton and Norlina on Friday afternoon. The committee wishes to thank everyone for their help in raising funds for the 1976-77 N.H.S. Prom.

Algebra II and advanced math students received their results on the annual High School Mathematics Examination. To be congratulated is high scorer Tracy Epps, whose percentile was 87.86 of all students taking the exam in North Carolina. He will receive an award pin.

Students ranking in the upper 25 percentile of all students taking the exam in North Carolina were: Oit Cheston, Tommie Craft, Davi Crowe, Rosa Durham, Fred Hight and Donna Paynter.

Norlina High School is proud of the fine representation of these and other students taking the exam, and would like to extend an invitation to neighboring schools to participate in this exam next year.

Ends Training

Army Private Claude Griggs, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hansel Griggs of Wise, recently completed training as cannoneer under the Station Unit Training (OSU) Program at Ft. Sill, Okla.

OSUT is a 13-week program which combines basic combat training with advanced individual training.

Pvt. Griggs entered the Army last December. He is a 1974 graduate of Norlina High School.

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