# Four-hour operation gives girl normal life

By MARIE BARTLETT Debra Rush is fourteen cars old, a freshman at Enka High School, a former beerleader, an "all-around ope" gal, and a victim of coliosis, a dangerous and assiguring curvature of the ome The daughter of Mr of Mrs. Lonnie Ray Rush of ika Lake Road, Debra couldy underwent a grueling Toerwille, S.C. to correct her and problem Thankfully,

in hour operation at Hospital in stagery went well and than a couple of months, ora will be able to resume duni activities, wearing a at weight body cast, and asserving minimal restricin the parents feel that her and recovery from the arrest itself is attributable to conly the excellent care ceived at Shriner's Hospital,

but the prayers and concerns of family and friends, and the generosity of Claude Debrul, who sponsored Debra at Shriner's.

You never know what kind of friends you have until something like this happens," is how Joyce Rush began describing the ordeal that started a year ago.

Debra's curved spine was first noticed by a friend who had been swimming with her. Taken to an orthopedic specialist in Asheville, Debra was X-rayed and found to have a 62 degree spinal curve. There are several types of scoliosis, but Debra's condition was congenital, a problem beginning at birth, but not noticeable until adolescence. If the curvature is severe enough, as was Debra's case, and left untreated, doctors estimate the

patient will be an invalid by the age of 30, and very probably die prematurely from the twisting spine progressively crushing vital organs. The earlier the onset, the worse the ultimate curvature. The deformity is usually worse in the upper back, and is found much more commonly in females than in males. Because of their personal experience, and because the condition has also recently been discovered in their sixteen year old daughter, Brenda, Mr. and Mrs. Rush feel that all parents of young girls should have their children X-rayed as a precaution, in order to detect the deformity as early as possible

then entered Shriner's At first, at a loss for the best Hospital on Labor Day. She was admitted to a teenage possible treatment, and ward with eight other girls, all hoping to avoid surgery, the various physical Rush family began looking for

alternatives. Debra took therapy for six months, visited her daughter is "adaptable to two chiropractors, then anything and can accept things easily," so Debra, finally, when no improvement coping admirably and was shown, took the advice of Dr. Watts, an orthopedic displaying a maturity beyond surgeon, and went to her years, began the wait until Greenville, S.C. to see another surgery. For a month, fifteen specialist. The estimated cost minutes out of every day, she of treatment for a patient with was placed in traction. Three Debra's condition, from the days prior to surgery, and time the condition is found. afterwards, she was put in a treated, surgery resorted to, plaster of paris body cast to and recovery completed, is stabilize her for healing. Four \$70,000. The only answer times a week, every week, the seemed to be Shriner's family drove to Greenville to Hospital, where Debra could visit. A loving mother, Joyce be sponsored by someone, and felt the strain even more than receive the best possible care Debra, and would have for her particular problem. changed places with her if that When school began this year were possible.

On Thursday, October 2, Debra was wheeled into surgery. Two incisions were made, one more than a foot long, to insert a stainless steel road on eight vertabraes. The

other incision was made in the hip, to remove bone for use in fusion of the vertabrae. During the surgery, she was placed in a stretching machine in order to keep her spine as straight as possible. Along with being subjected to the normal risks involved in any major surgery, Debra also could have been paralyzed as a result of any mishap while on the stretching machine. Though the doctors stressed this risk as a minimal one, it was a frightening accompaniment to the thoughts and fears Lonnie and Joyce experienced as they waited for their daughter's operation to

As a result of Debra's successful surgery, the doctors involved say that she will be able to lead a normal life. Her recovery should be

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twenty-four months, when she will be able to resume all normal activities with no restrictions.

Debra herself says, "I didn't mind going through all this because I'll get a whole new wardrobe of clothes!" Standing straighter and taller. Debra will have certainly earned her new wardrobe.

Anyone wish to contact Debra while she is convalescing at Shriner's Hospital for the next three weeks, may write to:

Miss Debra Rush c-o Shriner's Hospital 2100 North Pleasantburg

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In this newly established Robinson is position, responsible for the coordination of all industrial relations activities for the five locations of the Control Group. He has been employed with Square D for five years and was previously associated with Northrop Carolina and American Enka. He is a graduate of Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla., a member of the Candler Lions Club, a member of the Board of Trustees of Asheville - Buncombe Technical Institute and has been active in various



Debra attended two weeks,

RICHARD B. HURLEY

community and professional organizations.

Robinson and his wife, Jo Ann, have two children, a son, Derrick, a freshman at Lees McRae College, and a daughter, Donna, a junior at Enka High School. They reside on Dogwood Drive in the Candler area.

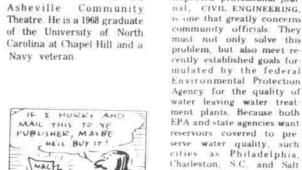
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DAVE L. ROBINSON

in Asheville and will report to John N. Daniel, Vice-President, Control Group Manager.

Richard B. Hurley, who joined Square D Company as Personnel Supervisor in 1971. succeeds Robinson as Personnel Manager of the



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### is one that greatly concerns community officials. They sources, agricultural as well must not only solve this as industrial, led the problem, but also meet re Du Pont Company, which cently established goals formakes the raw "Hypalon" mulated by the federal from which the reinforced Environmental Protection Agency for the quality of

MAJOR DAVIS Services for Major (Bud) Davis, 71, of Marshall, who died Wednesday Oct. 8, 1975 were held at 2 p.m. Friday in

ficiated. Burial was in City Cemetery. Nephews were pallbearers.

He was a native of Madison County and a son of the late Tom and Dora Davis.

MRS. CLEMENT BALL

A lifelong resident of Madison County, she was a member of Bear Creek Baptist Church and the widow of Clement Ball, who died in

Surviving are seven daughters, Mrs Charles Williams, Mrs H W Patchett, Mrs. J. T. Sams and Mrs William Felmet of Asheville, Mrs. Clarence Roberts of Marshall, Mrs. Frank Riddle of South Gate, Mich., and Mrs. Clyde Greene of Annapolis, Md. four sons, William and Newton Ball of Asheville, Joe D. Ball of Bethesda, Md., and Willard Ball of Marshall, a sister, Mrs. Bonnie Henderson of Asheville; a brother, Baxter Wilson of Marshall: 15

J. JESSE ROBERTS J Jesse Roberts, 58, of Rt. # Brown Cove Road, Clyde, was dead on arrival Sunday, October 12, 1975 at a Waynesville hospital. He was a native of Madison

County, a son of the late Garfield and Zora Roberts and a retired employe of the Allied Chemical Co. in River Rouge Mich. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He lived in Michigan until 1972 and returned to Haywood County Surviving are the widow

Mrs. Lucy Ford Roberts three sisters, Mrs. Carl Fee of Ecorse, Mich., Mrs. George Chandler of Swannanoa and Mrs. Albert Shelton o Weaverville; and seven brothers, Samuel Roberts of Nashville, Tenn., Carte Roberts of Columbus, Calvin Roberts of River Rouge, Ki Roberts of Flat Rock, Mich. and Bob, Eugene and Lev



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Rev. Jack Davis officiated.

Burial was in Dry Pond

Cemetery. Grandsons were

MRS. L. FULLER

Mrs. Elvia Melton Fuller.

81, of Hot Springs, died &

Friday, October 10, 1975 in a

Waynesville rest home after

A native of Madison County,

she was the daughter of late

D.S. and Iowa Fowler Melton

and widow of Lawrence F.

Surviving are two sisters, 2

Mrs. E.B. Sumerel and Mrs.

Bertha Rose of Hot Springs;

and a brother, George Melton

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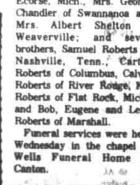
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Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Evie Church, Mrs. Inez Haney and Mrs. Kittle Hensley of Marshall; and a brother, Robert J Davis of Marshall

Mrs. Lillie Freeman Ball, 87, of Rt 5 Marshall, died Tuesday Oct 7, 1975 at her home after an extended

grandchildren and 19 greatgrandchildren.



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