

Even those annoying weeds that seem to be everywhere become things of beauty in the spring. Our road sides would be sadly devoid of those

refreshing splashes of color if it were not for flowering weeds. The small plants pictured here give flashes of lavender as one passes.

## Free and reduced medical care being offered for some residents

The Hoke County Health Department and the Hoke County physicians recently completed an arrangement to provide some free and/or reduced cost medical care for Hoke County citizens.

This arrangement is being funded from the Federal Jobs Bill which probably will not be refunded in future years.

The Jobs Bill Funds are to be used

to provide health care to those persons who are unemployed or disadvantaged.

Persons with incomes above certain levels or those covered by health insurance, medicaid, or medicare will not qualify.

The Health Department staff will be determining eligibility for these funds on a daily basis.

If a person qualifies he/she will be given a certificate of eligibility

for either full or partial payment to be taken to one of the three local physicians who will attend to the person's medical needs.

Hospital costs, emergency room drugs, and/or out-of-county medical costs will not be covered with these funds.

Please check with the Hoke County Health Department if you think you may be eligible and need such coverage.

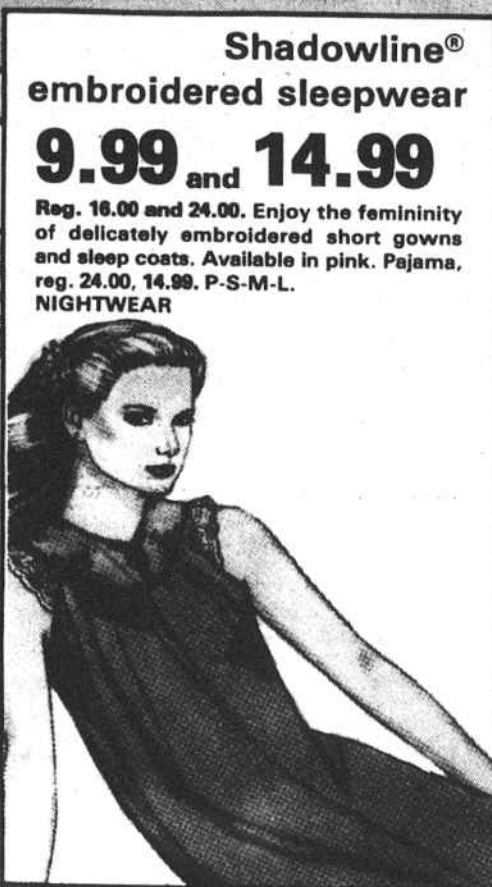
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