



Spring beautification
Upchurch Jr. High School parents, teachers and students spent a hard Saturday landscaping the campus on March 30. The workers planted 40 plants donated by the Girl Scouts and landscaped

other areas. Here assistant Principal Linwood Huffman (left) assists another worker with hole digging during the beautification activities, while students bring additional landscaping timbers.

Alumni slated to meet Saturday

Saturday, April 13, 1985 will be a joyous occasion when the Alumni of Flora Macdonald College and Vardell Hall gather together for their annual Alumni meeting. Registration will be from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. during a coffee hour. At the conclusion of a business meeting, a delicious covered dish luncheon will be served in the dining hall of the college. Of special interest is the fact that the class of 1935 will be holding its 50th reunion this year, a celebration in itself.

Flora Macdonald College was founded in 1896 by the multi-talented Rev. C.G. Vardell, a much beloved minister, educator and gentleman. The school was located in Red Springs, a town in Robeson County. Dr. Vardell had only \$4,000 in cash and materials to be used to erect the building and provide operating capital. Leaving the New Bern Presbyterian Church which he served as pastor, Dr. Vardell

became the president of Flora Macdonald College. Today, we see Flora Macdonald College, a National Historical site, still standing proudly and firmly, having been renovated and restored following the damage done by the tornado of last year.

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Local student graduates from Georgia Tech

A Hoke County student who received degrees from Georgia Tech during its 146th commencement exercise held on March 23.

Robin Ann Oxendine, who is the daughter of Betty and Earl Oxendine, received a bachelors degree in chemical engineering during the ceremonies.

Oxendine lives on Old Farm Road in Raeford.

RTC honors area students

These area students obtained a 4.0 average and are on Robeson Technical College's President's List for the 1984-85 Winter Quarter: Phillip O. Bryant and Rolf Frederick Kellerman from Lumber Bridge and Michael Edward and Doral Lee Hess from Red Springs.

These area students, who obtained a 4.0 average, are on Robeson Technical College's Dean's List for the 1984-85 Winter Quarter: Anita Beth Phillips of Raeford, Shannon Virginia Batton, Dorothy L. Moore of Red Springs and Travis Locklear of Shannon.

According to the EPA's latest estimates, under the Superfund program's current funding levels of approximately \$1 billion a year, it could take up to 23 years to clean up the nation's 2,500 most hazardous toxic waste dump sites.



Winners of Miss Ekoh

Winners in the Miss Ekoh Pageant are Yvonne Shodja-1st Runner-up; Susan Osborne-Miss Congeniality; Linda Glisson-Miss Ekoh and Brenda Hendren-2nd Runner-up. The pageant was held at Hoke High in February.

Soil Conservation Service celebrates 50th birthday

The Soil Conservation Service is celebrating its 50th birthday -- a milestone in a voluntary conservation program that has involved 2 million farmers, ranchers and other land users.

Fifty years ago on April 27, 1935, the 74th Congress of the United States passed the Soil Conservation Act of 1935 establishing the Soil Conservation Service (SCS).

North Carolina will hold a special commemoration to

celebrate this event and to honor the father of soil conservation, Hugh Hammond Bennett, on April 26.

The event will be held at the Hugh Hammond Bennett Birthplace near Wadesboro, North Carolina, and will begin at 10 a.m.

Bennett was credited with founding the Soil Conservation Service and served as its first chief.

State and national figures will participate in the ceremony.

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