



Friends of the family
Mrs. Minnie Harrell sits with some of the members of her doll collection. Mrs. Harrell has dolls in the collection dating back to the early 1900s.

Local collector gives dolls a home

For centuries, dolls have been the answer to millions of little girls' wishes at Christmas time. Roughly made at home or delicately painted in factories, dolls have always been around to work their magic in the toy kingdom.

The doll industry in its variety and scope, has created wonderful opportunity for the collector. Dolls, antique or not, can be collected in all shapes, sizes, materials and costumes.

For Mrs. Minnie Harrell, of Harrell's Antiques, dolls are just another part of the antique business but one that she has come to enjoy very much.

"I'm not a collector," she insists, in speaking of her varied dolls. "If I see a doll I like, I will buy it, though."

Many of her dolls she has purchased locally, either from yard sales or auctions. Some are old, others are foreign made and many of them are, probably, choice collector's pieces.

One of the most beautiful dolls

Hoke Arts Scene

By Sonya Falls



Mrs. Harrell owns a large German doll with china head. She is fully jointed and has clothes probably dating back to the early 1900's.

The doll's uniquely jointed system is a testament to the superiority German dollmaker enjoyed for many years. Her knees feature a "ball and socket" type construction and her exquisitely painted face has life-like coloring.

A china doll of Harrell's is also an older, lovely toy. She has a china head, forearms and legs attached to a cloth stuffed body. Dolls such as these were first made in Germany in the 1840's. This doll's dress looks very old, but Harrell acknowledges, she has no real idea of her age.

Another unusual doll, although not an old one, is Harrell's gourd head doll. "Miss Molly" has yarn hair, a cloth body and a charmingly painted brown face. Holes are drilled in the gourd through which to attach the yarn. "I understand that you have the right kind of gourd in order to do this," explains Mrs. Harrell.

Throughout her home, in antique high chairs or children's rockers, Harrell expertly displays her dolls.

Upstairs, in a secretary which she built herself, she has an excellent collection of Madame Alexander dolls.

These dolls, from the Alexander Doll Company of New York, are created from artistic and literary characters. Each one of the Alexander dolls are very carefully made and dressed to match its original counterpart.

Of the sixteen she owns, perhaps the most endearing are the "Little Women" dolls. They're all there; Marmee, Jo, Beth, little Amy and

Meg. Even a Laurie doll was available with this grouping.

These dolls are not old, but due to the limited quantity and good construction, they, will, one day, be collector's items.

Harrell attempts to mend her broken dolls and often dresses them over after she acquires them. One "composition" doll that she bought "in a box, in pieces," she mended together and made whole again. Many of her dolls need "to go to the doll hospital", as she calls it, but she doesn't know where that is. She thinks somewhere up North, major repairs are made to dolls. Meanwhile, she tries to do her best on her "babies."

Whether Mrs. Harrell receives any new dolls come Christmas morning is primarily up to that jolly old elf in the red suit, but if so, the newcomer will have plenty of company. And she'll receive the best of care. No doll could ask for more.

Local students initiated by Phi Beta Kappa Society

Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's highest honorary society, initiated two Hoke County students and 69 others at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill during ceremonies in Gerrard Hall in November.

Todd D. McDiarmid of Raeford, and Rose Marie Parish of Rt. 1, Red Springs, of Rt. 1, Red Springs, were inducted into the prestigious society.

McDiarmid is a junior and is biology major. He is the son of Joyce Williamson McDiarmid of Raeford.

Parish is a senior and a business administration major. She is the daughter of Vera Parish of Rt. 1, Red Springs.

Featured speaker at a banquet following the ceremony was Dr. Eugen Merzbacher, Kenan professor of physics at UNC.

Students in the Division of Academic Affairs are eligible for admission to Phi Beta Kappa.

A junior must have a 3.7 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and 75 credit hours.

Seniors must have a 3.6 average and 105 hours.

Hoke 'Child Find' started

Efforts are being made to find Hoke County young people who have special needs.

This would include all children who, because of permanent or temporary mental, physical or emotional handicaps, need special education.

The Hoke County search, called Child Find, is a part of a statewide effort to locate and identify every handicapped and academically gifted child between infancy and age 21 who is not now receiving an appropriate education.

The children being sought are those who are: autistic, have impaired health or functions (hearing, seeing, walking, speech or other), seriously emotionally han-

dicapped, multihandicapped or have other specific disabilities that interfere with their learning.

The State Project Child Find is one of the requirements of legislation enacted by the 1977 General Assembly and is compatible with Public Law 94-142.

The effort is designed to ensure that handicapped children will receive the special education and support services to meet the needs of each when he or she reaches the age of 5.

If you are the parent of or know a child with a suspected handicap, you should contact Rhenda Cameron, Director of Programs for Exceptional Children at 875-4106.



Winning smile
The new Miss Upchurch for 1985, Karin Langdon, is congratulated by other pageant contestants.

Langdon is crowned Miss Upchurch 1985

Karin Langdon, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Langdon, was crowned Miss Upchurch 1985, on December 10.

First runner-up honors went to Amy Howard while second runner-up was Dianne Locklear.

Pageant contestants chose Crystal McNeill "Miss Congeniality."

Awards for collecting the most sponsors went to Allison Miller and Crystal McNeill.

The audience enjoyed special

entertainment by Miss Joni Parker, "Miss North Carolina," 1985.

Parker sang a melody of Christmas songs she had prepared.

Judges for the event were Parker, Mrs. Horence Ransom and Pete Cunningham.

Brock serves as Peace Col. editor

Leigh Brock of Raeford is serving as one of the editors for the student newspaper at Peace College for her sophomore year in 1985-86.

She serves as the "Peace Times" editor in charge of layout and design and is also a writer.

She was selected after interviews with the newspaper adviser and the 1984-85 editors and was appointed by the Publications Board of the college.

Last year, she served as a "Peace Times" writer.

Miss Brock is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie S. Brock, Jr. of South Magnolia Street in Raeford.



Making contribution
Hoke County High School Junior ROTC cadets present the Pate brothers with a check towards the construction of a War Memorial in Hoke County. The funds were raised thru a 5,000 meter run held last month. Pictured here are left to right: Josh Pate, Jay Pate, JROTC Cadet Jettie Jones and JROTC Cadet Randall Wheeler.

Eagles gain fourth win

The Upchurch Lady Eagles take a 4-0 record into the Christmas break after defeating Rockingham December 9 at Upchurch 36-15.

The Eagles were led by Sharon Shaw with 14 points followed by Karen Watkins and Tammy Stephens each with six points.

Monica Ray scored four points with Marsha Pichett, Kristin Langdon and Tera Campbell each contributing two points for the Eagles 36 points.

The Eagles resume play at Ellerbe on January 6.

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