

TOOT! TOOT! and the Winnabow Children's Line is off and puffing. In the yellow car behind Engineer Ralph Frazier are Lakescia Williams and Terrance Simpson, while Sam Watts, his sister Erica and Sara Woodring follow behind in a black car.

Miniature 'Railroad' Hit Of Fair

BY SUSAN USHER

Toot! Toot! and the Winnabow Children's Line was on its way, chugging and zigzagging across the grass among pieces of playground equipment.

Smiling children waved from its two open-air "cars;" only the engineer's chin peeked out the front. "We Carry Love" read the slogan on the side of each car of the little train with the big smile.

Saturday was May Fair at Bolivia Elementary School. The train, built and operated by Leland resident Ralph Frazier of the Town Creek area, was the hit of the day, with lines of youngsters waiting their turn to ride. Even when the humid, blue-sky day clouded over and a sprinkling of rain began to fall, they didn't budge.

Frazier, who has worked with numerous groups of young people at

Zion United Methodist Church over the years, appeared to get as much pleasure running the Winnabow Children's Line as the kids did riding it. He built the rubber-tired engine and cars last year from an old gasoline-powered lawn mower and some discarded barrels.

He said he wasn't sure how fast the train will run, but Saturday he had the throttle wide open, hauling two children in the front car and three in

back.

When kids weren't "ridin' the train," they could also ride horseback like two-year-old Tramice Bellamy, throw darts and bean bags, play bingo, cheer on two grades in an intramural softball game or simply enjoy the soft drinks, balloons and hotdogs vended along the passageways students follow from one building to another. A fascinated Brandy Caudill stood wide-eyed in front of "Gus The Talking Bus," telling him goodbye and promising to come back real soon. It was the first time she'd talked to a school bus, she said. That's because it talked to her. It knew her name and invited her inside.

For the first time, this year's festival was not billed or operated as a money-making event.

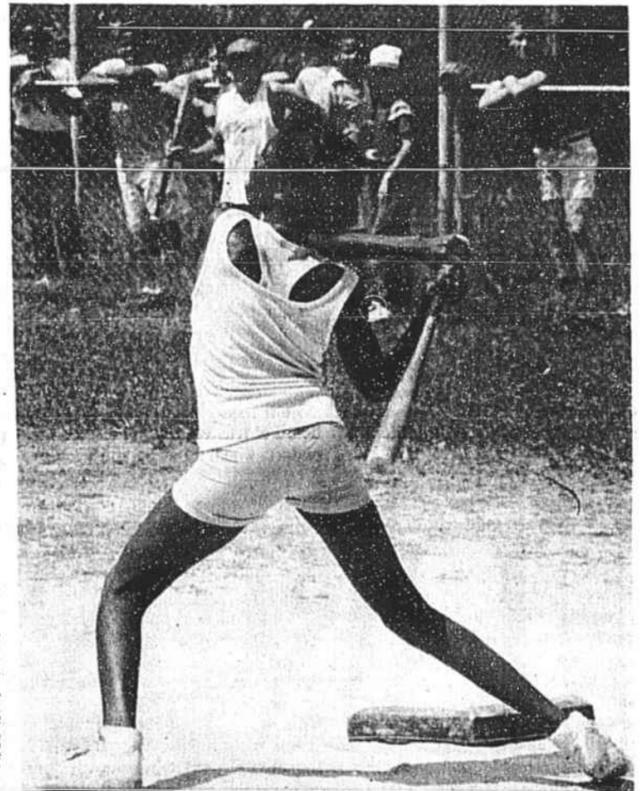
PTA leaders said earlier fundraising projects during the year had netted sufficient money so that May Fair could simply be a day of fun for students. Some activities such as the train ride were free; others charging only enough to cover the cost of prizes and other supplies.



TREY LEMON of Leland and schoolmates check his aim in a game of darts in the school gym in which the bull's eye featured a photo of his father, Principal Ed

Lemon. Waiting their turn are Archie Williams, Tracy Coates, Clint Love, Mike Kennedy, Kevin McKeithan and Jennifer Fowler.

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FIFTH-GRADER SHANTA STEVENSON is ready to swing in the top of the first inning in a game that pitted her grade against the school's fourth graders. Waiting his turn at bat in the background is David Thrift.

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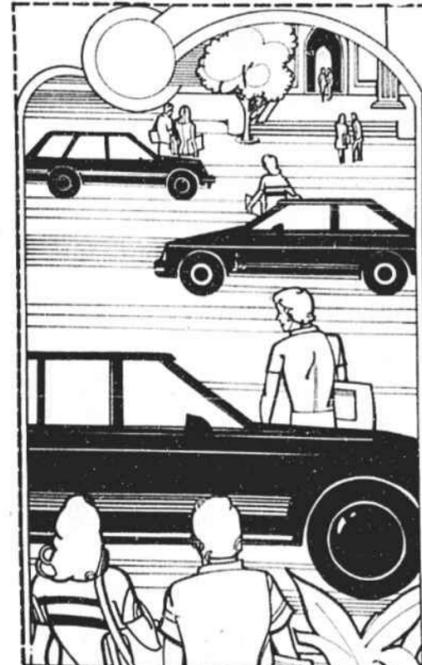
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TWO-YEAR-OLD Tramice Bellamy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bellamy of Supply, took to horseback riding without tears during Bolvia Elementary School's May Fair.



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