

## Dr. Plonk Appointed To Faculty

Dr. George W. Plonk Jr., formerly of Kings Mountain, has been appointed to the faculty of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine as instructor in surgery.

His appointment was announced by Dr. Richard Janeway, dean.

A 1969 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Plonk received the M.D. degree from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine. He completed a surgical residency at North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem and was chief resident for one year. He returned recently from a traveling fellowship appointment in peripheral vascular surgery in Charleston S.C.

Plonk is the son of Dr. and Mrs. George W. Plonk of 902 Crescent Circle, Kings Mountain. He and his wife, the former Judy Morris, have three daughters.



Photo by Tom McIntyre

**PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS ALL** - The five Kings Mountain Cub Scouts, above, won the Cleveland County Pinewood Derby Tournament in Shelby last week in a field of 80 Scouts from the county. From left, Bryant Wells, David Baker, both of Pack 98, Keith Morris and Larry Stone, both of Pack 94, and Greg Conner of Pack 98. The county champs go to Hickory May 19th for regional competition. Pack 94 is sponsored by Oak Grove Baptist Church and Pack 98 is sponsored by Boyce Memorial ARP Church.

## Feemster Participates In Exercise

U.S. FORCES, Germany - Pvt. Carl R. Feemster, son of Mrs. Lois S. Feemster, Route 2, Bessemer City, N.C., recently participated in the first Return of Forces to Germany (REFORGER) exercise to be held in winter.

REFORGER 79, a strategic mobility exercise, demonstrates the U.S. capability to move by air and sea to reinforce NATO rapidly in a crisis situation.

The Reforger units join U.S. units stationed in Germany and allied elements for the exercise in an area between Northern Baden-Wuerttemberg and Eastern Bavaria.

Army National Guard and Army Reserve units also are included in Reforger, one of NATO's largest annual exercises. The soldier is a member of the 1st Armored Division in Germany.

## KM Native Is Honored

A distinguished North Carolina citizen will receive an honorary degree from Gardner-Webb College in ceremonies during commencement exercises May 19.

Acting on the recommendation of the College faculty, the board of trustees approved awarding the degree Doctor of Humanities to Charles L. (Rance) Henderson of Morganton.

Henderson has been director of the North Carolina Schools for the Deaf since 1970, and is also superintendent of the North Carolina Schools for the Deaf in Morganton.

Rance Henderson is well-known to the citizens of North Carolina for his work with the deaf and his involvement in civic affairs. In 1977 he received the Citation of Appreciation from the North Carolina American Legion Auxiliary. That same year, he received the President's Appreciation Award from the North Carolina Association of the Deaf. In 1975 he received the Distinguished Club President award from the Kiwanis International and also that year, the Distinguished Service Award from Lenoir-Rhyne College. In 1962, Henderson was chosen as the Outstanding Graduate of the Oregon College of Education.

A member of the First Baptist Church of Morganton, where he has served as deacon and Sunday School teacher for the deaf, he is also a member of several civic organizations. In 1977-78 he was president of the Lake James Environmental Association and district chairman of the Boy Scouts of America, Tablerock District. Also in 1978 he was treasurer of the Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf and on the board of directors of CLOSE-UP. That same year he was a member of the National Advisory Council of the Center on Continuing Education. The Directors of the Center on Deafness of California State University, Northridge, says of Mr. Henderson, "He has given leadership not only in his own organization, but throughout the state and the nation. In the field of deafness he has initiated and developed a program of services ranging from pre-school through College that is a model for the entire nation."

A native of Kings Mountain, he is married to Betty Ledford Henderson, a school administrator, also of Kings Mountain, and they have two children: David, age 19; and Julia, age 18.

Henderson is a graduate of the Oregon College of Education, where he received both his B.S. and M.S. degrees; and California State University at Northridge, where he

received his M.A. degree in School Administration.

Previous positions include: social studies and language teacher, grades 5-12, and principal of the high school and vocational department. Oregon School for the Deaf; Director of the West Suburban Association for the Hearing Handicapped, Illinois, and instructor of teacher-training program Charles L. (Rance) Henderson of Morganton.

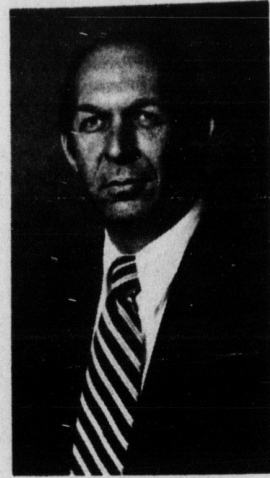
Other professional and civic activities include: board of trustees, Center for the Rights of the Deaf; and board of advisors, Gardner-Webb College.

Past Civic activities

include: President of the Burke County Community Concert Association, 1974;


President of the Burke County United Fund, 1975; President of the Morganton Kiwanis Club, 1975; Lieutenant Governor of the Carolina Kiwanis District, Division 1-B, 1976; and chairman of the Tablerock District Scout Camp Development of the Boys Scouts of America, 1976.

President Craven Williams, in describing Mr. Henderson to the College Board of Trustees, said, "A person who has achieved national distinction as a leader in his chosen field, and who also speaks out boldly on religious values, is a rare individual, worthy of recognition and commendation by this College."



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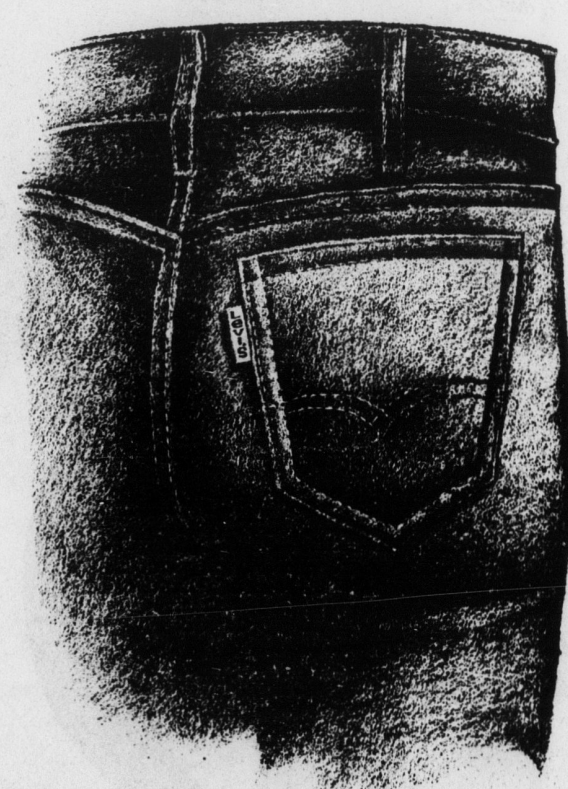


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