

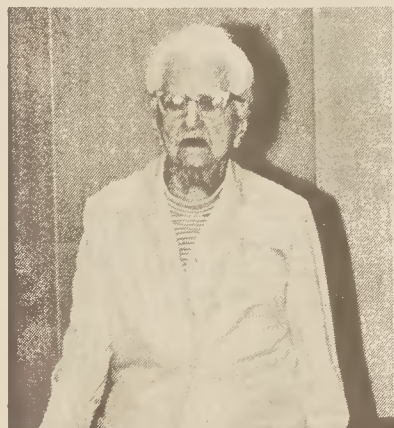
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An Interview By
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To most Cleveland County residents, the name Ollie Hamrick is synonymous with an exceptionally long life. Miss Hamrick, a life-long Cleveland County native, is 107.

In fact Miss Hamrick's entire life, not just her age, is exceptional. Usually the elderly are associated with

dependence, crankiness, or lethargy. Apparently somebody forgot to tell "Miss Ollie."

The two of us sat on her bed in her room at a Shelby nursing home while she recalled a century ago her childhood and young adult years. Throughout the interview, her hand, fingernails painted a bright red, touched and held my arm for emphasis.

"I've seen Shelby grow up from a little town," she said. She can remember when electric lights first were brought to Shelby in

1900, she said.

Miss Ollie graduated from Shelby High School and taught in the grade school from 1903-1914. "I gave advice when I was teaching in the grade school," she said, "but I never do give advice now."

She smiled and said: "I've seen people that'll tell you, 'Now don't you do that, don't do that, that's not the way.' I don't say that. I think that's the reason I've got a few friends."

We talked until supper was brought in. Miss Ollie looked and her plate, then me, and said: "I'd wish you'd eat this."

When asked, Miss Ollie said that she had not secret for a long life, but said, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

And what does Miss Ollie say about herself? "I'm just a little nothing."

Miss Ollie At 107

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Sale Time For Calves

The fall graded feeder calf sale will be held Sept. 29 at Dedmon's Livestock yard in Shelby, county extension agents announced this week. Calves will be accepted for processing between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. that day and sold at 8 p.m. that night, the extension service says.

All calves must be vaccinated for blackleg and malignant edema diseases, castrated and healed, dehorned, weight a minimum 300 pounds, and be under one year.

In other farming news, the extension service cau-

tioned faarmers who planted doublecropped soybeans in late July or June to check their fields for corn earworms. As of last Friday, two fields checked in the county were infested with enough corn earworms to warrant treatment.

The moth flight has been generally light this year; however with most fields of soybeans through blooming, the earworm moths have concentrated on those particular fields, the agents say.

The "magic" month for fescue lawns is September, according to the county agents, as the fall growing season begins for this cool-season grass.

The best growth rate is between September to December and from February to June, the agents say.

Reunion Roundup

Two families will be holding area reunions this Sunday, Sept. 12.

The Thomas H. and Julia H. Lovelace reunion will be held at the Oak Grove Baptist Fellowship Hall near Kings Mountain at one p.m. Relatives are asked to bring food; drinks will be provided.

Family and friends of W.C. (Cliff) and Clara Jane Royster Blanton are invited to the reunion at one p.m. at the family home place. Organizers ask that everyone coming bring "a well-filled picnic basket."

Back To School: New '82 Faces

Two weeks ago, the campus at Gardner-Webb College was serene and undisturbed.

Only a few students strolled to and from classes, while faculty and staff members busily prepared for the arrival of the first fall students.

And arrive they did, on Sunday, August 21. In large numbers and from all areas, these freshmen and transfer students came.

During that week, the new students unloaded, unpacked, rearranged and settled into their dorms and their new college lifestyles.

Anxiety was a common emotion experienced by many of the new and transfer students.

Fortunately for 19-year-old Floyd Archie, his freshman year got off to an early start as he was exposed to the campus before most of his classmates.

Archie arrived on campus the first week in

August to begin football practice as a defensive end for the explosive Gardner-Webb Bulldogs this season.

The tall, brawny freshman, looking every inch a football player, received a three-year football scholarship to G-W.

He also received a loan for one year. Archie is a graduate of Terry-Sanford High School in Fayetteville.

"The football scholarship was a big factor in my decision about coming to G-W," Archie said.

But that wasn't the only reason Archie chose G-W. "It really impressed me that the coaches and staff explained that my education was first and football second," he said.

Archie's main goal at G-W is to get a degree in political science. "After college, I hope to continue my education studying law in graduate school," he said.

Archie said he didn't anticipate any problems his freshman year juggling an academic schedule and a football schedule. "I'm determined to study and make the best of my first year," he said.

Carmen Hood returned to G-W this fall as a junior majoring in psychology.

"It's going to be an exciting year," she said. "I've missed the security of college and the friends I've made over the last two years."

Carmen still has adjusting to do, even as a junior. "It takes a while to get back in the swing of things," she said, "whether you're a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior."

"The most important thing G-W has done for me is to strengthen my Christian life. I'm looking forward to an even bigger spiritual growth in the next two years."

Of the estimated 313 seniors on campus this year, Eva Whittington probably looks forward to graduation more than any other student.

"It seems like I've been waiting for this year forever," she said. "I'm really excited about the fall semester."

Eva's determination is not the only thing that makes her unique.

In January, 1979, she was the first G-W student in a wheelchair to enroll.

In March, 1978, while coming home from her boyfriend's house, Eva's car skidded on ice and flipped several times.

She has been paralyzed from the waist down since then. But, according to this 21-year-old music education major, her years at G-W strengthened her faith and guided her into a

"Sure there are ups and downs," she said, but "I always have people here at the college that are willing to listen and share."

G-W has already helped launch Eva's career before she graduates.

For the last few years, through contacts she has made at the college, Eva has been able to schedule about 60 churches and other religious organizations and camps to appear as a guest speaker, giving her testimony and singing for groups ranging from a handful of people to several hundred.

"G-W has also given me a good future," she said. "Since the school is so well-known, I have a lot of connections with people in a variety of areas of the ministry."

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Pretty Fair Price

The Cleveland County Fair will offer general admission and universal ride tickets in advance at discount prices this year.

Joe Goforth, fair manager, has announced

the tickets may be purchased until Sept. 30 at locations through the county.

General admission tickets, priced at \$2.50 each, will be sold for \$1.50, and universal ride tickets.

an \$8.40 value, will be sold for \$5.

The fair opens Oct. 1 and continues through Oct. 9.

Advance tickets are on sale at the following locations in

the Boiling Springs area:

First Federal Savings and Loan, at downtown Boiling Springs; Swainsville Kwik Mart, Highway 74 west at intersection of Rural Road 1161; Village Pantry at Highway 150 south; and the office of the Cleveland County Fairgrounds on East Marion Street.

Advance tickets can be bought by mailing the order and payment by Sept. 30 to Cleveland County Fair Office, 1810 East Dixon Boulevard, Shelby.

Chore's Done



This reminder of a wood-cutting chore accomplished gives an early warning of cold days that lie ahead, when a wood stove and the oak to go in it are a comfort.

