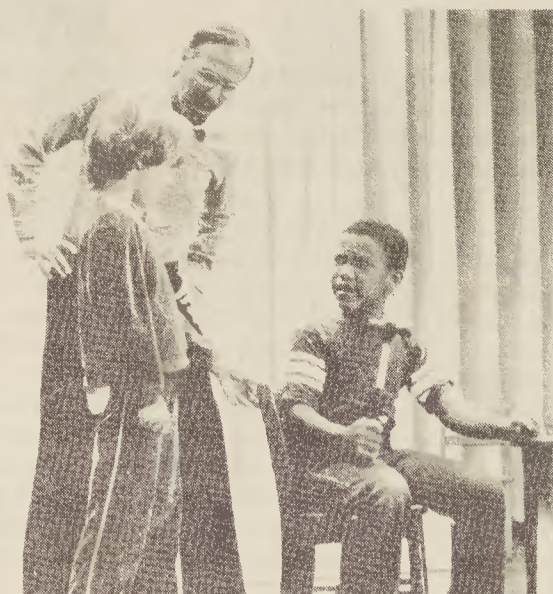


# Who Shot Old Joe's Foot?



Brandee Daves, director Salvatore Salerno and Maricus Freeman.

"They suspicioned it was mean William," says his neighbor Mrs. Fern, reporting the crime to Farmer Brown. Farmer Brown stops making his barn and humming to himself

and rushes to the fearful scene. He finds "Old Joe" sitting with the wounded extremity swaddled and propped on a chair, lamenting the vice that caused this violence.

"I wish I hadn't won that \$10,000 off Mean William in that card game," the victim moans. Sister Sue arrives, bearing "a nice bowl of soup for your foot," which the foot declines. The growing assembly heads for the hospital, where Nurse Carol and Dr. Gene (who listens at the

foot with his stethoscope) provide the kind of care that makes the patient recover fast in self-defense.

There is a script for this play, written and presented by Mrs. Ann Elliott's third graders at Boiling Springs Elementary School. But drama coach Salvatore Salerno, visiting artist at Cleveland Tech, has encouraged departures from the written word, to give this premier work spontaneity and life. Thus it gets more hearty laughs in its scant five minutes than many TV comedies command in an hour.

Sadly, "Old Joe Goes To The Hospital" will not make Broadway; its cast has lines of spelling and arithmetic to master.



Kelly Edwards, Daniel Greene, Maricus Freeman and Brandee Daves present "Old Joe Goes To The Hospital." Not pictured are cast members Karla Butler and Sally Thompson.

# The Foothills View

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## Bye, Bye Boll Weevil

The little yellow plane swooping right at clothesline-level has startled a lot of folks over the past few weeks in the Boiling Springs area, as crop duster Johnny Payne zooms across our fields. Payne, whose home base is in Statesville, is working with the Department of Agriculture's boll weevil eradication program. Some late spraying is for defoliation for ease of harvest, but some is a final blast at bugs, to diminish their assault on next year's crop. Cotton is making a comeback in the South, and the Red Baron of the boll weevil war has his work cut out for him. "As cotton comes back," says county agent Frank Spencer, "so does the boll weevil."



## Modern Apple Rolled A Long Way

The first edible apples were found in western Russia, but these earliest European apples were small, sour and seedy. By crossbreeding those early apples, a fruit of good size and taste was produced and introduced by the Romans into Britain as early as 50 B.C.

The only native apple in America is the sour crabapple. Early immigrants were used to good apples, so they brought with them seeds and graftings. Apples soon became a valuable crop in colonial America for

food, cider, forage for animals and for fragrant firewood.

John Chapman, better known as Johnny Appleseed, is believed to have spread apple cultivation westward from New England. Around 1800 he started west on the Ohio River with a boatload of apple seeds from Pennsylvania cider mills. He crisscrossed the Midwest territory many times, stopping to read aloud from the Bible to anyone who would listen, as well as to plant, sell and give away his apple seeds.

Early plantings on this continent produced a large number of varieties. Many were named for their location, such as Adirondack, the York imperial from York County, Pa., and the Rhode Island greening. Others were named for their growers: Jonathans for Jonathan Hasbrouch of New York and MacIntoshes for John MacIntosh of Toronto, Canada.

Early settlers used apples for food, and cider was practically the national drink. Apples were used to cure everything from

malaria to distemper.

The word apple has a pleasant connotation. Think of romantic apple blossoms in the spring, the unmistakable scent in the air at harvest time, the aroma of apple pies baking, or applesauce and hot cider simmering. The thought of biting into a crunchy, juicy apple is enough to make one's mouth water.

You are lucky if you have an apple tree in your yard, and maybe we should all say thanks to the Romans of 50 B.C. and to Johnny Appleseed of 1800.

## Novak At G-W Workshop

Michael Novak - author, columnist and political activist will be the featured guest speaker during a three day workshop to be held at Gardner-Webb College.

The workshop, cosponsored by the Broyhill Academy of Gardner-Webb and the National Foundation for the Study of Religion and Economics (NFSRE), will be held in Gardner-Webb's Charles I. Dover Student Center beginning Wednesday, October 19 through Friday, October 21.

The workshop, which is open to the public at no cost, will be directed by Dr. Douglas Culver, director of the NFSRE.

Workshop activities will culminate on Friday at 6 p.m. with a banquet featuring Novak as guest speaker.

## Cleveland Native

# Funeral Held For Mrs. Brooks

Mrs. Vertie Greene Brooks, a life-long resident of Boiling Springs, died Thursday, Oct. 13, after a long illness. She was 75.

A member of Boiling Springs Baptist Church, Mrs. Brooks lived on North Main Street. A widow for nine years after the death of her husband, J.B. Brooks, she is remembered by family and friends as an extremely loving mother.

It was love returned, during her years of serious illness. "Her doctor said that it was only the tender love and care her children gave her that kept her alive," said her sister, Mrs. Velma Walker.

The daughter of the late Charles Plato and Addie Mae Greene, she was seven years old when her father died, leaving her mother with a large family of small children to raise. Hubert, the baby, was only six months old. Their mother went to work as the switchboard operator for the town of Boiling Springs, and the children all shared in keeping the home.

"We used to pick cotton," Hubert remembers now. "We used to race to see who'd get the most. Vertie never did win." No cotton picker, she took over a lot of chores in the house, her sister Velma recalls. And at 14, she

was married to J.B. Brooks, who was a local building contractor.

"She and J.B. got along as well as any couple ever did get along," Velma says. They raised six children, and then the grandchildren and great-grandchildren came along, keeping the home busy. "Her grandchildren loved her - she never did try to boss 'em; she left that to their parents. She just loved them," Mrs. Walker says.

Her minister once consoled her, when Mrs. Brooks was lamenting her lack of time to do more church work. "The work you'll leave behind you is in these fine children," he said.

Surviving are her son, Carl Brooks, of Boiling Springs; five daughters, Mrs. Polly McDaniel, Mrs. Catherine Jolley, Mrs. Becky Wallace, Mrs. Carolyn Hunt and Mrs. Lib Jones, all of Boiling Springs; two brothers, Roy Greene and Hubert Greene, of Boiling Springs; two sisters, Mrs. Velma Walker of Boiling Springs and Mrs. Cindy Vassey of Shelby, 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Dr. Max Linnens and Rev. Keith Dixon conducted funeral services on Saturday. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park. Memorials may be sent to Boiling Springs Baptist Church.

## Four Courses Open At Cleveland Tech

The Continuing Education Department of Cleveland Technical College has scheduled the following courses:

Stained glass begins October 25, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Shelby Junior High. The class will meet each Tuesday evening until December 6. The instructor will be Neal Scism. Total hours 20. The registration fee is \$15.00.

Upholstery begins Nov. 2, from 6-9 p.m. at Campus Upholstery Shop. The class will meet each Wednesday & Thursday until January 25. The instructor will be Doyt Johnson. Total hours 66. The registration fee is \$10.00.

Upholstery begins Nov. 8, from 9-12 a.m. at Campus. The class will meet each Tuesday and Thursday until January 12. The instructor will be Charles Knight. Total hours 60. The registration fee is \$10.00.

Beginning Sewing begins October 31, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Campus Room 883. The class will meet each Monday evening until December 12. The instructor will be Abbie Anthony. Total hours 20.

The registration fee is \$15.00. All persons 65 years of age and over can register free. For further information, call Cleveland Tech.

## 'No Kidding



They're rare, especially in a goat's first birthing, says G.C. Greene, whose proud nanny produced these triplets this summer. The nanny, who follows Greene around his flint hill

road farm like a dog, is already teaching the kids to climb into his truck and car. People have offered to buy them. Greene says. But so far, nothing doing.