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### WE LOVE YOU, MR. CLAMPITT

The last day of school was a happy day for most Gastonia children.

But it was a somewhat less joyous event for one fourth grade class at Myrtle School because their teacher, Lee O. Clampitt, is retiring.

To his class, Clampitt is more than just a teacher, he is a father and a friend. Each afternoon when the bell clanged at the end of the school day, students would file past his desk giving him a little kiss or hug.

The kids love Lee Clampitt. Ten-year-old Manda Hoffman came to school on the last day of classes with the words, "Mr. Clampitt we love you", written on the back of her baggy white T-shirt. Her mother had written it at Manda's request.

"I think Mr. Clampitt is too good a teacher to retire," said

## Clampitt Retires

Manda. "We like him better than any of the other teachers," she continued.

Nine-year-old Anita Thompson went one better, "Mr. Clampitt is the best teacher in the whole world," she said.

Clampitt, 66, has been teaching for 46 years. He retired last year from his position at Catawba High School. However, one week after the 1970-71 school year began, Robert P. Caldwell, principal of Myrtle School, asked Clampitt to come out of retirement to fill a faculty vacancy.

"The most important thing about teaching is to motivate the students," Clampitt said. He explained the way to do this is to get their confidence, to keep them busy, and to let them know you trust them.

"In order to get their confidence," he said, "you have

to be frank and honest. I would rather do anything than be unfair with a child."

Clampitt said the average 11th grader of 1926, the year he began teaching, would be scholastically comparable to a fourth grader today. He attributes this advance to greater mobility, mass communications, and improved teaching methods.

He remarked that he would like to continue teaching "but you have to quit sometime." He said he would continue only if there was a teacher shortage, and at the present time, there is an abundance of teachers.

"It doesn't seem fair to take the place of the new fellows," he concluded.

But if the fourth graders had anything to say about it, Mr. Clampitt would be back next year, teaching fifth grade. Mr. Clampitt is the father of Gwen Owle, Managing Editor of the Cherokee One Feather.



### Walker-DeHart Pledge Vows

Central Baptist church of Hampton, Virginia will be the setting on June 26, for the marriage of Ramona Jean DeHart to Robert M. Walker. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald A. Stafford of Hampton and a granddaughter of Mrs. Ellis Kirdland of Bryson City. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Walker of Hampton.

After a wedding trip, the couple will reside in Newport News, Virginia.

### Registration Set

#### For Summer At STI

SYLVA - Registration for summer school at Southwestern Technical Institute began on Monday, June 14, and will remain open through Friday, June 25. Don Irwin, Occupational Education Director, said there are still a few vacancies in most classes, and those who wish to enroll should do so as soon as possible.

All evening classes meet from 6:30 to 9:30 on the days indicated. In the technical areas, they are: Monday-Wednesday, Beginning Shorthand and Office Machines; Tuesday-Thursday, Beginning Typing, Accounting I and Data Processing. Vocational courses offered at night are: Advance Hair Styling, Monday; Automotive (chassis and suspension), Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; Automotive (servicing), Wednesday; Small Engine Repair, Tuesday; Motorcycle tune-up, Thursday; Welding, Monday; Surveying (boundary control), Thursday; Surveying (field work), Saturday, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Regular daytime programs meet variously from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Those open to new students through June 25 are: Cosmetology, Masonry, and Automotive Mechanics.



### Engagement Announced

Mrs. Walter Henley Greene of Tuscaloosa, Alabama announced that her daughter, Charlotte Marie Greene, will become the bride of James Larry Collins of Signal Mountain, Tennessee.

James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Collins. His grandparents of Bryson City are Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Collins. His grandparents of Bryson City are Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Browning and Mrs. H. S. Collins.

James and Charlotte attend the University of Alabama.

### John Wikle Plans Summer With STI

John Wikle, guidance counselor at Swain County High School, is doing special work with Southwestern Technical Institute of Sylva this summer. The Institute is a non-profit unit of the North Carolina Department of Community Colleges.

Anyone interested in offerings of the Institute such as mechanics, cosmetology, secretarial courses, practical nursing, electronics, or others may contact Mr. Wikle at 488-2688, his home, and he will see you there or come to see you at your home.

He will explain the courses, help with registration, and financial and other arrangements. Technical school education is offering high wages and in some cases has advantages financially as good as some college courses.

See Mr. Wikle if interested in furthering your education. In some cases a high school equivalency certificate is required. In others only an entrance test is required along with a transcript of previous work.

## Drug-Alcohol Study Set

A \$136,200 Highway Safety Project grant has been awarded the toxicology laboratory of the State Medical Examiner's office for the purpose of studying the effect of alcohol and drugs on drivers, it was announced today by Dr. Arthur McBay, chief toxicologist for the department and project director.

Provided on a matching basis by the U. S. Department of Transportation and the Governor's Highway Safety Program, the funds will be used specifically to determine the presence of absence of alcohol, carbon monoxide, medicinal and hallucinogenic drugs found in victims of automobile accidents.

In 1970 the toxicology laboratory, located at the U. N. C. Medical Center, analyzed the blood of 468 drivers and pedestrians killed on North Carolina highways. The study revealed that 254 were driving under the influence of alcohol (concentrations of at least .10 percent) and 44 had been drinking.

Dr. Mc Bay pointed out that the relationship between alcohol and reckless operation of motor vehicles has been firmly established. "The grant will enable us to determine if a similar relationship exists between drugs and erratic driving," he explained. "Data is scarce on people who are fatally injured while driving under the influence of drugs. There is evidence, however, to support the fact that drugs contribute to automobile fatalities," he said.

In an effort to establish the extent drugs play in traffic accidents, the toxicological examination will include tests for marijuana and LSD. The initial part of the research project will be conducted in cooperation with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Alcohol Safety Action Program, a project aimed at studying excessive drinking and driving which, hopefully, will eventually result in establishing appropriate counter measures.

Blood, urine, liver and bile samples will be taken from operators of vehicles, as well as pedestrians killed in automobile accidents in Mecklenburg County during a period of three years and analyzed. Dr. McBay said that a study of the victim's liver for evidence of chronic drinking will also be extremely valuable in assessing final data.



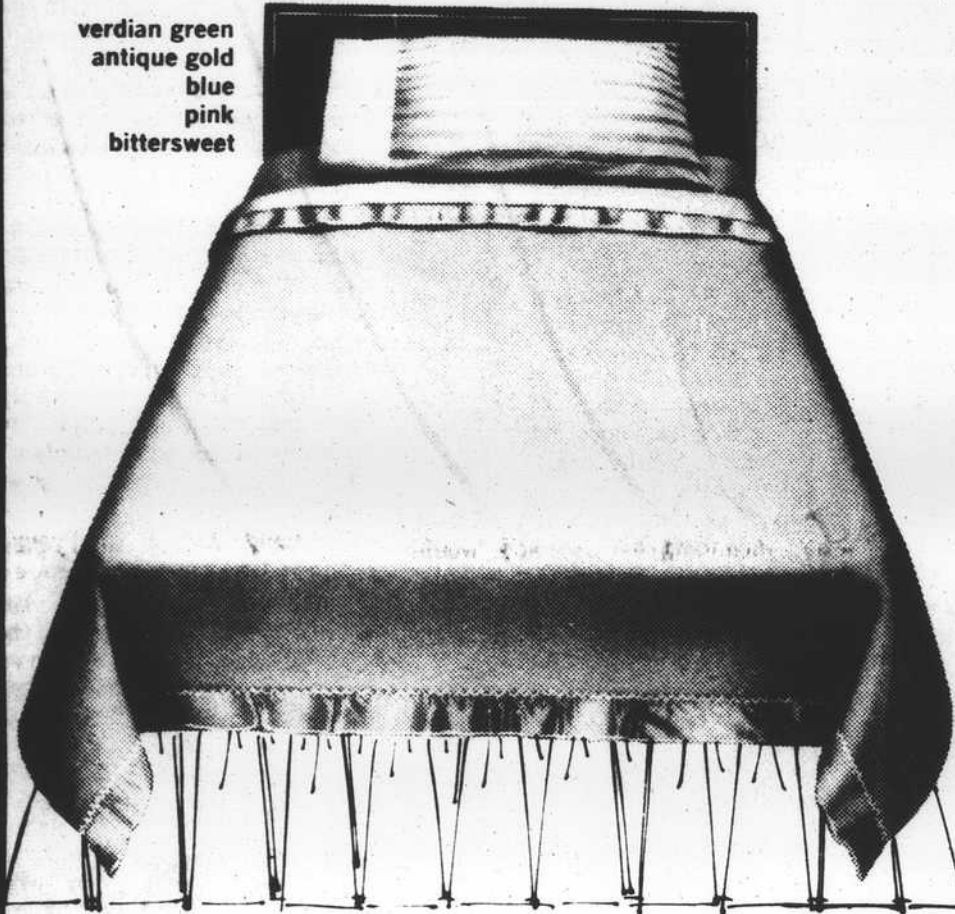
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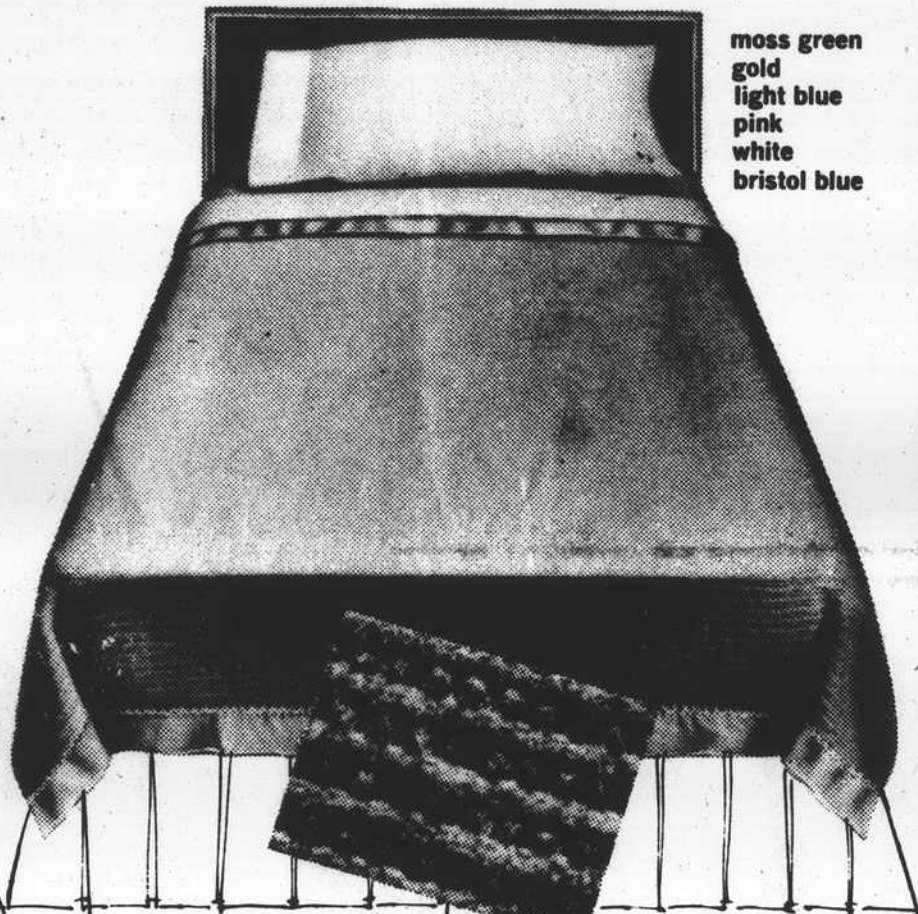
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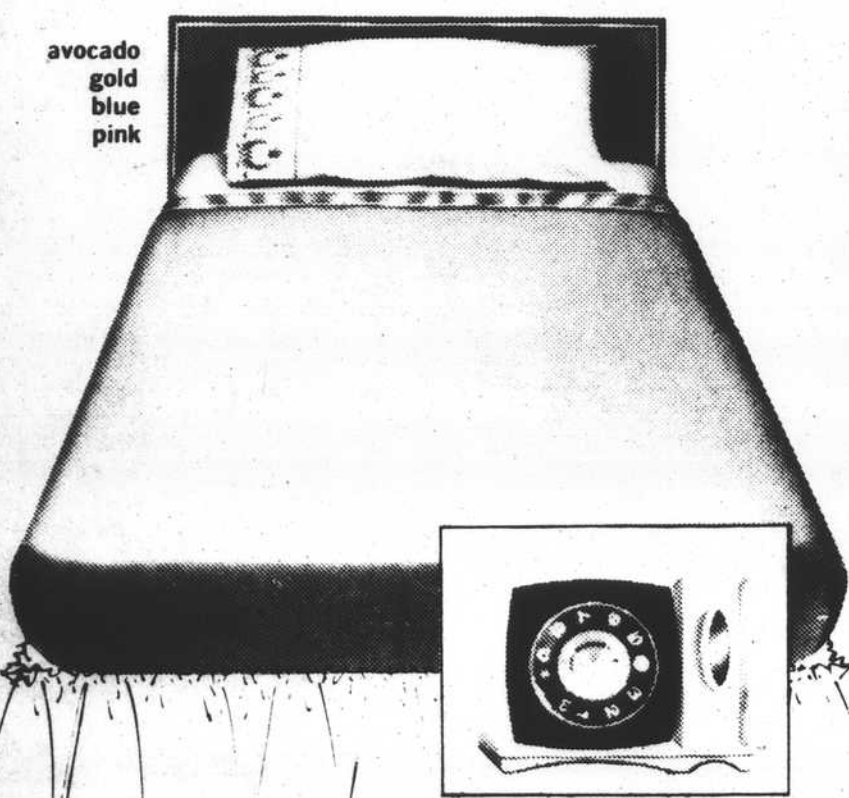
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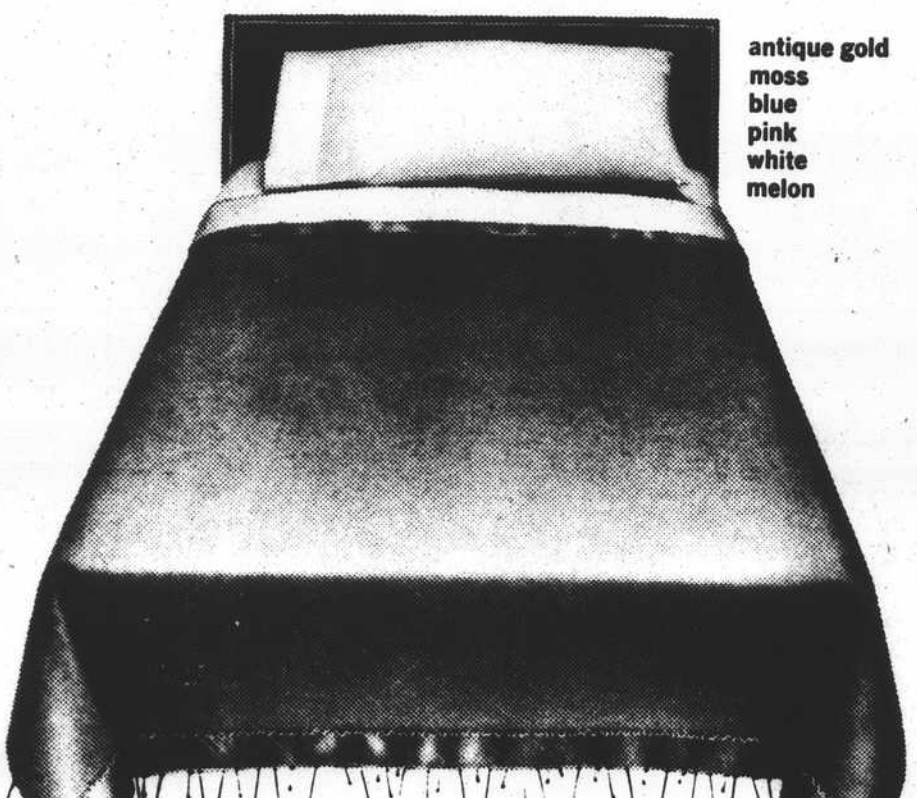
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### GRASSY BRANCH

Mrs. Louise Stephenson and children spent the weekend in Charlotte with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gillet.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Ashe and son, Clint, Jr. are spending their vacation in Wyandotte, Michigan. They expect to visit relatives and do some traveling and sight seeing, while away.

Alan Nash from Fort Lauderdale, Florida is spending a few days with his parent, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nash at their summer home, here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Plant, who have a summer home here, have returned to their home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida for a few days.

A picnic dinner was given at the Brendle picnic grounds and a large crowd attended.

### Extension News

Cantaloupe - rich in vitamin A and a good source of vitamin C rates high for summer breakfasts and fruit deserts. The cantaloupe or muskmelon to some, is the most popular of six small melon varieties all of which claim Asian ancestry. Cantaloupes are in the market from now until mid-fall. Enjoy them. North Carolina blueberries, first on the U.S. market, are top quality while supplies are down somewhat this year.

Mel Kolbe, Horticulturist, reports - the first North Carolina peaches are ripening fast and are in some markets. These are the early cling varieties. Look for increased supplies and more varieties in the next two weeks. Bananas are bargain values now due to the competition of many other fresh fruits.

One National Snack Food Sales official said, "We aren't giving up on snack foods - our market research forecasts tendency away from three formal meals a day. People will go more to five meals with a lot of snacking going on."

Swain County farmers who have lambs for this year's market should take note.

The lamb pool for this year will be held in Canton, North Carolina, July 13, at the Cattleman's Livestock Market.

The best market weight for lambs is from 90 to 110 pounds.

Lambs should arrive at the market between 7 and 10 a.m. All farmers planning to sell at this market should notify his County Agent's office of the number of lambs he plans to sell at least 10 days before the date of the sale.

### Ministers In Publication

NASHVILLE - Dr. James E. McReynolds, a Southern Baptist minister serving this summer as church relations representative at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, has written a worship liturgy for a United Methodist publication.

Dr. McReynolds' work, entitled "Love Is..." will appear in the October issue of Alive-Now, a modern magazine devoted to creative expressions of worship.

Produced by the Upper Room Foundation of Nashville, the format will be colorful, the articles fresh and vital, and the faith expressed in depth.

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