

# People

## CLOSE-UP

### Library reaches shut-ins with outreach

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Sylvia Brown and Gloria Flowers bring romance and mystery to area residents.

They also bring westerns, biographies and inspirational books to shut-ins through the Forsyth County Library Adult Outreach program.

The two are a team serving 330 patrons living in adult day care centers, elderly home-bound persons and others who can't get to the library. So, Ms. Brown

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"It's not exactly a ministry," says Ms. Flowers, a library assistant. "It's another way of caring...another way of letting them know someone cares."

The outreach program was started in 1972 with the help of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. Forsyth County now operates the program, the largest home visitation library in the area.

Ms. Brown says the program serves many residents who are around 80 and 90 years of age and she says "We've had some who have read everything we've got since the program was established."

Patrons can choose from 2,629 large print books, periodicals and regular print from the general library

shelves which Ms. Brown and Ms. Flowers lovingly gather for their visitation routes.

In going door-to-door and sometimes bedside to bedside, Ms. Brown says they are doing more than just delivering paperbacks and popular magazines.

"We are answering a need," Ms. Brown says. "There will be more older adults in the county in the future and we're going to grow to meet that need."

Ms. Flowers says working in the program has not been all together altruistic; she gets something back from the people she serves, particularly the elderly.

"You can learn so much from them as well," Ms. Flowers says. "I like to do this because it's reaching out to another person but it's also a personal investment."

Ms. Brown agrees and says she feels "like I'm bringing joy and cheer to someone else's life. They make you feel good."

Although she and Ms. Brown service more than 300 patrons, there is a need for more minority citizens to participate in the program.

Ms. Brown says that most blacks who are currently taking advantage of the program are senior citizens, but that there are younger black patrons who have been referred by social service agencies. Many of the younger patrons, she says, are victims of muscular dystrophy or muscular sclerosis.

One young person the team visits is Calvin Davis who has been confined to a wheelchair since an automobile accident left him a paraplegic.

Davis, once a promising high school basketball



Calvin Davis says the library's outreach program for shut-ins allows him to expand his horizons and has encouraged him to become an avid reader (photo by James Parker).

player, says he has a thirsty appetite for *Sports Illustrated*. He says the library program has made him an avid reader.

"I think it's great! If they hadn't started I wouldn't have started reading books," says Davis, a graduate of Parkland High School. "*Sports Illustrated* is one of my favorites, I also read about black history."

Keeping his mind in shape is important to Davis, and reading the books brought to him by Ms. Brown and Ms. Flowers every other week helps him do that.

"This is the only way to keep my mind stimulated other than the television," Davis says. "Reading is like an epidemic. I'm always saying 'just one more page.'"

Ms. Brown and Ms. Flowers also provide gothic novels and Sidney Sheldon novels for Mrs. Davis. Calvin's mother, who needs large print books because diabetes has affected her eyesight.

Ms. Brown says they can devote as much or as little

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCT. 29

- The Salvation Army Boys Club will sponsor a Halloween carnival from 5 to 9 p.m. The event, open to the public, will include a costume contest, games prizes and a spook house. Game tickets will cost 10 cents each. Admission to the carnival is free. For more information contact Thurmond Abbutt at 788-5761.

- IBM Stress Management will sponsor a workshop for personal growth and development as a way of managing stress from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, room 112. Annie Gaither Wince, R.N., will be the speaker for the event. For more information call 1-800-424-3670.

- The Chapter 1 program will sponsor a meeting for participants at 7:30 p.m. in Reynolds Auditorium. The meeting is also open to the general public.

FRIDAY, OCT. 30

- The Tarheel Association of Storytellers will host a Halloween storytelling and costume parade for preschool and kindergarten children from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Hanes Hosiery Recreation Center, 501 Reynolds Blvd. Children should come dressed in costume. Prizes will be awarded for the three best costumes. For more information call Shirley Holloway at 788-8948.

- A Halloween Festival, sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 921 begins at 7 p.m. at the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church. Games, prizes and refreshments will be part of the activities. Costumes are optional.

- The Winston Salem Recreation Department will hold Halloween carnivals at all 14 recreation centers between 6 and 7:30 p.m. The events are open to the public and admission is free. Call any one of the recreation centers for more information.

SATURDAY, OCT. 31

- To benefit the Belvin Chapel Building Fund, southern cooked meals including chicken plates, ribs and chitterlings plates will be sold at the home of Dorothy Jenkins, 4201 Cody Drive in the North Hill Development. For more information call 767-4816.

TUESDAY, NOV. 3

- The Forsyth Cancer Service will display items for women who have had breast cancer at 7:30 p.m. at the Glade Street. YWCA Refreshments and door prizes will be available. For more information call 725-7421.

THURSDAY, NOV. 5

- WFDD-FM (88.5) Wake Forest University's listener supported radio station will have its annual on-air fund drive, Campaign '87 through Nov. 11th. Listeners 21 or over who call in during the campaign will be eligible to win one of two grand prizes including a trip to New York with airfare, tickets to the New York Philharmonic performance and hotel accommodations. A weekend at Glendale Springs Inn will be the second grand prize. For more information please call Katherine E. Newton at 761-5257.

## SOCIAL NOTES

### John W. Fleming to keynote WSSU Homecoming event

Winston-Salem State University's Homecoming/Founder's Day celebration continues through Oct. 31 featuring educator Dr. John W. Fleming as keynote speaker Friday, Oct. 30.

Fleming, a retired educator and consultant for church relations at Shaw University in Raleigh, will deliver the address for the Founder's Day Convocation at 10 a.m. at the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium.

Fleming earned a B.A. degree at Shaw University and the master of divinity and the doctor of ministry degrees at Vanderbilt Divini-

ty School.

His professional experience includes teaching positions at Shaw, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, N.C. State University and Duke University. He has also been pastor at churches in Columbus County, Vance County and Rocky Mount.

An active civic and professional leader, Fleming is affiliated with the American Baptist Convention, the General Baptists State Convention of North Carolina, the American Association of University Professors, the NAACP and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

### Old Salem Sertoma Club elects officers

The Old Salem Sertoma Club of Winston-Salem elected new officers for 1988 at the Awards Banquet held recently at the Pinbrook Country Club.

Newly elected officers are Kathy MacKintosh, chairman, Lorraine Johnson, president, Vicki Kron, vice president - membership, Charlene Martin, vice president - programs, June Runyan, vice president - sponsorship, Gwynn Hooks, secretary, Susan Simpson, treasurer. Other officers include Barbara

Raker, sergeant at arms, Barbara Wolbrink, social director, Becky Pfaf, director of awards and achievement, Levonda Leamon, director of health and cheer, Nancy Burnett, inter-club director, and Susan Taylor, attendance director.

Old Salem Sertoma provides civic responsibility through community service.

Sponsorship targets are the speech and hearing impaired.



Fleming



Griffin

### Griffin, McCoy vie for alumni honors

The Winston-Salem State Alumni Association has announced the contestants for "Miss Alumni" 1987.

Mildred Griffin, a 1967 graduate, is a fifth grade teacher at Lewisdale Elementary School in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County schools. She is the mother of 10 children, six of whom are graduates of WSSU.

Mrs. Griffin is an active member of Friendship Baptist Church, Brown Alumni Chapter, the NAACP and the National Association of University Women.

Sandra Lawrence McCoy is a

1975 graduate. She received a B.S. Degree in nursing with a major concentration in critical care. She is married to the Rev. John T. McCoy and is president of Personal Touch Interiors.

Mrs. McCoy is sponsored by the Q. C. Ram Alumni Chapter of Charlotte.

"Miss Alumni" will be crowned at coronation ceremonies at the Annual Alumni Ball on Oct. 30. The ball will take place from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Benton Convention Center.

To win, the contestants must appeal for votes from the thousands of WSSU alumni across the country.

## ABOUT TOWN

### Johnsons plan golden wedding anniversary celebration

A golden weekend is planned for Elder and Mrs. James Johnson of Winston-Salem as the couple prepares to renew their wedding vows in celebration of their 50th anniversary together.

The celebration will be held at the Holiday Inn North at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31.

Elder C.W. Johnson Jr. of Asheville will be the officiating pastor.

Mrs. Johnson is a semi-retired employee of Mother and Daughter stores.

Johnson is a retired employee of AT&T.

Serving as maid of honor for the occasion will be Janie Johnson



Elder and Mrs. James Johnson will renew their wedding vows this weekend in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

of Asheville. Best man will be Harold Easter of Winston-Salem.

Also attending will be the couple's children, Audrey Easter, Reginald Johnson, Brian Johnson and Sabrena Johnson; their grandchildren, Danielle Glenn, Lillian Johnson, Brandon Johnson and Joseph Johnson.

The couple also has a daughter-in-law, Daphne Johnson, and a son-in-law, Harold Easter. ...

Beth A. Melcher has been appointed to a position as clinical psychologist with the Child Guidance Center.

She received her bachelor's degree from Miami University in 1979.