

# Nursing Homes, Rest Homes, And Who Pays The Bills?

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Raleigh...There are over 17,000 North Carolinians in the 193 licensed nursing homes in the state, according to Nathan H. Yelton, Assistant Secretary of Aging. Of that number the majority are women who are over 70 years of age. Women outnumber men three to one in nursing homes, he said.

"Most people know little or nothing about the types of nursing homes, the care provided, and the matter of payment until they are faced with the problem personally," said Yelton. "Some people think that their insurance will cover nursing home care, but most private insurance policies do not."

vides 24-hour-a-day skilled nursing services. The Intermediate Care Facility provides supportive care and nursing services but not at the continuous high skilled level of the Skilled Nursing Facility. A home may be licensed for both skilled and intermediate care beds, or they may choose to have only one of these levels.

"Approximately 80 percent of all nursing home residents in the state are Medicaid recipients, which means that Medicaid pays some part of the bill for 80 percent of nursing home residents," Yelton pointed out. "Eligibility for Medicaid is based on income and resources, and application is made through county Departments of Social

Services." On the other hand, Medicare, the insurance program through Social Security, will pay only for care in a Skilled Nursing Facility and then only on a very limited basis. "This is surprising to most people," Yelton said. "Medicare pays for approximately only four percent of nursing home care in this country."

People also become confused about rest homes - which we call residential care facilities. These are often mistakenly referred to as nursing homes, which they are not. These residents do not need nursing care, but they may have physical and mental infirmities that prevent them from maintaining homes of their own," Yelton explained.

Residential care facilities (rest homes) are in three categories: (1) the Family Care Home, which has from two to five adults and provides meaningful activities to enable individuals to function to the maximum of their abilities in a family setting; (2) the Home for the Aged and Infirm, which provides sheltered care for six or more adults, with activities structured to the needs of the individual within a group setting; and (3) the Group Home for Developmentally Disabled Adults, which is a small residence that provides care for two to nine adults who have been diagnosed as having a developmental disability. Only persons who are able to participate in employment and/or social activities in the community are admitted to the home.

"Neither Medicaid nor Medicare will pay for rest home care," said Yelton. Persons needing assistance in paying for care in a rest home should contact their county Department of Social Services.



Woolworth's saleslady Pattie Gallman is showing skein of yarn to customer Peggie White. (Photo by James Peeler)

## Woolworth Pushes For Standardization Of Merchandise

by Susan Ellsworth  
Post Staff Writer

Woolworth's has pushed for standardization of merchandise since the early 1900s, says Daniel Turcott, director of Woolworth Quality Assurance Laboratory.

"We're specialists in being generalists," said Turcott. Eight design and test engineers, a safety coordinator and a lawyer work together on all items seen in a Woolworth store. Woolworth stores stock up to 65,000 product lines.

Product testing at Woolworth is done in three phases. The customer's point of view comes first: How is a product packaged? Is it attractive, sufficiently protected and easy to unwrap? Are there manufacturer's instructions? Does the product do what it is supposed to do?

In phase two, the product is analyzed from the engineers' viewpoint in terms of construction, safety, intended use and its ability to meet Woolworth and government standards. Products are tested for flammability, tensility, content, ability to withstand stress and pressure, weathering, sizing and other considerations.

Customer complaints involving defective items are handled by the Manhattan lab. Whenever safety hazards are reported, the local stores are required to immediately contact the Quality Assurance safety coordinator. He then puts out word that similar items are to be removed from all Woolworth stores while the lab begins an investigation of the problem, usually within 24 hours.

The retail test lab participates in improving consumer protection, according to the Quality Assurance staff. "From where we stand, we can both see problems and help to implement changes," Turcott said.

"We know retailers' problems; we know manufacturers' problems, and, of course, the consumers' point of view is our meter."

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## Carter To Nominate

## Black To Judgeship

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Washington--President Jimmy Carter has announced he will nominate Anna Diggs-Taylor of Detroit, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. This is a new judgeship created by the Omnibus Judgeship Act of 1978.

Diggs-Taylor is presently supervising assistant corporate counsel in the Law Department of the City of Detroit.

She was born December 9, 1932, in Washington, D.C. She received a B.A. from Barnard College in 1954 and an LL.B. from Yale Law School in 1957.

From 1957 to 1960 Diggs-Taylor was an attorney in the Office of the Solicitor at the Labor Department. From 1961 to 1962 she was assistant prosecutor in the County Pro-

secutor's Office in Detroit. From 1965 to 1966 she was assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan. From 1967 to 1970 she was legislative assistant to Rep. Charles Diggs and manager of his Detroit office. She was with the Detroit firm of Zwerdling, Miller, Klimist and Maurer from 1970 until 1975, when she became supervising assistant corporate counsel for the City of Detroit.

## Bake Faster

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LOCAL STUDENT GRADUATES

Rickie L. McCollough, a Charlottean, recently graduated from North Carolina Central University in Durham where the renowned Rev. Jesse L. Jackson was the Commencement speaker.

Rickie received his B.S. degree in Business Administration; he concentrated in Financial Management.

In mid-June, Rickie will begin employment with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) in Washington, D.C. A graduate of Independence High School, Rickie is the son of Ms. Elizabeth McCollough of 2884 Horne Drive.



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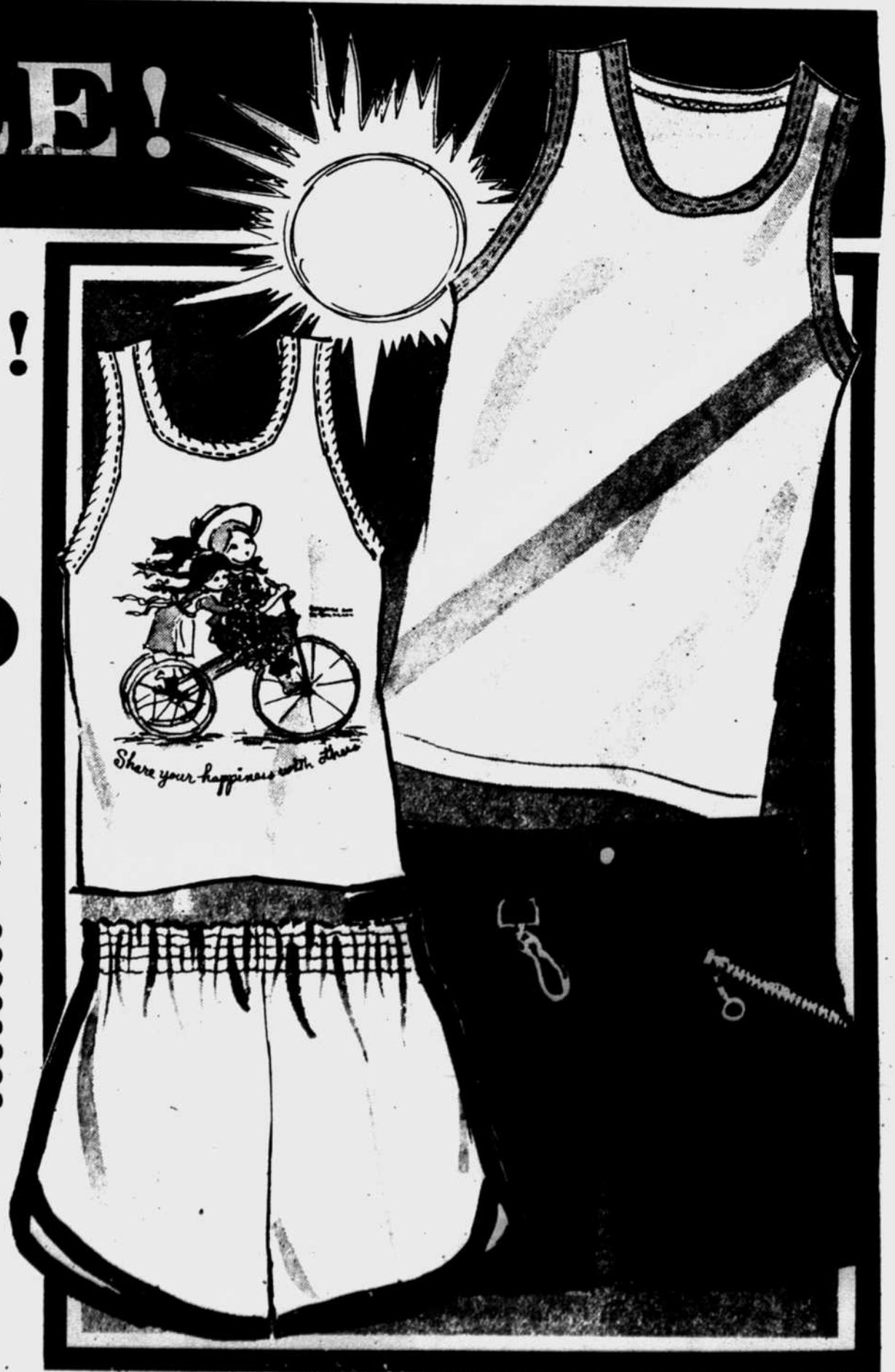
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