

**Sears-Roebuck**

**Gives \$1,606**

**To Livingstone**

Sears-Roebuck Foundation has contributed \$1,606 to Livingstone College. A check for that amount has been presented by Gene F. Myers, manager of the local Sears-Roebuck store, to Dr. F. George Shipman, president of the college.

The foundation is contributing over half a million dollars this year to privately owned and operated colleges and universities with \$45,000 coming into North Carolina.

"We are deeply indebted to the Sears-Roebuck Foundation," Dr. Shipman said, "for its support over the last several years. This gift will assist us in our Centennial Era efforts to strengthen curricular programs, student services, and the Centennial Capital Campaign Fund."

**City Council**

**Schedules**

**Public Hearing**

The Charlotte City Council will hold public hearings on Wednesday, March 12, at 2 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall for the purpose of hearing comments and suggestions on the proposed annexation of three areas adjacent to the city limits.

Persons wishing to speak should contact the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 600 East Trade St., telephone 374-2247, by noon the day of the hearings. Comments may be made orally or submitted in writing.

The City Council formally adopted four resolutions of intent on January 14, 1980, to annex approximately 7.5 square miles of land and 9,400 people. Due to the recent annexation by the town of Matthews, the Monroe Rd. area has been eliminated from the Charlotte annexation proposals. The remaining areas include the Sardis area, Carmel-Rea Rd. area and the Coulwood development. These areas represent 6.8 square miles of land and 9,198 people.

The effective date of annexation is set for June 30, 1980.

Persons with specific questions on the location of the areas should contact the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission, Cameron-Brown Building, 301 South McDowell St., telephone 374-2205.

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PRODUCE SALESMAN JOHN ERWIN

...With his Grandchildren

**Erwin Sells "Everything!"**

By Susan Ellsworth  
Post Staff Writer

Spring and summer bring not only warmer weather but John Erwin's fresh garden grown fruits and vegetables as well.

Erwin, a retired farmer sells everything from apples, oranges, and tangerines to pickles, pig feet, okra, cabbage, beans and corn.

He travels throughout the South Boulevard, West Boulevard and Hidden Valley areas in his own truck. When school is not in

session, his two live-in grandchildren, Shantina, 13 and La Monte, 8 and two other grandchildren accompany him.

Erwin, who lives in the Hidden Valley area has been a farmer all his life.

Although he retired from farming about 6 years ago, last summer Erwin decided to sell produce, for the exercise.

So, two to three days a

week he and his grandchildren go out into the neighborhoods. Erwin tends his garden on the other days.

"The fruits and vegetables are less expensive because I'm raising them myself," Erwin said,

To order fresh fruits and vegetables during the growing season (beginning in May) Charlotteans can call Erwin at 574-7764.

**RIF Has Become Very Successful**

RIF, or "Reading is Fundamental" has become an increasingly successful and popular program in North Carolina, according to officials with the State Department of Public Instruction and the RIF Office in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Mary Erkson, Technical Assistance Specialist with RIF in Washington, says that North Carolina's RIF program is the fastest growing in her six state region.

According to Ms. Jean Blackmon, Reading Consultant with the Department of Public Instruction, the program has expanded rapidly in recent months.

"The number of RIF programs in the state has jumped from 82 as of September 1, 1979 to 144 as of January 31, 1980," said Ms. Blackmon. "In addition, the number of students served has gone from 69,527 to 98,144 in the same period."

RIF, founded in 1966, is a program designed to motivate children to read by providing them an opportunity to choose and own inexpensive books.

RIF projects select and buy the books and offer them to youngsters at "Book Distributions." At least three such distributions must be held each year for a project to qualify for program participation.

According to Ms. Blackmon, a variety of organizations have participated

in North Carolina RIF projects.

"PTA's and schools are very involved," she said, "but groups such as the Boy and Girl Scouts, community centers, churches, libraries, civic groups, clubs and others have also participated."

One key to the program's success is parental involvement, according to Ms. Blackmon. "Parents are involved not only in setting up and operating the projects, but also in selecting books which will be available to the children."

Ms. Blackmon also noted that sponsoring groups are encouraged to make the Book Distributions as festive as possible.

**Spelling Bee**

The 1980 Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools "Spelling Bee" will be held Tuesday, March 17 beginning at 9 a.m. Junior high school contestants (one from each school) will meet in Room 237 at the Education Center, and elementary contestants will meet in the former Curriculum Library.

For additional information, contact Dr. Genie Ball, CMS English Specialist, 372-8620, ext. 271.

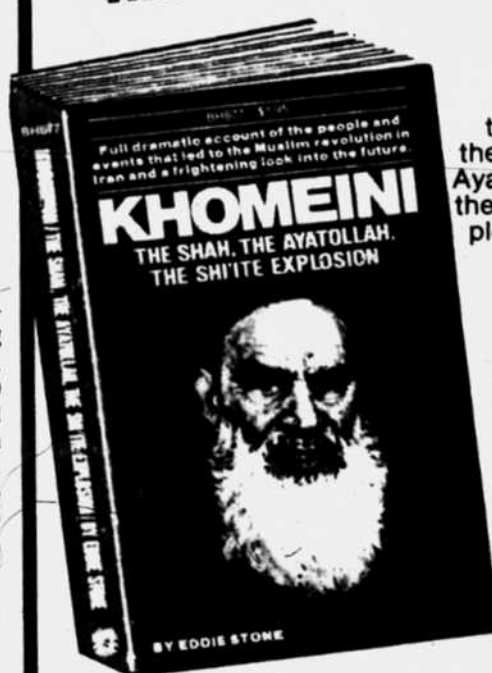
**Unit Pricing**

Use unit pricing to find the brand and container size of food that costs least per unit - pound, ounce or pint.

According to Ms. Blackmon, sponsors of local RIF projects select the books themselves, from among books published by approximately 280 different publishers.

For more information, contact Jean Blackmon, Reading Consultant, Department of Public Instruction, 919-733-2466.

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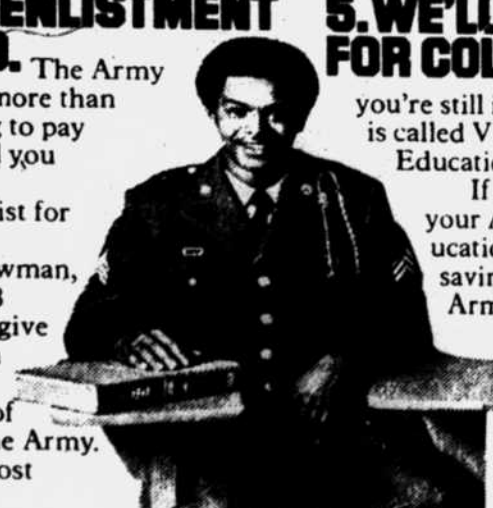


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