

Mrs. Kitchen Possesses Special Gifts

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor
Everyone at the convalescent home felt that that one elderly lady could ... or would not speak to anyone. She seemed to be an empty shell.



Dorothy Kitchen
...Awarded pin

Until Dorothy C. Kitchen touched her. A nursing assistant now at the Providence Convalescent Residence, Mrs. Kitchen possesses special gifts and talents from God.

A special touch, and a pure smile of caring seemed to bring that special elderly lady to the surface and she said, "Mrs. Kitchen why don't you give the other girls your talent?"

"I call it the gift of the Holy Spirit," Mrs. Kitchen announced. Mrs. Kitchen has worked at the Providence Convalescent Residence for eight years. She was recently awarded a special service pin for her devoted work.

"I get a joy out of my work. I enjoy patients and I try to communicate with my patients. I get a joy out of helping people," she professed.

"I believe the Lord led me to the nursing home. When I was a teenager I helped my mother, Flossie Caudle Cathey, my sister, Joyce Cathey Hudson and my brother, French Cathey, take care of my grandparents. From there I felt this was my calling... that God has given me a gift and a talent."

Mrs. Kitchen's mother owned and operated a beauty shop. Both Mrs. Kitchen and her sister, Joyce, received their diplomas in cosmetology but both also received training to become nurses' assistants in nursing centers.

Mrs. Kitchen for instance took her training at the Woods-Morgan's Beauty and Barber College. She took classes at the Red Cross Nursing Class in high school and further trained as a nurses' assistant at Presbyterian Hospital. She has also worked and trained in the St. Raphael's Hospital in New Haven, Connecticut.

eliminate crime. This would be my preference of change in this world."

Mrs. Kitchen is a strong believer in prayer and loves to listen to spiritual music. She also enjoys reading the Bible. She attends Mt. Carmel Baptist Church where Rev. Leon C. Riddick is pastor. She participated in the Health Fair at the church sponsored by the Nurses Guild of the

church. She is also a member of the Sunday School Department and participates in the Missionary Department.

Being one to refuse to think negatively, Mrs. Kitchen is known for the smile she keeps on her face. She is also known for the sunshine and love she emits everyday. The same love and sunshine she shares with her many patients.

C. W. Williams Health Center Adheres To Commitment

By Loretta Manago
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Barely more than a year old the C. Williams Health Center, formerly the Metrolina Comprehension Center, continues to adhere to their principles of commitment to the community.

In addition to the multi-services they already provide, the C. Williams Health Center now offers to its patients a prescription service. Patients who meet the center's qualifications can get prescriptions filled at an adjusted rate.

The C. W. Williams Center which is located at 3333 Wilkinson Blvd., is open to anyone in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area, but for those seeking financial aid one must be a resident of Charlotte.

Also to qualify for aid proof of income and the number of children must be submitted to the center by

the applicant.

Other services provided by the center are: immunization for children, prenatal care, management of chronic diseases, physical examinations, hypertension, heart disease, diabetes, family planning, the common cold and flu, and some preventive dental care.

The C. W. Williams staff consists of: director, Thelma Council; staff doctor Howard Wilson; family health worker, Deborah Williamson and a licensed practical nurse.

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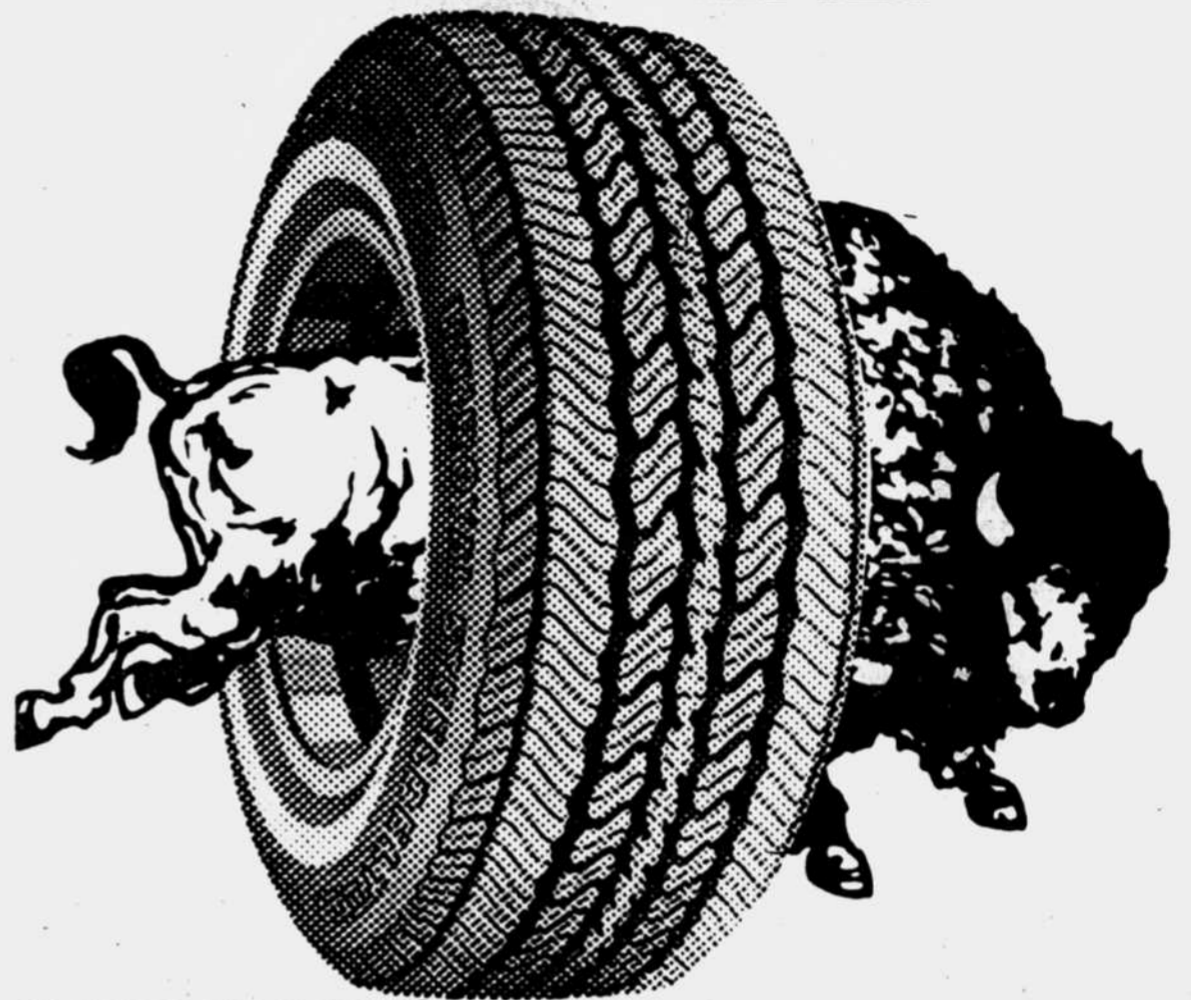
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