



**Sarah Ballard
Ballard Retires
After 40 Years**

For the past 40 years education has been Sarah Cherry Ballard's profession. Knowing early in life that her goal would be to help all those she came in contact with to perceive and appreciate their own God-given worth, Mrs. Ballard's career has been a "labor of love".

Mrs. Ballard retired from Chantilly Elementary School where she spent 17 years. Working so closely with children, Mrs. Ballard's word of advice for those who follow in that profession is: "Be fully aware that children do know when they are loved, respected and treated fairly. A guide in dealing with children and others should be 'The Golden Rule'."

While Mrs. Ballard spent most of her professional career as a librarian, the first job she accepted in 1945 was that of a Science and Mathematics teacher at C.F. Hope High School in Burgaw, NC.

However her first introduction to the library system came in 1950 when she worked for the Fairfield County Training School in Winnsboro as a librarian/teacher. Mrs. Ballard spent six years there and was very instrumental in helping the school set up and operate its first library.

Although Mrs. Ballard and her husband moved to Charlotte, in 1952 she continued to work at Fairfield. But when the couple began to plan their family, Mrs. Ballard decided to work more closely to home. It was in 1957 that Mrs. Ballard accepted a librarian's position at the Alexander Street School and Morgan School. 1957 was also the year that she and her husband became the parents of a son, Gary.

Mrs. Ballard's work as a librarian shone. It wasn't long before she was singled out to update the library organization and services at Alexander Street School, Fairview Elementary School and Ada Jenkins School after the city and county school systems consolidated.

In 1960, she was elected to serve as librarian at Druid Hills School when it opened in the fall of 1960 and served there for 10 years.

Work was just one facet of Mrs. Ballard's life. Since she has resided in the Druid Hills community, she has been an active member of its community organizations, including the Druid Hills Garden Club and Druid Hills Action Committee. Presently she is first vice-chairperson for Druid Hills Precinct #56 Committee.

Her involvement with the church has also made up a large part of her life. A member of First Baptist Church-West, Mrs. Ballard is superintendent of the junior high school and senior high school department and teaches the junior high school class.

A graduate of Shaw University where she received her BS in Science and Mathematics Mrs. Ballard also attained her Masters of Science degree in Library Science from the Catholic University of America. Her son, Gary and his wife, Betty Jean who are employed with the North Hampton County School are the parents of 15-month old Gary Dean Ballard Jr.

Going On Vacation? Here Are Things To Do Before You Leave

Going on vacation means leaving it all behind -- from the nine-to-five routine to the hassles of housework. But in the flurry of planning and packing, don't overlook a few steps that can ensure both a care-free vacation and a happy homecoming. Here's an "energy savings and safety checklist" that will help get you off on the right foot.

- * Put timers on lights to save energy as well as make your home appear occupied while you're away. Inexpensive, easy-to-install timers are available at most building supply stores.
- * Unplug any appliances that will not be in use while you're away.
- * Room air conditioners should be turned off even if you're

- away only for a few hours. A central air conditioner, however, can be set a higher temperature so it cycles on less often. If you plan to be away for longer than a few days, you may want to consider turning it off.
- * Close draperies, curtains and shades to keep the house as cool as possible.
- * Unplug all clocks, radios and

- televisions. Although they use little power, if you plan to be away for a long period of time, these small users can add up. And don't forget clocks on microwave ovens and VCRs.
- * Dehumidifiers that do not have a drain hose or an automatic shut-off should be disconnected.
- * And, finally, have neighbors check your home every few days.

- Leave instructions about what to do if a problem arises -- where the fuse or breaker box is located, phone numbers for your plumber.
- * Be patient when you return home. Turning the air conditioner thermostat to the lowest setting will not cool the house any faster, and you'll waste energy.
- When everything's been checked, relax. And Bon Voyage!

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"Age doesn't matter unless you're a cheese."
Billie Burke