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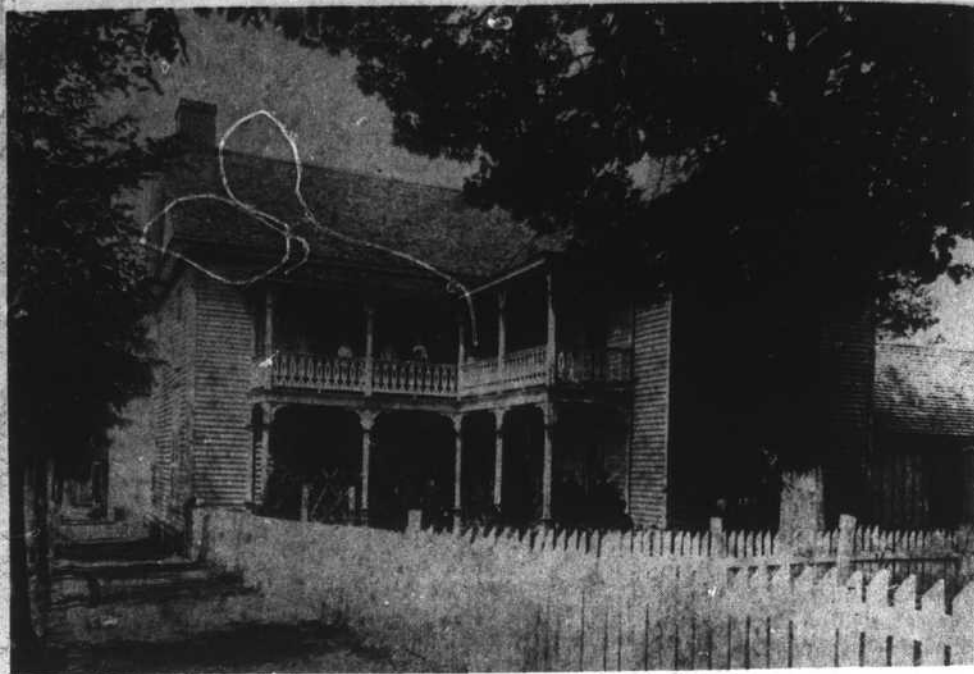
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★ BICENTENNIAL "GOLDEN OLDIES" ★



THE McMINN HOUSE: This was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Van Buren McMinn. On Main Street, it was located where Plummer's Store was later built. The portion of the home closer to the sidewalk was formerly a store, but in 1885 or 1886, the L was added. It is thought that the occasion for this picture was probably the completion of the construction work in 1886. Mr. and Mrs. McMinn ran the house for businessmen and "summer boarders" until the "Athelwold" (to be featured later) and the "Hunt Cottages" opened. Shortly, many other tourist homes and cottages began to operate during the summer months. (Photo: M. J. McCrary, given to her by Beulah Zachary)



First Union National's Earnings Set Record

First Union National Bank had the finest earnings year in its history in 1974, according to the annual report released by Cameron Financial Corporation, the bank's parent company.

In summarizing the report, Ray N. Simmons, First Union's city executive here, said the bank contributed \$17.8 million, or \$2.93 a share, to corporate earnings before security transactions in 1974. This was an increase of 62.6 per cent over 1973 earnings when the bank contributed \$11 million, or \$1.80 a share, before security transactions.

Mr. Simmons said that since 1972 First Union's earnings have increased by approximately 123 per cent.

While the bank's performance was strong, Mr. Simmons said, the overall earnings of Cameron Financial Corporation declined in 1974 as the result of losses sustained by Cameron-Brown Company, the corporation's mortgage banking subsidiary headquartered in Raleigh.

According to the report, Cameron-Brown Company was severely impacted by the depression in the housing industry and lost money for



RAY SIMMONS

the first time in its 28-year history.

The company's net loss after tax in 1974 was \$7,457,000, or \$1.23 a share, in 1974, compared to net earnings of \$2,452,000, or 40 cents a share in 1973.

The overall earnings performance of Cameron Financial in 1974 resulted in income before security transactions of \$11.5 million, or \$1.88 a share, compared to \$13.7 million, or \$2.24 a share

earned in 1973, according to the report.

Simmons said that First Union earnings were achieved in a year when inflation, historically high cost of funds and other economic factors caused acute concern in all sectors of the economy.

"These pressures were keenly felt in the banking industry," he said.

"First Union's earnings achievement in the 1974 environment primarily reflects the successful implementations of management programs adopted to improve results in three strategic areas: increase in net interest margin and non-interest income, and control of non-interest expenses," Simmons concluded.

In his letter to shareholders in the report, C. C. Cameron, chairman and president of Cameron Financial, said that "a specific forecast of corporate performance for 1975 would be unwise in view of the economic uncertainties presently confronting us."

Noted Methodist Speaker At Brevard Convocation

Dr. Daniel W. Wynn, director of the Office of College Support, Section of Schools, Colleges and Universities of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church, will be guest speaker at the Brevard College Convocation on Wednesday, April 2, at 10 a.m. in Dunham Auditorium.

Dr. Wynn is a native of Wewoka, Oklahoma. He holds five earned degrees including the Ph. D. and the honorary D. D., and has done post graduate work at Harvard University, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel, and the University of Oklahoma.

For 12 years, he served as professor and chaplain at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. He has also served in the capacity of Dean of Religion at Bishop College, Marshall, Texas and Dean of Students at Langston University. He has held his



DR. DANIEL W. WYNN

Candy Stripers Help To Fill Lonely Hours

BY DOROTHY OSBORNE
Times Staff Writer

Every Saturday morning, Kim Palmer and Diane Aiken, dressed in perky red and white striped pinafores and white blouses, report for duty in the Skilled Nursing Facility at the Transylvania Community Hospital.

The two girls work four hours each with the patients there, making beds, getting ice water, assisting with baths, helping them from the bed to a favorite chair, feeding them and just visiting.

"I think they like for us to visit with them best, especially when there's only one patient in a room," Kim said.

As she went from room to room, smoothing the covers, or patting a shoulder, the patients, some of whom cannot speak, held Kim and Diane with their eyes.

One of them, Mrs. Mary Peterson, obviously a favorite, held Kim's hand and wouldn't let go.

The two girls stopped to see Mrs. Emma Gillespie, who said she was the first patient in the Skilled Nursing Facility at the hospital.

"I am cleaning house this morning," she said. Mrs. Gillespie still sews and does other things to fill the long hours of the day.

"They do a good job at any thing they do," Mrs. Gillespie said, praising the girls. "They are always on hand when I call. They are always nice and kind and sweet to me."

She pointed out a bowl of flowers that a son, Arthur Gillespie, had brought earlier that morning. The daffodils, forsythia, grape hyacinths and other spring flowers were grown at her home, Mrs. Gillespie said.

"I'm real proud of (skilled nursing facility)," she said. "I think it's a wonderful thing for Transylvania County."

Later the two girls talked about being Candy Stripers and their training for it. They are two of 24 who completed their orientation recently.

Diane, age 16, is a quiet girl who is thinking about nursing as a career. Kim, with a big grin, is quick to speak up.

"We learned to be nice to the people," Diane said. "When you go into a room, smile. That makes them feel better."



DIANE AIKEN



KIM PALMER

The girls, she said, learned to make a bed and roll it down, learned the rules of the hospital, and how to feed the patients who need help.

"The main thing is to feed them slowly so that they won't get choked."

While Diane and Kim work with the long term patients, other Candy Stripers work in the wing for the acute patients.

Diane chose the skilled nursing facility "because I like working with older people," she said.

Rene Smith, who has been a Candy Striper just longer than a year, said, "When I first started, the skilled unit wasn't open."

She and Tonita Owen, who usually works with Kim and Diane, had just finished delivering the lunch trays on the acute wing and came over to the skilled nursing unit.

Currently, there are 42 Candy Stripers who work on a regular basis, according to Mrs. Ro Ann Balding, R. N., instructor, and Mrs. Jean Lafean, hospital auxiliary, who co-ordinate the program.

The girls who work in the Skilled Nursing Facility, Mrs. Balding said, received special training in geriatrics for that purpose.

Each girl works at least four hours each week. Since December 1973, some 64 girls

in four orientation classes, have worked a total of 1,955 hours.

Girls receive caps after 50 hours of service, and pins after 100 hours.

Those who recently completed training to work in the Skilled Nursing Facility, in addition to Diane, Kim and Tonita, include Denise Owen, Patty Donaldson, Robbie Davenport, Brenda Mull, Ruth Osteen, Kathy Miller, Cindy Rigsby, Cindy Huters, Connie Cope, Cindy Howell, Darlene Lovely, Becky Whitener, Pam Grant, Sue Lankford, Margaret Miller, Mary Ellen Wilson, Debbie Brown, Debbie Burgess and Sherry Lowery.

Other active Candy Stripers include JoAnn Spanbauer, Karen Phillips, Kathy Beddingfield, Teresa Baker, Pam McCall, Teresa Butler, Annette Reiter, Robbie Whitlock, Lynnette Sellers, Derene Netherton, Laurie Talley, Mildred McKinney, Charlene Smith, Gwendy Waser, Joyce Pressley, Vickie Howard, Joy Becker, Lynn McGee and Renee Smith.

Two 'America' Series Films To Be Viewed

Two films in the "America" series will be shown at Brevard College the week of March 30. "Money on the Land" will be shown Tuesday, April 1, and "Inventing a Nation" will be shown Thursday, April 3.

In "Money on the Land" modern Chicago is shown dissolving into the countryside it grew from: a "gorgeous deposit of raw material ready for mass cultivation and shipping and processing," ready for exploitation by opportunistic turn-of-the-century industrialists.

It takes a decade in "Inventing a Nation" to hammer out a constitution based on what Cooke calls our three great principles: "compromise, compromise, compromise."

The secret Independence Hall debates involving Hamilton, Mason and Madison set precedence for modern politics, while a visit to Jefferson's Virginia home, Monticello, gives insight into the mind which created our Bill of Rights.

Then a westward surge follows Daniel Boone across the Appalachians, expanding the character of the new republic "beyond the imagining of the learned and graceful men of the 18th century".

"Money on the Land" will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 1 and "Inventing a Nation" will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 3. Residents of Transylvania County, faculty, staff, and students of Brevard College are invited to this series. There is no admission charge.



DR. ROBERT BLOCKER

Robert Blocker In Concert Monday

Robert Blocker, concert pianist, will appear at Dunham Music Center, Brevard College, on March 31, at 8:15 p.m. Admission is free, and the publi is invited. The program will include the Fantastic Pieces, Opus 12, by Robert Schumann, three Etudes by Russell Wragg, and the F minor Sonata, Opus 5, by Johannes Brahms.

At the age of five, Mr. Blocker began his musical studies with Louise Mathis in Charleston, S.C. His debut came ten years later with the Charleston Symphony Orchestra in historic Dock Street Theatre.

Attending Furman University on scholarship, Mr. Blocker studied with Professor David Gibson and earned his Bachelor of Arts in Music degree.

Graduate piano studies were pursued at North Texas State University under the tutelage of Richard Cass, eminent American concert

pianist. After earning the Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees in piano performance, Mr. Blocker has made a career as an artist-teacher.

Currently Dr. Blocker serves as chairman of the Fine Arts Division at Brevard College. Recently he was elected as an outstanding Educator of America, 1975. This summer Mr. Blocker will serve on the artist faculty of Brevard Music Center.

Recent music activities include a tour for the South Carolina Tricentennial Commission, a tour as piano soloist with the Ft. Worth (Texas) Symphony, and an appearance with the Hendersonville Symphony.

Frequently sought as a recitalist and clinician, critics hail Blocker's playing as "imaginative and sensitive". A prodigious technique, combined with power and unlimited tonal control, makes Mr. Blocker one of today's most exciting pianists.

BHS Student Elected To Head N. C. Group

Lynne McGee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer McGee, Box 249 Rosman Highway, was elected to the office of president-elect of N. C. Health Careers Club on March 15.

She had previously been to Raleigh and was interviewed as a candidate to run for state office.

From there she went to Greensboro where she campaigned for 2 days prior to being elected.

Lynne is presently involved in the HCC of Brevard High School. She is also active in the H. S. Chorus, Acteens, and is a candy stripper at the hospital.

She is interested in a Health Field for her future. She has been on the honor roll six out of seven times while in High School.

Lynne was heard to remark

after she was elected "I can't believe that I've really been elected. I feel very honored to have been chosen for this high honor."

Blantyre Residents Are Busy

BY MRS. ADA REED

Mrs. Edith Smith of Lincolnton has returned to her home after visiting with her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. John Smith.

Mrs. Howard Setzer of Candler visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Reed last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Heffner and son, Cris, of Hickory spent last Thursday and Friday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Owens.

Mrs. Lester Brown and children, Rosemary, Barbara, Carl, and Doug, visited with relatives in the Leicester section last Sunday.

Donnie Grover and daughters, Denise and Paula, of Hendersonville visited with Mr. and Mrs. James Owen last Thursday.

Earl Gray of Etowah visited in this section recently.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. Weaver Brown, Miss Linda Austin, Mrs. Jame Owen, and J. B. Norton Jr.

Mrs. John Reed and J. B. Norton Sr. are now home from the hospital.



KIM PALMER makes Mrs. Mary Patterson more comfortable as Diane Aiken stands by.