Teacher, Artist Concludes 13 Years Of Foster Care

Mars Hill, N.C. - Linda Gail King graduated in high school just a few days ago. She has an a foster child in the home of Mrs. Thaida toberts for the past four years. With Linda's move into adulthood and the pursuit of a reer in nursing, foster mother Roberts also inters a new roll - retirement.

Mrs. Roberts has served foster children for e Baptist Children's Homes of N.C. for thirteen years. When she and her husband, Iwood, began serving children they were both teachers. She was a public school teacher and Mr. Roberts was a music instructor for Mars Hill College.

Mr. Roberts' untimely death shortly after their home was licensed for foster care has eft Mrs. Roberts alone with this challenge.

"Mrs. Roberts has served children from all parts of North Carolina and she has done an outstanding job," comments Hugh Starnes, Western Area Administrator for the BCH.

Since retirement from teaching, Mrs. Roberts has studied art and is a very accessful artist now. Her works in pastels, sils, and chalk have been very well received in everal art shows in western North Carolina ind are selling well, according to Mr. Starnes. The artist has supplied paintings as door

Anyone visiting Mrs. Roberts' home now vill soon hear her speak of former children successful art shows already in Western North Carolina. who send Mother's Day cards, flowers and etters to thank her for her investment in their



wizes for the past two Christmas parties for Thaida Roberts helps with pride. Mrs. Roberts has been a foster parent for 13 years. In the background are samples of Mrs. Roberts' newest interest: painting. She has held several

> "Mrs. Thaida Roberts will be missed as a foster mother but she will continue to be a

treasured friend," Starnes notes.

Pick Vegetables Properly

color fades

Growing your home garden are likely to be less tasty and vegetables properly is only flavorful. They probably will half the game. You've got to have a starchy taste. pick them right, too.

ticulturists point out that limas

Picking too early is wasteful, Take lima beans, for so look for a happy medium. example. North Carolina State University extension hor-

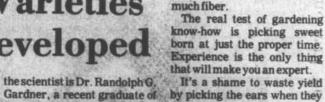
A good way to tell when the bean is ready to pick is the change in color. Green seeded that stay on the bush too long types of limas turn white as

Tomato Varieties To Be Developed

North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station has employed a scientist to develop new and improved tomato varieties for Western North Carolina. Dr. Kenneth R. Keller,

Cornell University. He will be stationed at the Mountain Station at Fletcher.

other hand, corn left on the Horticultural Crops Research stalk far too long isn't good for much but feeding Dr. Gardner's primary job livestock. On the other hand, if will be to develop and test acting station director, said it is only slightly beyond maturity, there is some reduction in quality but the volume is much greater. If you're inexperienced, there is only one solution: trial and error. But don't pull back



they become over-mature. you're canning the tomatoes, Speckled seeded types develop pick them fully, red ripe but specks or blotches as the green not mushy.

Picking snap beans at the Registration right time is important, too. Pick these when pods are fully Deadline Is developed but when seeds are no more than 50 percent of Mon., July 19 their normal size. If you let them stay on the bush too long, you'll have beans with too

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The Madison County board of elections reminds voters that the registration deadline for the Aug. 17 primary is July 19 at 4:30 p.m.

This deadline also applies to those who have changed their address or moved to another precinct. "Those voters residing in the north and south are grossly immature. On the precincts who have moved since their initial registration should contact the board of elections to make sure they are registered in the proper precinct since the former Marshall precinct has been divided," officials said.

Boating Checklist Available

the shuck on the tips of too many ears. Exposed kernels attract large numbers of inthe left?

sects, and they can destroy the If you're like most boat ear in short order. owners, these things can be-Pulling tomatoes isn't so confusing. That's why the critical. You can pretty well North Carolina Wildlife see what you're getting when Resources Commission is you take them from the vine. If offering a free decal that you

mittee has placed a historical marker in Walnut which proclaims the village was once known as Jewell Hill and was the county seat of government.

can mount on your boat (in the

Do buoys confuse you? Can cockpit or anywhere you like) you remember which ones to that will give you this boating pass on the right, and which on -information at a glance.

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General Fund Collections **Up Nearly 20%**

May net N. C. General Fund ions amount ed to \$152.9 million, compared to \$127.8 million collected in May, 1975, an increase of \$25.1 million, or 19.6 percer

For the first 11 months of the current fiscal year, net General Fund collections were \$1.4775 billion compared to \$1.3779 billion for the first 11 months of the 1974-75 fiscal year, an increase of \$99.6 million, or 7.23 percent.

May net Highway Fund collections amounted to \$26.7 million compared with \$24.6 million collected in May, 1975, an increase of \$2.1 million or 8.6 percent. Gasoline Tax receipts amounted to \$23.2 million compared to \$22 million collected in May, 1975, an increase of \$1.2 million, or 5.47 percent.

Net Highway Fund collections for the first 11 months of the current fiscal year were \$356 million as compared to \$330 million collected during the first 11 months of the 1974-75 fiscal year.



FARM RECORDS PROGRAM SERVES MANY PURPOSES

A milk producer in the Piedmont, through a study of computer processed business records for o dairy farms throughout the state, learned that his 'o milk output was well below average and his costs were substantially higher than for most other operations of similar size, according to Bill Humphries, agricultural information specialist at N. C. State University.

The farmer realized immediately that he couldn't afford to stay in milk production unless he could improve the efficiency of his operation.

He sought and obtained the assistance of a county extension agent in revamping his breeding and feeding practices. In just one year, his here average in milk output was increased by 2,000 pounds per cow.

"This farmer didn't realize how poorly he was doing until he saw a summary of the records of other dairymen with operations of similar size,' said Stephen R. Sutter, extension farm records specialist at North Carolina State University.

N. C. State University has been conducting computer farm records program since the mid-1960s. It has been expanded gradually until it now includes 335 farmers producing commodities ranging from milk, beef and hogs to poultry, tobacco, other field crops, and fruit and other horticultural crops.

The benefits of the program, however, are notlimited to participating farmers. In fact, the major purpose of the program is educational. The records of producers of various commodities provide valuable information that is used by extension agents and specialists in seeking to improve farm production and marketing efficiency throughout the state. Sutter said farm business records help the farmer

in several ways:

They facilitate income tax filing.

They aid in making such management decisions as which commodities to produce and on what: scale, and what actions could increase production efficiency.

- They enable the farmer to monitor particular expense items periodically.

They are useful in applying for and managing the use of credit.

Computerized processing makes it possible to 2 convert data involving a large number of busine transactions into usable statements with great" speed and accuracy, Sutter said. Thus the farmer has more time available for business analysis and long-range planning.

To participate in the records program, the farmer agrees to pay a fee ranging from \$5 to \$20 a month, depending on the size of his business as measured by cash receipts. The fee covers processing costs for the farmer's records.

Once a month the farmer mails in, on standard forms, records of his expenses and returns and changes in inventory. The transactions are summarized through computer processing and a printout is returned to the farmer showing his operating statement of receipts and expenses for the month

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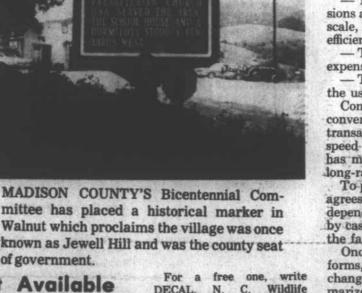
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By JOHN C. DILLS ...It looked like a real old-fashioned stumping campaign Saturday for R. P. (Bo) Thomas, as more than 2,700 persons converged on the Thomas family farm on Wilmont Drive to feast on barbecued pork and ribs and fried chicken.

Thomas is seeking the Democratic nomination for Congress from the 11th District, a seat now held by Rep. Roy A. Taylor of Black Mountain.

The celebrators came from Hen-derson, Rutherford, McDowell, Polk, derson, Rutherford, McLoweil, Polk, Transylvania, Jackson, Swain, Cherokee, Madison, Haywood and Buncombe counties, and some others would have been there if the rains on the Balsams hadn't stoped them. Some came anyway, late. One visitor, Oscar Lopez, came from Culiacon, Mexico.

They came to eat, to hear the Deep South Band from Waynesville, and to watch the Southern Applalachian Cloggers from Canton and the Piney fountain Dancers from Hen-

bomas himself put on a little show h the Canton cloggers, dancing

h them. Viends of the candidate roasted in pigs weighing shout 300 pounds h, and 700 pounds of beef, and fried D pieces of chicken. y 0 p.m. the food was gone. homas, in a brief speech, told his lines that "the mail business

"If, " he said, "the income tax is good enough for working people, it's good enough for the rich people. If we get the money the rich aren't paying, education will be better, mental health will be better, and we can clear the clogged creeks."

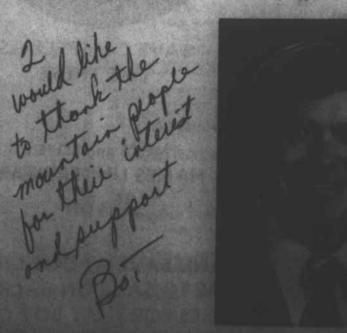
Thomas said he appreciated the people coming from long distances "on these twisting mountain roads," and pledged that if he is elected to Congress, "I'll be for you, keep the high priced ones home; said Bo."

In remarks to the press before the 5 p.m. barbecue began, Thomas said

he has stumped the entire 11th district and has discovered that "the citizens of this district are convinced the failure to solve most of our problems in Washington is because the legislative processes for too long have been dominated by the legal profession."

Thomas called himself the "hardworking mountain businessman who presents himself to you as an alternative."

Several other candidates also attended the barbacue, to shake hands and drum up support, but none spoke.



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