

From The Home Agent's Desk

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Monday, December 5, 8:30 a.m. Staff Conference

Tuesday, December 6 District Program of Work Workshop at Galatia Church.

Wednesday, December 7 Wayside Extension Homemakers Christmas Luncheon.

HINT: Small clothing items make fantastic Christmas gifts.

If you've looked around downtown Raeford lately, you'll find that

the Christmas decorations are already up. Have you started making your purchases yet for the holiday? If not -- clothing items could be good purchases. But first take the time to consider the following points:

-the age and taste for whom you're going to make the purchase.
-will it give high standards of performance and will it be comfortable?

-will it go with anything in his/her wardrobe?
-how often will it require clean-

ing?
-is it machine or hand washable?
-And last but not least, can you afford the purchase out of your budget?

The above considerations should be evaluated also if you are going to make the garment. There is nothing more disappointing than not seeing your precious Christmas gift not being used, especially if it was hand made.

Make your special friend happy on Christmas Day with a clothing item that will serve his or her needs.

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Read Psalm 119:65-71
"It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes." (Psalm 119:71)
Some time ago I was feeling

severely depressed and was told later that I had been classified as "suicidal." I felt as though I were merely existing and not really alive at all.

Two matches, each one lighting one of the pockets on my shirt, were all it took for me to tempt the hand of fate.

I spent the next several months in the hospital in agony and severe pain from the second- and third-degree burns that covered over half of my body. But the incident opened my eyes to an encouraging reality. For the first time I realized all the reasons I had to strive to be a victor in life instead of being the defeated one.

Most important of all, it opened up my heart to receive God's love. Suddenly, miraculously, I was a new creation. Now I am more aware of the cries for help of others and not just in tune with my own problems.

PRAYER: Eternal God, we thank Thee for Thy love and forgiveness for all our sins. Help us to use what we have learned from our mistakes as a better foundation for the future. In Christ's name. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
With Christ my life is a challenge, not a battle.

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THE UPPER ROOM
--Ruth Arlene Reiff
(New Jersey)



NEW HOSPITAL'S FIRST BABY -- Newborn Katie Lippard, 33 minutes old, is cradled in her mother's arms in Moore Memorial Hospital's new \$16 million, 149-bed addition. Obstetrical patients were the first to be admitted to the new facility, which will be fully operational early this month. Katie arrived Nov. 17 at 1:57 p.m. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lippard, live in Raeford. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Livingston and Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Lippard.

Housing Tips

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WINTER WATERING -- Plants need moisture, even in winter. This is especially true of newly-planted trees and shrubs. When frost covers plants, and the days and nights are cold, we tend to forget that plants may need watering. If there is a lack of rainfall, it is advisable to soak soil around plants at least once a week. Apply water slowly, let the garden hose dribble around plants for several hours. Be sure to apply enough water to thoroughly soak soil throughout the root zone.

NEW LOOKS FOR OLDER HOMES -- If not already done -- like last Sunday afternoon -- make immediate plans for any landscape improvement to your property. New plantings should be made between now and very early next spring. Usually, large overgrowth shrubs indicate a poor choice in locating the plants. If such shrubs are grossly overgrown, shielding your home from sunlight and air movement, it may be best to discard

them. Strive to have low growing and slow growing shrubs in the foundation plantings. If the overgrown plant is not too far gone, cut it back severely (remove about one-third of the stems and twigs).

PLANTING PEONIES -- November is a good time to get peonies in the ground. Don't set them too deep. The buds should be covered only to a depth of about two inches.

TIMELY CHORES -- Mulch shrubbery and roses before hard freezes come. Set rose bushes. Cut back 6-8 inches. Mulch as soon as set. If foliage is healthy let fallen leaves in shrub borders remain on the ground for mulch and plant food. This is far superior to cleaning out and burning refuse. If not already accomplished, divide and reset such perennials as phlox, violets, hollyhocks; iris, day lilies an shasta daisy. Make cuttings of such as the spiraea, forsythia; crepe myrtle and other deciduous shrubs. Do this before Christmas.

Hinson Elected To EMC Position

The manager of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, Red Springs, has been elected secretary of Tarheel Electric Membership Association (TEMA), a statewide organization representing the state's 28 rural electric cooperatives.

Derl Hinson was elected to the post after being chosen for a two-year term on the corporation's nine-member board of directors in a reorganization of the statewide EMC association.

He will take office Jan. 1, when the association's new structure becomes effective.

Under the new structure, the EMC organization will consist of three corporations: TEMA, North Carolina EMC and the newly chartered N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives (N.C.AEC).

TEMA will continue as the EMCs' central materials purchasing and supply operation, under the direction of the new board.

N.C.AEC will conduct only those activities related to power supply, including negotiations with private power companies over bulk power rates. This corporation previously handled power supply matters as well as other association functions. Those other functions, such as government relations, communications and personnel devel-

opment, will be taken over by N.C.AEC.

As an EMC manager, Hinson will also serve on the 56-member N.C.AEC board of directors, which consists of the manager and a board member from each local EMC across the state.

Members of the N.C.AEC and TEMA boards were selected from the membership of the N.C.AEC board on a regional basis.

Service Personnel

Private Randy L. Quick, so of Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Carl M. Quick, Raeford, recently received a Parachutist Badge upon completion of the three-week airborne course at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga.

During the first week of training, students undergo a rigorous physical training program and receive instruction in the theory of parachuting. The second week they receive practical training by jumping from 34-foot and 258-foot towers. The final week includes five static-line parachute jumps.

Pvt. Quick entered the Army in June of this year.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Upchurch, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Phillips and Bill Phillips, spent Thanksgiving with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Phillips and grandson Brad, in Asheboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Long of Maple Shade, N.J. visited his mother Mrs. Susan A. Long during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mrs. Mary Shaw McDiarmid Montague of Springfield, Pa. visited friends and relatives here over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith and family spent the holidays in Salemburg with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brown and children spent the holidays at Holden Beach.

Holiday guests of Mrs. Riley Jordan were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Jordan and son of Wilmington; Miss Beth Jordan of Knoxville, Tenn.; and Suzanne Jordan of Meredith; and Wally Jordan of Wake Forest.

Mrs. Grace Shurley of Long Beach is spending several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gulleddge.

Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burnett were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Abbott of Virginia Beach, Va., and Mrs. Paul Nicholas and daughter of Columbia, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Niven had as their Thanksgiving guests their son, Carlton, of Brevard, and her sisters, Mrs. Bill Garrett and Mrs. Sidney O'Brian of Roxboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Forrester and daughters of High Point spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dixon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chucky Clark and son of Reidsville visited with her mother, Mrs. W.T. Gibson during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Phillips and family of Washington spent Thanksgiving with his mother, Mrs. E.B. Maxwell, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Walker of Durham visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Walker and Mrs. Clyde Teal during the holidays.

Holiday guests of Mrs. Joe Gulleddge were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gulleddge, Jr., and sons, Charles and Larry of Greenville, S.C.; Miss Laurie Fisher of Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory; Miss Barbara Fisher of N.C.S.U., Raleigh; Miss Susan Wilson of U.N.C.-W., Wilmington; and Mrs. T.C. Wilson, Betsy, and Joel of Hertford.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Walker and son, Jonathan, of Lakeland, Fla. visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Walker and Mrs. Frankie Davis during the holidays. Mrs. Walker and Jonathan have remained for a week's visit.

Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Crowley were Mrs. Irma McFadyen and children and Mrs. Frances Wilder of Lillington.

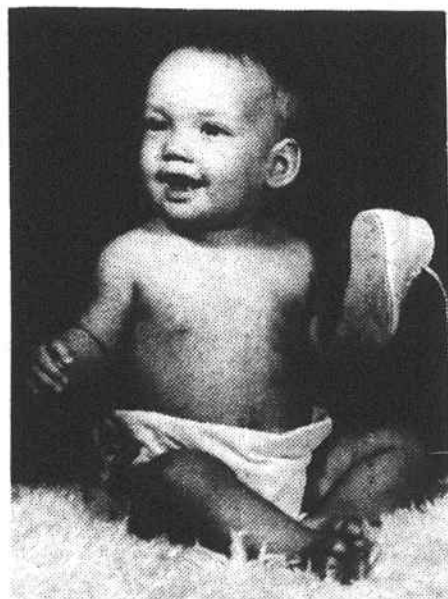
College News

Five Raeford students were among 394 named to the President's List at Fayetteville Technical Institute, North Carolina's largest technical institute, it was announced.

The five were: Riking Dreblow, Miyoshi Gordon, Lucille McLean, Daniel Norton, and Diane O'Neil.

In order to qualify for the President's List, the students had to earn a grade of B or better in each subject taken during the fall quarter.

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