



25 YEARS -- Bruce Woodcock (center), weaving technician for Burlington's Raeford Plant, is celebrating 25 years of service for the company this month. Shown with Bruce are (left to right) Bill Archer, plant production manager; Ralph White, Weave Mill superintendent; William Harris, weaving supervisor; and Robert Calhoun, Weave Mill Department manager.

## O.D. Patients Need Help After Emergency

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Of all patients treated in hospital emergency rooms for overdose of sedative/hypnotic drugs, nearly one-half have been admitted at least once before for the same problem.

This was among the findings of a recent study funded by the National Institute of Drug Abuse which examined the types of drugs used, reasons for use, sources of drugs, and prior treatment experiences of drug overdose victims. Data was gathered on 494 drug overdose patients in various hospitals.

The study showed that many of the patients had misused drugs several times before overdosing. More than 47 percent of the victims reported at least one prior overdose; 22.6 percent three or more.

Health problems were found in many of the cases, with 62.3 percent having received medical treatment for acute or chronic illness within the preceding 12 months.

Another significant factor in cases of sedative/hypnotic drug overdose cases was the use of alcohol. Almost half (47.2%) of the

patients reported drinking at the time of their overdosing.

Cause of overdose was divided into three main categories:

(1) A suicide attempt was the reason given for the overdose in over a third of the cases. Most of the patients who reported suicide as the motive for overdose were also dependent on drugs. Suicide patients had a high incidence of prior admission with more than one-half reporting at least one prior overdose; one-fourth reporting three or more.

(2) Pleasure-seeking accounted for more than one-fourth of the cases of overdose with over one-half having reported at least one prior overdose.

(3) Self-medication, a significant number reported having used prescription drugs daily for a year or more; one-third had had previous overdose admissions.

Most of the repeat patients were not receiving help from mental-health, drug-abuse, or alcohol-treatment programs. The results of this study indicate a definite need for directing emergency-room overdose patients into long-term care to reduce the risk of their becoming drug overdose repeaters.

If you know someone who needs help in dealing with a drug misuse problem or desire more information, contact Sandhills Center at (919) 875-8156.



Delia McNeill (left) and Mazelle Connell. [Staff photo.]

## Heart Month Activities For Hoke Announced

Miss Emma Mims, fund-raising chairman for the Hoke County Heart Association, and Mrs. Delia McNeill, city chairman of the 1982 Heart Fund campaign, have announced Heart Month activities and events which will help the Heart Association reach its 1982 Heart Fund Campaign goal of \$6,125.

Mrs. Mazelle Connell accepted the post of Business Day chairman. Mrs. Connell, of the Avery Connell Insurance Agency, headed the group of volunteers who solicited contributions from business owners and managers, and professional people on February 2nd.

Mrs. Betsy Collins of Raeford has accepted the post of Balloon and Tag Days chairman for the 1982 Heart Fund in Raeford, it was announced by Mrs. McNeill. She will be in charge of volunteer Heart Fund workers who will sell the bright red balloons at shopping areas in Raeford each Saturday during February.

Rural Heart Fund Week will be held February 14-20, according to Miss Mims. During this week, rural chairmen will be visiting homes in the rural areas of Hoke County to collect contributions to the Heart Fund.

Mrs. Grace McDonald and Mrs. Becky Sutton of Raeford have been appointed Heart Sunday chairmen for Raeford, it was announced by Mrs. McNeill. Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Sutton will organize volunteers who will conduct the 1982 door-to-door residential solicitation in Raeford.

Proceeds of the annual campaign will be used to help support Heart Association programs that are intended to detect and prevent heart and blood vessel diseases.

Miss Mims added that Heart Fund benefit events are now being planned for the spring.

Many concerned citizens of Hoke County are offering their time and talents to make the 1982 Heart Fund Campaign a very successful one.

## Symposium Scheduled

The first step towards creating a network of communication for wives of servicemen here will take place at the Irwin Junior High School at Ft. Bragg, March 20.

The first Ft. Bragg Army Symposium, which will consist of the commanders' and first-sergeants' wives, was announced at a meeting in the Sink Room of the main post Officers Open Mess January 19.

The 325th wives that will attend the symposium will later be expected to set up smaller networks among the wives of the soldiers within their husbands' units.

"A deep void in the old fashioned 'back yard fence' type of network among wives in smaller groups has led to the symposium," said Jewell Waddell, Fort Bragg's installation volunteer coordinator.

During the symposium, trained facilitators will help conduct small workshops that will deal with communication techniques, problems that Army wives and ways to solve these problems.

"If the unit leaves for a 'hot spot' within 24 hours, who will be the support system for the 16-year-old

new mother in the trailer park 14 miles from Fort Bragg, who doesn't drive a car, is unaware that she can shop in the post exchange or Commissary and doesn't even have an identification card. Who will call her?" asked Waddell, the volunteer coordinator.

This is the type of problem that the family symposium hopes to eliminate, she added.

The symposium, which is one of the first of its kind, is a direct result of the Army Family Symposium that is held annually in the Washington, D.C. area.

A forerunner to the Ft. Bragg symposium, the Army Family Symposium, which consists of delegates from Army posts throughout the world, was created in 1980 to help identify and find solutions to problems facing the Army family, according to Waddell.

Speaking from her office in Washington, D.C., Jane Surles, a co-chairperson for last year's Army Family Symposium, said that she was "very excited" about Fort Bragg's symposium.

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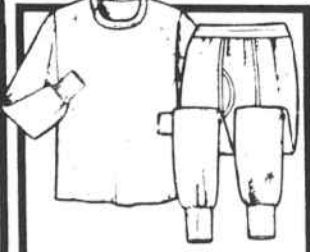


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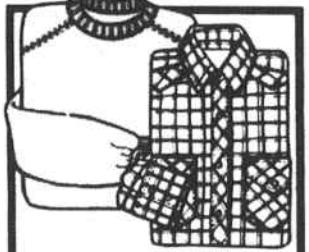
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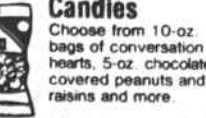
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