



\$1,000 WINNER -- Gladys Parker of Shannon is shown receiving a certificate good for \$1,000 worth of groceries at Food Town in Red Springs from Jim Rickman (center), manager of the Red Springs store, and Max Jonas of Red Springs, Food Town area supervisor. (Staff photo by Ann Webb.)

2-day-olds Found In Damaged Nest

She's Raising (More) Infant Squirrels

Sandy Ramey is "raising" a couple of infant squirrels whose mother didn't return home for them after their nest was destroyed March 22.

Miss Ramey is experienced at raising infant, homeless animals, and she's got professional training and experience to know how. She's a veterinary medical technician at the Raeford Animal Clinic.

Miss Ramey showed her two most recently acquired "foster" babies -- Dick and Jane -- last Thursday at the clinic. She takes them home with her after work and brings them back to the clinic with her. She said a telephone lineman found them March 22 in their damaged nest in insulation on a telephone line. The nest was damaged by necessity so the lineman could reach the insulation.

The lineman who found them was Larry Lovette, and Tom Pilkington brought them to her.

The squirrels were absolutely hairless, only two days old, and afflicted with diarrhea, though mild cases of it. Diarrhea is a killer of infant animals, she said. She corrected that condition and started them on sugar water, feeding it with a medicine dropper. After a couple of days of that diet,

she put them on a synthetic dog milk that closely resembles the real thing produced by mother dogs for their puppies.

From the milk substitute, she'll change them to cereal, then to baby food. She said infant squirrels are wild about strained sweet potatoes and corn specially.

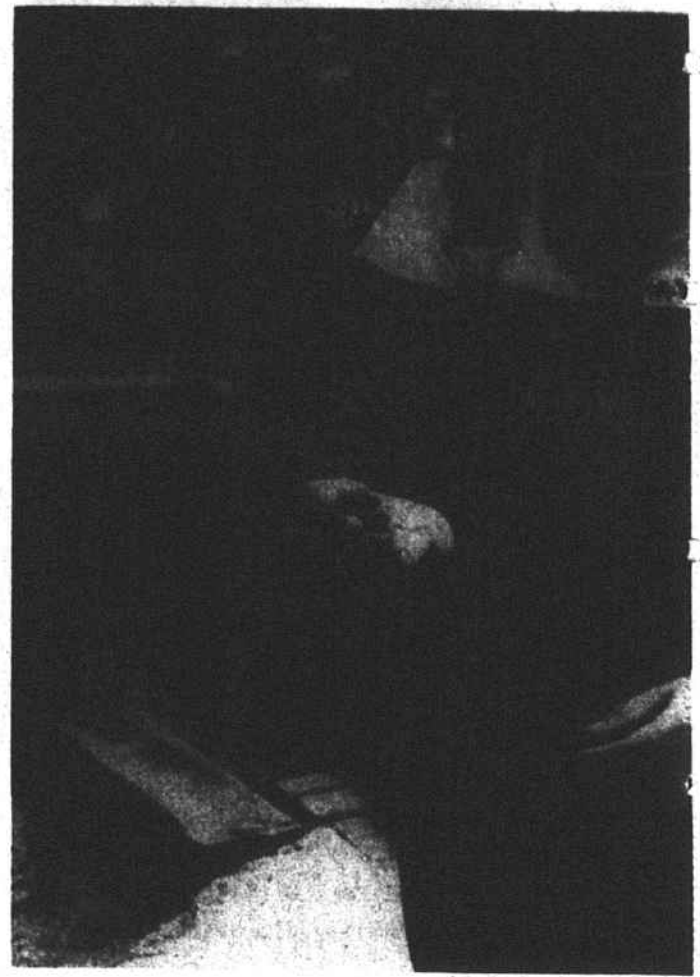
After they get too old for baby food, they'll go to crackers, then to "regular" squirrel food -- apples and sunflower seeds, for instance.

Soon as they're "eatin' good," Miss Ramey said, she'll turn them loose outside her house in the country, as by then they'll be old enough -- maybe a couple of months old -- to make it on their own.

But that doesn't mean that's the last she'll see of the critters. She turned one of her baby squirrels loose last September or October, after raising it from the time it was four or five weeks old. But she is certain that it's the squirrel that hangs around her horse barn where the corn is stored. One strong piece of evidence that it's the "foster squirrel" is it isn't afraid of humans; the other squirrels around her place take to the trees when they are approached by humans.

Miss Ramey also tried to raise two other homeless infant squirrels but they didn't make it. She believes they were injured when the tree their nest was in fell to the ground, before she got them. "Their stomachs looked 'funny,'" she said. Miss Ramey also has raised a couple of infant 'possums (whose mother had been killed) and a goat from infancy and is waiting for an armadillo she ordered a while ago from a man in Texas.

They've joined at one time or other her permanent "family" -- her horse, dog, and cat.



Sandy Ramey with Dick and Jane at her finger tips. [Staff photo].

Meeting On Food Bank April 6

On Tuesday, April 6, there will be a meeting on the development of a Food Bank that could serve Robeson, Scotland, Hoke, Bladen, and Columbus counties.

All concerned citizens, churches, civic groups, community agencies, and businesses are invited to send representatives to this important meeting. The meeting will be held in Pembroke at The House, the home of the Baptist Student Organization at Pembroke State University. The House is located across the street from the parking lot of the Performing Arts Center at the university. The multi-county meeting will begin at 1 p.m. and is being sponsored by Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned.

Barbara Oates, director of the Community Food Bank in N.C., in Raleigh, will describe a Food Bank, how it is operated, and how one can be started in this area.

Also, Shirley Locklear from the Lumbee Regional Development Association and Carolyn King from Robeson County Church and Community Center will tell how their organizations are already using the Food Bank in Raleigh.

The concept behind Food Banking is simple: there are hungry people, and there is surplus food. Food Banks collect edible, but commercially unsaleable, food items and get the food to hungry people.

In the process, Food Banks help the food industry solve the problem of waste by salvaging usable foods.

Any non-profit organization can join a Food Bank and purchase food items at a very low cost in order to serve individuals and families in need of the food.

Businesses receive tax incentives for donating food to a Food Bank, save the costs of disposal, and participate in a good, public service effort. In turn, the entire community served by the Food Bank

benefits from reducing hunger and malnutrition and finding a solution to a serious problem from within the community itself.

A film will be shown, and those present will begin planning for the

development of a Food Bank at the meeting.

For more information, call 521-3269 (day or night) or 628-6346 (night).



Maundy Thursday

April 8, 1982

Read Matthew 26:36-46

(Jesus) prayed, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt."

—Matthew 26:39 (RSV)

LONELINESS is one of the strongest of human emotions, and it can be one of the most hurtful. Jesus experienced loneliness in Gethsemane. He had been separated from His disciples; even those three He brought along had fallen asleep. Judas had already gone to betray Him. In the garden, Jesus shrank from the humiliation and death He was about to face. The loneliness of His decision caused

intense pain.

The prayer Jesus prayed echoes the one He taught His disciples, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done." After having been in communication with God in prayer, Jesus went from the garden with the resolve to do God's will despite the apathy and indifference of others.

With Jesus' example before us, we can face whatever we need to face. We are not alone. God is with us, even as God was with Jesus in Gethsemane.

PRAYER: As we face the anxieties and fears of our world, dear God, we find reassurance knowing that You are with us. We rejoice that in Christ we can overcome the world. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
God is with us; we are never really alone.

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NAACP To Meet

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