



Lindi Batts



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Celebrates 20 Years Employment With Health Agency Care

Alda Whalen, RN, celebrated her 20th anniversary of employment with a Fairfax County, Va. home care agency in her typically adaptable fashion -- she was on a vacation trip to Ireland. It was billed as another kind of home visit -- a reunion of the Whalen family on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

It was on June 21, 1965, that this Duplin County native joined the staff of the Visiting Nurse Service of Fairfax County, Inc. (The agency's name was changed in 1984 to CompHealth: Comprehensive Home Health Service for Northern Virginia, Inc., in order to better reflect the broad range of services the agency now offers. It became an affiliate of the Fairfax Hospital Association, which operates three hospitals, in 1981.)



Making Ice Nicer

Refrigerators with automatic ice makers are a great convenience for today's consumer. The advantages of having a ready supply of ice are many. But no one likes ice that is stale or has a musty odor. To be sure that your ice remains fresh and ready to use, here are some recommendations from Whirlpool Corporation:

- Avoid storing foods with strong odors for a long period of time. This includes casseroles and pizza that contain onion and garlic.



Alda Whalen

In the years that followed after she joined the staff, Mrs. Whalen has provided skilled nursing care to hundreds of patients in their homes in Fairfax County. She has seen many changes in the medications she administers, she has seen the home care field expand to meet a growing demand, and she and other nurses -- who used to do it all -- now have home health aides to give baths, tidy up patient rooms, and other such tasks. Therapists --

physical, occupational and speech and language pathology -- also visit the homes to provide treatments in their fields.

Mrs. Whalen now is a supervisor in CompHealth's growing long term care department, and is director of materials management, with responsibility for buying the agency's medical supplies.

A native of North Carolina, she received her nurse's training at the Memorial General Hospital School of Nursing in Kinston as a member of the U.S. Government-sponsored Cadet Nurse Corps, completing the

program in 1947. Later she worked as a surgical nurse at Veterans Administration hospitals in Mountain Home, Tenn. and Fayetteville. She studied further at the University of Maryland and received an associate of science degree in 1984 from Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale.

She and her husband, retired Army Colonel Thomas F. Whalen, live in Vienna. They have four sons and two grandchildren. During her years as an army wife, she lived in Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia and for 1½ years, in Japan.

Mrs. Whalen is a graduate of Beulaville High School, now East Duplin High School. She is the daughter of Mrs. Dora Rhodes of Pink Hill, Route 2, and the late J.H. Rhodes.

Twins Crowned Tiny Miss Kenansville Charm

The 1985 Miss North Carolina Charm Scholarship pageant announced that Lindi and Libbi Batts, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Batts of Kenansville, were recently crowned Tiny Miss Kenansville Charm in Raleigh July 6 at Meredith College in Jones Auditorium.

The girls competed with other young ladies from all across the state in two areas, on-stage interview and short party dress.

They will be riding in parades and visiting nursing homes throughout the year. The program offers this state pageant to little girls 2-4 years of age to help them gain experience on stage and to build self-confidence.

They received trophies. The 1985 Miss North Carolina Charm pageant is an official state preliminary to America's Miss Charm National Scholarship pageant which will be held in Orlando, Fla. at Disney World in July of 1986. This year's winner and runner-up will have the opportunity to visit Disney World and to vie for scholarships, prizes and awards.

Each year throughout the U.S., America's Miss Charm conducts local and state competitions to promote this youth development

program and to award scholarships, give recognition and to encourage the cultural arts. Young ladies ages 2-25 that are single, regardless of race, color or creed, are invited to participate and represent their community. For more information, contact headquarters, P.O. Box 7246, Jacksonville, N.C. 28540, or call 455-9643.

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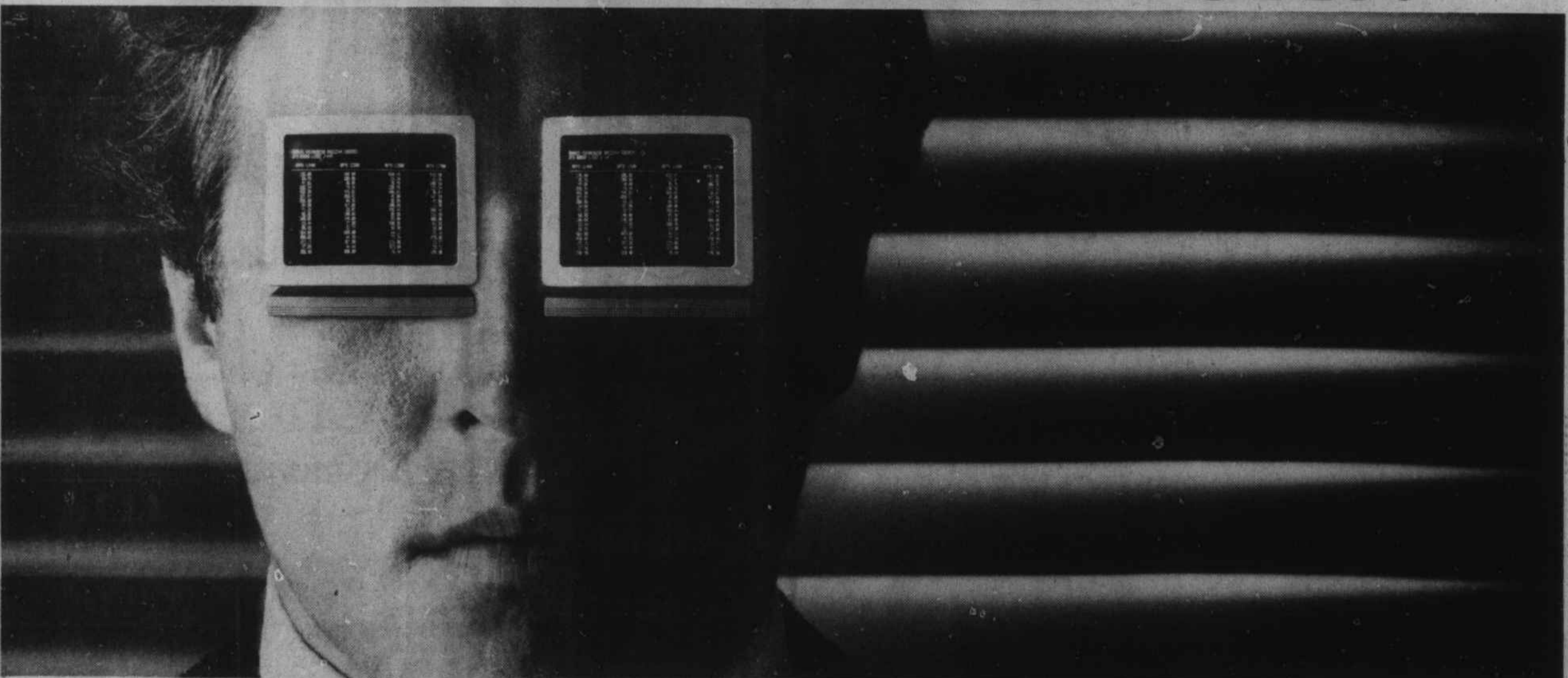
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