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Students In Fifth Grade At South Toe School Show Scarves They Batiked

South Toe Students Learn Crafts

Mr. Clarence Deyton's fifth grade class at South Toe School has been enjoying an extra special art program this semester. Thanks to cheerful volunteering on the part of local artists and school parents, the children have done

some unusual projects.

Mrs. Bobbie Johnson, a professional weaver, gave a morning of her work day to teach a simple tapestry. Brightly-colored yarn was donated by the Arthur Morgan School and simple looms

were made out of cardboard. The results were creative and satisfying. Bobby is a member of the Toe River Craftsmen and the Piedmont Craftsmen Guild. Some of her skills were learned from the weavers of Guatemala where she and her

husband, Bob, have periodically spent a lot of time. She can be found working at her loom every day in her shop on White Oak Creek Road.

Mrs. Ellen Craib graciously spent half a day showing 34 fifth graders how to batik cotton scarves. Batik is a process of decorating fabric with dyes. A pattern is painted on white cloth with melted wax. When the fabric is dipped in dye, the waxed areas will not absorb color, so a "resist" pattern emerges. Then the wax must be ironed and boiled out. It is a lengthy process but the beautiful and dramatic creations are worth it. The art of batik comes out of West Africa and Southeast Asia.

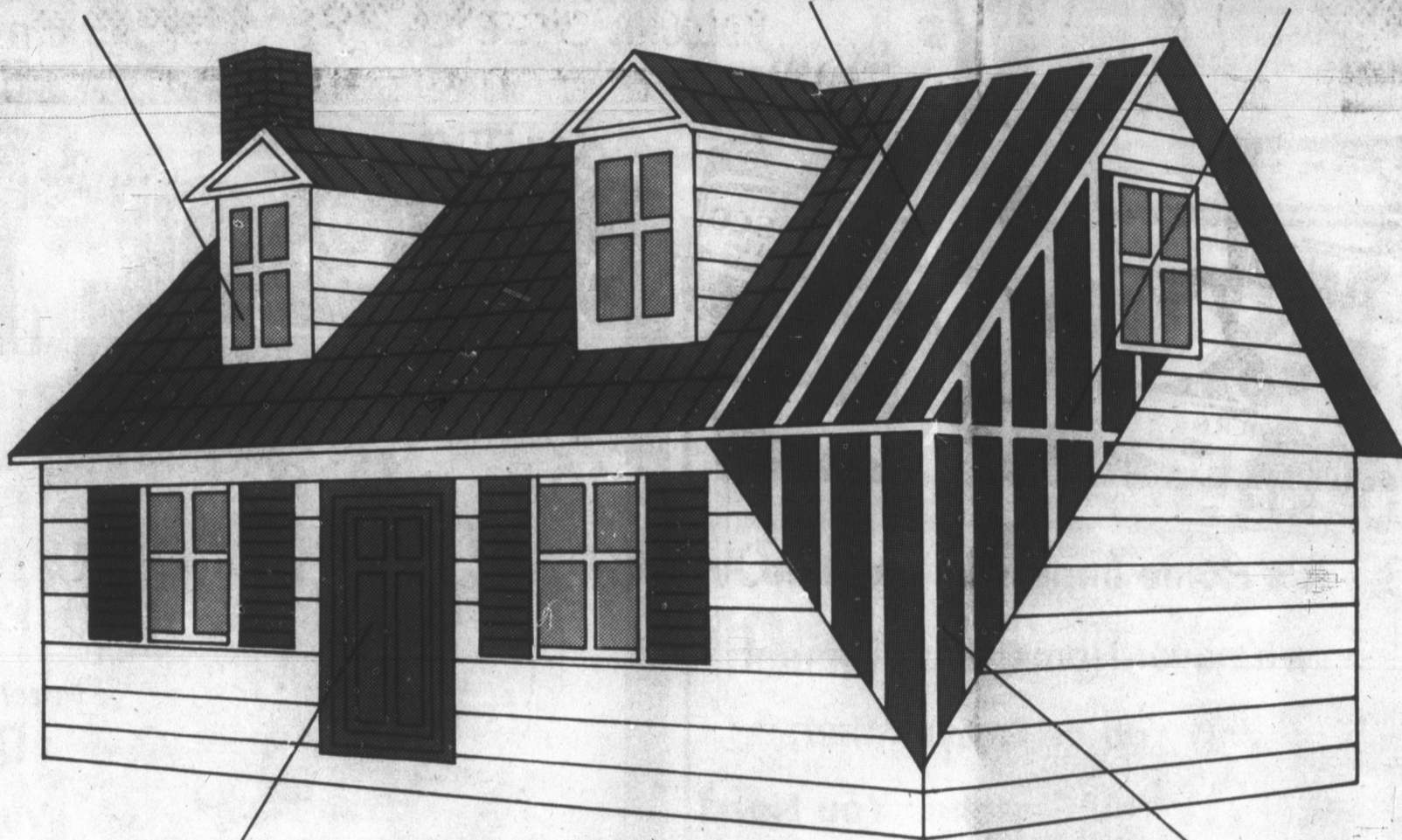
Ellen is originally from Atlanta, Georgia. While studying Political Science at Yale University, she met her husband. They moved to Africa where he was a farm manager in Rhodesia, Zam-

bia, Botswana and the Republic of South Africa. It was there that the latent artist in Ellen discovered batik and proceeded to learn it on her own. Upon returning to the U.S. she took the job of art teacher at the North Country School in Lake Placid, N.Y. Summers spent at Penland Art School introduced her to the beauty of this area. She and her family settled in the South Toe area two years ago when she joined the Toe River Craftsmen and the Piedmont Craftsmen Guild. She displayed and sold her batiked items at the Mt. Mitchell Craft Fair last summer.

The South Toe students are looking forward to more outstanding art classes. A professional lesson in sketching by Mr. Bob Johnson, learning to tie-dye with Marilyn Cade, and making pottery with Nancy Herman and Becky Gray are in the outlook for Spring.

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