

Proper Food Is Important For Youngsters

Johnny is an eight-year old youngster in the second grade at his school. His teacher has told his mother he is restless and is having a great deal of difficulty in learning to read. She said when the class goes out to the playground he doesn't want to participate in the games and other physical activities because he doesn't feel good.

Johnny comes from a broken home with his mother working and trying to provide the necessities of life for him and her other three children. Due to her inadequate education and lack of job skills, she is working on a job that pays only the minimum wage. Inflation has already eroded her small pay check and she is having a very difficult time in paying her rent, utilities, and other basic items. Not much is left to buy food for her four growing children.

Hal Smith, Director of the Cleveland County Social Services Department says there are many children like Johnny who are not getting adequate food in Cleveland County and throughout North Carolina. He said this is why his department is joining a statewide Food Stamp outreach program to try to make more low income families with children aware of the need for proper nutrition for their children and how the Food Stamp program can help them stretch their food-buying dollar.

The Division of Social Services of the N. C. Department of Human Resources has the responsibility for the Food Stamp program in this state. It will be spearheading the outreach effort throughout this year along with 100 county social services departments.

Dr. Sarah T. Morrow, secretary of the Department, said there are over 400,000 children in North Carolina living in families with incomes below the poverty level.

"We are deeply concerned that these children have an adequate diet so their minds and bodies will have an opportunity to develop to their fullest potential. Research has proven that many children from poor families are malnourished and have developmental and educational handicaps. Without an adequate diet and proper health care from before birth through the early years, many of these children will be condemned to a lifetime of poor health and dependency," said Dr. Morrow.

Smith said 4,793 of these children live in Cleveland County.

He said the outreach effort in Cleveland County will be using all methods of communication to inform

these low income families about the availability of Food Stamps, eligibility requirements and procedures for application. Materials emphasizing the need for adequate nutrition for children will be distributed to day care centers and schools.

He said the major objective of the effort will be to improve the health of poor children in the county by providing their families a means to purchase food for them through the Food Stamp Program. The secondary effort is to raise the consciousness of the general public regarding the problems of children as they relate to inadequate family income and nutrition.

Other agencies and organizations concerned with children will be asked to take part in the outreach effort according to Smith. He urges any individual or organization interested in helping with this endeavor to contact him as soon as possible.

Amendments Require Tax

Recent amendments to the General Statutes of North Carolina require some employers of domestic and agricultural workers to pay Unemployment Insurance tax for the first time.

And payments are due soon, reports Franklin Ware, manager of the local Employment Security Commission Job Service Office.

Complying with federal statutes, the General Assembly last year extended Unemployment

Insurance coverage to an additional 282,000 workers in North Carolina, including some domestics and farm workers.

Any employer of domestic workers in private homes, college clubs or college fraternities and sororities who paid \$1,000 or more in wages in any calendar quarter last year are required to pay Unemployment Insurance taxes to the Employment Security Commission.

Farmers who paid wages of \$20,000 or more for agricultural labor during a calendar quarter last year or employed 10 or more workers for 20 weeks, are required to pay UI taxes. Employers who pay these wages during 1978 will also be liable for taxes.

The tax is 2.7 percent of the first \$6,000 paid in wages to each worker. Taxes are paid on wages commencing January 1, 1978. There's also a seven-tenths-of-one-percent (.7 Percent) tax on wages due the federal government through the Internal Revenue Service.

"Since this is new coverage, we're afraid that many employers of domestic and farm workers are not aware of their liability," says Ware.

Taxes for the first quarter of 1978 are due by April 30. Late payments will result in a six percent annual interest penalty plus a flat ten percent penalty rate on all monies due. Late reporting will result in five percent per month penalty.

"For this reason agricultural and domestic employers who have not received liability determinations from us should contact the nearest Employment Security Commission Job Service office immediately to obtain the necessary reporting form," according to the local manager.

Field Tax Auditors are stationed at ESC offices and are available to answer questions and assist employers who believe they're liable for UI taxes under the new law.



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HONORED FOR SERVICE — Frank Bridges, left, receives his 30 year certificate and pin from Winding Supt. Doug Stepp at a plant birthday party at Burlington Mills Phenix Plant recently.

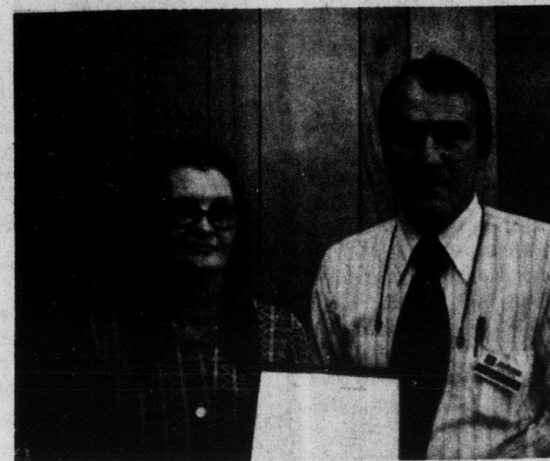


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HONORED — Hazel Parrish, above, receives her 30 year award for service to Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries from Doug Stepp, superintendent of the Winding Department. Ms. Parrish received a certificate and pin at plant birthday parties recently.

Davis Is Called

Kings Mountain Baptist Association has called as Director of Christian Social Ministries the Reverend Robert G. Davis. Mr. Davis is presently serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lowell and will assume his duties here on April 1.

Rev. Davis attended the University of Mississippi and is a graduate of Mississippi College with a B. A. degree. He also received an M. R. E. and a M. Div. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Rev. Davis has served as a Minister of Education at First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, Kentucky; and as pastor at First Baptist Church, Dupont, Indiana; First Baptist Church, Ceredo, Virginia; Covington Baptist Church in Covington, Virginia; and has been at First Baptist Church in Lowell since 1974.

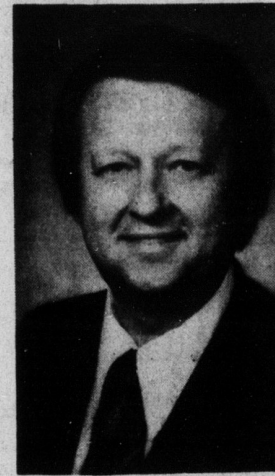
Mr. Davis is married to Harriet Davis, and they have three children, Gray, 15, Ashley, 10 and Benji, 4.

Mrs. Davis has an A. B. degree from Limestone College and an M. R. E. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Presently she is a teacher at Holbrook High School.

Mr. Davis has been active in the Baptist

Associations where he has served. Presently he is

president of the Lowell Ministers Association and director of the Lowell Goodwill Center. He served as vice-moderator and moderator of the Greater Huntington Baptist Association; Associational Sunday School Director in Indiana and West Virginia; chairman of the Gaston Baptist Association Ordination Committee; and Christian Education Representative for the Gaston Baptist Association. Mr. Davis also served on the executive board of the Baptist State Convention in Ohio and West Virginia; and Second vice-president of the Baptist State Convention of West Virginia.



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Chens Give Program

Dr. and Mrs. K. F. Chen delighted members of the Kings Mountain Woman's Club by sharing pictures and stories of their young family at Monday night's meeting of the Woman's Club.

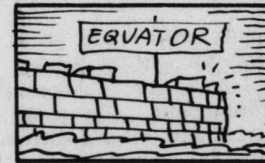
The recent newcomers to Kings Mountain also showed pictures of their native China and Mrs. Chen modeled her beautiful dress she wore for their wedding reception. The Chens also

showed other items from their homeland.

Dr. and Mrs. Chen became American citizens more than a year ago. They said their three sons like to note that they were American citizens before their parents, having been born in this country.

The program by the Chens was followed by a business meeting at which members discussed upcoming fund-raising projects. The first project

will be a Sunday dinner at the clubhouse on Apr. 16.



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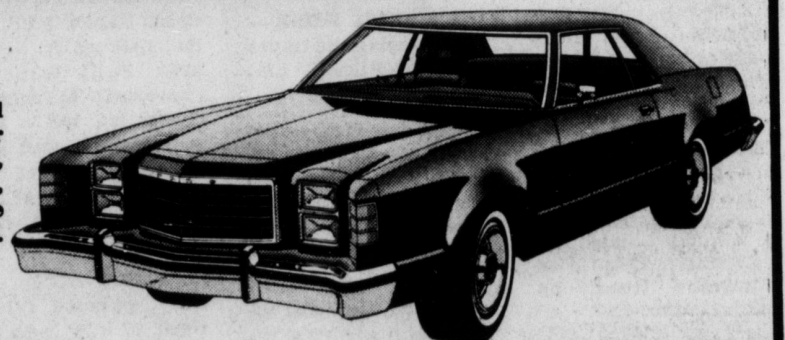
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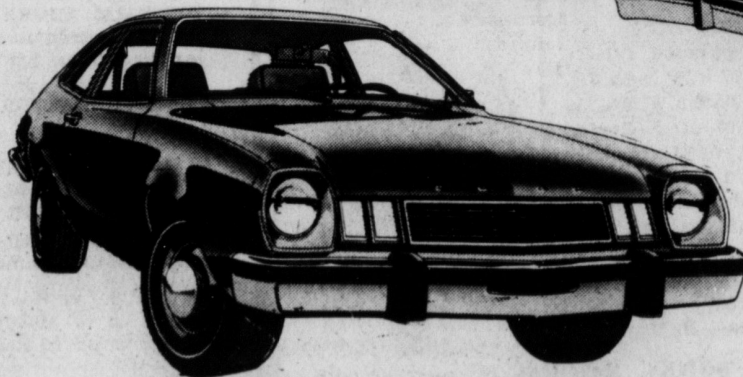
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