

PROMOTED—Colonel Donald E. McCarter was recently promoted to that rank while serving at the Naval Training Equipment Center, Orlando, Fla. Affixing the emblems of that new rank are his wife, Johnnie (left) and Captain J.T. McHugh, commanding officer of the Navy unit.

Donald McCarter Promoted

ORLANDO, FL—Colonel Donald E. McCarter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McCarter, 608 West Gold Street, Kings Mountain was promoted to his current rank on February 1, in a brief ceremony at the Naval Training Equipment Center (NTEC) here.

Colonel McCarter is the Air Force Liaison Officer assigned to NTEC and has served in that capacity since July 1980. The Air Force Liaison Officer has a key role in the planning, organizing directing and controlling simulator systems for the Air Force. Colonel McCarter is the contact point between the Air Force and NTEC and the Army's Project Manager for Training Devices (co-located with NTEC) in the development, acquisition and maintenance of aircrew training devices.

Colonel McCarter is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School. He graduate with **SSI Payments**

Made To Aged, Blind, Disabled

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments of \$227.9 million were paid to some 137,416 needy aged, blind, and disabled people in North Carolina last fiscal year, according to Kenneth Shelton, Social Security manager in Shelby. Additionally, as of January 1982, in Cleveland County, 2138 aged, blind, and disabled people were receiving \$283,000 each month. Of this total, 958 were aged, 26 blind, and 1154 were disabled.

Some 4.0 million people in the U.S. are now receiving SSI. In fiscal 1981 payments totaled about \$8.3 billion, including \$6.4 billion in federal funds and \$1.9 billion in state funds.

The SSI program is a federally-administered program that provides a basic cash income to people in financial need who are 65 or older, blind, or disabled. Currently, SSI provides up to \$264.70 for one person and \$397 for an eligible couple in monthly benefits. "Everyone that qualifies for SSI will not receive that amount," Shelton said. "Some may get less because they have other income, while some may get more if they live in a state that adds money to the federal payment."

SSI is not the same as Social Security, even though the program is administered by the Social Security Administration. Money for SSI checks comes from general funds of the U.S. Treasury, while Social Security benefits are paid from payroll taxes.

People who receive Social Security checks may also be eligible for SSI, but a person does not have to be eligible for Social Security to get SSI.

More information about the SSI program can be obtained by contacting the Social Security office at 482-9544. The address is 231 N. Lafayette Street in Shelby.

IT'S A GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Tindall, Jr. announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Leistei Elise Tindall, born February 6 in Cleveland Memorial Hospital. The baby weighed 9 lbs., 2 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Tindall, Sr., Mrs. Betty P. Jones and the late Homer H. Jones, all of Kings Mountain. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. A.U. Tindall, Mrs. D.W. Barker, Mrs. Wayne Putnam, all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Annie Clements of Forest City. Mrs. Tindall is the former Lynn Jones.

Cleveland County Gets \$131,000 In Road Funds

RALEIGH—The North Carolina Board of Transportation allocated the last \$10 million funds authorized by the State Highway Bond Act of 1977 for improvements to the state's large secondary road system here at its February 12th meeting.

Cleveland County's share of the \$10 million allocation is \$131,362, based on a formula established by the state legislature. According to the formula, each county receives a percentage of the total funds available, determined by the unpaved miles of secondary roads in the county in relationship to the total mileage of unpaved secondary roads in the state.

Cleveland County has 250 miles of unpaved roads, while the total mileage of unpaved state maintained secondary roads in North Carolina is 19,000.

The \$300 million highway bond act, approved in November 1977, directed that \$75 million would be used to improve the state's secondary road system, while \$175 million was for improvements to the primary system and \$50 million was for the state's urban road system.

Secretary of Transportation W.R. "Bill" Roberson Jr. commented, "Again, we are glad to be able to put the highway bond funds to work for the citizens of North Carolina. It was the citizens' overwhelming support of the 1977 bond issue that made

these funds a reality.

"In addition to the bond funds, the state legislature appropriates an annual amount for secondary road improvements from the state highway fund collections. We are expecting an allocation of \$40 million from the legislature by July 1, 1982.

"This allocation would not be possible had it not been for Governor Jim Hunt's 'Good Roads' program passed by the 1981 General Assembly," added Roberson.

"The \$10 million in bond funds for the secondary road system—our 'home-to-work' transportation network—will allow us to make vitally needed improvements to the more than 59,000 miles which comprise the nation's largest state-maintained secondary highway system," explained Roberson.

The highway bond funds allocated for secondary roads will be used for improvements to

the system such as new paving, widening existing paved roads, improving unpaved roadways to an "all weather standard," repairing and replacing substandard bridges and strengthening paved roads to relieve present weight restrictions."

"In order to utilize the \$10 million allocation most effectively," Secretary Roberson explained, "Our board members and division engineers are in the process of reviewing secondary road needs in each county. As county-by-county improvement programs are compiled, they will be presented to each respective county board of commissioners.

"Public meetings will be held in each county to give citizens an opportunity to express their views on secondary road needs. The commissioners then will review and forward recommendations to the Board of Transportation for implementation by state forces," he said.

Tech Offers Career Course

Cleveland Technical College announces a three week mini-course in Career Planning for displaced homemakers, and men and women who wish to enter or re-enter the job market.

The course will begin on February 22 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday-Friday, with supportive services available in the afternoon from 1-3 p.m. The

course will emphasize confidence building, career assessment, and basic job search skills. Coordinator/Instructor will be Diane Ledbetter and the job developer consultant, Ellie Buse.

This course is open to adults, 18 years and over. For more information and pre-registration details call the Department of Continuing Education, CTC at 484-4014.

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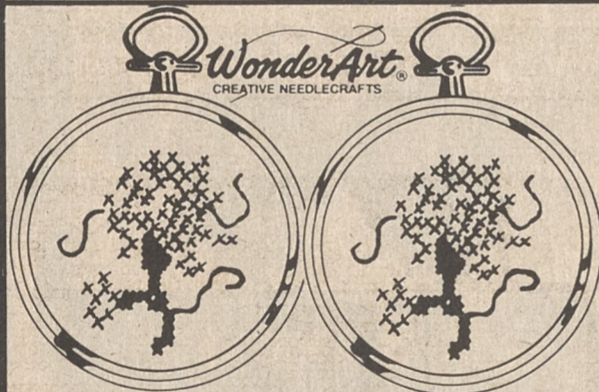
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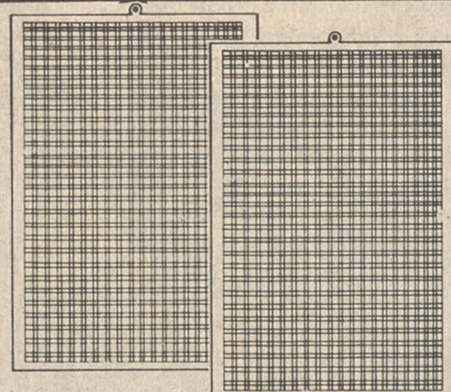
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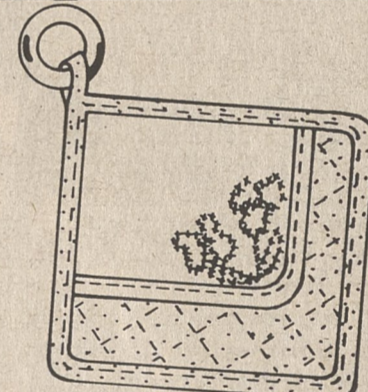
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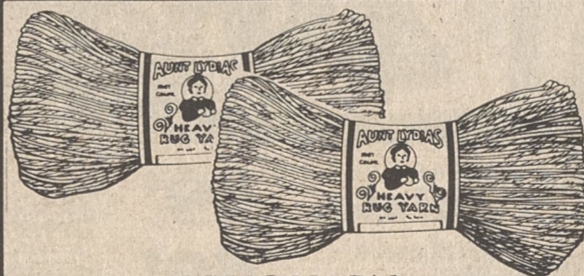
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