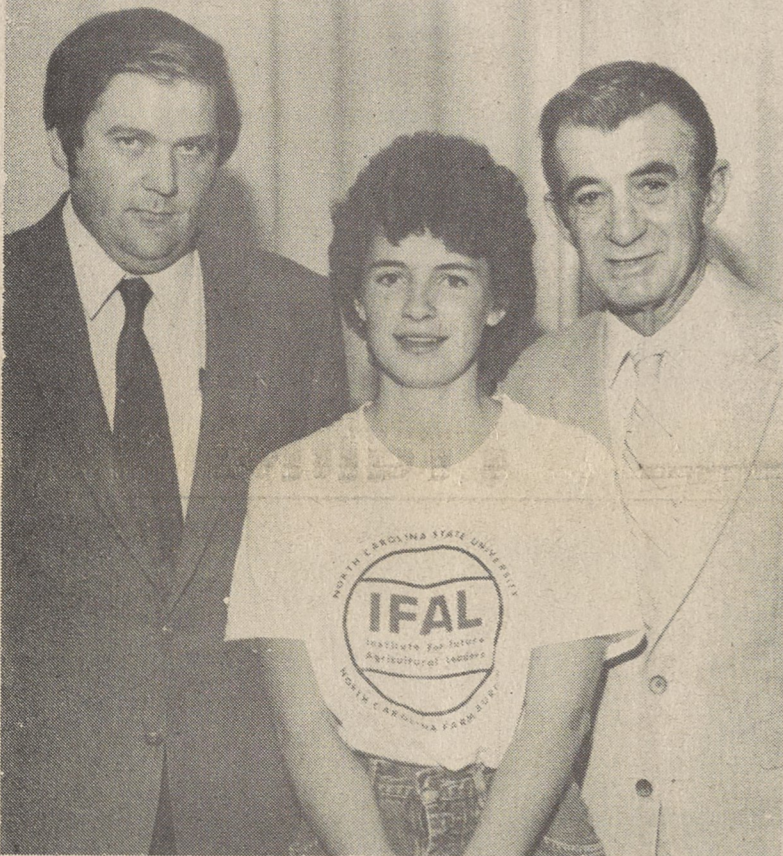




MELANIE SUZANNE ROBERTSON

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED-Mrs. Sylvia Holden Lucas of Lancaster, S.C. and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth T. Anderson of Wadesboro, N.C., formerly of Kings Mountain, announce the engagement of their children, Melanie Suzanne Robertson and Steven Lee Anderson. The bride-elect is also the daughter of Gerald Robertson of Kershaw, S.C., and granddaughter of Mrs. Ann Holden of Kershaw, S.C. and the late James Holden. She is a graduate of Lancaster High School and Wingate college where she received an Associate Degree in Business. She is employed by Pizza Inn, Rock Hill, S.C. as assistant manager. Mr. Anderson is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Gilmore of Kings Mountain and the late Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Anderson of Columbus, Ga. He attended KM City Schools and graduated from KM Senior High School. He is a senior at Wingate College and is employed by Reeves Brothers in Wadesboro. The wedding will be held at 3 p.m. Sat., August 4th, at First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Lancaster, S.C.



ATTENDS INSTITUTE - A Cleveland County student, Amy Elliott, 6404 Polkville Rd., Shelby, attended the Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders (IFAL) June 24-29 at North Carolina State University. The Institute was designed to introduce high school seniors to career opportunities in agriculture and life sciences and to develop leadership skills. It was sponsored by the Agricultural Education Program at NCSU and the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation. Show with Elliott are Dr. Larry Jewell, (left) coordinator of the Agricultural Education Program, and John Sledge, president of the Farm Bureau Federation. Elliott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Elliott, was among 35 students from 27 counties attending the Institute.

Could Your Child Hug Tree And Survive?

Shortly after lunch, nine-year-old Kyle Wilson wandered from his family's campsite to explore the woods. It was now 6:45 that evening, but Kyle knew he shouldn't panic despite the fact that he'd been lost for several hours.

When he realized he was lost, he'd made himself as comfortable and visible as possible in a safe spot and waited. The candy bar he'd saved all afternoon for his "dinner" kept his spirits up and stomach from feeling empty. He slipped his head through a hole in a plastic trash bag and pulled it over his body for warmth.

When he heard a searcher off in the distance he immediately blew the whistle he carried with him and brought what could have been a lengthy, tragic search to a quick and happy ending.

Though Kyle's episode is fictional, thousands of children unfortunately find themselves lost in the outdoors every year in this county. If your child became lost in the wilderness or a state park, would he or she do the right things and increase their chances of surviving? Or would they become frightened and do things that would make it more difficult for you and searchers to find them, thereby increasing the chances they might be found too late?

The steps Kyle took in the scene just described were the right ones. You're right, he didn't do very much, but that's exactly what could save a child's life in such a situation.

What your child or any child should do if lost outdoors is summed up in the slogan, "Hug-A-Tree and Survive." That's the name of a successful program being presented to children ages 5 to 12 in an effort to teach them how to help others find them quickly.

The central idea of the program is that as soon as they realize they're lost, the child should find a suitable spot and stay put. Experienced searchers emphasize that it is much easier for them or parents to find a lost youngster if he/she stays in one place, no matter how long they have been missing.

The Hug-A-Tree program was developed by Mr. Ab Taylor of San Diego three years ago and is now underwritten in part by Purina(R) Hi-Pro dog meal.

"The principles necessary for staying safe in the wilderness are so simple," says Taylor, "that we incorporated them into a story which captures the children's interest and seems to be remembered. Our hope is that a lost child who has seen this program will stay calm and remain safe, instead of becoming disoriented. He or she will know that people are searching, how they are searching, and how to take care of themselves until help arrives."

The half-hour slide program has been seen by 180,000 youngsters. It's so successful that Taylor has enlisted the help of Volunteer Search and Rescue organizations in surrounding states to present it in their area. One such group which has presented it in several states is the Albuquerque Rescue Dog Association in New Mexico. These volunteers and their German Shepherds, who are trained experts in search and survival work, are who drew Purina Hi-Pro to the program.

"Presenting this program has given me a clearer idea and a greater sense of self-discipline if I were to ever get lost, and I've been in Search and Rescue for 12 years," says Margaret Lilley, President of the Albuquerque unit. "Children don't panic as much as adults when lost and they tend to remember things better."

Since a both the Hug-A-Tree and Search and Rescue are non-profit organizations, they are continually in need of support for their public service work. The Hug-A-Tree charges a small fee for its slide presentation, while the Albuquerque Rescue Dog unit is one of 16 SAR

groups throughout the country which receive the support of Purina Hi-Pro dog meal.

"While these volunteers and their fine dogs train primarily to conduct searches, teaching this program is another example of why we feel it is important to support their work," said Barbara Korn, Hi-Pro Brand Manager at Ralston Purina.

"The presentation itself is as bare as we can make it while keeping it helpful," says Diane Pappan of the Albuquerque unit.

The program consists of seven

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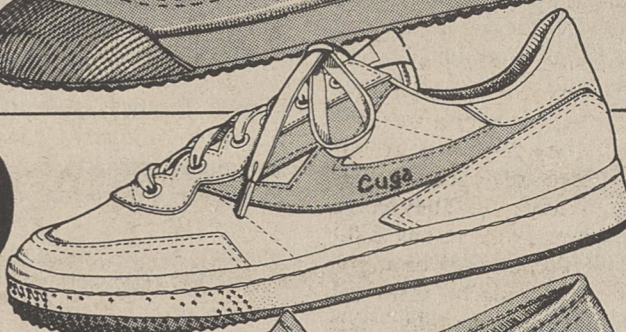
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