



VOLUNTEERS AT CENTRAL—Local volunteers in Mrs. Cindy Wood's math class at Central School are pictured being honored during Volunteer Week. From left, front row, Robbie Wilson, Lisa Droz and Robert Wilson. Back row, from left, Tom Tate, Charles Mauney and Mike Loveless.

Long Creek Sets Retreat

A retreat for the congregation of Long Creek Presbyterian Church will be held on Saturday and Sunday at Camp Grier in Old Fort, N.C. The camp is owned by the Presbytery of Concord of which Long Creek is a member.

The theme of the churchwide retreat is "We Are One." The weekend experience is designed to provide both recreation and spiritual development for the congregation.

About 50 members of the congregation will leave Kings Mountain for Camp Grier at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Upon arrival, the group will enjoy a tour of the camp or a side trip to the museum at Old Fort. After supper in the camp dining hall, the group will gather for a candlelight service of worship around the lake. The remainder of the evening will be spent viewing movies and playing board games.

Sunday will provide oppor-

tunities for private and group worship. The high point of the retreat will be a communion service at Sunday's group worship. After lunch, the group will return from the mountains.

Worship at Long Creek will be led by Bart Shaw Sunday. Shaw is the Director of Camp Ministries for Concord Presbytery.

The retreat was planned by members of the congregation's Christian Education Committee. Members of that committee include Robert Robinson, Sr., chairperson; Becky Bridges, Joan Berry, David Berry, Jr., Mary Lingerfeldt and Rev. Charles Davenport.

CC Hospice Opens Office

Cleveland County's new hospice organization has opened an office, adopted a log and assumed a heavy financial obligation as it moves toward accepting its first patient later this year.

The hospice, which will offer services to terminally ill patients and their families, needs an estimated \$36,876 for the rest of this year. And its budget is expected to be \$57,760 for next year. Evelyn West, executive director of the hospice, says all of the funds for the program come through private donations.

A \$6,000 contributed from the Shelby Junior Charity League and a \$2,500 gift from Copeland Corp. helped get Hospice of Cleveland County started a year ago this month. Many other individuals and organizations have contributed money, materials and services in the past 12-months, Mrs. West said. The most recent major contributions included: \$3,000 from Doran Textiles, \$1,500 from Clyde Short Co., \$1,000 each from First National Bank and BB&T and \$500 from Dixie Industrial Supply.

Frank Meeker of Copeland Corp. is chairman of the hospice finance committee and is soliciting funds from area industries.

In addition to the donations, the hospice has received financial support from the Cleveland County United Way and the Kings Mountain United Way.

Current schedules call for the hospice to be ready to serve its first patient this fall. The service will rely heavily on volunteers who will be trained to work directly with dying patients and their families under the supervision of a doctor or nurse. Hospice volunteers are on call 24 hours a day to assist families facing the death of a loved one. The purpose of hospice is to help make it possible for dying patients to remain in their homes if that is their wish. Sally Jones, chairman of the Hospice of Cleveland County Board of Directors, said there will be no charge made for any hospice service. While many other hospices have been certified for payment under Medicaid and Medicare, the local organizers have chosen to offer free services, she said.

The 32-member hospice board recently adopted a logo designed by Shelby architect Crawford Murphy, who donated his services. The logo features a large "H" signifying hospice and a flaming fireplace that symbolizes the warmth and love a hospice patient can enjoy by remaining at home close to family and friends.

An office for Hospice of Cleveland County recently was opened on the third floor of the Marion Mall in Shelby. Mrs. West, the organization's only paid employee, runs the office with the help of several volunteers. She can be reached by telephone at 487-4677.

Dozens of people already are working on committees to operate the hospice. But, Mrs. West said, additional volunteers are needed. Also, volunteers are being recruited for later work with patients. Courses are planned for this summer to teach volunteers how to serve dying patients.

Anyone interested in helping can get involved by calling Mrs. West.



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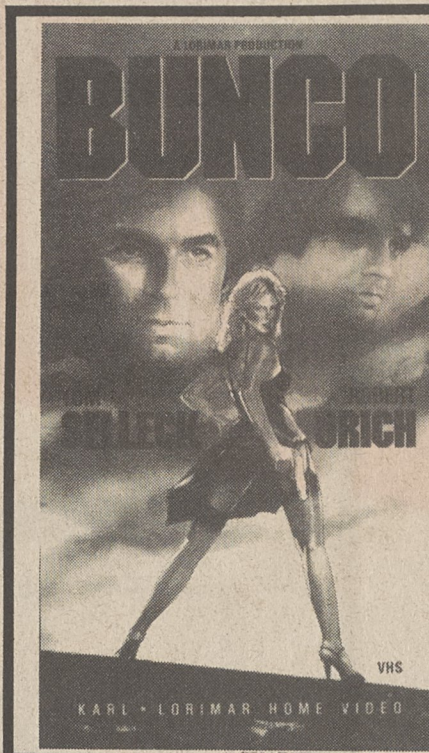
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