

# Local Army Recruiters Have Banner Year

Army recruiters assigned to the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, 201 East Franklin Ave., Gastonia, have commended area residents for their support of recruiting as fiscal year 1985 ended on September 30.

Station Commander Sergeant First Class Danny W. Vanover said that 121 young men and women from this area took advantage of Army opportunities during the fiscal year. "We appreciate that support," he said. "It's enlistments from the small cities and towns of America that collectively build an Army."

Fiscal Year 1985 began last October 1 with some apprehension from Army recruiters. A difficult year in military recruiting had been predicted due to an improved economy and fewer people between the ages of 17 to 19. Despite those factors, Army recruiters enlisted 125,434 Americans into the Regular Army. Another 68,391 joined the Army Reserve to serve part-time as citizen-soldiers.

Recruiting records indicate that the U.S. Army has

possibly become the smartest fighting force in its history. Sixty-three percent of those who enlisted during fiscal year 1985 scored in the upper half of the Army's aptitude examination, versus 25 percent in 1980 and 56 percent last year. On the other end of

the scale, Regular Army enlistees who scored in the lowest aptitude category fell to about 9 percent from last year's 13 percent, and 1980's 57 percent.

"We try to recruit quality people every year," Vanover said. "The technology we

have in today's sophisticated equipment demands a highly motivated persons, someone with an average intelligence. Smarter people make better soldiers in every way."

The recent passage of the New G.I. Bill Plus Army College Fund has enhanced the

Army's college financial aid package by raising the benefits as high as \$25,200 for a four-year enlistment.

For a two-year enlistment, which only the Army offers, a soldier can accumulate up to \$17,000 from a personal contribution of only \$1,200.

Two years of college and the same personal contribution can furnish a two-year enlistee with up to \$21,000 toward continuing education, and an enlistment of three years, same contribution, can build an educational fund of almost \$23,000.

## History Museum Selling Calendars

Do you have your 1986 calendar yet, especially one with a picture of the Old Courthouse? If not, you are in luck. The Cleveland County Historical Museum, which is located in the Old Courthouse is presenting a special limited edition calendar for 1986 showing a pen and ink drawing of the Courthouse that has not been shown before. The drawing shows the west side of the Courthouse and includes the monument. This year the calendars are printed with brown ink on beige colored paper and are designed for framing.

The calendars, a first in a series, are a special project of the Museum, and is sponsored by Doran Textiles. The calendars are on sale at the Museum Gift shop located in the Old Courthouse.

The Museum is gathering suggestions for the 1987 calendar. If you have a suggestion for a drawing, contact the Museum.

For further information, call the Museum at 482-8186.

## KMHS Senior Scores Improve

Average scores of Kings Mountain's 1985 seniors improved 15 points on the verbal section and four points on the math section of the Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT).

The average College Board scores of 1985 seniors rose at every high school in Cleveland County bringing them closer to the state and national averages. Average scores at all high schools in the county dropped last year.

At Kings Mountain Senior High, where 105 students were tested, the scores were 372, verbal; 416, math.

National averages on the SAT dropped significantly since 1963, when verbal averages were 478 and math, 502.

## Monogramming Class Slated

A class in beginning monogramming will begin November 7 at North Elementary School.

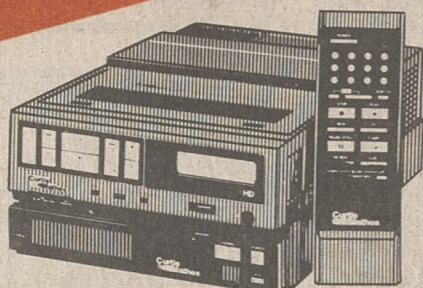
Phyllis Lackey will be the instructor. Fee is \$20. There will also be a weekly fee of about \$10 for supplies.

Each participant will need to bring a zig-zag sewing machine, three empty bobbins, a small screw driver, straight pins, ruler, scissors and one yard of muslin. The instructor will provide kit markers, hoops, threads and books.

To pre-register or for further information, call the Community Schools Office at 739-2296 or Phyllis Lackey at 739-9497.

The course will run each Thursday through December 5 from 6:30-9 p.m. It is open to anyone age 16 or over.

**Curtis Mathes**

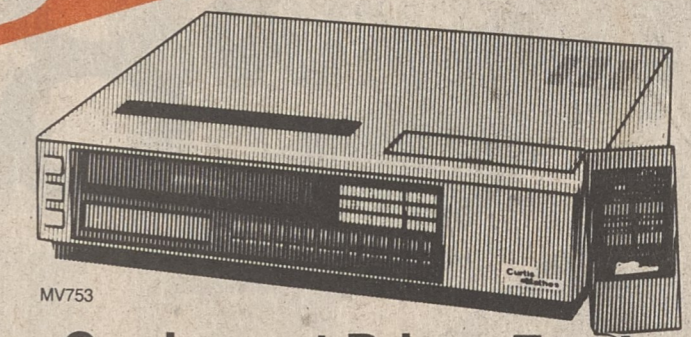


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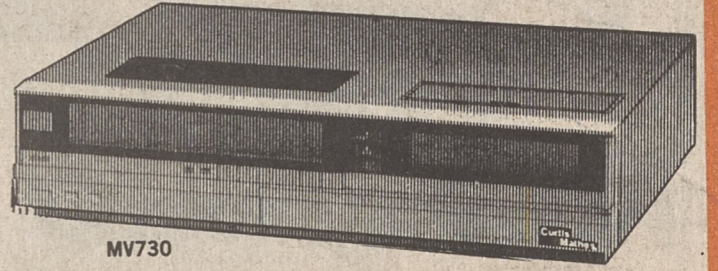
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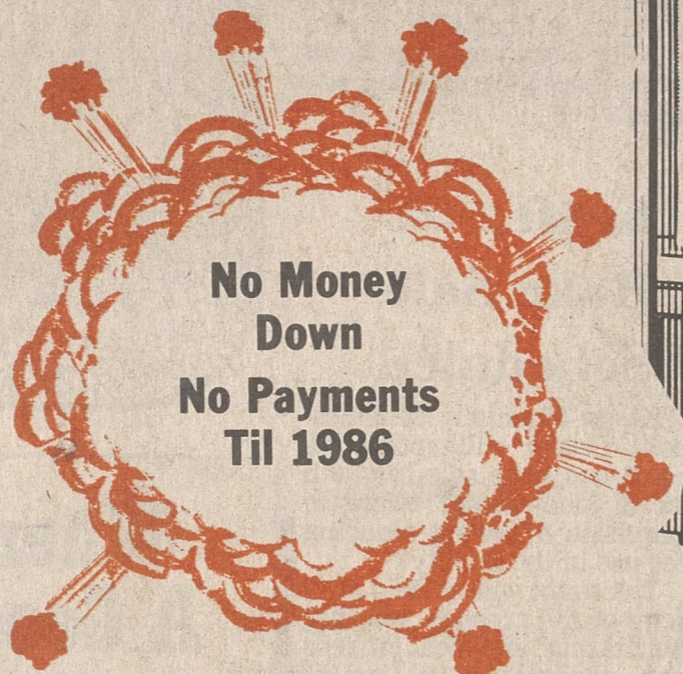
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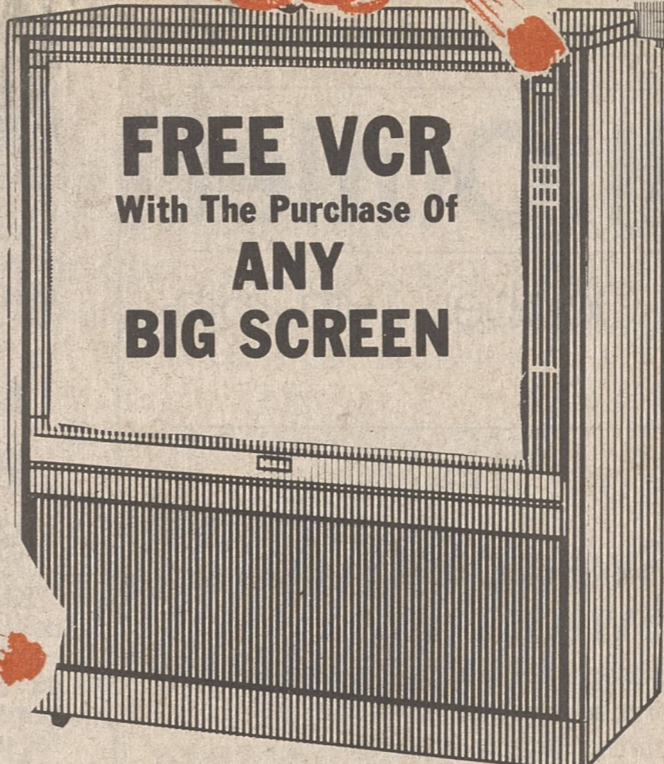
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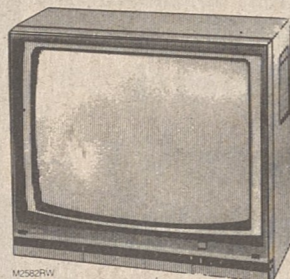
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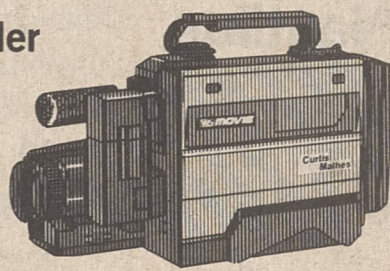
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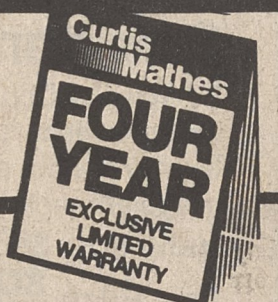


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