

Robert And Juanita Burns Cited For Beautiful Yard

The Woodbridge "Yard of the Month" award was won by Robert and Juanita of QuailHollow Drive, North Woodbridge. Nita and Bob chose to landscape in a natural style. Deep ground cover was used to suppress the growth of grass and weeds. Giant rocks were brought in from out of state and used as backdrops for many beautiful and unusual plantings. The yard features azaleas, rhododendrons, liriope, junipers, and many others that are not as common to this area. One highlight of the Burn's yard is some large Japanese Black Pine Trees. The trunk of these pine trees does not grow straight as do our domestic pines, but grow in a random fashion somewhat similar to a dogwood. Nita and Bob were very gracious and hospitable, and eagerly gave us a tour of their beautiful creation, pointing out each area and explaining the significance of the more unusual plants. The judging was done by Mrs. Rosalyn Gilliatt of Shelby, Mrs. Gilliatt has many years of experience in this area and has served as chairman of the Shelby Beautification Committee, and is the widow of Mr. Cecil Gilliatt of Gilliatt Florest. A beautiful potted plant was awarded to the Burns and a "Yard of the Month" sign was placed in their yard for public notice. Congratulations Bob and Nita -- Well Done!

Judging for the month of June will be done on Sunday, June 5th. Everyone in Woodbridge is eligible except the members of the Woodbridge Association and prior winners.

Last Thursday night, the ladies of the Woodbridge, Social, Swim and Racquet Club had their monthly ladies night out. This is an event that allows the ladies to get away and socialize with each other while enjoying games, refreshments, and conversation.

On April 24, the Woodbridge Golf Links sponsored a Get Acquainted Outing for new members and their wives. Those attending were treated to a nine hole Captains Choice Golf Outing and a barbecue and chicken dinner.

Forty newsmembers and wives attended. One of the participants, Mrs. Sally Grant, advises that the event was fantastic and will long be remembered.

We extend a warm welcome to the Melton family who recently moved to Woodbridge. Bill, Barbara and son, Shannon reside on Lakewood Dr.

On April 23, at the Woodbridge Country Club, Linda Sanders was treated to a surprise birthday party.

The party was given by the nurses and secretaries of the Kings Mountain Family Practice, Jean Moore, Lynn Rowland, April Morris, Cathy Crist, and by Linda's golfing friends, Cathy Barrett, Pat Daves, and Barbara Melton. Helping out with the party was Bill, Linda's husband, Mark, her son, and Leanne, her daughter.

The party was a complete surprise. Linda was led to believe

Oak Grove JUNE BALLARD



that she was attending a nine hole Captain's Choice Golf Meeting prior to a 3:00 p.m. Sunday game.

There was plenty of delicious food and of course a birthday cake. Music was presented by D.J., J.W. Smith. HAPPY FIFTIETH, LINDA!

Happy anniversary to Kevin and Susan Richardson. Kevin and Susan celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary on April 15th.

Tom Black of Shelby Radio Station, WOHS, recently interviewed Mrs. June houlditch of Woodbridge. June is Chairman of the Reach to Recovery Program of the American Cancer Society. The interview was to publicize the role of the Reach to Recovery Program and to stress the importance of regular mamograms. This is a very important program that promotes early discovery of breast cancer and furnishes counseling to those who must undergo breast surgery. June's role as Chairman is to promote the program, counsel patients, train new counselors, and other necessary duties.

PATTERSON GROVE NEWS

Congratulations to Miss Christa R. Williams for receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing from the University of North Carolina. Graduation ceremonies will be held on Sunday, May 8.

Happy anniversary to Gary and Mary Hambright.

Congratulations to Linda Gsellman. Linda recently received her B.S. Degree in Environmental Science from Belmont Abbey College. While at Belmont Abbey, Linda was honored by being accepted into the Delta Epsilon Sigma National Honor Society, a group consisting of those with extremely high scholastic averages. On May 2, Linda began work at her new position as SPC Specialist/Quality Control at Union Camp Corporation in Spartanburg, S. C.

OAK GROVE NEWS

Oak Grove Baptist Church has set a goal of 100 mothers in attendance for the Mother's Day morning worship service. Each mother present will be presented an 11 x 14 color print of a mother kneeling in prayer with her child. Also during this service, Oak Grove will have a parent/child dedication service.

As reported in last weeks column, Mrs. Florence White underwent tests at Duke Hospital last Monday. Unfortunately, more tests were needed and Florence checked into Cleveland Memorial Hospital yesterday to receive these tests. Results are



YARD OF THE MONTH-Rosalyn Gilliatt, left, presents Woodbridge Yard of the Month Award to Juanita Burns.

not known at this time.

Curtis and Carolyn Bell recently returned from a vacation trip to North Myrtle Beach.

Sally and Jerome Grant's Bowling team known strangely enough as "Sally's Team" is going to the finals. How about that? Sally's Team won the second half of the regular season and on Thursday night at 7:00 will play the "Widowmakers" for the championship trophy. Sally's Team consists of Sally Grant, Jerome Grant, and Ken Bridges. The awesome sounding "Widowmakers" are: Allen Myers, Dan Dilling, and Linda McNeilly.

The league is sponsored by Dilling Duck Pens Mixed Leagues.

Jay and Carolyn Patterson, Joe Patterson, Horace and Rosa Lee Bell, and Gail Bell Spent the weekend at Holden Beach at the home of Gina Patterson, daughter of Jay and Carolyn. While there, they attended a open house, ribbon cutting, and dedication ceremony at Brunswick Community College in Supply, N.C., where Gina teaches.

Rosa Lee said that while there they enjoyed church services at the Holden Beach Chapel, located on the beach.

MOTHER'S DAY

The last segment of my column is devoted to mothers. This coming Sunday is a special day for all mothers. For an extra special touch, I've asked three first graders to write something about their mothers. (with no coaching

from their mothers)

The first story is written by Shannon Richardson from Woodbridge. Shannon's mom is Susan and this is about her... My mom is the best mother because she makes me good food. She reads me stories and she takes me to dance class. She takes care of my little sister kelly when I am at school. I love my mom.

by Shannon Richardson
Next is a story written by Maggie Dellinger from the Patterson Grove area. Maggie's mom is Faye. This is about Maggie's mom... My mama makes me do my homework and takes me to the grocery store with her. She plays ball with me and lets me play with my friends. She lets me drive up the driveway. She helps me spell my spelling words and helps me do my homework. She puts me in the bed at night. Sometimes she gets mad at me. She's nice. I love her.

by Maggie Dellinger
Last is a story written by Seth Denton from the Oak Grove area. Seth's mom is Susan and this is about her... My Mom. I love my mom because she loves me. She packs my lunch for me. She watches me play T-Ball. I wouldn't trade her for a billygoat.

by Seth Denton
These three young people wrote from their hearts and I cannot add anything else.

Don't forget, if you have any news for the Oak Grove, Patterson Grove, or Woodbridge area, please call me at 482-8284.

Family Life Conferences Slated At David Baptist

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baird and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Ross were among those attending the wedding Saturday at 6 p.m. at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in High Point of Mr. and Mrs. Baird's son, Boyd Dwight Baird and Kelly Suzanne White, daughter of Mrs. Barbara Dancy Ward of High Point.

May 13, 14 and 15 David Baptist Church will begin a series of Family Life Conference meetings at 7 p.m. Friday night, Saturday morning at 10 a.m. and Sunday morning at 11 and 7 p.m.

Mick Yoder will be the speaker. He is leader of Campus Crusade for Christ from Greenville, S.C. The emphasis of the conference will be "Strengthening the Families of the Church." There will be a nursery each session and the public is invited.

At the Sunday morning service at David and El Bethel all mothers will be honored. The oldest and youngest mother will be recognized with a gift and memorials.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Swofford returned Monday from Jacksonville, Fla. where they spent several days with their daughter, and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Blanton. While there they said it rained two inches.

If anyone was passing Oak Grove Road over the weekend and saw a blue ribbon bow on the fence post it was announcing the birth of a colt to Squaw Lady, owned by Leigh Anne and Jim Smith. They have named the new

El Bethel News RUTH GAMBLE



addition Colt 45. The Administrative council of El Bethel Church met Monday night.

Saturday will be El Bethel's monthly breakfast at the church. Ham, sausage, bacon eggs, coffee, grits, and hot biscuits will be served from 6 a.m. until 10 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eaker of Hickory visited Eaker's brother, Wilbur Eaker on Sunday. Wilbur Eaker returned Friday from Cleveland Memorial Hospital after surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Hawkins of Matthews were weekend guests of Barbara's mother, Mrs. Ruth Gamble. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blanton of Durham Saturday night and Sunday.

A good group from the community attended the awards ceremony for the Cleveland County Senior Games at Cleveland Mall Thursday night.

David Church is compiling a pictorial church directory celebrating 50 years, from 1938-88. The director will include pictures of friends, members, Joy senior citizens and in the front of the directory will be a pictorial review will be historical articles of great significance.



SHUFFLEBOARD-Bill Alexander, above, takes his turn at shuffleboard in the recent Senior Olympics at Gardner Webb College as his partner waits his turn. Other local men participated in the tournament. Alexander came home with a number of ribbons and prizes.

'Amazing Grace' Sunday At Long Creek Church

On Sunday at 7 p.m. the Youth Choir at Long Creek Presbyterian Church will present a musical, "Amazing Grace", directed by Betty Davenport and Joan Smith. Joan Smith will also star in the musical as "Amazing Grace". Everyone is invited to attend this event and support our children who are taking part in this musical.

A number of people from the Long Creek Church attend a Family Retreat at the Presbytery's Camp Grier last weekend. Those attending were the Charles Davenport family, the David Berry family, Mabel Campbell, Kathryn Bridges, Joan and Brian Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Whiteside, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bridges, Robert Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Carver, Lottie Burton, the Roscoe Lingerfeldt family and Keith Millwood, the Tommy Robinson family and Richard Easler, Frances, April, Justin and Jacob Wilson. Billy and Peggy Wilson joined the group Sunday morning for breakfast, church service and lunch. Nathan and Sherry

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Bike-A-Thon To Raise Money For Leukemia

There will be a Bike-A-Thon on Saturday, May 14. This year the money raised will go to the Leukemia Society. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The official riding will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 11 a.m. Pledge forms can be picked up at the Grover Elementary School or the First Baptist Church in Grover. Riders can win prizes based on the amount of money they raised. Special prizes will be awarded for the most miles ridden and the

most money raised. Children of all ages are invited to participate! Rev. Phil Waugh is the chairperson for this event. If you have any questions or need more information call him at 937-9115 or 937-7193.

We are all deeply saddened by the death of Mrs. Margie Montgomery on Sunday, May 1. Margie made many contributions to our community over the years, but I think she will be remembered most for her concern for the "children" of the communi-



GROVER NEWS CINDY VAUGHN

ty. Those "children" are grown now with families of their own, but ask any of them and they will tell you. Margie was there to give them a dollar or two if their allowance ran out, or a hug if

they were feeling low. She didn't hesitate to correct them though if they had done something they weren't supposed to. I also heard she had the best chili burgers in town! As a community, we would like to publicly express our condolences to the family as they face these difficult days ahead.

I really need for you folks to let me know what is happening! I can't always get out like I would like to, so please call me if you have anything at all to share! My number is 937-9115.

Galilee News

ANNIE CORRY

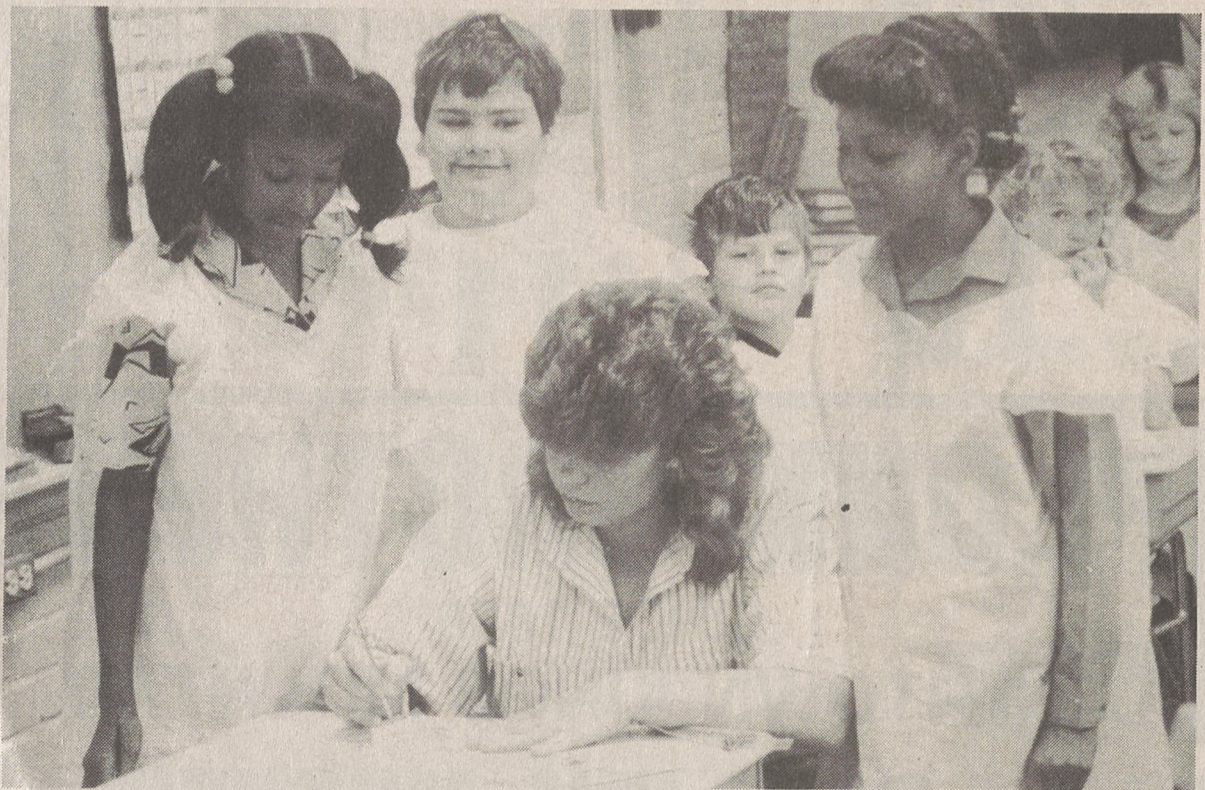


Mother's Day Program Set

Mrs. Alberta Spencer will be the Mother's Day speaker for the Methodist Women at St. Paul United Methodist Church Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. service.

Evangelist Katherine Moore McKinney has opened the World Christian Book Store at 225 S. Battleground Avenue and is featuring a wide selection of reading materials including religious books, jewelry, floral arrangements, church and Sunday School and Vacation Bible School supplies. Hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Everyone is invited to listen to The Living Word Broadcast on WKMT, 1220 Radio, each Sunday at 5 p.m.



STUDENTS LEARN ART - Gail Beam, seated, an employee of Dawn's Busy Hands, a Shelby arts and crafts store, instructed fourth and fifth graders at Grover School on the making and painting of arts and crafts last week. She's shown here with students Katanya Roberts, Chris Mote and Candus Adams (left to right).