

Library Hosts Library/Media

The Mauney Memorial Library hosted the spring meeting of the Broad River Library/Media Association on Wednesday at 10:00 o'clock. Guest speaker, Moses Nueman, gave a program on his native Nigeria. He wore the costume of his tribe and showed slides and photographs of his country and its culture.

Nueman came to the United States in order to go to school. He has attended Gaston College and Cleveland Community College and has studied such diverse subjects as business administration and photography. He is now in business for himself, but he is working to improve the educational standards in his own country. His presentation focused on the needs of education and libraries in the Nigerian villages.

Nueman said that his village is very poor, but the people are hungry for books and knowledge. However, the tools for learning are very scarce. Often there is only one book per classroom. The teacher uses the one book and writes the information non the chalk board for the students to copy in their notebooks. There are no other sources available for the children to get additional information or other points of view.

Paper and pencils are very precious commodities in the Nigerian villages. Spiral notebooks used for class work cost \$10.00 a piece. In order to use up all the available space on a sheet of paper, the student uses both sides and writes between the lines. Different assignments are done in different colors of ink. Pencils are used down to the last bit of lead. Students fit the stub of the pencil in a piece of bamboo so they can hold on to it and write.

There are no public community libraries in Nigeria as we know them in the United States. The few libraries that exist are a part of the schools and universities in the large cities, but the poor people in the villages have no access to books. Nueman has sent many books back to his country and has established a library in his village. The library is open to all who wish to



Uptown At The Library

By ROSE TURNER
Mauney Memorial Librarian

use it. There is no danger of theft or vandalism as the children as well as adults handle the books carefully and with respect.

As Nueman talked, I could not help but think about the advantages our own children have, and how little they use them. While the children in Nigeria are eager to learn, so many American children are bored with school, waste their time, and get by with the least 3ef-fort possible. Schools are readily available, yet the drop out rate continues to be high, and illiteracy is widespread. Teachers strive to motivate their classes but so many students remain unresponsive. The tools of learning are wasted at an astonishing rate. While the Nigerian village child is writing four or five assignments on the same sheet of paper and using a stub of a pencil, the American child is wadding up sheets of paper with only one or two lines written on it, and breaking pencils in pieces for the fun of it. Books are defaced, torn and misused without a thought. We try to entice children and adolescents to use the library by offering various programs, but a large percent of the population do not participate.

We can learn many things by looking at other cultures. Nueman's discussion of his country and its needs for the basic tools of learning should help us see our own educational system in a new perspective.



GIFT TO LIBRARY-The Education Department of Kings Mountain Woman's Club recently presented a check to Mauney Memorial Library to buy new books. Mrs. Betty R. Gamble, left, Woman's Club president, presents the check to Librarian Rose Turner.

KM's Holland Is Promoted

ARMY AND AIR FORCE HOMETOWN NEWS - Antonne H. Holland, son of Maggie L. Holland of 209 Thronburg Drive, Kings Mountain, has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of private first class.

Holland is a food service specialist with the 14th Field Artillery at Fort Stewart, Ga.

He is a 1988 graduate of Kings Mountain Senior High School.

The ESEA Title VI-B project application has been written for Kings Mountain District Schools. It is available for public review in the superintendent's office.

WINS AWARD
Steve Matthews of Earl received the Outstanding Program Award in annual leadership awards ceremonies recently at Florida State University.

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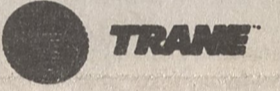
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May 1. Pizza, Tossed Salad, French Fries, Applesauce.

May 2. Baked Chicken or Toasted Cheese Sand., Rice, Green Beans, Choice of Fruit, Rolls.

May 3. Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce or Pinto Beans, Mixed Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Trail Mix, French Bread.

May 4. Cheeseburger on Bun, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Pineapple Tidbits.

May 5. Hot Ham/Cheese Sand., Potato Salad, Carrot Sticks, Chilled Peaches.

May 8. Barbecued Sloppy Joe, Barbecue Slaw, French Fries, Choice of Fruit.

May 9. Taco or Toasted Cheese Sand., Lettuce & Tomato, Whole White Potatoes, Lima Beans, Cookie.

May 10. Oven Fried Chicken or Corn Dog, Cole Slaw, Vegetarian Beans, Fruit Salad.

May 11. Beef-a-Roni, Turnip Greens, Mixed Vegetables, Choice of Fruit.

May 12. Hot Dog w/chili on Bun, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Cake Square.

May 15. Pizza, tossed Salad, Potato Tots, Choice of Fruit.

May 16. Barbecued Chicken or Toasted Cheese Sand., Creamed

Potatoes, Green Beans, Jello w/Fruit, Roll.

May 17. Steak/Gravy, Rice, Green Peas, Picadilly Slaw, Fruit Salad.

May 18. Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Breaded Okra, Pears, Bread Sticks.

May 19. Potato Bar, Gr. Peppers, Onions, Baked Beans, Carrot/Celery Stick, Trail Mix, Rolls.

May 22 - May 31. Managers Choice.

Breakfast
May 1. Hot Grits, Buttered Toast, Orange Juice.

May 2. Pancakes w/Syrup, Honey Butter, Chilled Applesauce.

May 3. Cinnamon Toast, Sliced Peaches.

May 4. Cheese Toast, Apple Juice.

May 5. Sausage Biscuit, Applesauce.

May 8. Cinnamon Roll, Orange Juice.

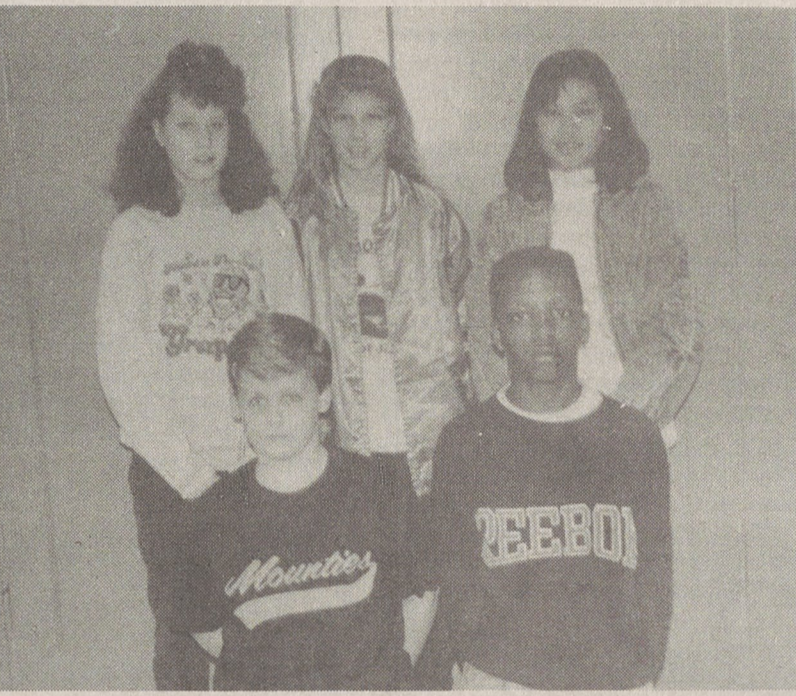
May 9. Choice of Cereal, Fruit Juice.

May 10. Glazed Doughnut, Orange Juice.

May 11. Banana Bread Squares, Orange Juice.

May 12. Cinnamon Toast, Apple Juice.

May 15 - May 29 Managers Choice.



PROBLEM SOLVING TEAM-This team of Central School students scored 148 out of a possible 150 in future problem competition on child care problems coached by Jane Bryson. From left, front row, Michael Keenum and Marcus Bell and back row, Denyse Small, left, Shannon Caveny and Siamphone Phantalack.

Seminar Set At Gaston College

Gaston College is offering a free seminar for business owners, safety and health training personnel, and others who are responsible for compliance with OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, the NC Right to Know Law, and SARA Title III.

The seminar is scheduled for May 3, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the health sciences building auditorium on the Dallas campus. For more information and to register, call the college at 922-6260.

Quilter To Present Program

Professional quilter Ellen K. Guerrant of Charlotte will present the program at Thursday night's meeting of the Foothills Quilters Guild at 7 p.m. at the Cleveland

County Office Building. She will use the subject, "What I Learned On The Way To Becoming A Quilter." The public is invited.

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