

West School fifth graders, Chris Foster and Tonya Pressley were helped with their math skills by James Rice, a volunteer with the Kings Mountain Program for Aging.

## UnFriendly Skies Claimed Stars

The joke goes the pilot says "The plane is going to crash, everybody pray." There's only one who sits and does nothing. The pilot says, "Fellow you'd better pray." The fellow says, "I don't know how to pray." The pilot says, "Well do something religious." He got his hat and took up collection.

Having a few close calls while riding the silver bird, I'm not as fond of flying as I once was. Some didn't like to travel by plane, but needed to.

March 5, 1963 Patsy Cline, Cowboy Copas, and Hawkshaw Hawkins were on a Piper Comanche piloted by Randy Hughes, Patsy's manager, and son-in-law of Cowboy Copas. They were returning home to Nashville from a benefit show in Kansas City which had been done to raise money for the family of disc jockey Cactus Jack. He'd been killed in a car wreck. Around 7 p.m. a farmer, Sam Webb, saw a light plane circling "revving" its motor like it was trying to climb. He lost sight of the plane and heard it crash a few moments later. The bodies were shredded all over the land-

**Jim Arp**



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scape. The only way they could tell male from female was by the bill-folds that still remained intact.

On a stormy Friday afternoon July 31, 1964 Jim Reeves and his piano player, Dean Manuel, were returning to Nashville, from Batesville, Arkansas. Reeves was the pilot and when he tried to land at the Nashville airport in a heavy rain the plane crashed near Brentwood. Two days later the wreckage was found. Both Reeves and his friend were dead.

Forty-five year old Rick Nelson performed at P.J.'s Lounge in Guntersville, Alabama. It was Monday, December 30, 1985. His last song was Buddy Holly's "Rave On." On Tuesday Nelson got aboard his forty-three-year old DC3 which had once belonged to

the killer, Jerry Lee Lewis. The plane was in bad shape, and it was rumored that one of the band members had threatened to quit because of the plane's condition. There were five band members, Nelson, and his fiancée, Helen Blair, and two pilots. Near the Texas border the pilot radioed the Dallas-Fort Worth airport that there was smoke in the cockpit. He tried to set the aircraft down on a highway, but there was a car in the way. Instead he tried to land in a cow pasture near Dekalb, Texas. The plane landed in one piece, then burned. Both pilots managed to escape. The seven passengers burned to death.

In 1959, Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and J.P. Richardson, known as "The Big Bopper", lost their lives in a single-engine Breech Bonanza in Mason City, Iowa. It's common knowledge that Waylon Jennings gave up his seat on the plane to Richardson. Holly's death may have changed the course of rock and roll. Though Holly got his start in country music, he and the late Eddie Cochran had a staggering effect on rock music.

## Blalock Family Reunion Sunday

Annual reunion of the Lawson Goforth and Ferrie Susan Whisnant Blalock family will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. at El Bethel United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright Jr. and Mrs. Madge Wright Rhea and their families are host families for the event.

Plates, cups, silver, napkins and ice will be furnished. Those attending are asked to bring drinks and well-filled picnic baskets.

## Willis

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John Willis also selects his wife's clothes and sees shopping for her as a blessing because he can see the price tags.

When the charming couple attend ball games Mrs. Willis takes a transistor radio and ear plugs and tunes in the game. Nancy has also

been referred to as the Greater Greensboro Open's biggest fan. Many of the PGA touring golfers know her and wouldn't think of leaving the first tee without stopping to say hello.

"Quit thinking about yourself" is the first advice Nancy gives to newly blind friends she counsels. Sighted people should also take that advice, she told the large audi-

ence at First Presbyterian Church. "The Lord teaches us to deal with irritations by acceptance, thanksgiving, prayer, love of God and love of others," she said.

Willis said the hardest part of her blindness to accept was using a white cane. "The Lord helped me through a Christmas pageant to do that," she said.

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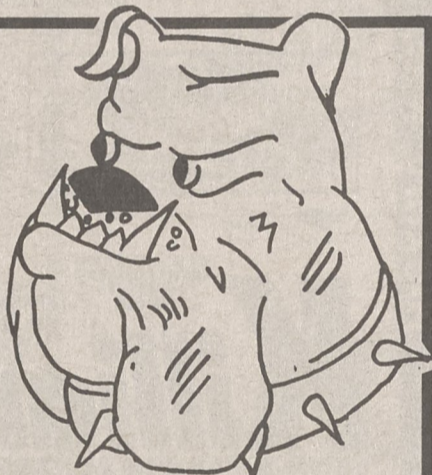
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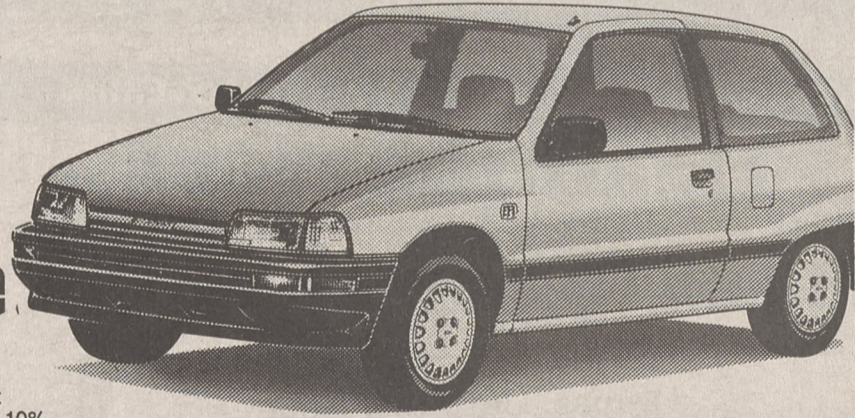
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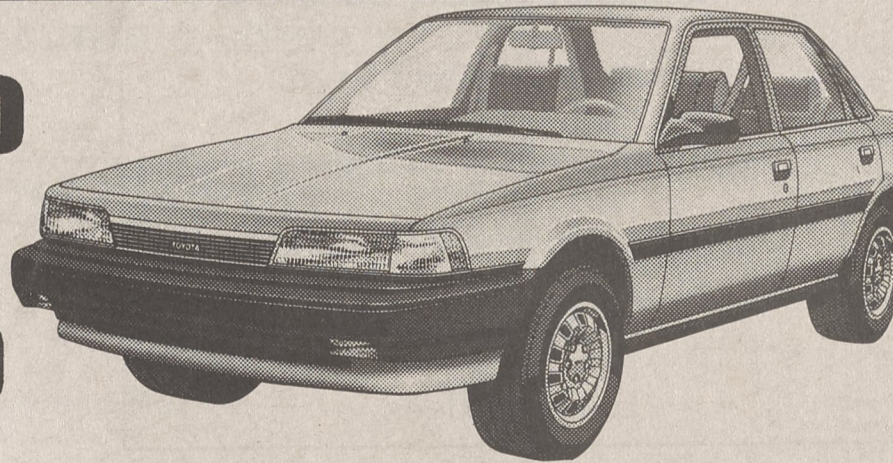
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