



BACK IN SCHOOL-Dean Smith is receiving his high school diploma after 36 years out of the classroom. He is pictured in his favorite spot at the library at Cleveland Community College. Returning to school opened doors for Smith who has been called to the ministry.

At 55, KM's Dean Smith Is Returning To School

What motivated Dean Smith to earn his high school diploma after being out of school for 36 years?

Smith, a Kings Mountain resident, enthusiastically shared his personal story with others in "The Dean Smith Story" which will appear with his photograph in a N. C. Community College publication soon which will feature one "Success Story" from each of the 58 community colleges in the statewide system.

According to Becky Cook, Dean of Skills Development Program, Smith "exemplifies an older adult's struggle and determination to make personal and career changes within his life to meet his goals."

Ms. Anna Cuomo, Editor of the N.C. Adult and Continuing Education publication, chose the feature by Smith after it was selected by the staff of CCC as one of their best examples of a student success story.

"My life's finally filling out. I no longer have that nagging feeling that I'm a failure because I didn't finish high school. Now, at age 55, my dream has become a reality. Except for dropping out of high school when I was a married father in the 12th grade, I've never been a quitter. Now, after 36 years, I'm finishing what I started as a boy," says Smith.

"Earning my adult high school diploma at Cleveland Community College, has allowed a whole new life to open up for me. Even though I had a good job in the

chemical lab at Lithium Corporation, I still felt that my life came up short because I quit school. Then, three years ago, I felt God's call to go into the ministry. To fulfill my goal, I knew that I had to make changes and sacrifices," he said.

He continues his story:

"Because of my age and pride, I was afraid I wouldn't fit in with the younger people. As time went by, my fears increased. Because of my faith and desire to enter the ministry, I met the challenge. My wife and grown children supported and encouraged my decision.

"While recovering from a heart attack, I enrolled at the College. When I first talked to the coordinator, I was very tense but CCC's caring staff gave me self-assurance and immediately put my fears to rest. They made me feel good about myself. With their help, understanding, compassion and friendship, I earned by adult high school diploma. I attended the main campus center in Shelby and Kings Mountain Community Center, a satellite site located close to my home. After I receive my college degree at CCC, I'll complete my ministry studies a Wake Forest and Duke.

"I give my heartfelt thanks to Cleveland Community College. My adult high school diploma is responsible for opening the door to my new future."

Farmers Must Have Plans

Are you at risk of losing eligibility to participate in USDA programs? Do you have your conservation plan developed and approved by the local Soil and Water Conservation District?

The 1985 Farm Bill known as the Food Security Act of 1985 requires that farmers have an approved conservation plan on all cropland they own or operate classified as highly erodible land (HEL). This plan must be developed and approved by December 31, 1989 in order to be eligible for USDA program benefits. The benefits include support programs on wheat and cotton, FMHA loans, crop insurance, grain storage loans, disaster payments and CRP payments.

It is your responsibility to request the plan and schedule a time with the local SCS office to develop the plan.

IT'S A BOY

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Bennett of Tampa, Fla., announce the birth of a son, Michael Scott, October 24, 1989. Grandparents are Lawrence and Colene Bennett of Kings Mountain and Floyd and Marilyn Bean of Bloomington, Ind.

Time is getting short and approximately 100 plans are yet to be developed. Call and schedule your appointment as soon as possible. Phone 482-1906 or stop by the Soil Conservation Service office at 124-

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KM PARADE

The annual Kings Mountain Christmas parade will be on December 10 at 2 p.m.

BASKETBALL

The 1989 Holiday Basketball Invitational will be held December 14-16. Registration fee is \$70. Rosters should be mad and sent along with the entry fee. There is a 10 player limit.

GIRLS CLINIC

A girls basketball clinic will be

held November 11 and 25 from 9-11:30 a.m. Girls in the second grade and above are eligible. The clinic, taught by Dianna Bridges, is free.

CANDY MAKING

A holiday candy making class will be taught December 7 from 6-9 p.m. in the Mountaineer Room of the Community Center. Phyllis Lackey will be the instructor. The fee is \$6 and participants will learn to make decorative suckers, fudge, reese cups, chocolate cherries, coconut bon bons, and others. Pre-registration is required.

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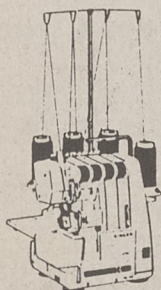
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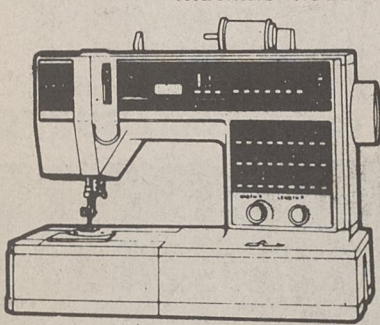
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