



1919 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS AT THOMPSON GROVE - Here's a picture of a 1919 Sunday School class which met at Thompson Grove School near the North-South Carolina state line on York Road. It was loaned to the Herald by Fred Owens of Kings Mountain. Mr. Owens knows all but just a few names. Front row, from left, Millard Lovelace and his daughter, Fred Owens, Ina Lee Adams, F.C. Adams, Jasper Philbeck, Clyde Blanton, Buren Blanton, John Lewis, Bonnie Patterson, Addie Owens, Maggie Patterson, Charles Owens, Mary Allen, Maude McCarter (next two persons unknown). Second row, Millard Lovelace, John Owens, Clyde Owens, Brown Adams, (next person unknown), Lillian Black Watterson, (next person unknown), Viola Adams, Mary Lewis,

Gertrude Patterson, Sid Adams, Oveda Sarvis, Geneva Owens, Richard Owens, Hy Patterson, Asbury Owens, John Gray, Bob Bookout. Third row, George Owens, Lee Blanton and son, Mrs. Millard Lovelace, Bob Bookout, Mrs. Bob Bookout, Sallie Sarvis, Rettie Owens, Laura Owens, Ethel Owens, W.P. "Pink" Bumgardner, Dewey Gray, Pierce Gray. Fourth row, Quince Philbeck and daughter, Dovie Philbeck, Lizzie Blanton, Ida Patterson and daughter Ocie, Letha Bumgardner and mother, Mrs. Ed Bumgardner, Mrs. John Gray, Mary Owens, Laura Patterson, Happy Lee Patterson, Maggie Lewis, Andrew Lovelace, Mull Patterson, and Pink Patterson.

Interest In Nursing On The Rise

The recent surge of interest in Gaston College's nursing programs surprised even health sciences dean Norma Grice.

"I expected a gradual increase in enrollment, but it has just boomed," she said.

The Gaston College nursing department is currently in the "waiting list mode" for both associated degree (ADN) and practical nursing (LPN) programs, according to Grice. In addition, she says, 80 students have taken the ACT in the past few weeks and 100 are now taking chemistry in preparation for admission to nursing.

Gaston College can take 120 students in the ADN program and 25 in the LPN program. "We got up to 110 last year in ADN," said department chairman Lois Bradley, "but there was never a waiting list."

Though Gaston Memorial Hospital still reports a moderate shortage of nurses, the increase in enrollment at Gaston College comes as good news.

"We are optimistic that as nursing school enrollment increase, our recruiting efforts will be rewarded," said Kathleen Harwell, vice president for patient care at Gaston Memorial.

"Gaston Memorial has enjoyed strong ties with Gaston College and the Gaston College nursing program," said Harwell. "That is a relationship we want to strengthen and promote."

Both Grice and Bradley attribute the increase in enrollment to all the recent publicity about the demand for nurses and the potential salaries--a marked change from just a few years ago.

"In 1983 our graduates had to look for jobs," said Bradley. "They were just hiring."

"I think for the first time, many

women see that there is an opportunity to go into the work force to make a decent living," she said.

Other factors she mentioned were the acuity of illnesses today, creating the need for more one-on-one care, and the fact that patients are being released from hospitals earlier, creating the need for more home health care professionals.

Statistics from a report made by Sandford Shugart, the Department

of Community College's vice president for programs, indicate the increase of interest in nursing is statewide. The report, represented at the March meeting of the State Board of Community Colleges, shows that the number of persons applying to ADN programs at North Carolina's community colleges went from 7496 in 1988-89 to 11,905 in 1989-90. The number admitted went from 2091 the first

year to 2726 the second.

In LPN programs statewide, the number of applicants went from 1799 in 1988-89 to 3086 in 1989-90. The number admitted was 605 the first year and 685 the second.

I think it's fair to say there seems to be more of a demand than we can actually fill," said Mark Van Sciver, Public Affairs Director for the Department of Community Colleges.

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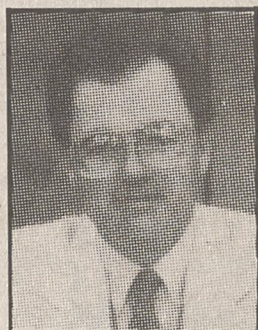
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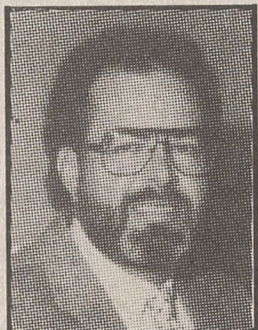
DAR ESSAY WINNER-Melissa Bowen, fifth grader at West School and daughter of Keith and Kathy Bowen, won the DAR medal given by Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter as winner of the DAR essay contest. She is a student in Mrs. Hope's class.



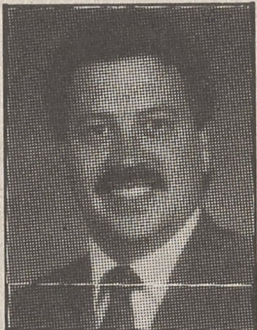
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Mary Ferebee Inducted Into Alpha Lambda Delta

Mary Elizabeth Ferebee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ferebee of 1221 Wales Road, Kings Mountain, was one of 173 new members inducted into the North Carolina State Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, a national academic honor society for

freshman college and university students, at the end of the school year.

To be named to membership in the society, students must have attained a B-plus or better average and be in the upper 20 percent of their class.

New Courses Offered At Cleveland College

The Curriculum Department of Cleveland Community College is offering two concentrated courses--BIO 103 (Biology II) and MAT 123 (Trigonometry)--in the Pre-Liberal Arts/Pre-Science programs beginning July 23 and ending August 9.

Tuition for the biology course is \$34 in state and students will earn

four credit hours. For trigonometry, the tuition is \$26.50 in state and students will earn three credit hours. The fee is waived for North Carolina residents 65 years or older.

Registration will be held at the first class meeting. For additional registration information, call Student Services at 484-4081.

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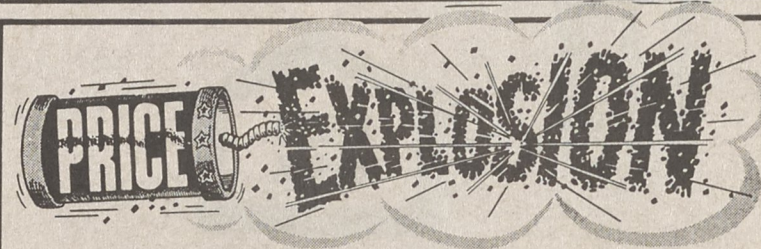
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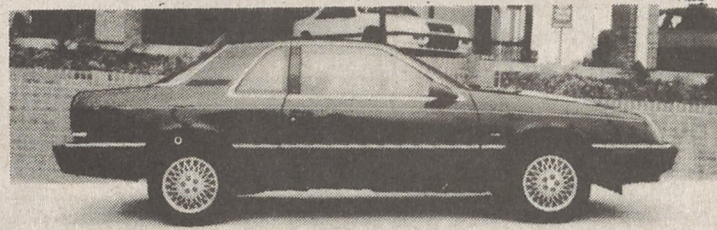
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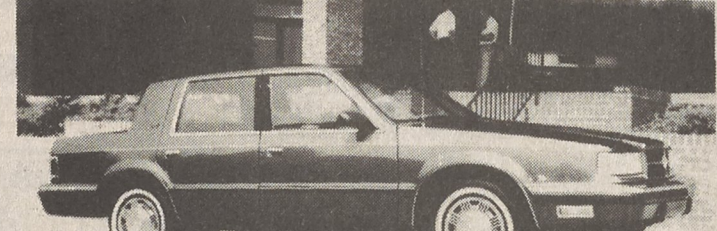
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