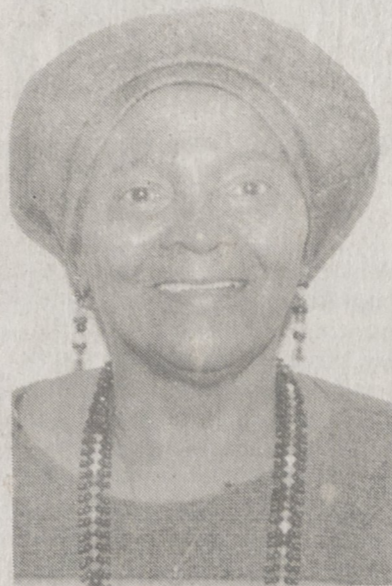


72 and back in school

Marvita Spann is going back to school at age 72. "I've made good progress in my reading and writing," she said. "Math is a hard subject but I'm making progress." The Kings Mountain woman moved back to Kings Mountain six months ago from New York where she had worked for 40 years for Sunshine Biscuit Company. Through the years she had kept contact with Cleveland County by returning to visit with family members here and in Grover. She completed sixth grade in Grover but stopped to

go to work and raise a family. "I was always determined to get my high school diploma and Cleveland Community College is helping me reach my goal," she said. Spann attends an on-campus class with instructor Nancy Hopper. She hopes to finish in about a year's time. Spann wants to encourage younger people to stay in school and obtain a diploma and older people not to stop learning. "I was lucky that I was able to make it without my high school education but now it's necessary for a good job," she

said. "I was blessed to be able to work without one." Though she knows it won't be easy, Spann will keep working to get her credits passed off. Once she has her diploma, she'll be better able to help others, she says. Spann gives high credit to her instructor for the encouragement she takes to class. "She's wonderful," said Spann. "She bends herself over backward to help everyone in class." "I guess I am an example that it's never too late to go back to school."



MARVITA SPANN



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"The sandpiper stands beside me now
"The ocean spray, it creeps into my soul
"This song's for the one who taught me how
"To believe in horizons yet untold."

So sang Cleveland County Visiting Artist Bruce Piephoff to Kings Mountain High School students Thursday morning.

The songwriter, troubadour and poet's songs told of ordinary folk: farmers, factory workers, single mothers and hobos. They have a Southern feeling but the themes are universal: love, betrayal, loss, loneliness and joy.

Piephoff (pronounced peah-off) told the students he hoped they would all stay in school and graduate, singing for them an original song that told of the rocky road a person on the street faces.

Piephoff's career began as a student at UNC-Chapel Hill. He played and sang in little bars, cafes and restaurants where folk, blues and poetry were performed. Since then he has performed at the Kennedy Center of the Performing Arts in the nation's capitol, the Bitter End in New York City and the Blue Bird Cafe in Nashville, among others.

He wanted to make up his own stories so he started writing his own material in college and left school after two years to travel around and learn the folksinger's trade. He later returned to get his degree in English and a master's in creative writing from UNC-Greensboro where he studied with the renowned poet, Fred Cappell.

A Visiting Artist for six years working through the community colleges, he has recorded six albums of original songs and poems on the Flyin' Cloud label.

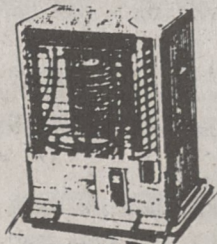
This fall, the English Department has sponsored many other events for students, including an evening with the Boston Chamber repertoire theatre, a trip to the opera in Charlotte, a trip to Lenoir Rhyne College to see "The Glass Menagerie" and four evening poetry seminars. The poetry seminars were funded with a mini grant from the Kings Mountain Educational Foundation.

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