

## Christmas Books At Library

By MARYJANE CARBO

This column is the first in a series of weekly and, I hope, informative reports from the Mauney Memorial Library. What will you see in this column? We will, of course, tell you about some of the exciting new additions to our growing collection. There will be reviews of books by the library staff and patrons. Watch, too, for news about library programs and activities, such as Storytime for Preschoolers upcoming in January.

You will also find valuable in-

formation on how you, with a little help from your public library, can learn to do almost anything from digging a well to saving money on your taxes. You know, the public library is one of those few public institutions for which we pay taxes that gives back much more than our dollars worth. Last year alone, the Mauney Memorial Library saved the Kings Mountain public more than \$142,800 just by circulating books which, otherwise, you would have had to buy.

Well, the holidays are upon us

and the public library likes to celebrate too! We have a varied selection of Christmas books at your disposal. For children, there is the every popular **The Night Before Christmas** by Clement C. Moore. Or, for those children who like more modern stories, there's James Stevenson's **The Night After Christmas**. Those adults who like a dash of history during the Yuletide season will enjoy Christmas in Williamsburg, which traces, in words and delightful photographs, the Christmas customs of the colonial era. And if you are still

stuck for ideas for what to serve your holiday guests, our many cookbooks and home entertaining titles should inspire you.

One caution. If you plan to visit the public library during the holidays, please do not come on December 23rd, 24th, 25th, 25th or on January 1st. The library will be closed on those days. The library will be open to students working on term papers and all other patrons during the week following Christmas, however.

Library users will also want to take note of the Mauney Memorial Library's new hours. Beginning January 2nd the library will be open at the following times:

Monday, 12 noon until 8:00 p.m.; Tuesday, through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

We want to be available when you are! So come and take advantage of our services. And Merry Christmas from the library staff, Pat Noblit and Maryjane Carbo.

## G-W Receives Grant

A \$143,060 grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Health Care Trust in Winston-Salem has been awarded to Gardner-Webb College for the establishment of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.

This announcement was made Monday morning by Dr. Craven E. Williams, president of Gardner-Webb College. After a year long feasibility study the need for the Baccalaureate Pro-

gram was firmly established. Presently, there is no ADN/RN/BSN program in North Carolina. This program will result in the first full professional school for Gardner-Webb.

Gardner-Webb College's nursing program currently offers an Associate Degree in Nursing. The new program will continue the two-year ADN plus a two-year continuation program leading to a BSN.

"Most of the inquiries have come from registered nurses within a 50-mile radius of the College. They either hold diplomas in nursing or associate degrees and want the BSN," said Shirley Toney, director of the nursing or associate degrees and want the BSN," said Shirley Toney, director of the nursing program at Gardner-Webb. She continued, "By 1985, a four year degree may be a requirement for entry into profession nursing. Along with an interest in furthering their education, students are looking for increased salaries, more opportunities for employment, increased skills, and preparation for graduate study. With the "two plus two" program, registered nurses and other students will be able to obtain a basic education in nursing with an option to continue for the baccalaureate degree. We feel confident that the strong academic program of the College, and the excellent clinical facilities in the area will contribute to a quality baccalaureate curriculum."

A phenomenon which has received much attention is the nursing shortage. In the Southern region, there are only 450 registered nurses per 100,000 population while the national ratio is 550 per 100,000.

"The shortage of RN's has come about by openings of various work opportunities as the military, doctor's offices and industrial nursing that nurses have only been able to explore in the last few years," commented Paul Ellison, director of Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

Ellison said that many RN's are seeking to upgrade their clinical and administrative skills because of increasing demands on their roles to be involved more with budgets, personnel management, government laws and rules and the accreditation of hospital standards.

He cited that Gardner-Webb College's (two plus two) program will provide a re-entry level for nurses who want to obtain a four-year degree.

As more hospitals utilize the team nursing and primary nursing methods of patient care, it will be important to have RN's in leadership roles who can plan and implement comprehensive care for the patient. Several area hospital directors expressed a desire for their head nurses and supervisory personnel to obtain baccalaureate preparation and stated that the BSN would likely be an important qualification for RN's who they hire for administrative duties.

The Kate B. Reynolds Health Care Trust was created in 1946 through provisions in the will of Mrs. William N. Reynolds for the purpose of improving health care to the people of North Carolina. The trusts awards approximately \$1.5 million annually in grants to non-profit organizations throughout the state. Its current program interest areas are access to primary health care, alternative delivery systems which offer improved health care and/or economy, and illness prevention/health promotion.

Gardner-Webb is a liberal arts College affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of N.C. offering Associate, Bachelor, and Master's degrees. The College is noted for its independence of federal funding and promotion of the free enterprise system.

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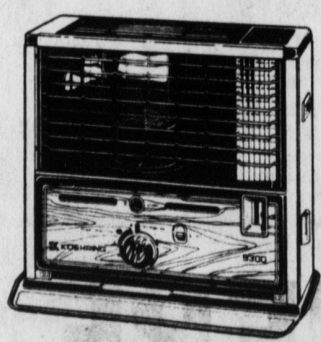
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