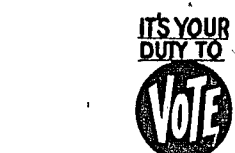




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"YES"

On Consolidation With  
Mooresville Schools

# What's Best For Our Children And Our Grandchildren . . . ?

## FACTS

- Mount Mourne will remain in full use. Mooresville schools Supt. Bill Brown says that, if the merger is approved, "Mount Mourne School will be provided every service and every enrichment program offered at all other schools in the system."
- Ken Wooten, chairman of the Iredell County school board, says there is "absolutely no basis for rumors that a junior high school is planned for the south end of the county."
- Wooten dismisses a consolidated high school in the Mount Mourne-Mooresville area as "wishful thinking." He points out that such rumors may have grown from his repeated statements regarding his preference for "consolidating everything from Kerr's Branch south."
- All school buildings in Iredell County -- rural and urban -- were financed by taxes levied equally on every property owner -- rural and urban -- residing in the county.
- The Mooresville school district levies a supplementary tax that currently is 26 cents per \$100 of taxable property valuation. (Property is taxed at 75 per cent of market value.) Example: \$10,000 in TAXABLE value would mean a \$26 annual tax.
- Qualified real estate brokers estimate that annexation into the Mooresville school district increases real estate values from 10 per cent to 20 per cent.

Daily bus round-trip from Mt. Mourne to South Iredell is 37 miles.

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**Vote for Annexation of  
Mt. Mourne  
School Attendance Area  
Into Mooresville  
Tues., Oct. 2nd**

We have found that being located inside the Mooresville School District increases the value of property, and feel that annexation of the Mt. Mourne School District into the Mooresville District would definitely increase property values in that area.

In my opinion, the value of any property that is voted into the Mooresville School District will become at least 10 to 20% more valuable and desirable.

This statement is based on the fact that one of the questions most often asked about a future home site in this section of Iredell County over the past 18 years has been, "Is this property in the Mooresville City School District?"

Sincerely,

W. H. Westmoreland  
W. H. Westmoreland

## FICTION

• Mount Mourne School will be closed if the attendance area votes to join the Mooresville school system.

• A new junior high school will be built in the near future in the South Iredell area, provided Mount Mourne does not elect to become a part of the Mooresville school system.

• Iredell County plans a consolidated high school for the south end of the county. These plans would be discarded should Mount Mourne become a part of the Mooresville school system.

• If the merger vote is favorable, Mount Mourne School supporters will be giving the Mooresville school system a \$250,000 investment in school property.

• A vote to merge Mount Mourne's school attendance area with Mooresville would result in a drastic and burdensome increase in property taxes.

• Mount Mourne property owners have everything to lose financially, and nothing to gain by voting their school attendance area into the Mooresville school district.

LET'S TALK

**SCHOOL**

It simply is not sensible to bus children from south of Mooresville past perfectly good Mooresville schools to schools north of Troutman. When school administrators say this can't be helped because Mooresville is one school system and the county is another, they are begging the question. Their approach should be what can we do for the good of the child, not why we cannot do.

Reduced to its essentials, the question to be answered October 2 is rooted in a practical approach to education. —Mooresville Tribune



### Prettily-Perched Package Of Pulchritude

If by now, you've recovered from reading the caption, we'll tell you a little more about the young lady, herself. She's 15-year-old Lew Ann Davis, a rising sophomore at Mooresville Senior High School. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis F. Davis, Jr., of 427 Wedgewood Drive, the vivacious, sun-tanned lovely is 5-1 and weighs 103 pounds. She has light-brown hair and sparkling brown eyes. She's pictured as she whiled away a recent mid-summer morning at the Lake Norman cottage of a friend of the family.

### Schools Open With Prepared Teachers

Public schools in North Carolina will be better prepared for opening this fall than they have ever been in the state's history. They will be better prepared because of the extension of the employment term for teachers enacted by the 1973 General Assembly, according to Dr. A. C. Dawson, executive secretary of the N.C. Association of Educators. "Other teachers did the preparation during the first few days of school and let the children go without instruction," Dr. Dawson continued. "And sadly, some just didn't get it done, which meant their children got less than they should have in educational quality." Dr. Dawson pointed out the General Assembly has assured every child of a teacher who is prepared and ready to begin instruction on the first day the child attends school. The General Assembly extended the teachers' work year from 187 days to 190 calendar months. This means teachers will have time to learn new material, get and count textbooks, gather the many supplemental materials that enrich the learning process, plan schedules, complete in-service training, put up bulletin boards, check clerical records and the many other things needed to begin the school year. During the year there will be days set aside for bringing records up to date, replenishing supplemental materials and evaluating children's progress. "At year's end, a few days will be available for winding up," he said. "Our children ought to get a full 180 days of instruction this year. We think this is a significant advancement in the quality of North Carolina's public school system."

### Community Baptist Sets Homecoming

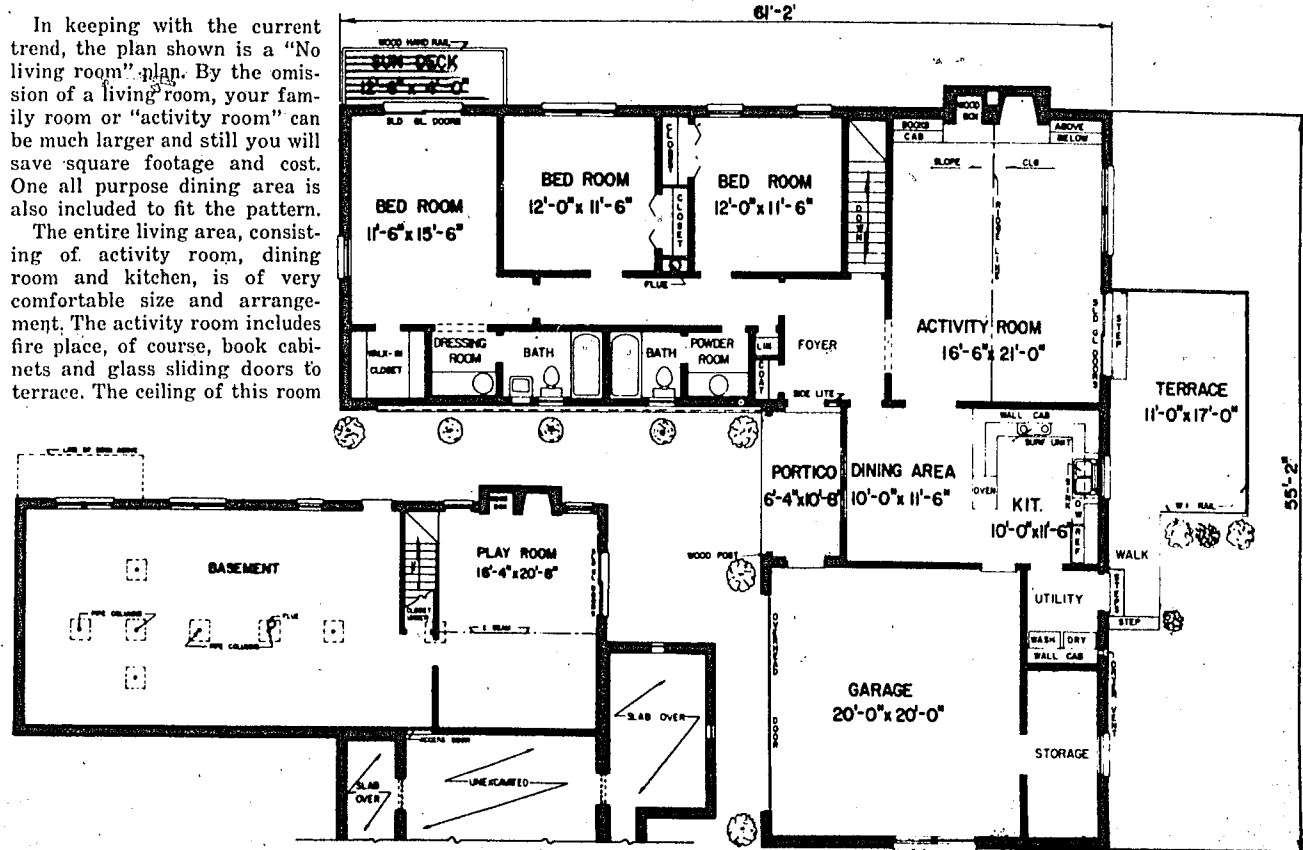
Sunday, August 26, will be homecoming Sunday at the Community Baptist Church at Mount Mourne. A former pastor, the Rev. Bob Spry, is scheduled to bring the 11 a.m. message. Featured gospel singing will be presented by the Oxendine Family. After dinner at noon on the church grounds, the Oxendine Family and others will be singing from 2 until 4:30 p.m. No evening service is planned for Sunday, August 26. Pastor of the church is the Rev. John L. Rogers, and he and the members of the church cordially invite the public to attend the all-day homecoming program.

### Commissioners Talk About Cattle Census

Iredell County commissioners beamed about beef at a meeting last week. In keeping with the current trend, the plan shown is a "No living room" plan. By the omission of a living room, your family room or "activity room" can be much larger and still you will save square footage and cost. One all purpose dining area is also included to fit the pattern. The entire living area, consisting of activity room, dining room and kitchen, is of very comfortable size and arrangement. The activity room includes fireplace, of course, bookshelves and glass sliding doors to terrace. The ceiling of this room is vaulted. A utility area is also here and there is access to double garage. Extra storage is at the rear of the garage. The large foyer provides central access to activity area, stairs to play room and basement and bed room wing. There are three large bedrooms, surplus closets and twin baths, both with powder room. Master bedroom has a large walk-in closet and glass sliding doors to sun deck. Exterior is "L Shape" ranch style with recessed portico, vertical paneling, twelve-lite and diamond-lite windows. The total square footage is only 1,668. The plan is Number 655 by W. D. Farmer, P.O. Box 49463, Atlanta, Ga. 30329.



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