

## Nursing Education Alive, Well At Rowan Tech

Lowrance Hospital operated a school of nursing from 1970 through the summer of 1972. During the 44 years of its service, the school gave this community daily contact with nursing education.

Mooreville people took pride in their student nurses, they noted their comings and goings, their capping ceremonies, their graduations. The school was a center for the hospital nursing staff.

Since a critical imbalance of rising costs and declining enrollment forced Lowrance to discontinue its school, Mooreville hasn't been in constant touch with nursing education.

South Tredell may rest assured, however, that nursing education for this area is alive and well—and living in Salisbury.

Ask Karen Weddington. Ask the dozen or so area residents who are enrolled in the associate degree nursing program at Rowan Technical Institute in Salisbury.

Miss Weddington is a registered nurse, and a member of the Lowrance Hospital staff. An Atwell community resident and a South Rowan High graduate, she graduated at Rowan Tech in August, one of 27 members of the school's first

class. A half-dozen young women who live in and around Mooreville are first-year students in the associate degree program. They are Sheila Holt, Judy Honeycutt, Lynn Bostian, Zelma Goodnight, Dottie Horton and Nancy Smith.

All sing the praises of the Rowan Tech training. All will be receiving on-the-job training at Lowrance Hospital during their two-year course leading to a nursing career.

The shift of nurse training to Rowan Tech was no accident. Arrangements were made to establish the associate degree

program there before Lowrance and Rowan Memorial Hospital closed their nursing schools. Now the centralized training facilities at the technical institute serve both hospitals, and the hospitals, in turn, serve the school by providing practical training. Other cooperating medical facilities in which the Rowan Tech students train are the Salisbury Veterans Hospital, the Rowan Health Department and the Tri-County Mental Health Clinic, all with nearby facilities.

The Rowan program began in the fall of 1971. It has operated at capacity since that time. It

is a point we've been trying to stress," Mrs. Cowherd said in discussing the program, "we have an open-door policy, which means we accept students on a first-come, first-served basis. We are urging people interested in attending next year to apply now."

Mrs. Cowherd said she expects next year's class to be filled by December. A high school diploma or equivalent is required, and each applicant is interviewed and tested.

The program director estimated a student's total cost during the seven quarters of the associate degree course at \$700. This figure includes the \$32 per quarter tuition, a \$5 quarterly

student activities fee, the price of two uniforms and two lab coats. Persons interested in attending Rowan Tech should contact the school's personnel office, Jack Ellison, Lowrance Hospital administrator, said he will be happy to talk with prospective nursing students, and to put them in touch with the Rowan officials.

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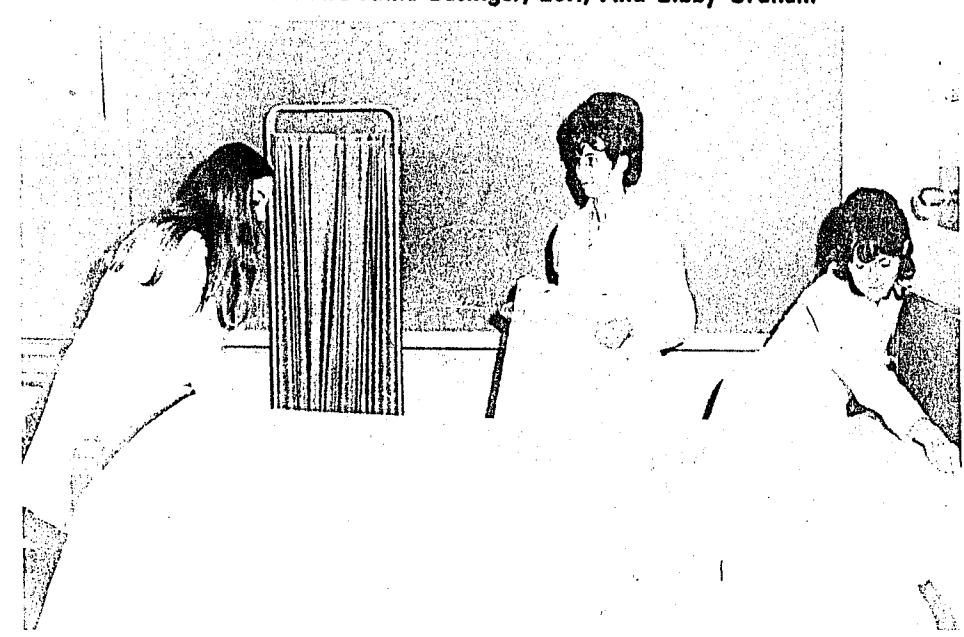
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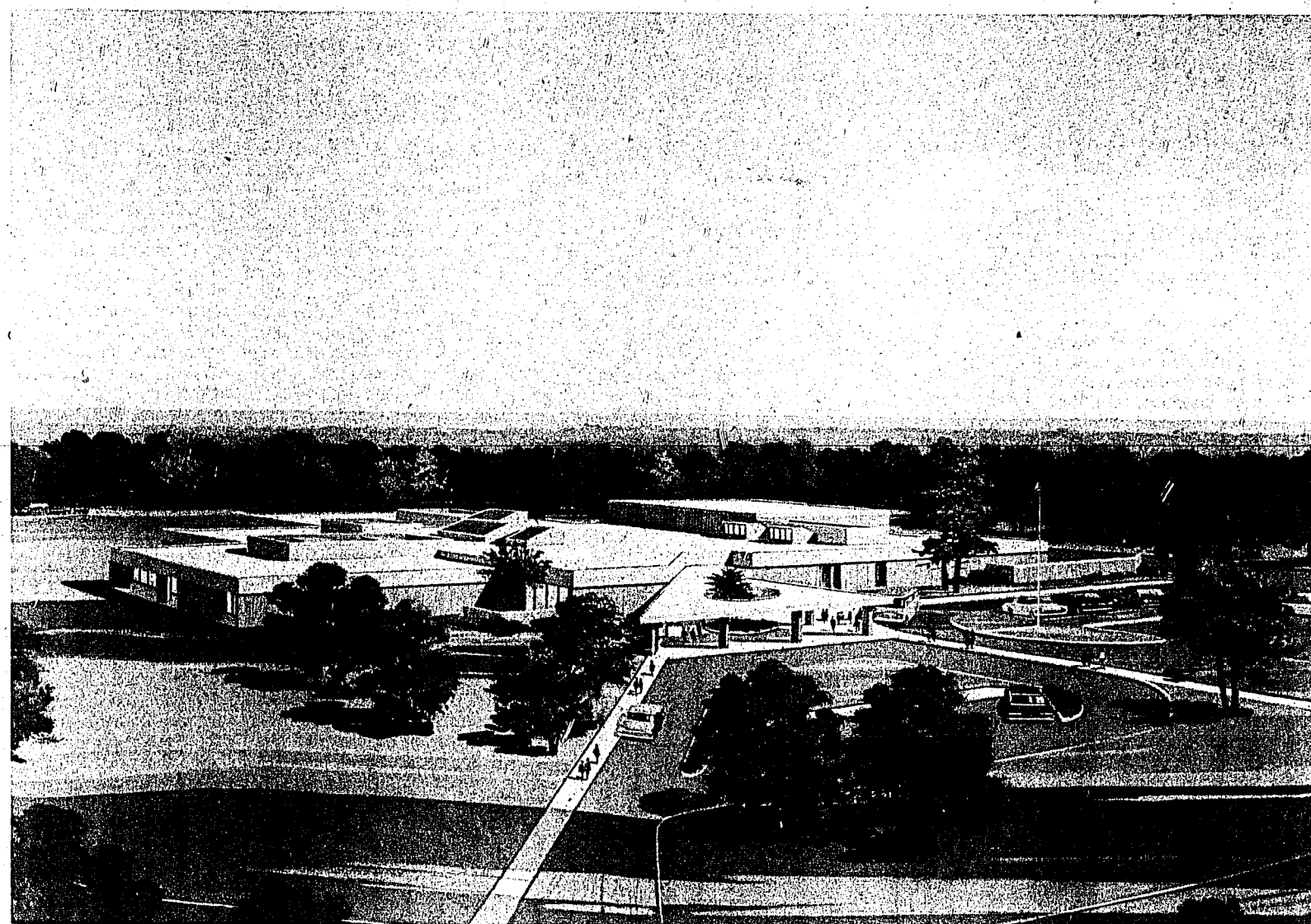
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Drawing Of Mooreville's South School Scheduled To Be Built On South Magnolia Site

## Bonds Would Go Toward New School

"Back the bonds" leaders in the Mooreville and Iredell County school systems joined this week in appealing to voters to endorse the \$300 million state issue for school buildings.

North Carolina citizens will decide Tuesday whether to authorize their government to sell the bonds to provide funds for use by the individual school system to build, remodel and repair educational facilities.

If the bond issue is authorized, the Mooreville system will be allocated \$640,457, all of which will be applied to the cost of building an elementary school on South

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## Piedmont Bank Names Patton As President

Mitchell Patton has been named president of Piedmont Bank and Trust Company, according to an announcement made today by John A. Tate, Jr., chief executive officer of the financial institution.

In making the announcement, Tate indicated that Patton's addition to the senior management of the bank was made in preparation for the formation of the bank's holding company—Piedmont Corporation.

Patton will assume the presidency of the bank January 1, 1974, at which time Tate will be named chairman of the board. It is anticipated that

concurrent with these moves, William H. Jetton and Tate will be named senior officers of the Piedmont Corporation.

As president, Patton will assume the position of administrative executive of the bank. He will be responsible for all of the bank's offices, which are located in Concord, Davidson, Derita, Huntersville, Locust, Mooreville and Mount Pleasant.

Patton is a native of Greenville, South Carolina and a 1953 graduate of Davidson College. He attended the University of North Carolina Graduate School of Business Administration where he majored in banking and finance. He is a graduate of the Stoner Graduate School of

Banking at Rutgers University. Patton has been active in the business and financial life of Greenville and the State of South Carolina. He has served as director of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, associate member of the American Textile Manufacturing Institute, and chairman of the Greenville County Foundation. He enjoys membership in the Young

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## Bids On New School Expected To Be Received In January

Barring unforeseen complications, bids on Mooreville's new elementary school will be taken in January, 1974, it was announced today by Bill Brown, superintendent of the Mooreville City Schools.

To be known as South School, the name of the old school it will replace, the new facility will be erected on a 28-acre site on South Magnolia Street.

Plans for the new school, which is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$12 million, are moving along on schedule, the superintendent stated earlier this week.

A Charlotte architectural firm—Wilber, Kendrick, Workman and Warren—is finalizing the plans for the new school,

and members of the firm are to meet with the Mooreville Board of Education on Monday, November 5, for a review of the plans.

An architectural drawing of the new 45,000-square foot facility, has been prepared and is pictured on the front page of this issue of the Mooreville Tribune.

The new school will be one story high, of masonry and steel construction. It will be built with the idea of an open-type school, that is, without a lot of walls, and the building will allow for team teaching and greater utilization of the total facility as efforts are made to further individualize the instructional program of elementary school children.

The new school plant will have 18 classrooms, a multi-purpose room, kitchen-cafeteria, music room, art area, a special classroom for exceptional children, a library, a theatre, reading centers, patio-type outside learning areas, health room, speech therapy room, an office suite, recreation area, rest rooms and a paved play area.

The new school, the superintendent said, is being planned to provide for today's demand as well as to take care of the needs for several years to come.

The facility has been planned so it can be expanded with ease at such a time the expansion becomes necessary.

Funds for the school will come from local, county and possible state funds. As of this date, \$450,000 of the money is in hand, \$425,000 of it having been provided from county funds by vote of the county commissioners.</