

Letters to the Editor..

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To the editor,

Recently, my husband and I, after working all week and needing some recreation, went to the local theater. Of course, we were aware of what was playing. It started out smooth and then a guy tries to prove cheating in a dice game and five guys jumped on him and beat him black and blue. As if this wasn't enough, they took out a knife and cut him all over his chest and back. ("200 stitches")...

He takes the law into his own hands and makes a sick. Then he went looking for one of the guys responsible for this and beats his head in. If you think these few sentences are sickening, this is exactly what happened in the first fifteen minutes of this movie. The reason I say this is because we became so provoked and got up and left. To me it is very disgusting to pay for a movie when it turns out as such. For one thing, there isn't much advertising on T V or in newspapers about what's in a movie. So you ask a friend what it is like and they say, "It's the best movie I have ever seen."

Believe me, if this is what a

good movie is we have a sick society and I feel sorry for the young adults that were permitted to see this movie or any movie of such nature.

Maybe the people of Mooreville who are reading this letter think my husband and I are ridiculous. Definitely we are not, we have recently become more aware of life and trying to lead a normal Christian life. That's the way we want to raise our family, not in a society where there is liquor by the drink, and legalized prostitution and violence.

I would think a theater has the privilege to screen a film and decide what to present to its viewers. It's no wonder we have so much crime going on because T V and theaters have a lot of influence on people's lives.

I just believe this type of violence is not what we are here on earth for but to do God's work. I leave this to the individual and ask if something isn't done in days to come, just how is our young going to turn out? I leave this to you and what is wrong unless by the Grace of God their Parents have raised them to go to Church?

AMEN

Cathy and Joe Alexander



Class Of 1974 Elects Officers At MSHS

By a vote of the senior class recently at Mooreville Senior High School the following students were elected class officers: (from left) president Brian Duckworth, treasurer Frances Rader, secretary Johnny Walker, student council representative Debbie Pope and vice president Don Christy.

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72-Year-Old Hitchhikes To College

Elaine S. Camfield, a 72-year-old Orlando, Fla., grandmother hitchhikes eight miles to class every day.

She's convinced she can earn a college degree while thumbing rides with her best "old lady's smile."

"I've got it down to a science," says the communications major at Florida Technological University. The technique has worked for two years already. Mrs. Camfield, who figures she has "30 years of living yet," each day rides a bus to a busy intersection. "Then I walk up to a car and request a ride to the remaining eight miles," she said.

Last week, while standing at her favorite intersection, she saw a car with a sign that said "Orange County sheriff's deputy told her she's have to find a new spot where she wouldn't disrupt traffic."

A former nurse and part-time tutor, she says she took to hitchhiking when bus transportation proved inadequate but has learned a lot about people in her two years.

"It gives you a terrific perspective about people," she said. She said she was once refused a ride by a man holding a gun on her while she inquired.

"I had a minister change his mind about picking up hitchhikers," she said of one ride. "He even did a sermon about me."

Mrs. Camfield left college to get married years ago and doesn't know when she will complete her degree requirements. "I always get off on special projects which aren't for course credit," she said.

For young people, Mrs. Camfield says: "College is like hors d'oeuvres...for me it's like a lot of sipping to do."

"Little Miss Christmas Contest"

Brenda Kay Pace is the five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Pace of Route 2. She is sponsored by Enterprise Printing Co.

Mooreville Jaycettes Set Christmas Contest

Again this year, the Mooreville Jaycettes are sponsoring the Little Miss and Little Mr. Christmas contest in conjunction with the annual Mooreville Jaycee Christmas parade. Pictures of the contestants have been attached to jars and placed in the various business houses throughout town for the public to cast their

votes for their favorite contestant.

The contest is being held November 11-17 and winners of the contest will receive a \$25 savings bond and a gift from a local merchant. The winners will also ride in the parade on November 20.

Contestants and their sponsors are as follows:

Jeffrey Hayes-Lotus Miller Fashion Shop.

Christa Lynn Benfield-Ellen's Carrousel and Maternity Fashions.

Lisa Renee Christie-Piedmont Bank and Trust Co. Brian Wayne Oliphant-Wise Florist.

Amy Jo Honeycutt-King Sirlin.

Melanie Myers-Safety Chevrolet Co.

Lori Walls-Mooreville Ford Company.

Brenda Kay Pace-Enterprise Printing Co.

Robbie Ramsey-City Grocery.

Proceeds realized from the project will go to the Emergency Child Care Center in Statesville.

Mrs. Gene Robinson and Mrs. Harold Bridges are co-chairmen of the project.

Airlift Saving Animals From Urban Jungle

At 3 a. m. Laura Bowkett heard a prowler rummaging around in her yard. And just as she was about to call the police, she was startled by a loud splash from the family pool.

The nocturnal swimmer, Mrs. Bowkett found, was masked—but not really a dangerous felon. He was a raccoon.

So instead of calling the police, this Los Angeles city resident called the Department of Animal Regulation, whose workers set a trap, caught the intruder and took him to the shelter.

Then they booked him on the next "flight" to Angeles National Forest.

The bewildered raccoon became part of "Animal Airlift"—a unique program to

return wildlife trapped in urban areas of Los Angeles to their natural habitats.

According to wildlife control officer Dennis Kroepin, over 1,800 wild animals—mainly raccoons, opossums, squirrels, rabbits hawks, and snakes—have been rescued from the concrete jungle and helicopter to the wooded jungle since this project began in 1970. To his knowledge, no other city does this.

Answering calls of local residents, wildlife officers

round up lost creatures, place them in cargo cages, and fly them to designated areas of the forest where there is an ample supply of food, ground cover, and water sustain them.

Mr. Kroepin explains that an increasing number of wild animals are each year being driven from their natural habitats by flood, fire, and developers' bulldozers.

"They're homeless and scared. But usually, they'll only do damage looking for food or a place to nest," he says.

Although "Animal Airlift" has saved the lives of thousands of small animals, shelter officials say they are now getting an increasing number of calls about larger jungle inhabitants who visit the city.

The "airlift" can't accommodate these species. Some are sent to zoos and animal compounds. Others—like "Tabby," a 90-pound mountain lion who took to sunbathing in backyard flower beds in the heavily populated San Fernando Valley—were trucked to

the wilds of northern California's Mono County.

But whether the "lost wildlife" is big or small, Officer Kroepin advises city residents to refrain from feeding wild animals, petting them, or otherwise trying to domesticate them.

"We want to preserve these animals and get them to places where the surroundings are familiar and there's sufficient food and water," Mr. Kroepin adds. "We need the cooperation of the people."

MILK PRODUCTION contributed much to the cash economy of Rowan and Iredell Counties. In the past year Long Meadow Farms purchased 30,308,839 pounds of milk from your local producers

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Statesville City Hall Nominated For Inclusion In Historic Register

The Statesville City Hall has been nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places by Dr. H. G. Jones, state historic preservation officer.

The register is a national list of distinctive properties worthy of preservation because of their historical or other cultural value.

The Statesville City Hall was designed to serve as the United States post office and court house. Construction was done under the auspices of Willoughby J. Edbrooke, supervising architect of the United States Treasury Department, and the building was completed in 1892.

It was sold to the city of Statesville in 1941. The impressive brick building is an example of the Richardsonian Romanesque style of architecture; its monumentality is enhanced by the rich and varied ornament, including the carved stone hands, large entrance arch, and complex roof treatment. The interior, which retains almost all its original material including woodwork and heat and lighting fixtures, is equally impressive.

The sympathetic fashion in which it was converted to city use, preserving most elements, is especially remarkable.

The nomination was submitted in connection with the Division of Archives and History's long-range program to identify and document the authenticity of historic properties in North Carolina.

Approval of the nomination by the Department of the Interior usually requires about six months and will be announced through the state's congressional delegation.

Dr. Herrscher, president of Mitchell College in Statesville, has tendered his resignation to the school's board of trustees.

Dr. Herrscher had asked the board of trustees earlier to interim when Mitchell was admitted to the system last July.

Dr. Herrscher explained that, due to his commitment to Mitchell, he had not been able to carry his share of the school's financial system.

To date, no action has been taken on securing a successor to Dr. Herrscher.

Patti Henson, president of the Troutman Duck Creek 4-H Club for the up coming club year during a meeting held at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Troutman.

Other officers elected to serve during the coming year include: Dennis Hoover, vice president; Cindy Rimmer, secretary; Alice Rimmer, reporter; and Edwin Rimmer, treasurer. Robin Blackwelder and Steven Beaver were named recreation leaders.

Patti Henson presided over the meeting.

Kay Horn gave the 4-H pledge and the pledge of allegiance to the American flag led by Carolyn Hagler.

Cindy Rimmer presented the devotional program, using as her theme: "Tight-Rope Faith."

One new member, Eric Harrington, was added to the club's roll.

Following the meeting and a recreational period, refreshments were served by Robin Blackwelder and Carolyn Hagler.

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CVTI Trustee Post Goes To Woman

Gov. James E. Holshouser, Jr., has appointed Mrs. Dorothy C. Armstrong, a Hickory accountant, as the first woman to serve on the board of trustees for Catawba Valley Technical Institute in Hickory.

The North Carolina governor informed Mrs. Armstrong by letter of her nomination for an eight-year term with the CVTI trustees, expiring June 30, 1981.

Mrs. Armstrong, employed with the Hickory accounting firm of Arthur H. Burgess and Co. for the last 23 years, was more than a little pleased at her appointment.

"I think women ought to take a greater role in the field of technical education," she said. "And I'm happy to have this opportunity to try. I think it will be a real challenge for me, and I look forward to it."

A native of Hickory, Mrs. Armstrong attended the Hickory City Schools and was graduated from Lenior Rhyne College in 1949 with a bachelor of arts degree in music and religion. She has been involved in Lenior Rhyne alumni activities.

Mrs. Armstrong has been a volunteer working in the Hickory Lions Club's eye-screening program for the