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Although I Disagree With Everything You Say I Will Defend Unto Death Your Right To Say It

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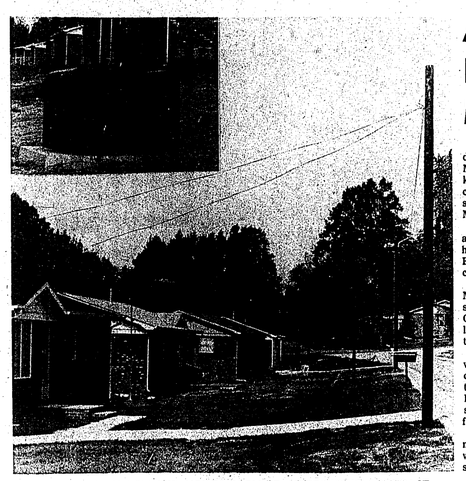

NEW EAST McLELLAND HOMES PROVIDE INTERESTING CONTRAST
Overhead Phone Lines, Underground Power (Back-Lot Transformer, Inset)

Planning Board Again Asking: Why Not Underground Utilities?

Again, the Mooresville Planning Board has posed the question: Why not all-underground utilities?

Water pipes are there, so are sewer lines. You don't see gas lines cluttering the view in Mooresville residential neighborhoods. So why must electric and telephone lines be strung on poles?

The Planning Board raised this point a year ago, and the Town Board called a public hearing to discuss it. There was not so much opposition as negative explanation. More expensive. More subject to service interruption. The Planning Board's request was tabled.

The Planning Board early this month put the same motion before the Town Board, and, again, the town's governing body scheduled a public hearing. It will be held November 5 at 7 p. m.

The planners are asking for an amendment to the town's subdivision ordinance to require that all utility lines in new subdivisions be placed underground. The town has asked that "all affected parties" attend and let their views be known.

The party ultimately and most directly affected is the homeowner in new subdivisions. If underground installation is more expensive, additional costs will be passed along to him by all others concerned.

One of the more interesting situations in town at present is service to new homes on East McLelland Avenue, which were built with Farmers Home Administration backing. The electric lines are buried behind the homes; the telephone lines are strung on poles out front. Mooresville Telephone Company says its lines "eventually will go underground" in that section.

Maynard Self of FHA in Statesville says his office "encourages underground service, but we do not require it." He said the builder of the East McLelland elected to bury the lines, and that underground service was not a part of FHA loan requirements.

Mooresville Telephone says it will put service where people want it, and Duke Power Company says it has extensive plans for overhead and underground installation approved by the state utilities authorities.

Hethcox Promoted At CPCC

Thomas Hethcox of Mooresville has been named lead instructor in the vehicle maintenance program at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte.

Hethcox, who lives at 333 Cedar Street, has been teaching full-time in Central Piedmont's vehicle maintenance program since September 1971. Announcement of his advancement was made this week by Carl E. Squires, Central Piedmont vice president for career programs.

Squires said Hethcox has distinguished himself as an instructor since he joined the faculty. He said the Mooresville resident now has immediate supervision for instruction in all phases of the vehicle maintenance vocational program, including training for auto mechanics, truck mechanics and construction equipment mechanics.

In his position as lead instructor, Squires said, Hethcox will have administrative responsibility over seven full-time instructors and four part-time teachers.

Death Of Coed Rings Bell Here

Sally Bell Moffitt's middle name rings a bell in Mooresville. She was the daughter of the former Louise Bell of Mooresville, and granddaughter of the late Dr. A.E. Bell, who practiced medicine here.

Miss Moffitt was a Mars Hill College sophomore whose body was found Friday in Madison County woods. Her mysterious death prompted an intensive investigation that is continuing.

The 18-year-old student was the daughter of Mrs. H.A.Moffitt Jr. of High Point. Mrs. Moffitt grew up in Mooresville, and she is widely known here.

The body of the girl was found by highway workers at a road construction site on U.S. 19-23

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Accident Fatal To Mrs. Lee

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Zelia Best Lee, who was killed early Friday morning in a car-truck collision on U. S. 21 some 14 miles south of Mooresville.

Services were held at 2 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church here, and burial was in the Emmanual Lutheran Church cemetery in Rowan County.

Mrs. Lee, 46, lived at 986 Mehane Street. She was a secretary in the office of Charles Mack and Sons, and a long-time member of the staff of the local wholesale company.

She died at 3:27 a.m. Friday when the car she was driving crashed head-on into a tractor-trailer rig near the Sam Furr Road-U.S. 21 intersection, the scene of a number of traffic fatalities.

However, the intersection had nothing to do with the wreck in which Mrs. Lee lost her life, since both vehicles involved

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Four Offer For 2 School Board Seats

The October 12 deadline has passed with no new entries into the Mooresville Board of Education race, leaving four candidates seeking election.

Four announced candidates—Milton Almond, Henry Campbell, Frank Fields and incumbent William Harwell—are in the running for the two available seats on the five-member board..

The terms of Harwell and Dr. Calvin Tyner expire. Tyner, who has served 14 years on the board, is not a candidate for re-election.

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MERCHANT-OF-YEAR MORROW, WIFE ADMIRE PLAQUE
Bones McKinney Kept Proceedings Lively With After-Dinner Humor

Morrow Is Merchant Of Year; Neill Assumes Assn. Leadership

Paul Morrow was honored as Merchant of the Year and the 1973-74 officers and directors were installed at the 24th annual banquet of the Mooresville Merchants Association Tuesday night.

H. B. Burrell, association vice president, accepted the symbolic gavel from outgoing president Bob Lineberger for president Roger Neill who was confined to the hospital and unable to attend.

Directors installed for three-year terms were Mary Harwell, C. L. (Bubba) Kelly, Dr. Bruce McNeely, Jack Moore and James Suitt.

Over 275 persons attending the gala dinner meeting were entertained by after-dinner quips and cranks of Bones McKinney, former preacher, basketball coach, television commentator and currently a sales representative in Hickory.

"This was bound to be a good meeting," Bones said at one point, "with all the Baptist here eating a delicious meal fixed by Methodists at a Presbyterian church."

Had the guest speaker been aware that a Lutheran, Rev. Robert Edsell, had the invocation, McKinney would have further enlivened his quip.

The buffet dinner prepared by the women of Centenary Methodist Church included fried chicken and roast beef, along with bountiful vegetables, salads and desserts.

Outgoing president Lineberger, who presided, recognized special guests and members, including

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Town Police Post Taken By Gregory

Don Gregory, an Iredell deputy sheriff for the past three years, has joined the Mooresville Police Department. He began his duties as a patrolman Saturday.

Gregory, 45, is a 20-year Air Force veteran. He retired from military service in 1967. He is a native of Davie County, where his father once was a deputy sheriff.

The law enforcement officer joined the Iredell County Sheriff's Department as jailer. After a year he assumed duties as a patrolman, and he remained in this capacity until he resigned to accept the local police post.

For the past two years, Gregory has studied police science through the educational facilities of Davidson Community College. He plans to pursue his studies at least two more years. He has completed training progems at Gaston College, and with the N.C. Department of Social Services. He studied police photography at Catawba Valley Technical Institute, communications at Rowan Tech, and he took a course in firearms and enforcement of alcohol and tobacco tax laws through the U.S. Treasury Department.

Gregory and his wife, Pat, live in Meadowbrook. He is a Moose, a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The family attends Southside Baptist Church.

Building Bids To Be Discussed At Vanderburg

The Vanderburg United Methodist Congregation will hold a Conference Sunday, October 21 during the 11:00 o'clock worship service for the purpose of considering bids concerning a proposed addition to their educational building.

The pastor, Rev. Joe Parker, noted that the Conference had been announced in accord with the Book of Discipline, and that all members of the church will have privilege of voting on resolutions.

MW Sewer Service Studied

The Mooresville Town Board expects to learn tonight (Thursday) whether the town's waste-treating facilities can provide sewer service for Marine World without difficulty.

The board will meet at 7:30 p. m. to hear a report by engineers who have studied types and amounts of waste expected to be generated by the proposed commercial development.

Provided waste materials produced by Marine World will not disrupt or overload municipal facilities, the town probably will agree to accept the out-of-town theme park as a water-sewer customer. Developers of Marine World have optioned a 175-acre site three miles west of town in the southwest quadrant of the Interstate 77-N. C. 150 interchange.

Meanwhile, Charles Davis of Hickory, one of the Marine World backers, said this week "all our plans for the Iredell property are going full speed ahead." He said design work for Marine World now is being done.

The next step in Marine World plans is Mooresville's decision regarding water and sewer service to the facility. With the town's approval of service, the developers then must work out installation of water and sewer lines from the town limits to the marine park site.

The town has said it will not participate financially in utility line installation, but the county has a policy of assisting in such projects, provided it can recover its costs through taxes over a period of years.

Home Nurse Service Set For Iredell

Iredell County expects to have a home nursing service in operation in early spring.

Dr. J. H. Nicholson, director of the Iredell County Health Department, said this week that the nursing program, already in use in 66 North Carolina counties, will be fully organized by early April. His department will supervise the service.

The county government has authorized the nursing service that will be financed with local, state and federal funds. Nicholson said the state has the biggest stake in the program. A federal grant is available to assist in the first year's operation.

The service has the blessings of the Mooresville Town Board, Lowrance Hospital, the Iredell Board of Health, the Iredell Medical Society and, in short, virtually every government, medical and civic organization in the county. Dr. Richard Martin, Mooresville

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A Non-Robbery Story With A Happy Ending

About 1:30 p. m. Monday, Mrs. J. C. West was driving toward Mooresville from her home on N. C. 115 at Sherrill's town. With her was her 17-year-old daughter, Sandy.

As they passed the LOF plant just south of town, Sandy's eye was drawn to the car behind them. The driver, an elderly man, seemed distraught. The car's emergency blinkers were flashing, and the car would speed up, then drop back, the driver apparently anxious to pass on the busy highway. A young man sat beside the driver, and he was leaning toward the driver. Between them was what appeared to be the barrel of a gun. Sandy called her mother's attention to the car.

Mrs. West glanced in the rear-view mirror and a chill ran through her. The driver was A. P. Lipe, whom she had seen often clerking at Shop and Save, a neighborhood store near her home. Lipe, who lives in Davidson, is the father-in-law of Bobby Caldwell, owner of the store.

"Somebody's robbed Mr. Lipe," Nancy West said, "and they're forcing him to drive somewhere."

The traffic light at Main and Brawley was yellow when the West car passed under it; the car following ran the red light. When Mrs. West stopped for a red light at Wilson, the car behind swerved right across the Poston Exxon lot and sped east on Wilson.

The women were frightened. They drove into Poston's and

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Open House Next Week At Schools

"Get involved with your schools."

That's the theme of American Education Week October 21-27, and that's the Mooresville school system's invitation to everyone in the area.

Observances are planned at each of the community's five school's next week, and each will be highlighted by open house. The public visitations are scheduled in an effort to give parents and other citizens the opportunity to look over each school and to view special student projects on each level of learning.

Monday, open house will be observed from 7:30 p. m. until 9 p. m. at Senior High, Park View and South. Junior High and Woods will hold open

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TOMMY HARMON
School Paper Editor

BOBBY BEALE
Football Player

JEFFREY PARROTT
No. 1 in Class

Beale, Harmon, Parrott Are Morehead Nominees

Three Mooresville area young men have been nominated for Morehead Scholarships to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Seniors at Mooresville Senior High School selected to compete for the grants are Tommy Harmon Jr. and Robert Beale. Also chosen for the competition is Jeffrey Parrott, a South Rowan senior who lives in the Prospect community.

County eliminations were held in Statesville during the weekend, and Harmon and Beale were not among the three Iredell nominees who advanced to regional competition. Rowan has not held its county eliminations.

Beale is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Beale Jr. of 907 Hampton Place. In addition to ranking in the top 10 per cent of his class academically, he is a football player, a member of the band, a wrestler, a member of the student council, and he is president of the school's Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was a junior marshal and a member of the Beta Club in Junior High.

Like Beale, Harmon has earned a high academic rank in his class. The Harmon family lives at 761 Edgemoor Street. Harmon is editor of the school newspaper, president of the French Club and a member of the Debate Club and the student council. He, too, was a junior marshal and a member of the Junior Honor Society.

Parrott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Parrott. His mother is a member of the Mooresville Senior High faculty.

At South Rowan, Parrott is No. 1 in his class, with an average of 98.4, and he has received awards in chemistry, American history, and world history.

He is vice president of the school's Math Club, a Student

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Uncle Dan From Doolie Says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

A item in the paper said more and more folks is going back to small towns to shop. That is good news, and if we can git rid of drive-in winders for everything from banks to funeral homes, we can git back to the business of dealing with one another face to face.

The piece didn't say why folks are trading more with their friends in their hometown stores, but I figger they got lonesome. I reckon I'm to old a dog to learn modern shopping tricks, but I ain't about to poke my money thru a hole in a bank wall, and I git tired to quick trying to walk them miles of rows of goods at them big shopping centers. I would ruther walk in a store, set down and tell the folks what I want and, by darn, set there til they git me satisfied.

I mentioned about the trade coming back to the small towns during the session at the country store Saturday night. Zeke Grubb come up with his theory fast. He said it use to be a feller couldn't see much in a small town, but nowadays wimmen dress about alike everwhere. Bug Hookum allowed that the reason was that small town folks is staying at home cause they're afraid of gitting run over by all the bicycles zipping around them shopping center parking lots.

Practical speaking, said Ed Doolittle, he was glad to see they was more bicycles than cars sold in this country last year. He said it made him recall the days when bicycles was transportation. For a generation, they was for exercise, allowed Ed, and now people are finding out agin that you can actual git from place to place with em. The next thing you know, went on Ed, small towns will have their own bicycle shops and if gas prices keep going up and supply down, we might even git back to the blacksmith shop.

Actual, said Clem Webster, the blacksmith is back. Clem had saw where colleges is offering training as "farriers," and that's a fancy word fer a feller that shoes horses. Blacksmiths are called farriers, Clem said, cause these days they are pulling down incomes right up there with bricksmasons, doctors and plumbers.

Mister Editor, with all the scratching and scrambling in high and low places over power and money, it's good to think about the days when all you had to do to keep up with the Joneses was walk as fast as they did. Now we spend it afore we git it, and if we don't have credit we can't git credit. I saw where this small town in North Carolina couldn't sell bonds to pay fer work on the sewer system cause the town never had gone in debt afore and didn't have a credit rating.

We got to foller our Federal Guvernment's example. Where would this country be if our leaders in Washington hadn't gone in debt $500 billion to git us someplace?

Yours truly,
Uncle Dan

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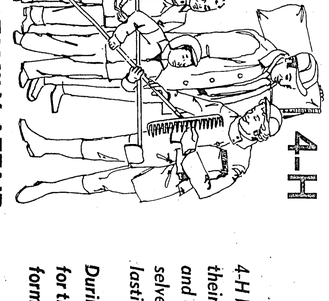


4-H boys and girls take an eager interest in making their homes more attractive and comfortable . . . and as a result bring joy to their parents and themselves. Through 4-H Club work they learn skills of lasting value.

During 4-H Club Week, Oct. 7-13, We Salute Them for their many accomplishments in the home, on the farm, and in leadership and citizenship.

Happy Hands Make Happy Homes

Names Of Former 4-H'ers Urgently Requested!!!

All former 4-H members are urged to complete the Alumni Information Card on this page and return it to the County Extension Agents' office in Statesville. The 4-H Extension staff is trying to develop an up to date list of all former 4-H members to be used in the significant role in the county program.

To help expand this role of former 4-H members in their communities, the Junior Leaders conducted a registration drive at the Iredell County Fair. In order to be able to give our former 4-H members who have moved to Iredell County the opportunity to sign up, the 4-H staff solicits their cooperation in this campaign.

4-H ALUMNI INFORMATION CARD

(Please complete and mail to James H. Weaver, P. O. Box 311, Statesville, N. C.)

Name_____ Maiden Name_____

Address_____ County_____

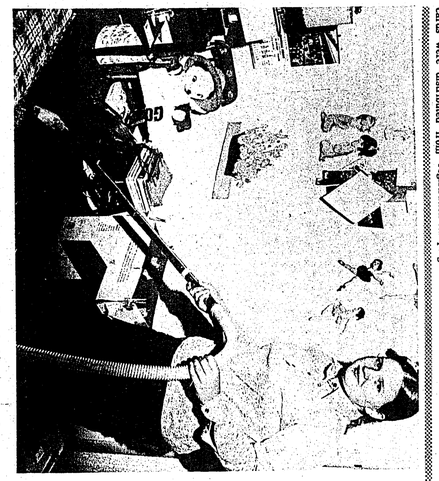
County Where a Member_____ Years as a Club Member 19___ to 19___

Name of Your 4-H Club_____

Have you been a 4-H Leader?_____ Years?_____

(Circle the following which applies to your 4-H Career: County Winner - District Winner - State Winner - National Winner.)

List your Major Project Areas_____



A Little Housekeeping In Life Of Each Homemaker

Alice Rimmer, a member of the Troutman Duck Creek 4-H Club, enjoys 4-H, especially her Home Management project. She uses a vacuum cleaner to tidy up her just-redecorated room. Alice is a county winner in Home Management.

4-H Home Improvement Project Saves Money

BY ALICE RIMMER
Troutman Duck Creek Club

I enjoy my Home Management project because being in it helps me to learn to be a better homemaker. This project has been going for two years and I have learned a lot. One of the main things I have done in this 4-H project was to redecorate my bedroom. The room was very crowded, and was just another room to me. This summer I went through all my things and gave a lot of my things away that I did not want or would no longer use. After I cleaned up my room I painted it a pale yellow, bought curtains and a bed spread to match with yellow and orange roses. I have white sheer curtains on the double french doors and a bedspread and gold lines. My rug is dark green and light green. I have enjoyed my room much more than just painting another room to me. This summer I also made bedspreads, etc. it more is because I redecorated it myself and want to keep it clean.

I would suggest the Home Management Project to any girl because I have learned a great deal and I have enjoyed it at the same time. I know anyone who makes Home Management will, too.

Anyone not in 4-H - you're missing a lot because it is great fun as well as beneficial.

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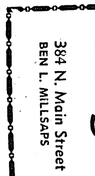


Emergency Generator Worth Weight In Gold

BY SCOTT PENCE
Mazeppa Club

Have the lights ever gone out at your home due to electrical power failure? If they have, and there you were in the dark. So you lit a few candles, got out the trash lights, made a fire in the fireplace, and you and baby-sat, living in a house with twenty-nine thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine other chicks, and somebody forgot to feed you for a week, you'd be sure to die.

Have you ever wondered how people provide for emergency local supplier is interrupted?

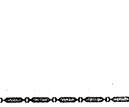
As in hospitals, if a doctor was operating on someone, and what happens? Without electricity, the doctor surely couldn't continue the operation.

Electricity is essential in our society. It is an absolute necessity. Places such as hospitals and farms take care of these needs by using standby generators in times of crisis. A generator is a machine that produces electricity. There are many different sizes. Some are small enough to hold in your hand, some as big as a house.

Some farmers with chicken houses where heat must be maintained at all times use a generator to keep the heaters going. Besides being portable like a tractor. This is a self-contained units with the engine attached.

For a project this year I studied and learned about emergency power. It's good to know that when the power goes off at my house, such as freezing weather, you'll be sure that the hospitals, can still be warm, and the people who have to be there are taken care of.

I also participated in a team demonstration this year on using emergency power, which to my surprise and delight won first place in statewide competition. I'm looking forward to an exciting year in 4-H for me, and I'm looking forward to the coming year.



'Night Lights Went Out' Project Wins State Honors

BY ROBERT SIPES
Mazeppa Club

The Night The Lights Went Out is the title of the demonstration which brought me and my partner, Scott Pence, state honors. Our demonstration was to demonstrate the use of a transfer switch a farmer or hospital can use to continue to operate when the power goes off.

We chose using a transfer switch as the topic of our demonstration came from our local power representative. She suggested that we show our idea. It became a father-son undertaking. We finally came up with a small scale farm. The farm became the way chickens because it is so important to provide heat during the winter months. We chose baby chickens because they are cute.

Demonstration on the state level was held at N.C. State University during 4-H Club Congress. The big day came and Scott and I did our demonstration. We did our demonstration in the morning and then had the rest of the day for the winners to be announced. It was a very long afternoon.

Can you imagine how we felt when we heard our names given as winners in the Boys' Electric Demonstration. The following night we attended a banquet where we were each given a $50.00 Savings Bond.

I can say that my summer was a very busy one and about the most exciting one I've ever had.

State Winning Electric Project

This electric project—The Night The Lights Went Out—took first place in state competition. The project was a joint effort of two Mazeppa 4-H Club members: Scott Pence (left) and Robert Sipes.