Miss Rathbone Chaperone At Teen Pageant

Miss Toyette Rathbone has returned home after a full week of fun in Atlanta, Ga., as a chaperone for the Miss National Teenager Pageant. The pageant was held at the Civic Center in Atlanta and Miss Rathbone was invited to serve as an official chaperone by Mrs. Sybil Shaffer, founder of the National Teenage Pageant.

During the week, the contestants and chaperones enjoyed touring Stone Mountain; visiting the capitol and meeting Gov. Jimmy Carter and Lt. Gov. Lester Maddox; participating in a parade on Peachtree Street; visiting Six Flags Over Georgia; attending the Atlanta Braves baseball game where Miss Rathbone received an autographed ball from Ron Shueler; visiting Underground Atlanta; and touring Lockheed Dobbins Air Force Base, where they saw the plane which James Bond uses in his movies.

Each contestant brought a gift for the other contestants and chaperones also received a number of gifts. Miss Sharon McLarity presented a sterling silver bracelet to Miss Rathbone and she also received a coin of Stone Mountain from Mayor Massell of Atlanta. Toyette presented Mooresville Centennial coins and bumper stickers to the mayor, contestants and other dignitaries.

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Covered Bridges May Vanish If Vandals Have Their Way

Late at night, when there is no moon and only the crickets and bullfrogs keep the dark woods from being silent, people with nothing better to do have the time and the cover to do their dirty work.

The work is vandalism, and the destruction of two of the four remaining covered bridges in North Carolina.

Skeen's Mill Bridge and the Pisgah Bridge are located on winding rural roads in wooded areas of Randolph County. Both are being destroyed, piece by piece, by vandals who write their names with spray paint on the sides and rafters of the bridges, or build fires with boards kicked from their sides.

Originally built with tax funds, the bridges are owned by private citizens who are unable to halt the vandalism even by closing the bridges to the public.

The Pisgah Bridge, nestled in a semicircle of dense woods, spans a small stream that twists through underbrush, forming still, shady pools.

Soft drink and beer cans fill the trash barrel. Crumpled paper bags hold the remnants of numerous lunches. Empty cigarett packages hide under leaves. The owner of Skeen's Mill Bridge, built in the late 1800s, finally fenced off both ends of the bridge when almost half of the boards had been torn from the sides. Even a heavy chainlink fence hasn't stopped a vandal with metal cutters.

"No trespassing" signs cause no fear.

Betty Gallup, president of the Southern Covered Bridge Association, said her studies have shown that, at one time, Randolph County had 50 covered bridges. The structures once dotted North Carolina's landscape, but now only the two in Randolph County, one in Catawba County and one in Bertie County remain.

Lacy Strider operates a general store in Randolph County, just down the road from the Pisgah Bridge. As part owner, he said the bridge is a headache.

"I'm real disgusted with that bridge, real disgusted. Looks like you can't have nothing anymore unless you sit on it," he said.

"The people around here got up a petition to keep them (the state) from tearing down the old covered bridge when they built this new road. We sent it to Raleigh and they said they'd take care of it. Then we got a letter from them and they said we'd have to take care of it."

Strider said he had placed picnic tables at the bridge "but somebody came by and broke them up."

"People go down there when its too cold for them to be there, so they tear a couple of boards off the bridge to build a fire to keep them warm. I put new boards up, and next day they'll be gone," he said.

Strider said he does not think fencing would help.

"I won't close it off. I'll let it be torn down first," he said.

Dr. H. G. Jones, head of the state Archives and History Department, said there was nothing the state could do to save the Randolph County bridges.

"These bridges are on private property and the state has no responsibility for them," Jones said.

"We've recommended, at least to the Skeen's Mill owner, the possibility of him giving the bridge and the land it's on to the county or to the county historical association. In that case, we could probably persuade the General Assembly to appropriate some funds for upkeep of the bridges," Jones said.

"This is already the case at the Bunker Hill Bridge in Catawba County," Jones said. "The owner has given the bridge to the Catawba County Historical Association and the General Assembly has given us a few hundred dollars for maintenance of the bridge."

Shepherd News

By MRS. H. A. POSTON

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gabriel returned Saturday from Decatur, Ga., where they had been visiting their son, Blythe Gabriel and family.

—Thomas Moore of Charlotte and his mother, Mrs. Annie Moore, spent Sunday in Olin, attending homecoming at the church there.

—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brown and baby daughter left Saturday for Winston-Salem where they will be living for some time. Mr. Brown will enter the School of Medicine at Bowman Gray in Winston-Salem this week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brawley spent Sunday in Greensboro with Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Brawley.

—Mrs. Alma Belk, Mrs. M. H. Belk and children, and Mrs. Ed Carriker and children attended the Belk reunion at Centenary Church Sunday.

—Sp. 4 Danny Clodfelter, Mrs. Clodfelter and children left Monday for Maryland, where Specialist Clodfelter will be stationed for the time being.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jim Young and children of Martinsville, Va., were guests of Mrs. H. A. Poston Sautrday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rice, Steve Shinn and Mark Nantz spent the Labor Day weekend at Myrtle Beach, S. C.

—Mrs. Allen Shue of Brantley Road is undergoing treatment at the Lowrance Hospital in Mooresville.

—Mr. and Mrs. Heath Sherrill spent the Labor Day weekend in Virginia, visiting relatives.

—Mrs. James Deaton and baby daughter of Alabma are visiting Mrs. Deaton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cornelius, at the Cornelius home on Lake Norman.

—The members of the family of Mrs. June Blackwelder held their family get-together Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Carter on Lake Norman.

—Mrs. Thelma Christ of Henderson was the Saturday night guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brawley.

—We of the community are so saddened and shocked by the sudden passing of Otis Honeycutt Monday afternoon, and we do extend our most heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones.

DEPTH IS BIG PROBLEM

'Cats May Pull Surprises

"We've got some of the finest skill I've seen since I've been around," Davidson head football coach Dave Fagg said. "Our biggest problem is depth, especially in the interior line positions."

Coach Fagg, 38, was talking about the Wildcats' upcoming 1973 football season, which he says may surprise a lot of people. However, Fagg, in his fourth year at Davidson, said the teams on the schedule for the Wildcats this year will present a "tremendous degeee of difficulty."

The 1973 Wildcat team has 15 returning starters. Fagg said last year's all-American candidate, Walt Walker, heads the list of the returning starters. During last season, the 170-pound flanker led the Southern Conference in receiving, catching 62 passes for 1,031 yards and eight touchdowns.

In addition to Walker, Fagg mentioned halfbacks Dave Ingold and John Webel, and tackle Frank Shinn as outstanding returning starters for the offense. Returning from last year's defensive squad as top players are linebacker Eddie Williamson, tackle Jack Stultz and linebacker George Weicker.

The defensive tackle Jim De Ville, a 230-pound rising sophomore, who stepped into a starting position last year, has been lost for the season, and possibly succeeding seasons, with a slipped disc, he said. Although the Wildcats have personnel to replace starters who are injured, Fagg said there is not enough experience in the reserve ranks.

Fagg labeled the Pirates of East Carolina as the team to beat this year in the Southern Conference. He also said he would have to rank Richmond and William and Mary "awfully high in the conference."

The 1973 Wildcat schedule is almost evenly split with all but one of the games in the first half of the season at Davidson's Richardson Field. The entire second half of the 10-game schedule is on the road. The former Davidson lineman and now head coach said playing the entire second half of the season on the road doesn't bother him. "In 1969, the year we won the Southern Conference title, we were at home only three times," he said. "Traveling just isn't a problem for us as it is for other teams."

The scheduled:

Sept. 8, Wofford, 15, Richmond; Lenoir Rhyne, 29, at Appalachian State.

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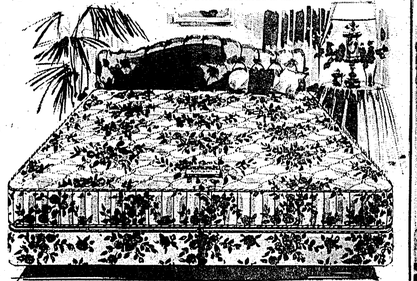

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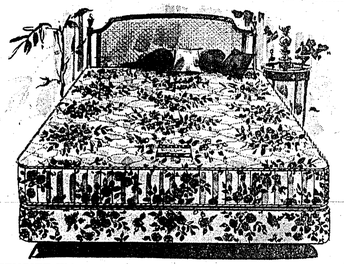

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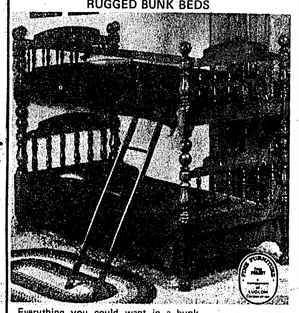

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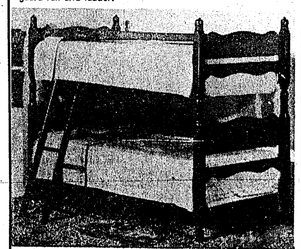

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Honeycutt Funeral Rites Wednesday

Otis Myers Honeycutt, 59-year-old resident of Mooresville, route 4, died in the Lowrance Hospital at 5 p.m. Monday, death being attributed to a heart attack. He had suffered from a heart ailment since last March.

A native of Iredell County, Mr. Honeycutt was born on September 22, 1913, a son of the late William Thomas and Nancy Hager Honeycutt.

He was employed as a job superintendent by a Charlotte construction firm, Blythe & Isenhour, Inc.

Surviving are: the widow, Mrs. Lillie Marie Rogers Honeycutt; two sisters, Mrs. Della Darlington and Mrs. Kenneth Moore, both of Mooresville; and two brothers, D. A. and Marvin Honeycutt, both of Mooresville.

Funeral services for Mr. Honeycutt were conducted at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Vanderburg United Methodist Church, with the pastor, the Rev. Joe Parker, and a former Vanderburg pastor, the Rev. Homer Barker, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Nurses Aide Course Set

Another in a series of 60-hour nurses aide courses will begin at Lowrance Hospital October 1.

Jack Ellison, hospital administrator, said persons who wish to take the training should register at his office. The only cost involved in the course is $6 for a textbook.

Rowan Technical Institute will provide an instructor for the class that will be given in Furches Hall at the hospital. Ellison said the course will be offered from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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BRENT CURTIS Mooresville Native

Curtis Trains As Air Force Pilot In Arizona

Brent Curtis of Mooresville, who received his commission as a second lieutenant at graduation exercises at The Citadel in Charleston, S. C., has reported to Williams Air Force Base in Chandler, Ariz.

At Williams Air Force Base, the young man will attend a 49-week training school in order to become an Air Force pilot.

A native and lifelong resident of Mooresville, Second Lieutenant Curtis is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Curtis is a son East Statesville Avenue. He is a graduate of Mooresville Senior High School.

CB'ers Set Biggest Ever Horseshoeless Jamboree

The Lake Norman C.B. Club expects its sixth annual horseshoeless Horseshoe Jamboree to be its biggest. Just about everything under the sun except horseshoes is planned during the September 8-9 affair at Lake Norman Music Hall on N. C. 150 10 miles west of Mooresville.

Entertainment, displays, church services and prizes are just samplings of activities that will fill the Music Hall and its grounds from 10 a.m. Saturday through Sunday afternoon.

The yearly jamboree is held by the club to raise money toward the cost of operating a "chuchwagon" for area rescue squads. The group of citizens band radio enthusiasts have stocked a van that is used to take hot food and drink to rescue squads on prolonged search and rescue missions.

A $300 door prize will be awarded Sunday afternoon. An AM-FA stereo system, complete with a tape player, is among gifts the club will offer through the cooperation of area merchants.

Among the visiting entertaining groups will be the Southerners Gospel Singers of Asheville, the Gospel Way Boys of Hickory, the Sons of the Rebels and the Cherokee Harmoetts.

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Southern Voices At Bethesda For 6th Anniversary

The Southern Voices, a Mooresville singing group, is among special guests who will join Bethesda A.M.E. Zion Church in celebrating its sixth anniversary next week.

Special anniversary services will be held at the church at 7:30 p.m. September 14-15, and two services—at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.—will be held September 16.

A spokesman for the church invited the public to attend the services.

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Centenary Community News

By MRS. ROBERT M. WEST

—Mr. and Mrs. Bill McLaughlin and children, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Blackwelder and daughter, Mary Ruth, and Mrs. Henry Wilson were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Johnson in Hilderbrand, N. C.

—Mrs. Martina Fischer, of Mooresville, and Mrs. Martha Reuter, of New York, were Friday afternoon guests of Mrs. Robert M. West.

—The annual Belk family reunion was held at th Centenary United Methodist Church fellowship hall Sunday, September 1.

—Lovely altar flowers were placed in the Centenary United Methodist Church Sunday morning in memory of R. W. Morrow on his birthday by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson.

—Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Blackwelder and daughter, Mary Ruth, and Bobby Bostian spent the weekend with friends in Sneads Ferry, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Balckwelder were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Brown, Mary Ruth was guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Endicott and Bobby Bostian was guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Yopp and family.

—Visitors at the morning worship service last Sunday at the Centenary United Methodist Church were Mrs. Ira Freeze, of Salisbury, and George Belk, of Salisbury.

—Mrs. Clem Thompson and daughter, Amy, Mrs. Martina Fischer, of Mooresville, and Mrs. Martha Reuter, of New York, spent Saturday sightseeing in the mountains. They spent Sunday afternoon at Old Salem in Winston Salem.

—Cadet Leonard M. West, of West Point, N. Y., and Sp 4 Gail E. West, of Fort Jackson, S. C., spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. West.

—The United Methodist Women of the Centenary Methodist Church met Tuesday, August 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Mrs. Cecil Blackwelder, president, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Maggie Miller was in charge of the program on "An Inspirited Church". Others participating on the program were Mrs. Cecil Blackwelder, Mrs. Henry Wilson, Mrs. John Lowrance and Mrs. Robert M. West.

Following the program several business matters were discussed. Mrs. Paul Kerr, secretary, read the minutes and Mrs. Robert M. West gave the treasurer's report. The meeting closed with a prayer.

BEULAH GRIFFINS NOTES

—Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders of Mooresville and Mrs. Shirley Knox Sherrill of Troutman were Mrs. Sherrill's sister, William Katherine Knox, Mrs. Sherrill's daughter, Mrs. Patsy Pouth and her children, all of New York City. Mrs. Sherrill's daughter, Sandra, also visited her mother during the Labor Day holiday. Sandra is a student at Fayetteville State University.

—Airman Larry Saunders of Alexandria, Va. was the weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Saunders.

—Jermaine Sanders celebrated his second birthday September 1 with a party. He is the son of Mrs. Claudette Sanders.

Angela Faulkner celebrated her seventh birthday September 1 with a party. He is the son of Mrs. Claudette Sanders.

—Angela Faulkner celebrated her seventh birthday September 1. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John B. Faulkner Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown, all of Mooresville.

—The youth of Jerusalem Baptist Church will have change of the 11 a.m. service September 9. Mrs. Bessie Ann Stewart will be speaker for the morning service, and the young people will conduct a Bible study during the 7 o'clock evening program.

—Mrs. Louise Cross of New York and Mrs. Jacquline Johnson and son of New Jersey are visiting Mrs. Mildred Sharpe.

—Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Griffin and their grandson attended funeral services Sunday for Roy Ellis at Logan United Presbyterian Church.

—Young people of Faith Temple Church of Christ were treated Labor Day to a motor trip to Asheville, where they picnicked at a campground and visited the zoo. Several adult members of the church and friends of the church accompanied the youth group.

State Law To Be Enforced Against Traffic Offenders

Strict enforcement of a state statute dealing with habitual traffic offenders will be made throughout the 22nd Judicial District.

Solicitor H. W. (Butch) Zimmerman, Jr., of Lexington said Wednesday that he intends to enforce the statute strictly in cases in the four-county area of Iredell, Davie, Davidson and Alexander.

Zimmerman stated that any person, resident or non-resident, whose record in the Department of Motor Vehicles showed accumulations of convictions for certain separate and distinct offenses within a seven-year period or multiple convictions resulting from a series of offenses committed in a six-hour period would place such person in the habitual offender category.

"Certain types of offenses," said Zimmerman, "would be three or more convictions arising from separate acts of voluntary and involuntary manslaughter, driving under the influence, driving while license was revoked or suspended, any felonious offense or any felony in which a motor vehicle was used, failure to stop and render aid, accidents involving damage in excess of $100 and failure to report scene of accident or dentity, and any moving violation during a period of license suspension or revocation."

Twelve or more convictions of separate or distinct offenses that are required to be reported would also constitute a hibitual offender, Zimmerman reported.

The third area which would constitute a habitual offender would be any person committing the offenses in the first and second areas under any valid town, city or county ordinance.

Zimmerman stated that his enforcement of the statute was to provide maximum safety for all persons who travel and use the public highways, and to deny the provilege of operating a motor vehicle on the highways to persons who have shown by their conduct that they are endangering others.

"Highly significant" reflected Zimmerman, "is that the enforcement of this statute should discourage repetition of criminal acts."

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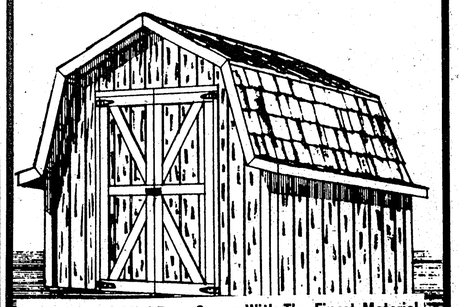

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