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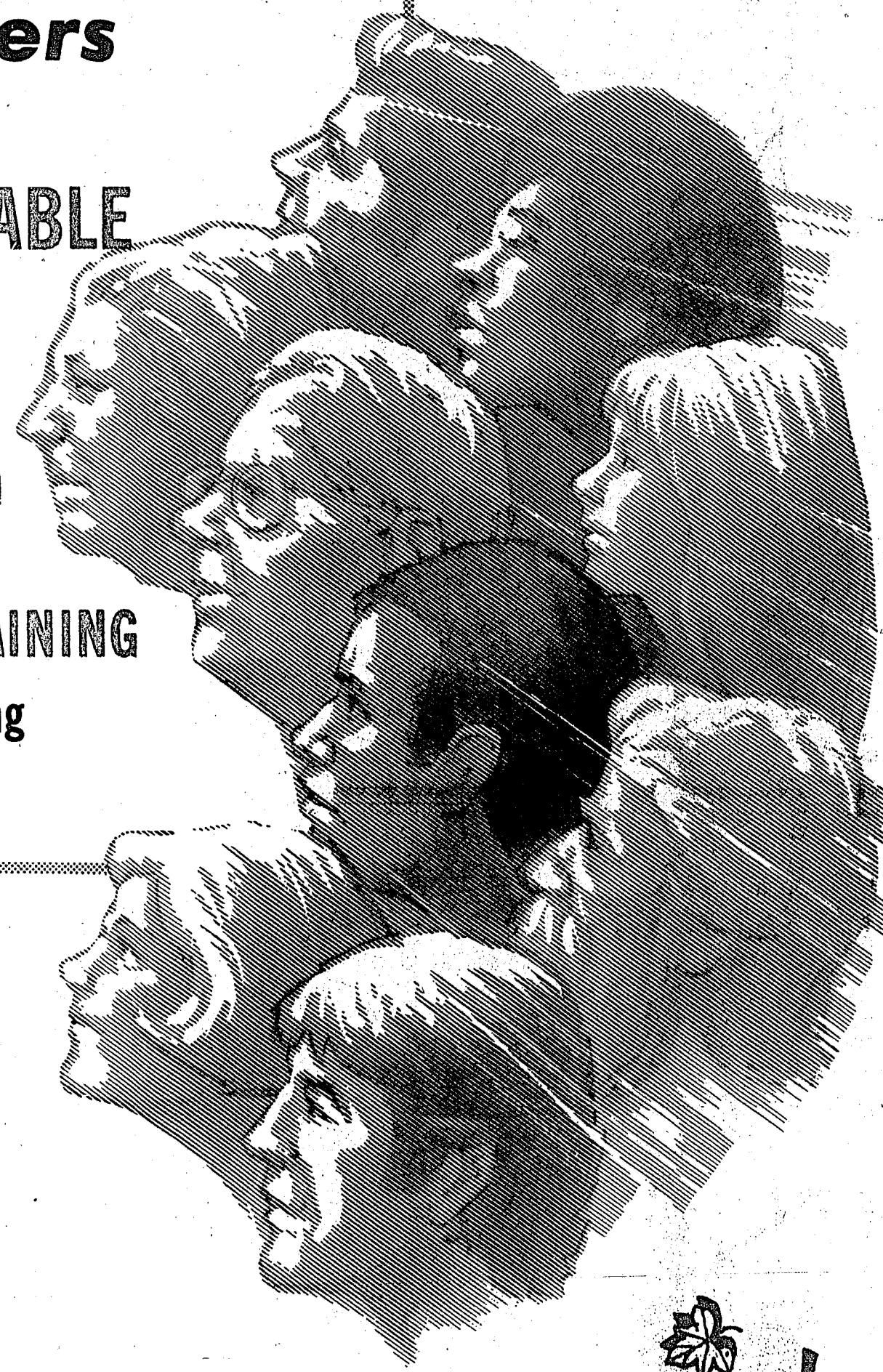
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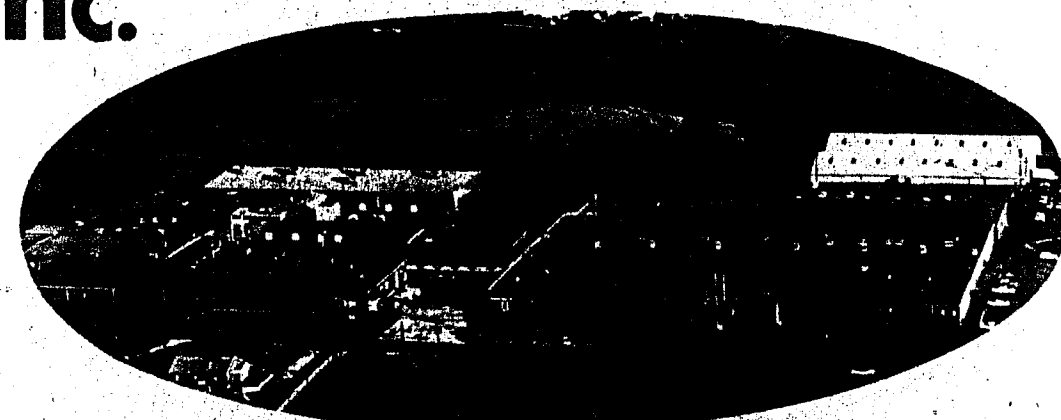
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Woods Student's Article Published In Magazine

A creative writing by a sixth grade student at Woods Elementary School—12-year-old Thomas Lynn Beam—has been included in the 1973-74 annual junior-senior edition of the Fun Journal.

The Fun Journal is a publication, which each year publishes outstanding creative writing of students from all over the United States. The material must be submitted by the teacher of the child for consideration. Selected material is published during the summer and mailed August 15 each year.

Belva H. Barnhardt is young Beam's teacher at the local school.

His writing entitled "A Thunderstorm" is as follows:

The clouds in the sky loom,
With dark and stormy gloom.

The clouds all twirling and swirling.
They move with seething curling.
I raise the sash and see a flash.
Thunder comes with a rolling roar,
Shaking the floor.
Another flash,
Thunder rolling and roaring.
Again shaking the floor.
I lower the sash for I am afraid.
Fear is here, and I am not brave.
The lightning is striking,
and thunder is frightening.
The storm is quieting—it is now broken.
For it has spoken—with a fiery tongue
And a fiery lung
It has joined with us
and showed us trust.
It has made us wise.

Duke Power Requests 17 Per Cent Rate Increase

Duke Power Company last Friday filed a rate application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission which ultimately would raise retail rates to its North Carolina customers by nearly 17 per cent.

If granted, the increase would provide the utility additional revenues of approximately \$60 million annually.

In its filing, Duke is asking the Commission to approve an across-the-board interim increase of 12 per cent which represents \$42 million of the

total request, and which would become effective October 15 pending the Commission's full study of the application.

The full implementation of the new rates, if approved, will vary in percentage between customer classifications, with large customers receiving the greatest increases.

The new residential rates, based on the 1972 average monthly use of 880 KWH, would raise the customer's monthly bill from 18.26 to 21.26, an increase of 16.4 per cent.

Carl Horn, Jr., president of the Charlotte-based utility, cited the cost of financing one of the nation's largest utility construction programs as the main reason for seeking rate relief.

"Between now and 1975 we will spend approximately \$1½ billion on facilities which must be built if millions of people in this Piedmont Carolinas are to have a reliable source of electric power."

"It is evident," he said, "that we cannot maintain a program of this size and caliber without outside financing. And it is just as evident that financing will come only if we can show investors that we can offer them a reasonable return on their money."

"During recent years," Horn added, "despite several rate increases, Duke Power is yet to earn a rate of return which the Commission itself has said is fair and reasonable."

Horn stressed that the company's financial position is declining steadily. "For the first time in Duke Power's history, its common stock is selling at less than book value."

Duke soon plans to file a similar request with the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

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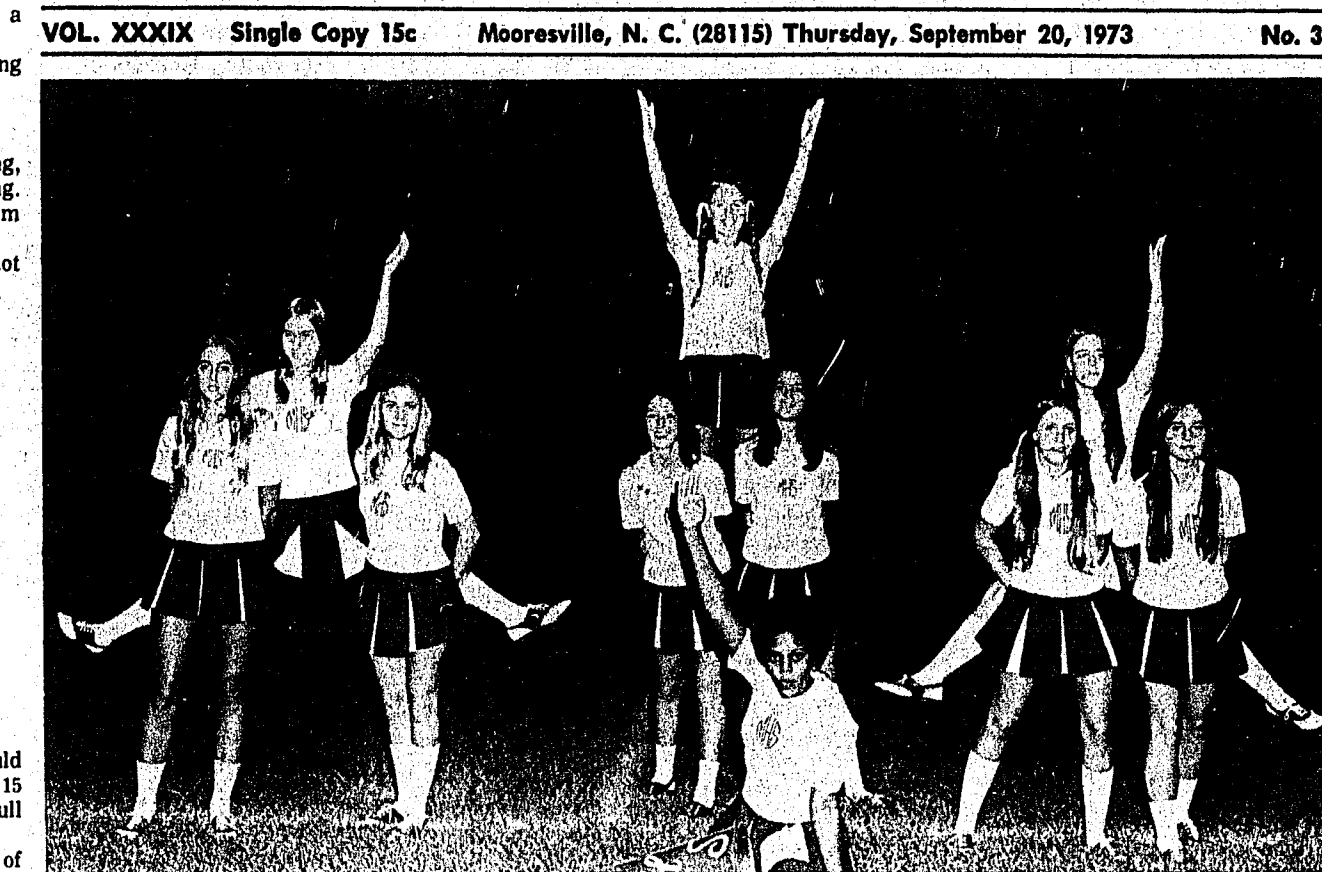
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These Girls Are Tops When It Comes To Leading Blue Devil Cheers

Presenting the Mooresville Senior High cheerleaders for 1973-74: sitting is Sheila Knox, from left are Tina Bramlett, Susan Meadows, Gail Morrow, Debbie Pope, Marsha Brown, Durand Parker, Pam Rinehardt, Lisa Hudspeth and Ginny Tyner.

Mission August Services— 'UF Made It All Possible'

"We feel compelled to add that without the continuing financial support of United Fund, this never could have happened."

With that, Albert Copelan, director of the Mooresville Christian Mission, explained how he was able to provide services during August to area needy families and individuals.

"These things," he said after reporting on million activity for the month, "surely have made living a little better for a lot of men, women and children."

This is Copelan's summary

Homecoming Set At S. F. Presbyterian

The annual homecoming of the S. F. Ford Presbyterian Church will be observed at the church on Sunday, September 23.

The program will begin with Sunday School, with the adult Bible classes being taught by Judge Wilson Warlick of Newton.

The worship service will be conducted by Rev. Robert Weaver, pastor of the church. Following the worship service, picnic dinner will be spread.

An afternoon program of special music with several local groups participating will begin around two o'clock.

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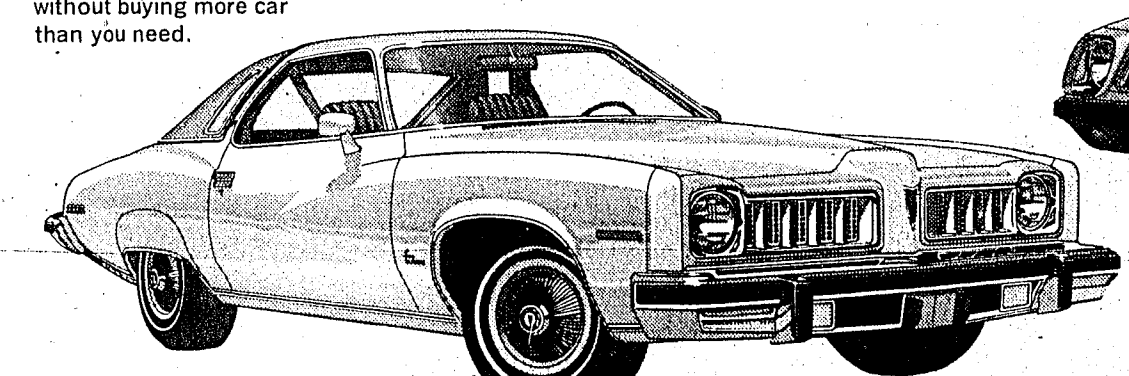
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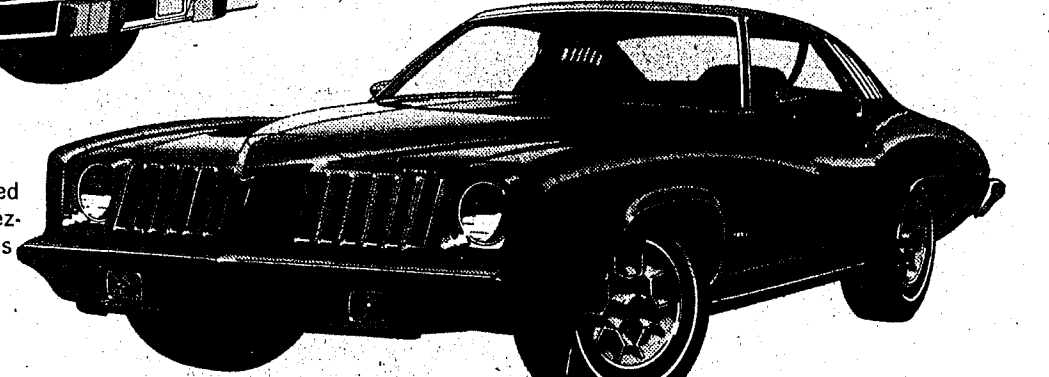


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