

Johnnie Mills Passes; Rites Last Sunday

Johnnie Leroy Mills, 86-year-old resident of Mooresville, route 7, died at 9:15 a.m. last Friday at the Iredell Memorial Hospital in Statesville. Born in Iredell County on July 31, 1907, Mr. Mills was a son of the late William Pink and Emma Sloop Mills.

A retired farmer, Mr. Mills was a lifelong member of Berea Baptist Church, located west of Mooresville on N.C. 150.

Homecoming, Revival Set At Caldwell Chapel

The annual homecoming/revival is being held at Caldwell Chapel AME Zion Church in Mount Mourne this week, Aug. 30 through Sept. 4. The pastor, the Rev. S.B. Turner, delivered the homecoming message at 11 a.m. Sunday, and following the

surviving are the wife, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Arns Mills, one son, Larry Mills of Mooresville, route 5; one daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Beaver of Mount Ulla; two brothers, Hebron Mills of Davidson and Kenneth Mills of Mooresville; four sisters, Mrs. Mary Wilson of Huntersville, Mrs. Mary Isenhour of Concord and Mrs. Dora Marlowe and Mrs. Laurene McAllister, both of Mooresville. Three grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services for Mr. Mills were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday at Berea Baptist Church, with the pastor, Dr. Wayne Wike, and the Rev. Carl Mauney officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to The American Diabetes Association, 2315-A Sunset Ave., Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27804. Services are scheduled nightly at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Kelly Acquires Franchise For Hickory Area

William Kelly, formerly of Mooresville, and his wife, Glenda, recently acquired a ProForma franchise for the Hickory area. The couple lives in Hickory.

ProForma distributes business products, including commercial printing and computer equipment, business forms and other office supplies. Based in Cleveland, Ohio, it has 50 franchised distributors. Kelly is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Kelly of Mooresville. He formerly was associated with Kelly Clothing Co. here and in Hickory, and with a Globe Life Insurance of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Hunt Grant For Center

The building fund of the Adult Learning Center in Troutman received a \$5,000 boost last week from Hunt Manufacturing Co. of Statesville.

The gift went to the Iredell Developmental Day Centers specifically to help finance expansion of the building that serves 20 handicapped adults. The Adult Learning Center will add three classrooms, a kitchen, a bathroom and a physical-therapy room, and build a patio and outdoor recreation area. A spokesman for the center said the additions will enable the facility to serve more of the handicapped persons now on its waiting list.



Parents, Child With Perinatal Nurses
Carolyn Corriher, Left, And Linda Modlin

LNRMC Asterisk After Andrea Nelson's Name

Andrea Kay Nelson won't go through life with an asterisk after her name, but she always will be a footnote in the history of Lake Norman Regional Medical Center. At 8:47 a.m. Aug. 28 she became the first baby born in the local hospital in nearly three years. She arrived in LNRMC's brand-spanking-new, \$400,000 birthing unit. The private hospital, which changed its name from Lowrance this year, is back in the baby business. The last birth at Lowrance Hospital was on Nov. 30, 1984, when it was owned by the county. Lake Norman Regional Medical Center was not content merely to reopen Lowrance's dormant maternity facilities. It built and equipped all-new accommodations on the third floor of its newest wing.

Dr. Kay Lawton was the attending physician. She is one of two obstetrician-gynecologists who recently began practicing here as members of the hospital medical staff. The other is Dr. Russell White.

Lawton and White oversee patient care in the birthing unit that contains four rooms for labor, delivery, recovery and post partum, and a special delivery room. The hospital plans to offer maternity and parenting classes as it continues expanding its pre-natal, maternity and pediatrics services.

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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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Town, County Shares Of State Allocations

Iredell County and its incorporated communities shared slightly more than \$1 million of \$10.4 million in intangibles tax and special allocations distributed this week by N.C. Department of Revenue. Mooreville's piece of the pie was \$274.

The collections are returned each year by the state to its 475 municipalities and 100 counties. Local governments expect to estimate the annual disbursements, and build them into their budgets. County government got \$689,663, Mooreville's share was \$274,413, and the state received \$12,755. Harney's allocation was \$13 and Loveley got \$141.

Iredell's portion of Davidson was \$3,848. Davidson's larger allocation, \$12,755, was \$1,119 for a total allocation of \$3,668.

The money represents the state's collections of intangibles tax for 1986-87, and special allocations derived by the 1985 General Assembly as a way of reimbursing local governments for revenue lost the repeal of intangibles tax on deposits and money on hand.

The total allocation, \$73.5 million as generated by intangibles tax on accounts receivable, notes, bonds, shares of stock and units of investment funds, and interest in foreign trusts.

This year's disbursements totaled \$14.1 million more than those for the previous fiscal year, a 16 percent increase.

The tax and special allocations are distributed to each county and each municipality in proportion to the amount of property tax it collects. The special allocations are allotted on the same basis.

Mecklenburg and Charlotte were the biggest gainers, with \$7.8 million and \$5.6 million respectively. Sixteen other counties — including Cabarrus, Catawba and Rowan — received more than \$1 million each, as did four other cities.

The Soup Kitchen, sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union of Mooresville's First Baptist Church, will begin serving meals on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

The hours of serving are 11 a.m. until 12 noon, Monday-Friday.

The Soup Kitchen will be closed on holidays, and on any snow days which Mooresville schools close.

The Soup Kitchen is for the needy people in the community. There are many volunteers from area churches and businesses assisting with the program.

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Len Sullivan's SHUCKS

Problems With Numbers 1, 3 And 10

Chris Haire's mom, Susan, asked the usual anxious-mom questions last week when he came home from his first day as a Park View first grader. Yes, he liked school, his teacher and his classmates fine, but he had a real problem going to the bathroom. Ohmygosh. More questions.

Well, Chris said, Mrs. Brawley said everybody had to go to the bathroom by the time they could count to three, and he just couldn't finish that fast.

Worried call from mom to teacher, Vicki Brawley. It seems Chris had compounded uncertainty about numbers by misunderstanding the teacher's instructions. Warm-air blowers replaced paper towels in Park View bathrooms this summer. As part of her first-day orientation, Vicki explained the hand driers. After using the bathroom, she said, and after washing your hands, hold your hands under the warm air while you count to 10 and your hands will be dry.

We Don't Want To Encourage Them

The little old lady was asked by the pollster for whom she planned to vote in the upcoming election. She said she didn't intend to vote for any of them "because all it does is encourage the bastards."

Good point. After this week I do not intend to mention, ever again, mistakes in this or any other newspaper. Same reason. Perhaps we'll set up a periodic "blunder box" in another place in the paper. For now, though, let's do what we can to ease the pain of some of the more serious boners visited upon us last week by last week's mention of boners.

The Blunder Box

D.S. and Dot McNeely are among my closest friends. We attended the same church, the same family-night suppers, the same lake outings, the same dances, the same ball games for years. Our kids grew up with their kids. We shared their joy in their lastborn, son Tim. We grieved with them in their overwhelming sorrow when Tim died with other Marines in the Beirut barracks bombing. Yet I hurt them last week.

I thought of Tim while I was writing a caption for the photo of our rejuvenated Depot Park. I could see him, at 10 months or so, standing straight, balancing himself in his proud daddy's outstretched hand. I knew perfectly well the monument in the park is a memorial to Tim and other victims of that attack. Yet, in mentioning the pride the community takes in the park, I called the monument a Vietnam memorial. As parents who have suffered the ultimate loss, D.S. and Dot must have thought how quickly they forgot? "We" didn't, and we won't. I, alone, by myself, without any help, pulled this one off, and I'm sorry.

I also managed to leave Magla Products out of the front-page story about how well all our textile operations are doing. I did it, but I blame Lee Sullivan for it. We were grinding toward deadline. I was trying to pull our textiles-related companies and jobs into a meaningful whole. I knew Lee did an update not long back on Magla that was and is going great guns here. I yelled to Lee across the newsroom: "what does Magla make?" "Sponges," he said, as he, too, worked against the clock. Not textiles, I said to me.

Wrong. Magla makes more cloth ironingboard covers than anyone, and it turns out a variety of other textile products. Yes, Gail Kopley, Magla corporate personnel manager, said this week, we do make sponges and we have a packaging line, "but our operation fits nicely into the classic definition of a textile plant."

Magla, too, is hiring. It has 350 employees here, 100 in Huntersville and another 100 in a Lincoln plant it had closed but reopened a year ago. Even as you read, Magla has 40 job openings.

—And there was—was it—the Danny Ervin Auction Co. ad promoting the Saturday sale of the Marion Statu property. After dutifully listing all the items to be offered at this "once in a lifetime old-timey farm auction," we said "so make plans not to attend this sale!" You'd have to look long and hard for a place to substitute one letter of the alphabet for another and do that kind of damage.

—Mooreville Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary delivered watermelons to the VA Medical Center last week, not the American Legion. Credit that one to Larry Sullivan.

—This one this week is not our fault, but a blunder all the same. A piece in the mail late last week announced that William Kelly and his wife, Glenda, have acquired a ProForma franchise in Hickory, where they live. It's on page 12 of the section that was printed Monday afternoon. Tuesday morning, ProForma's public relations person calls in a correction. Now hear this: William Kelly, son of our Ellis and Bubba, still is very much associated with Kelly Clothing Co. as president of the corporation. His new company's name is ProForma Carolina Business Products. He will not limit his territory to the Hickory area. He is putting together a sales team that will work much of the Piedmont, including Mooresville and Charlotte.

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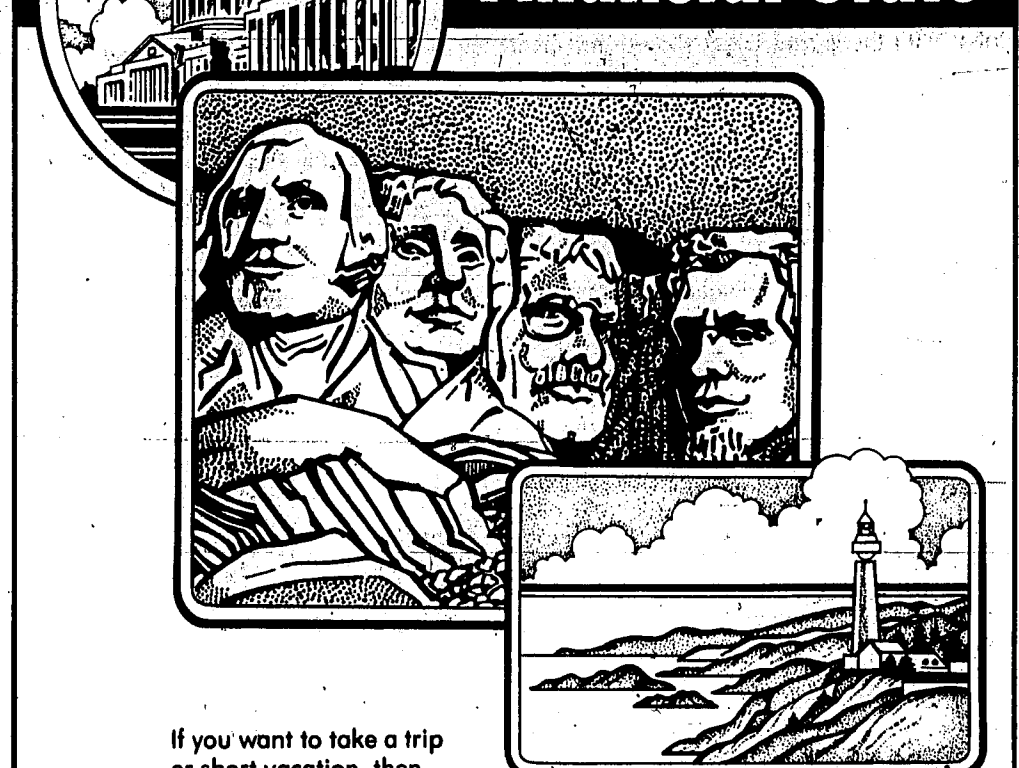
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