

Baptists Set Bible Teaching Training School

A two-evening training school offering 18 different courses designed to improve Bible teaching skills is scheduled September 28-29 by the South Yadkin Baptist Association.

"We have an outstanding faculty ready to lead five hours of exciting study that will benefit teachers, officers and members of Sunday Schools throughout our association," said Rev. Jack Bagwell of Mooresville, association Sunday School director and organizer of the school.

Currently over 11,500 are enrolled in Bible study in the 53 association churches throughout Iredell County and a portion of Davie.

Diamond Hill Baptist Church in Statesville will be the location of the 7:00 to 9:30 two-evening training school.

"Because good, effective Bible teaching plays such an important role in the life and strength of our churches," Bagwell continued, "we are making every effort to provide the best training possible."

Rev. Eugene Hager is director of the South Yadkin Baptist Association with offices in Statesville.

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News Briefs Of Simpson

By MRS. HAL DEATON

—Mrs. Mae Warren of Portsmouth, Va., Mrs. Sue Smith of Hampton, Va., and Miss Lesa Smith of Appalachian State University at Boone visited relatives in the Simpson community during the Labor Day weekend.

—Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ammerman of Fairburn, Ga., visited Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Houston from Friday until Monday.

—Mrs. Nellie Goodman visited Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Cooke over the holidays.

—Billie Brawley of Mooresville visited Mrs. Elsie Brown at Ramsey's Court in Statesville Monday.

—Mrs. Sara Wheeler and Mrs. Sally Arey and son, Billy, of Vienna, Va., spent the Labor Day weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Harrell and all attended the Brawley get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brawley on the Linwood Road, Mooresville, Sunday.

Refreshments of sherbet, cookies and Cokes were served by Mrs. Dot Arthur.

Quilt Exhibit Along With Lectures And Demonstrations Set In Statesville

The Fabric of Our Lives, an exhibit of quilts, coverlets, and handwork of Iredell County from 1830 to the present time will open Sunday, Sept. 13 and continue until October 11.

The exhibit will take place at the Art and Science Center in Statesville and the Sunday opening will be a reception hosted by the Tuesday Quilters from 2 until 5 p.m.

On October 3 from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., lectures, demonstrations and exhibits about the history, techniques, and influence of the "fabric of our lives" in the Central Piedmont will take place. Jan Murphy of Statesville will lecture on "Quilts of Iredell County" while Erma Kirkpatrick of Chapel Hill will discuss "Quilts, Quiltmakers and Burial" was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Centenary United Methodist Church, Route 1, Mount Ulla, North Carolina 28125.

Whitman Park Baptist Church will hold its 55th annual homecoming on Sunday, Sept. 13.

Guest speaker will be the Rev. Louis Hester.

A covered dish dinner will be served immediately following the morning worship service.

Founded by the Rev. Robert O. Pitts, the present pastor of the church, which is located just north of Mooresville on N.C. 115, is the Rev. William Parris.

All members, former members and friends of the church are cordially invited to attend.

Each family is requested to bring a well-filled basket of food.

The educator and the elected official were impressed by the program's success in encouraging communication among students, teachers, administrators and parents. Through Parents as Partners, they learned, many academic, disciplinary and emotional difficulties among students were recognized early and resolved before they became harmful problems.

The program plan around meetings of parents and teachers at which plans for the ensuing 12 weeks will be explained and discussed. These meetings, Williams said, let parents know what to expect of their children and their schools, and it alerts teachers to relationships between parent and child.

The first of these meetings will be held Nov. 11. Others are scheduled Jan. 19 and March 8. Parents and faculty coordinators at each school will plan agendas.

The AAA Carolina Motor Club announced the appointment of Port City Exxon as a service facility representing the motorist organization in the Mooresville area.

The announcement was made by J. R. Carpenter, executive director of emergency road service for the Charlotte-based affiliate of the American Automobile Association.

Carpenter said, "We at AAA feel very fortunate to be affiliated with a facility the caliber of Port City Exxon and are looking forward to working with Jerry C. Ramey, the owner. We are sure they will provide the best possible service for our members in this area."

Port City Exxon is located on N.C. 150 and Interstate 77.

The AAA Carolina Motor Club currently has more than 367,000 members in the two Carolinas. Its parent organization, the American Automobile Association, has more than 28 million members nationwide.

Applied Products, a plastics plant, and Kewanee Scientific Corp. were Statesville winners. Kewanee is the country's largest supplier of furniture and equipment for scientific laboratories.

Others receiving the award included the Philip Morrow USA plant near Concord, Piedmont-Cannon in Kannapolis and Norman's of Salisbury, a curtains and draperies manufacturer.

Gov. Jim Martin presented the awards during a luncheon in Raleigh Sept. 2.

Children's Program At Hospital

A program focusing on "Children's Wellness" will be held Sept. 29 at Iredell Memorial Hospital in Statesville.

The program will get underway at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital cafeteria.

A special panel of speakers will take part in the program and provide information and suggestions to help children live healthier lives.

The speakers will include Dr. J. Curtis Abell, Hope Dixon and Nancy Bustle.

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The business, located in the former Leeson building at 400 North Main Street, has been in operation in Mooresville for three weeks.

At the local shop, Carney and Karen team up to plan, design and produce made-to-order nylon jumpsuits. Karen's skydiving knowledge and Carney's designing abilities have proven to be a highly successful combination, making it hard for the couple to keep up with the growing demand.

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large variety with elastic bindings in place to cater to different bodies. There is no elastic in the suits produced by EFS.

Carney designs the suits to fit the skydiver, which has made EFS jumpsuits very popular for people who take skydiving seriously.

Skydiving champions are already among EFS's customers and the word keeps spreading.

In the EFS shop, one wall features a blackboard listing destinations for jumpsuits currently being produced. England, Norway and Sweden are on the current list and EFS suits are already in service in Luxembourg, France and throughout the United States. In the near future, Japan and Brazil will be added to EFS's service area.

The suits headed for England feature a fleece lining to make cool-weather skydiving more comfortable. That's just one of the extra touches that make EFS suits comfortable as well as ideal for jumping.

The basic EFS suit includes added padding on the shoulder and knee, personalized lettering and special grips (or use in formations).

"A friend of mine bought a jumpsuit that didn't have grips," Karen said. "She said grips and stripes were both extra and she couldn't afford both so she decided on the stripes. That's something you don't have to worry about with our suits."

But the no-cost extras are still secondary to the suit itself. The nylon suit is down on wind resistance for the skydiver and the customized fit eliminates extra material that would create drag. These factors give the skydiver more control and, when whirling down to earth at 120 miles per hour, control is vital.

As EFS continues to produce its suits, which cost \$180 each, the number of potential customers continues to climb, according to Carney and Karen, skydiving is becoming more popular and getting away from its roots as a hobby only daredevil and ex-soldiers enjoyed.

"I used to be looked at as an outlaw sport, like skiing or motorcycle riding," Karen said, "but now a lot of the yuppie types are getting involved."

"A lot of people think skydivers have some sort of death wish," Carney added, "but really, once you do it, it's more like a life wish. It's a new outlet, a way to expand your life."

That understanding of skydiving and skydivers has made it easy for Carney and Karen to produce exactly what skydivers want. And so far, the popularity of their product has kept the business flying, with no signs of falling out.

The majority of mass-produced suits are the small, medium and large sizes.

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