

GM Chamberlain Going; Carrington Is Appointed

David Chamberlain has resigned as general manager of the Mooresville Tribune and The Mecklenburg Gazette, effective Sept. 25. He has accepted the position of books marketing coordinator with the Broadman Publishing Division of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn.

Nick Carrington, who has been the Tribune's advertising director and assistant general manager of both newspapers, has been appointed acting general manager.

Chamberlain submitted his resignation late last week to Chester Middlesworth of Statesville, who is Park Newspapers' regional coordinator for North Carolina and Kentucky. Park Newspapers, a division of Park Communications of Ithaca, N.Y., owns the Tribune here and the Gazette in Davidson.

Middlesworth appointed Carrington to the top administrative post of the two papers.

Chamberlain, 40, is a Mooresville native, a product of local schools and the University of North Carolina School of Journalism. He joined the Tribune in 1971. He has been general manager of the Tribune since 1982, and the Gazette was added to his managerial responsibilities in July 1986.

Chamberlain and his wife, Donna, live on Shearer's Chapel Road with their sons Dennis, eight, and six-year-old Dan. They attend First



DAVID CHAMBERLAIN

Baptist Church, where Chamberlain is a deacon and director of the Sunday school.

The Baptist Sunday School Board is a service of the Southern Baptist Convention, which also is headquartered in Nashville. Chamberlain expects to begin his work there Oct. 1. He says his responsibilities will include developing advertising, promotion and author-relation plans for Broadman books.

Carrington, 40, joined the Tribune

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UW Pacesetters Do Precisely That; Appeal Begins With \$23,771 In Hand

Thanks to its Pacesetters, the Mooresville-South Iredell United Way is setting a very brisk pace, indeed.

The area's fall campaign got off on the right foot Tuesday morning: \$23,771.

That was the encouraging word announced at UW's traditional kickoff breakfast at the War Memorial by Carl Nichols, campaign chairman. That amount was generated by three of four campaign Pacesetters that have conducted their in-house appeals in advance of the full-blown drive.

Not only did employees of the town, NCNB and Sterling Engineering raise this money, they did it in dramatic ways that Nichols said "inspires the rest of us to get out and get the job done."

The fourth pre-campaign Pacesetter, Lake Norman Regional Medical Center, is wrapping up its drive this week. Its results will give the overall campaign a second-stage boost that Nichols will ignite during his first progress-report luncheon Oct. 6.

This week, some 75 persons gathered at 8 a.m. to break bread and launch the drive for \$118,000. UW President Alan Mayhew welcomed guests, including Mooresville Mayor Joe Knox, state Rep. Robert Brawley of Mooresville, and County Commissioner Frances Murdock of Troutman. Representatives of



Nichols and Pacesetters, From Left, Newton, Hager, Whittington

agencies that share UW funds also were introduced, as were key division leaders of the campaign.

Acknowledging his audience, Nichols said what the annual collective appeal needs to ensure success is, "to put the power and influence in this room to work for the betterment of our community." That, he said, is what the UW drive is about.

"Every year in the past," the chairman said, "we have met our United Way goal, but we have not met our community's needs. We have been content with a self-fulfilling prophecy: set a goal and reach it. We must continue working to bring our goal closer to our need."

Before climaxing his pep talk with his Pacesetters' results, Nichols challenged the group to "get out of the habit of United Way business as usual, and think more in terms of doing what it takes to help those among us who need and deserve our support."

The NCNB drive was coordinated

by Cora Hager, who reported cash and pledges of \$3,504 — 66 percent above the bank's goal.

Barbara Newton directed the appeal among Sterling employees. She said \$16,604 was raised for a 300 percent increase over last year.

The pre-drive drive among municipal employees was coordinated by Barbara Whittington, who reported collections of \$3,664, a jump of no less than 850 percent over last year's giving.

"We're going to have a great campaign," Nichols said following these reports.

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—Mooresville runningback becomes first Blue Devil to earn coveted weekly honor one season after another: section one, page 14. More sports, page 15; section two, pages 2-6.

—Business spotlight shines on well-known Lake Norman area establishment that's been constantly changing for the better under four-year owners, section two, page 11.

—Hospice of Iredell County, which provides companionship for the terminally ill, is in desperate need of volunteers and support, section three, page 1.

—Animals, of course, will play starring roles in the circus that's coming to town, section three, page 2.

—Mooresville civilian recounts memorable adventure as a member of VIP group touring Army National Guard facilities in Ecuador, section three, page 7.

After Four Months, Neill And New Liver Coming Home

Large Neill is coming home! A debilitating and potentially fatal liver disease worsened this spring, leaving a transplant his only option. He received a liver June 4, but his body rejected it in spite of a battery of drugs.

A second transplant was performed July 2. The operation went well, but his kidneys shut down. In addition to other difficulties associated with traumatic surgery he had to deal with dialysis.

Since that second operation Neill's has been a up-and-down battle. Until the past couple of weeks, he has been down more than up — constantly nauseated, erratic blood count, bedfast for the most part.

Now ups have returned to his renewed lease on life. His family, his friends, his community rejoice with him.

Neill left Thomas Jefferson Memorial Hospital early this week and he is living nearby with his wife, Laura. He is returning to the hospital daily for medication and tests.

But his body is showing no signs of rejecting his second transplanted liver, kidney function has returned, his appetite has returned, he can eat all he wants of whatever he wants, and he expects to come home in a couple of weeks.

That good news has been a long time coming. Neill, 48, who lives in the Shepherd community, has been a patient in the Philadelphia hospital since mid-May, and the news has

Constitution Anniversary Events Capped By Concert

An hour-long Thursday evening concert featuring local performers will cap off Mooresville's celebration honoring the 200th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

Students Included In Celebration

Students in Mooresville schools will not miss the importance of the 200th birthday of the United States Constitution. Teachers and administrators have made sure of that. Throughout this week, which is Constitution Week nationwide, special activities and events are being held at all five schools in the Mooresville system. The events are designed to make students fully aware of what the Constitution means and how it helped shape this country.

Special events at local schools started Monday morning and will continue through Friday. In many local classes, the focus on the Constitution will continue after this week.

Ceremonies and projects have been planned throughout the week at elementary schools as well as Junior High and Senior High.

Many special events have already

The "Constitution Concert" will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Roland R. Morgan Auditorium on the Mooresville Senior High School campus. The concert will be the final activity in a day full of special events designed to pay tribute to the Constitution.

The concert, like other local events planned during the day, is being coordinated by the Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce.

Flags and balloons will be given away during the concert, which is free of charge. During the concert, local singer Debbie Szabo will perform several songs paying tribute to America and the Constitution.

In addition, the audience will be invited to join in the singing of several patriotic songs.

Also scheduled during the concert is a brief address by a guest speaker highlighted by a recital of the Preamble to the Constitution.

Mooresville's celebration of the Constitution's anniversary will begin early Sept. 17, 200 years to the day since the Constitution was signed in Philadelphia by 39 delegates representing 12 states.

The local chamber has asked area churches to hold special Constitution services at 8 a.m. or noon on Thursday. At 4 p.m., churches in the community, and churches across the country, will ring their bells for 200 seconds. The bell-ringing will be followed by a 200-second moment of silence.

Stevenson Held On Arson Charge

In lieu of a \$20,000 secured bond, Charles Allen Stevenson, 37, remains in the Iredell County Jail in connection with a fire at his home on Talbert Road, west of Mooresville, early Monday morning.

He is charged with first-degree arson, obstructing and delaying county lawmen and damage to a deputy's car.

The first-degree arson charge was lodged against Stevenson following the investigation of a fire of an incendiary type that began at two places in the kitchen of his residence, according to Lt. Guy Griffin Jr. of the Iredell County Sheriff's Department.

Involved in the investigation of the 12:02 a.m. fire were the county sheriff's department, the office of the county fire marshal and a State Bureau of Investigation agent.

Fire Marshal Chuck Gallyon said

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Humphries Joins Lady's Funeral Home

Dean W. Humphries, manager of Cavin Funeral Home in Mooresville since 1980, has resigned in order to accept a position with Lady's Funeral Home in Kannapolis.

He assumed his duties with Lady's Monday.

A native of Cliffside, Humphries is the son of the late Golden and Elva Blanton Humphries.

He attended the Cliffside schools and Cincinnati School of Embalming in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Before joining Cavin Funeral Home, Humphries was a member of the staff of Drum's Funeral Home in Lincoln.

He is a member of Mooresville's First Baptist Church.

Humphries is married to the former Gwen Brookshire and the couple has two children, Donald, a junior at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and Carol, a

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DEAN W. HUMPHRIES

Uncle Dan From Doolie Says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

The fellers got to talking about attitudes during the session at the country store Saturday night. It was Zeke Grubb that said he had given the matter some thought since the problems of a crowded world got on the agenda recent. Zeke said he has thought the situation up one side and down the other, and he was of a mind that if we can't stop it and we can't get it off it we'd best make the best of the world as we find it.

For instant, Zeke was thinking of ways folks learn to get more done in less time. Everything is on the automatic, he said, so if we can figure quicker ways we ought to come up with safer ways. He had said recent where drivers that save time with car telephones are using em to make the roads safer. Police across the country say folks are calling em with reports of drunk drivers. The good news is, folks are concerned enough to pay for the call while they stay on the phone and stay with the drunk until the police can get to em.

Personal speaking, Bug Hookum said, one of the best attitudes is an open mind on attitudes. Bug said he was thinking of a recent report where a psychiatrist in Boston says Americans need to change their attitude about being alone. The doctor claims that not only is there nothing wrong with being by yourself, you probably will be good for you. Many perfectly normal folks in this country are closet loners, according to the doctor. They like their own company and they would enjoy doing someone or nothing by themselves, but they won't be alone because they've been told for so long that normal people don't do that sort of thing.

When you think about it, Bug said, who's more likely than you to think

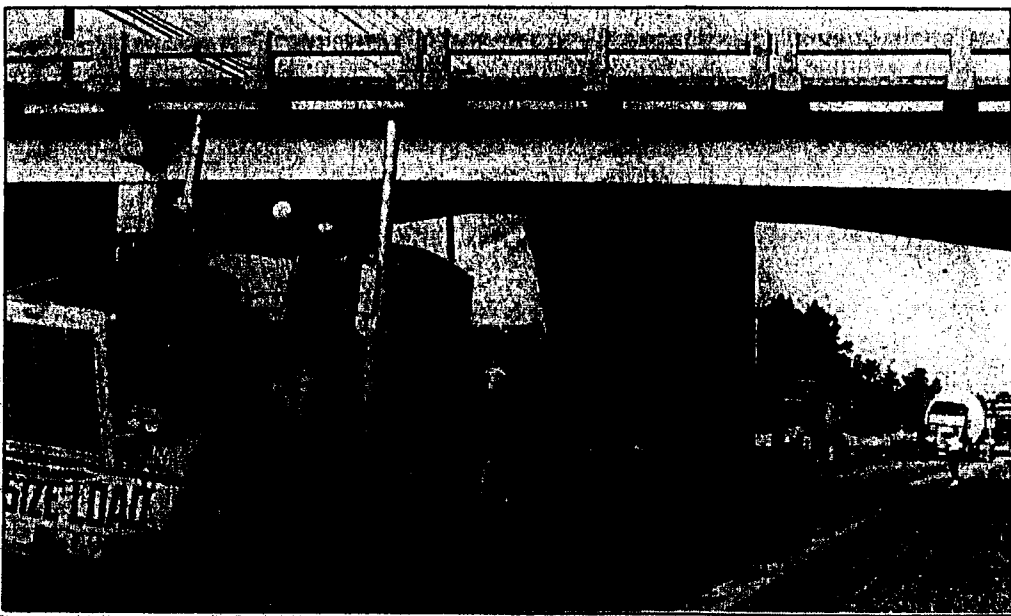
the way you think. He said he agreed with the psychiatrist's suggestion that we set ourselves down and have a tough, honest conversation once in a while. It can clear up questions in our own minds, he said, even if it raises questions in the minds of other people around us.

Clem Webster said he ain't one to pal around with himself all the time, but there's someone to be said for attitudes. Clem said he once heard a preacher say the most important thing about work is attitude. Preaching, he said, can be a job with some stooping, but no heavy lifting, or it can be a privilege to help make a better world. One feller on a construction job might take the attitude that he's an underpaid slave mixing and hauling mortar to the masons. Another feller doing the same work might say he's building a hospital for crippled children.

Zeke said he run across a great attitude recent when he and his old lady had supper at a cafe in town. The girl that served them had visited their church. She was a college graduate and she had tried teaching, selling telephones and stocks. Zeke said his old lady ask her why a smart, educated girl like her was waiting tables. "That's a interesting question," the girl said, "don't you think you deserve to be served by me?"

Final, Ed Doolittle put the stopper in the jug. He said he might need to change his attitude about the British. He said there are four kinds of em. The Scots won't wear rubber heels because they give, the Welsh pray on their knees and prey on everybody else, the Irish don't know what they want but will fight to the death for it, and the English figger they're self-made so they worship their creator.

Yours truly,
Uncle Dan



Moving Truck Stopped Quickly When Tank Met Slightly-Resistible Bridge

Wham! US 21 Bridge Out Of Service

The U.S. 21 bridge over N.C. 150 just west of Mooresville will be out of service for up to two months as a result of an unusually-destructive accident Tuesday morning.

The driver of a sunken-bed transfer truck with an oversized load was heading east on N.C. 150 when he left his Department of Transportation-prescribed route and tried to pass under the bridge. The truck made it, but the cargo — a large, cylindrical metal tank — slammed into the bridge.

The impact twisted a steel support beam, bent steel reinforcement rods inside the bridge's concrete frame and separated the middle span of the bridge from connecting spans on each side.

"It's about the worse I've seen in 25 years," Charles Campbell, a

highway maintenance engineer with the North Carolina DOT, said this morning. "I've seen 'em hit, but I've never seen one completely knocked loose."

Campbell said the middle 50-foot span of the bridge would have to be completely replaced, but the side spans were not damaged. Campbell said the repair timetable would depend on who did the work.

"We're waiting to hear from Raleigh," Campbell said. "We don't know if this will be assigned to the local bridge maintenance division or if it will be contracted out."

Campbell, pointing out that the span replacement would be a "big job" for the local division, said the work would probably take about two months if a private contractor was hired.

He added that the local division could complete the job sooner if no other emergency situations developed in the district and the right equipment could be secured.

"We would have to drop everything else," Campbell said, "but if we could get a pre-stressed link to fit in that space, the job could be done quicker. I just don't know if we can find a prefabricated span that long."

Until the bridge is repaired, U.S. 21 traffic will be routed around the bridge on ramps to and from N.C. 150. Campbell said N.C. 150, which was closed at the overpass Tuesday because of the unavailability of the bridge, should be reopened this

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Town Plans To Combat 'Nuisances'

Mooresville is taking steps to get rid of a nuisance.

It's not the normal type of nuisance — like a dripping faucet or a pesky fly — but for many town residents it's much more annoying.

Mooresville's targeted nuisance is trash piles, junk cars, out-of-control weeds and other problems on private property that can ruin the appearance of neighborhoods and, if ignored, create potential health hazards for residents of nearby houses.

At last week's town board meeting, the commissioners voted unanimously to instruct the town's attorney to examine the situation and determine if some type of nuisance control ordinance could be created for the town.

"We've seen a copy of the type of ordinance we want," Mayor Joe Knox said this week. "We have instructed Bill Pope to look at this thing and see if we could use something like it here."

Knox initiated the discussion about the ordinance at last week's meeting and said he wants something on the books for the town to use as a guideline.

"We messed with this thing in the past as the problems have come up," Knox said, "but now it's time to

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Artist Guild's Arttoberfest Set Oct. 3-4

The fifth annual Arttoberfest of the Mooresville Artists Guild will be held Oct. 3 and 4 at the Depot Center For Visual Arts.

The Center is housed in the old Southern Railway depot on the corner of Main Street and Center Avenue.

The exhibit will be open to the public on Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., and on Oct. 4 from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be no admission charge.

The two-day exhibit will feature the creative arts and craftsmanship of members of the Mooresville Artists Guild and will include their paintings, photography and sculpture.

In addition, members working in stained glass, porcelain doll-making and dressing, pottery, stenciling, miniature furniture and other creative crafts will have displays.

Most of the art and craft items on display will be available for purchase.

At 4 p.m. Oct. 4, a drawing will be held to determine the winners of

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Rape Charge Against Moose Dismissed

Robert Mark Moose of Route 3, Mooresville, has been cleared of a charge of second-degree rape. The charge was dismissed Tuesday in Rowan County Superior Court in Salisbury.

Moose, 23, was charged in mid-June with raping a 23-year-old woman, also of Route 3, Mooresville. The woman said the attack occurred June 13 at her home. She said her assailant was a man who came to her home to inquire about buying a fishing rod.

Bloodmobile Wednesday At War Memorial

Local residents will have another chance to share the gift of life Sept. 23 when the Piedmont Carolinas Regional Blood Center bloodmobile visits Mooresville.

The bloodmobile will be set up at the War Memorial building on Maple Street. The hours of operation will be 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

First-time donors as well as blood-giving veterans are urged to take part in the local bloodmobile. As always, the need for all blood types is great and the South Iredell chapter of the American Red Cross has set high goals for local participation.

The Wednesday visit by the regional bloodmobile is being jointly sponsored by the Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce, Sterling Engineered Products, Inc. of Mooresville and Duke Power Company.

The post-donation canteen will be stocked with cookies provided by members of the Mooresville Woman's Club.

As they have done in the past, local nurses and administrative volunteers will assist blood center personnel in directing the bloodmobile.