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big problems."

He added that Koontz's address would help get the message about opportunities to young people and others in the Mooresville community.

Koontz, who is now a consultant and lecturer, spent most of her professional career in education. She is a graduate of Livingstone College and Atlanta University. Her preparation also included studies at the North Carolina College for Special Education and further study at Indiana and Columbia universities.

Koontz served as a teacher in several North Carolina classrooms and was elected president of the department of classroom teachers of the NEA in 1965 and 1968. In 1969, she was appointed director of the women's bureau in the U.S. Department of Labor and was a U.S. delegate to the United Nations commission on the status of women.

From 1973-76, Koontz was the state coordinator of nutrition programs in the Department of Human Resources and from 1975-82 she was assistant state superintendent for teacher education in the N.C. Department of Public Instruction.

As testimony to her distinguished leadership and service in the field of education and humanitarian interests, she has received more than 20 honorary degrees and many citations of merit.

Koontz is well known for numerous articles and papers concerning education and she is a member of many professional organizations and agencies.

Among the many honours and awards presented to Koontz during her career was selection, in 1985, as one of the North Carolina's five most distinguished women. She has also been appointed to the board of trustees for several colleges and universities and has served on the National Advisory Committee for Women since she was appointed by President Jimmy Carter in 1976.

Following Koontz's address, a reception in her honor will be hosted by the local chapter of the American Association of University Women.

Site

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the information obtained at the public meetings and, with other information compiled about the remaining \$10 million facility.

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Red Cross Dinner Meeting

The annual dinner meeting of the South Iredell Red Cross Chapter will be held Oct. 6 at the War Memorial. Mrs. Elsie Lyle will prepare the meal that will be served at 7 p.m.

Larry Putnam is chapter chairman. He will preside during an after-dinner program that will feature recognition of Red Cross volunteers, with special attention to those involved in the local unit's successful blood program.

The dinner will cost \$4.50. Mrs. Hazel Hoke, chapter secretary, said this week that reservations should be made through her office by the end of September.

Bowles Infant's Funeral Sunday

A private graveside service for Brandon Bowles will be held the afternoon of Sept. 27 in the Centenary United Methodist Church cemetery. The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. John Cole, Centenary pastor.

The stillborn infant was the son of Tommy and Rhonda Bowles. He was born at 4 p.m. Sept. 22 at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte.

In addition to the parents, he is survived by the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edna Bowles of Mooresville; and the maternal grandparents, Mrs. Pat Connolly of Mount Ulla and Richard Connolly of Dallas.

Neil Funeral Home is in charge.

Big Brothers

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most of the state and country and has been in operation in Statesville for several weeks, has proven to be a successful approach to helping children with in-school difficulties.

"Most of the students who perform poorly in the classroom suffer from low self-esteem," Ball said. "Working on a one-to-one basis with the (adult) volunteer shows the student they can learn and that improves their opinion of themselves."

"In almost every case," Ball concluded, "the teacher has noticed a significant improvement in the student's attitude and classroom performance."

The only ingredient needed to implement the program is quality volunteers. That's where the local chamber fits in. Chamber officials and staff members have already started contacting area businesses about providing volunteers.

"What we want to do is get business leaders to identify employees who are interested in the program and who would serve as good role models for the young people," Erskine Smith, a member of the chamber staff, said.

Businesses would then be asked to employ for one hour a week to take part in the program."

Smith said individuals in the community who are not up to the task of education and who would like to participate in the program, are also welcome.

When enough volunteers are secured and trained, the program will be launched. The program will then oversee the identification of students who could benefit from the program. Input from teachers and administrators will be used to select students for participation.

The volunteers, working in cooperation with the schools, would then begin meeting with the students one hour a week, providing an adult role model and friendship for the child.

Companies or individuals interested in finding out more about the modified Big Brother/Big Sister program in the Mooresville-South Iredell area should contact the chamber of commerce, 664-8988, or Lower, 664-5555.

Brown

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assist the agency that is open from 9 a.m. until noon Monday through Friday.

Brown, who lives at 124 Manor Circle, said the Mission "is a necessary service, a tremendous asset to our community." He said his small group of dedicated volunteers and the support of the community have been the most rewarding part of the work.

You see the need, and you know there's no way to meet the need of it," he said. "Then you see the loving, caring people who keep trying to meet the need, and you just keep going."

The explanation for the extra half cent tax is important for Mr. Moore residents because, when Moore residents were asked to support the supplemental tax plan, they were assured the tax would not exceed three cents for at least five years.

"We regret the error occurred and hope that this statement will clarify the matter," the press released concluded.

Turner Charged With Robbery

Terry Lynn Turner, 25, of 1212 Harris St., Statesville, has been arrested in connection with the Sept. 7 robbery at Quick Fair II, a Mooresville convenience store at 494 South Main St.

Turner was taken into custody in Statesville. He has been charged with felonious robbery with a dangerous weapon.

According to Mooresville police, a black male armed with a pistol entered the local store around 9:30 p.m. Sept. 7 and ordered the clerk—Marie Saltzman of Salisbury—to give him money from the cash register.

The clerk complied and the robber fled.

Miller said tours of the Burlington plant will be available following the breakfast. In announcing the Gold Seal Merchant program, he reminded that textile imports increased 17 percent last year over 1985 to 13 billion square yards. Imports, he said, have cost the North Carolina nearly 40,000 jobs in textile and clothing manufacturing in the past six years.

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REV. RALPH SPARROW

Homecoming Anniversary At Centre

Centre Presbyterian Church in Mt. Mourne will hold its homecoming anniversary this Sunday in celebration of the 222nd anniversary of the organization of the church.

In recognition of the church's special event, a son of the church, the Rev. Ralph Sparrow, has been invited to preach the morning sermon.

In addition, the Moravian Band from the Hope and Advent Moravian churches of Winston-Salem will provide special music for the service.

Sparrow is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Sparrow of Mt. Mourne. He was a member of Centre Presbyterian as a child. He is now a Baptist minister in Sharon, S.C. He and his wife, Doris Kistler Sparrow, have two children, James and Kimberly.

The Moravians settled in North Carolina around the middle of the 18th century and established their town of Salem. The first church was organized in 1772. They have placed special emphasis upon praising God with musical instruments.

The services at Centre Church will feature sacred music by the Moravian Band during the 11 a.m. worship service and patriotic and sacred music after lunch.

Friends, neighbors and former members and guests are invited to come share in Centre's homecoming and anniversary celebration. The church is on Centre Church Road near Interstate 77 at exit 33 in Mt. Mourne.

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longer.

"I would have liked to stay one or two more months," she said, "but I couldn't have stayed there a year. I don't know how some of the AFS students make it through a whole year in a different place."

"They usually make it by learning and adjusting, and in those areas Houston was doing just fine. The language was her biggest obstacle, and although she admits there's still some learning to do, Houston is proud of how much of the language she learned."

"It is a difficult, hard to learn language, but it's easier if you live it," Houston said. "Where I was, Thai was the only language. If you turned on the television or radio, you heard Thai. I had to learn it to communicate."

In Thailand, as in many Asian dialects, tone is just as important as letters, and with 44 consonants and 21 vowels there's plenty of letters and plenty of tones to choose from.

Houston said she couldn't distinguish between tones when she first arrived, but by the time she left she could take part in normal conversations with her Thai family and schoolmates.

And while she was learning the language, she discovered other ways to communicate with her Thai parents, who did not speak any English.

"It's amazing how well you can communicate without knowing the language," Houston said. "It was hard work sometimes, but we understood each other."

While the language presented a testy challenge for Houston, dealing with cultural differences was also an everyday event.

Thailand is a Buddhist country, and everything from school to home life is based on Buddhism. While Houston said there are many do's and don'ts, she added that the Thai people overlooked the errors of their guests.

"I'm sure I did so many things wrong," Houston said, rolling her eyes and accentuating the word. "But they never said anything about it."

There were some differences Houston had to accept, however. Wearing a uniform to school was a requirement, and she said she didn't like it.

But her living arrangements were without a doubt a positive.

"I had a house all to myself," she said.

She said her "family" had servants and a driver and that she and her "sister"—a classmate at school—both had their own separate living quarters.

But her situation had any impact on her desire to stay in Thailand a little longer.

Houston got an upscale look at Bangkok, Thailand's capital, when she visited. The culture was a small community away from Bangkok, she said. "Bangkok has McDonalds and Pizza Huts and is sort of Americanized. I'm glad I lived where I did."

Houston and her members of her family made the three-hour trip to Bangkok about once a week, usually on the weekends, but that was just a small part of the traveling Houston did.

"I got to see just about all the tourist spots in the country," she said.

She also saw some places average tourists might not go.

With her family, Houston visited many diverse parts of the country. She traveled west near Burma, where ancient civilizations endure.

And south into Malaysia, where English has a strong foothold and society is more westernized.

She also saw the jungle, which most people in this country associate with Thailand, and every other country in Southeast Asia.

"It is so thick," Houston said of the jungle. "It's just like you see in the movies. It's just like you see in the movies."

And while she was seeing and learning about whatever she could concerning Thailand, she also learned about Thai people and how they picture Americans.

"Wherever we went, they always asked me if I wanted some whiskey or beer," Houston said with a smile. "I guess that is part of how they see Americans."

As part of her preparation to make sure they see more of one particular American, Houston is working to keep her Thai sharp. She made plans to take language lessons from a Thai native who is spending this year as an exchange teacher at West Iredell High School.

"I don't want to forget the Thai that I've learned," Houston said. "She doesn't want to forget anything else about the trip either. All of it will come in handy when she makes out her family's 1991 vacation."

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Band Marches In A New Look

If you notice something a little different about Mooresville Senior High's Marching Band member Friday night, then something's wrong. You should notice a whole lot different.

That is the case as members of the band this year are decked out in new uniforms, made possible through the efforts of the Board of Education and the Band Boosters. At a cost of \$18,000, all 98 members of the band now don garb that is being modeled here by junior trumpeter Jim Davidson and senior clarinetist Shasta Humphries. The band will be on display Friday night during half time of the Mooresville-Maiden varsity football game.

The Erskine College Living Endowment, annual campaign for current operating income will open in the Statesville Chapter of the Erskine Alumni Association Sept. 24 with a dinner at 7 p.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 140 Greenbrier Rd., Statesville.

Dr. William H.F. Kuykendall, professor of Old Testament at Erskine Theological Seminary, will be guest speaker. Kuykendall is a graduate of Davidson College. Prior to joining the faculty at Erskine Seminary, he taught Bible and religion at Erskine College.

The meeting will be one of 50 kickoff dinners throughout the south and east this fall to open the annual campaign.

Spencer of Statesville is chapter president and Living Endowment chairman. The Statesville chapter includes Concord, Kannapolis, Salisbury, Mooresville, Mount Mourne, Stony Point, and Tryon.

Community chairmen in the chapter are Concord, Dr. B. B. Sellers; Kannapolis, Salisbury, Walter Saffit of Kannapolis; Mooresville-Mount Mourne, the Rev. Gerald Hallman of Mooresville; Statesville, the Rev. Robert Bell; Stony Point, Herman Dagerhart; and Tryon, Leon Brown Jr.

Campaign workers for Mooresville and Mount Mourne include Dr. and Mrs. W.F. Grier, Rev. and Mrs. James Hunt, Thomas

Bank

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the bank to at least triple in size to around \$100 million in assets from \$34 million, according to Joseph Settle, managing director of Community Capital Group, the bank's investment banker.

The banking house expects to raise the money by selling between 312,500 and 500,000 shares of stock at \$6 per share.

The Bank of Mooresville, according to Richardson, has about 3.5 percent of the nearly \$500 million in deposits in Iredell County.

"The bank hopes to increase its market share to 25 to 30 percent in the next five years, Richardson added.

Quite a bit of the steady growth realized by the financial institution can be attributed to personalized service, including Saturday hours, Richardson continued.

"We have been successful by being much more personable with our customers than our competitors have been," Richardson concluded.

Food

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on the authorization form the name of the person authorized to pick up the food and this authorization must be signed by the household head and dated.

Food will not be given to people who do not have fully and correctly filled-out forms, according to Mary Deaton, the program's director.

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