



Local Chamber Officials Welcome New Members

The Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce welcomed several new members last week during the board of directors' monthly session. David Tompkins, the chamber's vice president of organization and development, announced the new members and recognized those in attendance at the meeting. Taking part in the membership ceremonies are, from left, Tompkins; Libby Helms, owner of Dar-Lynn's Bridal Formal Wear at 183 North Main Street; Dr. Sam Houston, president of the chamber; Robin Gibson, manager of Dar-Lynn's; Robert Holschouer Jr., vice president of public affairs; Robert Brawley, new associate member; Dale Brawley, board member; and Pete Meletis, new member. Other new chamber members include Dr. Stephen Ferguson, Dr. Kay Lawton, Dr. Ed Washington and B.K. Barringer. New directors, in addition to Meletis, are Winkie Powell, Doug Carrigan, Ron Mackey, Joe Mazzola and Lee Sullivan.

EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

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It's going on right now, right under your feet. Soil wars. In the top few inches of the soil, "good" microbes are fighting "bad" microbes, and the winner helps determine the abundance and quality of farm and garden crops.

Every year, soilborne fungi, bacteria, and viruses attack more than 250 different crops, causing \$4 billion in damages. Chemicals used to kill these destructive microbes are expensive. Yet they often can't even get far enough into the soil to reach their target, and even when they do, the microbes can eventually develop resistance. Environmental concerns further limit use and effectiveness of chemicals.

It's smart to work toward pest control within the balances of nature rather than to spray pesticides," says Jack Lewis, a soil scientist with USDA's Agricultural Research Service in Beltsville, Md. That's why scientists are taking beneficial molds from the soil, breeding them and returning them to the soil where they can attack and kill the harmful microbes.

Borrowing industrial techniques, scientists ferment the beneficial molds on cheap food sources such as molasses and brewers' yeast. After the molds multiply, the scientists put them in pellets, powders and sprays. Then, farmers and gardeners can apply them to the soil. So far, laboratory tests have shown that the good molds can control soilborne diseases of cotton, potatoes, chrysanthemums, carnations, vegetables, oilseed crops, forage crops, and bedding plants, among others. Several companies are interested in marketing the product, particularly phar-

maceutical and other industries that routinely use large-scale fermentation vats. "Safe, nonpolluting disease control sometimes lasts for several seasons," says George Papavas, an ARS plant pathologist in Beltsville, referring to the results of laboratory tests of the soil wars. When commercial products are developed using these beneficial molds, farmers and gardeners will have to identify the disease attacking their crop. Then, they can buy and apply the specific mold that attacks that specific disease. Even then, however, integrated pest management — an approach that combines chemical controls, resistant crop varieties and proper cultivation with the new-found biological controls — may be the best solution.

September Rains Bring Fall Colors

The wet Labor Day weekend in the mountains will pay off next month with a very good display of leaf color, a retired Appalachian State University biology professor says. Dr. Bill Carpenter said the recent rains will make up for the dry summer. "What I was really afraid of was that the drought would crinkle the leaves up and we would not get much color," he said. "Now the leaves have gotten really green, and they're going to turn."

Carpenter predicted the peak leaf color weekend for the Boone area will be Oct. 16-18. "The whole week of Oct. 17-24 ought to be good, but this is strictly for Boone," he said. Higher elevations will turn a little earlier and lower areas will turn later. The Wilkesboro area, he predicted, will peak around Oct. 23-24.

"I expect it'll be a really good display," Carpenter said. "A good, strong killing frost sometime in late September or early October will do it for us." Frost gets the trees on the same schedule for showing their color. Without frost, each tree is on its own and the overall display lasts longer but is less spectacular, he said.

Carpenter said the quality of the display also depends on weather. Leaves look brighter on sunny days than on cloudy days. He recommended looking at east-facing slopes in the morning and west-facing slopes in the afternoon. The fall color of each species is always present in the leaves, he said. The green chlorophyll that makes color pigments breaks down in the fall, revealing true colors.

Preaching Mission At Central UMC

Central United Methodist Church in Mooresville will conduct its 1987 Preaching Mission Sept. 27, 28 and 29.

Governor Joins 'Davidson Uptown' Hoopla Friday

Gov. James Martin, Mecklenburg County Commission Chairman Carla DuPuy and Davidson College President John W. Kuykendall meet in Charlotte with Charlotte community leaders and Davidson alumni at lunchtime Sept. 25 in "Davidson Goes Uptown," a sequential celebration of ties between Charlotte, Mecklenburg and Davidson.

The event provides an opportunity for neighbors Charlotte and Davidson to visit and rally together in First Union Plaza on the eve of the Davidson-Princeton football game. The game will begin at 2 p.m. Sept. 26 at Charlotte's Memorial Stadium. "Davidson Goes Uptown" will feature entertainment by the Davidson College Jazz Ensemble, architectural models and renderings of the new sports complex, and appearances by professors, coaches, and up athletes and staff members. The event begins at 11:45 a.m. in First Union Plaza's street-level outdoor plaza, and runs until 2 p.m. Food and drink will be available from vendors on the square.

Dr. Larry D. Wilkinson, minister of Providence United Methodist Church in Charlotte, will be the guest speaker for the special services at the church, at 214 North Academy Street in Mooresville. The services at the church will begin at 7:30 p.m. each day.

Wilkinson is a native of Charlotte. He graduated from High Point College, Duke Divinity School and Wake Forest University and earned a doctorate in education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Wilkinson has served a number of pastoral appointments in the Western North Carolina Conference. His posts have included churches in Charlotte, High Point, Reidsville, Valdese, Winston-Salem and Waynesville. Prior to his present appointment, Wilkinson was superintendent of the North Wilkesboro District and the Marion District.

Wilkinson has served the Conference on various boards and agencies during his ministry. He is a ministerial delegate to the General Conference of The United Methodist Church, which convenes next April in St. Louis, Mo. He is also a delegate to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, which convenes next July at Lake Junaluska.

The services at Central United will include the Chancel Choir and guest soloists Reggie and Carolyn Cooke.



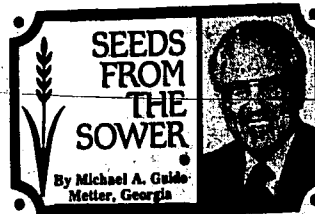
DR. LARRY WILKINSON

and Tamara Smith. Prior to the opening service on Sunday, there will be covered-dish dinner in the Fellowship Hall starting at 6:15 p.m.

Dr. Ronald A. Kobels, pastor of the church and the members of the congregation extend an invitation to the public to take part in the services.

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Mrs. Clontz Passes; Rites Last Saturday

Mrs. Vella Mae Lackey Clontz, 75-year-old resident of Mooresville, route 2, died last Thursday at the Brian Center of Nursing Care in Statesville following a period of declining health.

A native of Iredell County, Mrs. Clontz was born on Aug. 19, 1912, a daughter of the late John Lester and Mattie Griffin Lackey.

Mrs. Clontz, prior to her retirement, was engaged in textile work, being employed in Mooresville at the Cascade Plant of Burlington Industries.

Surviving are: one son, Earl E. Clontz, Jr., of Mooresville, route 1; and one sister, Mrs. Thelma Allen of Statesville.

Funeral services for Mrs. Clontz were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday in the E.C. Cavin Memorial Chapel of the Cavin Funeral Home in Mooresville, with the Rev. Larry Stephens, pastor of the Mooresville Church of God, officiating. Burial was in the Mount Zion United Methodist Church cemetery at Cornelius.

Mrs. Carver, prior to her retirement, was engaged in textile work.

Her husband, S.E. Carver, preceded her in death in 1984. Surviving are: two sisters, Mrs. Jess Owens of Mooresville and Miss Lillian VanHoy of Albemarle. Three grandchildren — Lynn Sherwood, Mel Bartholomew and Guy Edward perwood — also survive.

Funeral services for Mrs. Carver are conducted at 11 a.m. today in the chapel of the Cavin-Ewen Funeral Home in Mooresville, with the Rev. S.K. Clanton officiating. Burial was in the Mount Zion United Methodist Church cemetery in Cornelius.

Timothy Dyson
Completes Basic Army Training
Army Recruit Private Timothy S. Dyson, son of Larry E. and Sandy P. Dyson of Mooresville, route 5, has completed basic Army training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During his period of training, Dyson received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

The young man is a 1987 graduate of Mooresville Senior High School.

Henson Serves With Navy In Arkansas
Navy Seaman Terry W. Henson, son of Helen and Roy Henson of Davidson, route 1, recently reported for duty with the Naval Security Group in Ark.

A 1986 graduate of North Mecklenburg High School, Huntersville, Henson joined the Navy in August 1986.

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