



From Left: Newton, Ballard, Choate

## Of Those 'Over There,' Now There Are Three

With only three members of World War I Battery F still living, the battery's final reunion was held Saturday at the Boardwalk Restaurant on West Wilson Avenue in Mooresville.

And all three surviving members of the battery — John Newton, 91, of 422 South Church St., Mooresville; Joseph C. Ballard, 94, of China Grove, route 3; and Melvin S. Choate, 91, of Danville, Va. — were in attendance.

And, despite advanced years, all three were quite spry and seemed to enjoy every minute of the two-hour reunion.

One was heard to remark: "I'm doing quite well, with the exception of the fact I have slight hearing and seeing problems."

During World War I, members of Battery F battled the Germans in France as a unit of the 113th Field Artillery, 30th Division.

At the reunion, which got underway at noon, the three surviving members of the battery met with friends and relatives, looked at several exhibits of World War I memorabilia, enjoyed a wholesome lunch and chatted with three officers of the First Battalion, 113th Field Artillery, headquartered in Charlotte.

These included: Lieutenant Colonel Bob Dowless, commander; Major Wayne Montague, operations officer and Sergeant Major Harold Eddins.

Following the luncheon, attended by some 60 persons, there were several brief talks, including one by Colonel Roscoe Lindsay, commander of the North Carolina Military Academy. Colonel Lindsay is a past commander of the present-day 113th Field Artillery.

Also, during the luncheon ceremonies, each surviving member of Battery F was presented a red rose and less "red" than the flowers of two Battery F veterans.

Under a stand of pines, four youthful members of a World War I reenactment group, wearing wool World War I uniforms, set up a tent and a display of rifles, bayonets and gas masks used during World War I.

Members of this group included: Howard Hendricks of Gibsonville, Randall Lee of Greensboro, Mike Lineback of Burlington and Ron Gragg of Charlotte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hassell Gragg of 354 West Center Ave., Mooresville.

Following the luncheon, the group filed outside for the final gun salute and taps.

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## \$352,282 Grant To Repair Homes, Improve Streets

Mooresville has its third major home-improvement federal grant, its second in as many years.

Mayor Joe Knox said this morning the municipality will receive \$352,282 through the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development. He said he was notified by Rep. Robert Brawley of Mooresville that the town's application has been approved.

The federal money channeled through NRCD is a Community Development Block Grant. It is earmarked to rejuvenate Ashe Street, Ashe Alley and School Street. Knox said 15 homes will be renovated and streets will be upgraded in this old, standard neighborhood just east of the West Statesville Avenue-North Broad Street intersection.

"I'm delighted that the state has seen fit to assist more of our less fortunate citizens in this way," Knox said. "A person's home is tremendously important to his personal pride and to his image of himself in his community. I'm also very pleased that Mooresville is continuing to build on its proven track record in grantmanship."

The "track record" includes a

\$285,600 CDBG awarded the town last year to upgrade 17 homes on West McLelland Avenue. This work began early this year. Renovation has been completed on five homes, and work is underway on four others. Three are beyond recall and will be demolished.

The West McLelland project followed a 32-home resurrection project in the Cascade section of

town that was financed by a \$370,000 Community Development Block Grant awarded in 1981.

The most recent assist involves six homes that are owner-occupied. Eight of the dwellings are rented and one is vacant. Two unoccupied structures included in the application are past the point of no return, and they will be razed.

In addition, the grant will finance

paving, curbing and guttering on the three streets included.

Shelley Williamson is a community development specialist with Centralina Council of Governments. She has worked closely with the town in applying for and using the West McLelland grant, and she and Centralina COG have provided what the mayor called "invaluable aid" in preparing the successful application for the newest CDBG.

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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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## Pacesetters Plan Sept. Blastoff

Pacesetters — first-stage boosters for the Mooresville-South Iredell United Way — are preparing for a first-week-in-September blastoff.

Carl Nichols is chairman of the fall campaign to generate \$118,000. He and his command staff are delighted with the enthusiasm surrounding the community's first fully-organized pre-campaign campaign, and excited about its potential.

"Some of our companies have made early contributions in the past," he said, "and some have collected donations from employees before the announced start of the drive. But this year, for the first time, we're having a full-blown employee drive among designated companies."

The UW pacesetters are the town government, Lake Norman Regional Medical Center, NCNB National Bank and Sterling Engineering. All will hold Aug. 26

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JAMES RINES

## Rines New Academy Principal

James Rines has assumed his duties as principal of the Christian Heritage Academy.

The academy is beginning its second year three miles east of Mooresville on N.C. 150.

Rines, 57, a native of Massachusetts, has lived in North Carolina for the past 35 years. He and his wife, Elaine, live in Statesville.

He is an experienced private and public school teacher and administrator. He was principal of Mount Mourne Elementary School nine years.

Academy orientation Day for students and parents is scheduled at 7 p.m. Aug. 21. Classes will begin at 8:15 a.m. Aug. 24. Rines said he expects an enrollment of 30.

Christian Heritage Academy is a private, non-profit Christian institution for students in kindergarten, ages four and five, and

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## EAS Still On Target, And It's Nov. 7, '88

A toll-free call to Davidson, Cornelius or Charlotte for Mooresville residents is just 15 months away.

Although the work required for the new service is still in the pre-installation phase, officials at Alltel Carolina, Inc. have announced that extended area service should be ready for Mooresville residents to use by November of next year.

John Neill, Alltel's vice president of operations, said last week that a target date of Nov. 7, 1988 had been set for the start of the EAS program.

Another improvement in the local telephone system is also expected next year. Neill said Alltel should be ready to switch the 663 exchanges on the Mooresville telephone system over to a computer operation in August.

The acquisition of extended area service has been a major project for the Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce since 1984.

Last year, after several preliminary requirements were met and after a local poll showed 66 percent of Alltel's subscribers

wanted the service, the N.C. Utilities Commission gave final approval to the chamber's request.

EAS will expand the toll-free "local call" area for telephones on the Mooresville exchange. Once the new system is operational, telephone calls between Mooresville, Davidson, Cornelius and Charlotte will be local calls instead of long distance.

The creation of the Mooresville-to-Charlotte system is requiring teamwork between Alltel, the company that serves Mooresville, and Southern Bell, which provides telephone service in Charlotte.

Neill said most of the planning and preparation for the project is complete and that the installation of equipment should begin in the next few months.

The process will be expensive. One of the devices needed for the service is a fiber cable link from Mooresville to Mt. Mourne. Neill said the electronics needed to operate the connection will cost \$91,000 and that the

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## Two Men Sought In Break-In At Belk; Clothing Recovered

Mooresville police are seeking two black males in connection with an early Tuesday morning break-in and larceny at Belk at 211 North Main St.

Capt. Frank Owens said Det. T.N. Stutts is directing the investigation. Owens released this information about the incident.

The burglar alarm at the store was activated at 3:30 a.m., and Lt. H.T. Cross and patrolmen G.L. Gibson and J.G. Proctor responded.

Enroute, Cross noticed a vehicle on East Moore Avenue. He followed the car south on Main Street and west on West Center Avenue. At the dead end of Center at Sherrill Street the car ran into a field.

Two men jumped from the car and made good their getaway.

Investigation revealed that a glass in a rear door to the men's department of the department store had been broken. A quantity of clothing was found stacked outside the door.

It was determined that men's khaki pants, suede sportcoats and pigskin jackets with a retail value of \$6,756 were missing from the store.

All the missing merchandise was found in the abandoned car.

A bloodhound followed a scent from the car to the vicinity of the Plaza Drive-West-McLelland

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## 'Plastic Park' At I-77-150 Getting Two More Residents

Los Angeles has its Silicon Valley and Mooresville has its Plastic Park.

For the past three years, AMEX Packaging has been producing a variety of plastic containers, including a popular line of floral vases, in its plant in Lakeside Industrial Park.

It soon will have two plastics-oriented neighbors in the park in the southwest quadrant of Interstate 77 and N.C. 150.

Monday morning, Ameritech Die and Mold and Lakeside Plastics held side-by-side groundbreakings on Rolling Hills Road just west of AMEX. Both bought plant sites from Robert Ebert and Juan Kladt, owners of AMEX and the park.

Only 25 of the park's 150 acres are under development. More almost certainly will be needed. The key to its future: "Mooresville utilities that have been available to that interchange since early summer."

"Now that we have municipal water and sewer," Kladt said this week, "we're seeing much more interest in the park."

The park's new tenants will erect metal buildings with decorative masonry fronts. Ameritech plans a 15,600-square-foot structure, and Lakeside will build 15,000 square feet.

For Ameritech, the move into the park is a local relocation. Since mid-

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## School Bells Ring For City, County

With teachers already on the job, the schools of Mooresville and the Iredell County system will open next week — Mooresville's on Monday and Iredell County's on Wednesday.

The first day of school in both systems will be a full school day. Buses and lunchrooms will operate.

In Mooresville, children in kindergarten through the fourth grade will attend either Park View or South Elementary School, while students in grades five and six will attend Woods Elementary School.

Seventh, eighth and ninth grade students will attend Mooresville Junior High School and students in the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades will attend Mooresville Senior High School.

Classes at the five schools that make up the Mooresville system will convene at 8:15 a.m.

Students in kindergarten through sixth grade will be dismissed at 2:40 p.m., while students in grades seven through 12 will be dismissed at 3 p.m.

A total enrollment of 2,166 students is expected in the five schools that make up the Mooresville system, according to the office of Dr. Sam Houston, superintendent of the Mooresville schools.

The Iredell County system is made up of 20 schools, and an enrollment of 10,718 students, some 300 more students than last year's enrollment, is expected, according to Dr. Don Williams, superintendent of the county schools.

During the 1987-88 school year, students in both systems — Mooresville and Iredell County — will attend school a total of 180 days.

## Uncle Dan From Doolie Says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Zeke Grubb's preacher dropped by the country store Saturday night to have a cold pop and let the ringing in his ears die down some. He said he had been on a outing with the youth of the church, and he needed to hear some older noise so he could step to a different drummer before he settled down to review his sermon. The preacher is bad to speak in parables, but the fellers usual git his points, and they were glad to make a place for him on the agenda.

The preacher said he was in the city most of last week, attending a seminar on ministering to the unchurched. He was full agreed, he said, that the unchurched is where the church ought to minister, but the first big step is to git their attention. For instant, he said he saw a item in the paper while he was at the meeting where a church in a poor section of the city got its central air conditioner stole. The preacher said he had thought the situation up one side and down the other, and he can't decide if the thief is an instrument of the devil or the Lord.

Per sure, he said, it's wrong to steal, but if we can agree with Col. North that it's his duty to lie to high heaven to save lives, then we can make a good case for ends of making off with the air conditioner justifying the means. First, folks suffering in the heat might look on the cool church as to high and mighty to care about em. Second, he went on, a stemwinding fire and brimstone sermon is a heap more apt to sink in a sweating congregation than one settling there in coats, ties and long frocks cool as cucumbers. The question we got to deal with, the preacher went on, is whether he can disturb the comfortable while he's trying to comfort the disturbed. After the preacher left, the fellers

picked up on his comments. Zeke, fer one, was full agreed about the air conditioning. He said it's easier to let your mind rest on the Sunday beef roast since they got two window units for their sanctuary. When he use to find a seat by a open window and a funeral home fan to keep some air moving, Zeke said, he allus would see the name on the fan about the time the preacher got to the part about ye not knowing the day or the hour, and he would give the sermon his good ear.

Practical speaking, declared Bug Hookum, if a church out of debt is a lazy church you can bet a church that's been used to air conditioning and is sudden without it this time of year is bound to be a wide awake church. If the good folks in the pews ain't been seeing the light of their preacher's sermons they now are feeling the heat, and they are joined in the common cause of gitting the cooling back, was Bug's way of thinking.

As fer ends justifying means, Ed Doolittle moved to the question of Government making up its mind. He had saw where some economic heavyweight in Washington says what this country needs is banks so big they can't go busted. The item Ed read was about banks spreading loans to thin, and the economy expert said big is strong. He said the only way banks in this country can risk loans to big farmers and poor countries is to be strong enough to lose em without hurting their stockholders. Ed said he can't figger how the same Government that says the bigger the bank the better can believe a slew of little telephone companies can give better service than a few big ones.

Yours truly,  
Uncle Dan

## Currin Is Named New Food Director

Patrick E. Currin of Asheville has been named Mooresville schools food service director. Dr. Sam Houston, superintendent of the five-school system, announced his selection today.

Currin succeeds Malissa Bumgarner, who resigned last month after holding the job three years.

Currin, 45, will assume his duties here immediately, Houston said, and he will move to Mooresville soon. He has directed food service in Buncombe County schools for the past three years.

Currin attended high school in Texas and earned a bachelor degree in business administration from Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee in 1963.

Before going to Buncombe County, Currin was employed in

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## Church Okays \$325,000 Addition

Members of Mooresville's First Presbyterian Church Sunday approved preliminary plans for a \$325,000 addition to their educational building.

Further, the congregation instructed the building committee, chaired by Richard M. Givens, to continue working with the architect to develop working drawings and specifications and to take bids.

The proposed building program will add a 53-foot by 40-foot three-story wing to the present structure.

The wing will house an elevator, offices and classrooms. It will extend over the parking lot and cars will be able to drive to and from a church entrance under the wing. Offices will be housed on the second floor, while the third floor will have two large rooms equipped with mobile partitions that can convert the space into six rooms.

One goal of the proposed building See ADDITION Page 14

## Fall Retreat Again Slated For Chamber

The Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual work-play retreat Oct. 9-11 at Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Again this fall, the chamber will base its operations at the Landmark Hotel. All members are invited to attend, and guests are welcome.

Chamber Treasurer Tommy Davis outlined plans for the retreat Aug. 13 during directors' monthly business lunch. As in previous excursions, the primary purpose will be to design a "program of work" for the chamber's next business year that begins with the calendar year.

"It's really helpful to have an agenda and a plan to do what we decide we want to do," Davis told the board. "We've found these retreats are an excellent way to get input from our membership that helps us set priorities and procedures in our work."

In other business last week, the board approved a suggestion that the membership be polled regarding expansion of the board of directors. Under current bylaws, the board is limited to 15 members. A ballot that was mailed to members late last week asks for authorization to add up to five more.

Members were asked to mark and return their ballots by Aug. 31. Assuming a bylaw change is approved, at least two directors will be added immediately, a fifth vice president and a seat for the im-

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From Left, Wozny, Henderson And Barringer