

Duke Endowment Awards \$115,000 Grant Toward Health Center At The Pines

The Pines at Davidson, a retirement community under construction in Davidson, has been awarded a \$115,000 grant by the Duke Endowment.

The Pines at Davidson is a not-for-profit, church-related, continuing care development. Work on the 171-unit facility began last year, and it is expected to be ready for occupancy by mid-1988.

The grant announced last week will help build and equip a 60-bed

on-site health center that will have skilled nursing care, intermediate nursing care and personal care accommodations.

Dr. Robert Avinger Jr. is president of The Pines Board of Directors. He said: "This full-service retirement community will fill many unmet needs for residence and care on a not-for-profit basis. The Pines will offer independent living options in central apartments and detached cottages, as well as on-site nursing and health care for those who can no

longer manage on their own. The Duke Endowment's grant will help provide for the much needed health care facilities."

Plans for the retirement community call for 171 efficiency, studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom residential units in the central building, as well as 20 detached cottages. The health center will consist of 20 skilled nursing care, 20 intermediate care and 20 personal care accommodations. The health center will also have examining

rooms, offices, lounges, activity, private dining rooms and exercise facilities.

The Pines at Davidson is being developed by a not-for-profit corporation established by Davidson College Presbyterian Church and has raised over 2 million in charitable funds to seed development costs.

Ashley Gale, Jr., director of the Duke endowment's Hospital and Child Care Divisions, said:

"The Pines at Davidson is to be

commended for its planning and developing efforts. The Pines is meeting a real need which we see increasing daily as our population grows. The endowment is delighted to join The Pines in helping with the health-care component of the continuing care program."

Centenary Church Barbecue

The 39th annual barbecue of Centenary United Methodist Church will be held Saturday, Nov. 21.

Serving, which will get underway at 11 a.m., will continue throughout the afternoon and early evening.

Adult plates will be \$4, while

children plates will be \$3. Sandwiches will be available at \$1.50 each.

For free delivery service, until 2 p.m., call 663-2288.

The patronage of the public will be greatly appreciated.

County Tax Collector Will Be Here Thursday

Houston Johnston of Mooresville, a deputy Iredell County tax collector, will be in Mooresville tomorrow (Thursday) for the purpose of collecting county taxes.

He will be in the courtroom of the Municipal Building on Mooresville's North Main Street from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., and will have the 1987 tax books for Coddle Creek, Davidson and Barringer Townships.

Persons are requested to bring their tax bills with them when they come to pay their taxes.

Abnormal Is Necessary In Order To Define Normal

(This material was written by Dr. Larry McGeebe, vice president for development and professor of religion at Wofford College. It was provided free to newspapers by the Spartanburg, S.C. School.)

Back during the student protest days of the 1960s, I remember a fashionable quote Thoreau to explain "eccentricity." "If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he is marching to a different drummer."

The tumult of those days was a quest for new Pied Pipers.

When the establishment's world stockmarket had its ups and downs recently, some journalists called it "eccentric." too. The so-called "invisible hand" in which Adam Smith told the modern world to turn its faith turned out to be untrustworthy.

"Eccentricity" in an earlier day was something associated with small town quaintness. Every town had its beloved village atheist, basement inventor or peculiar librarian who marched to a different drummer or was guided by an invisible hand. Their abnormalities served as standards of normalcy.

There is no known society made up purely of eccentrics. A completely individualistic "open society" is a contradiction in terms. If everyone were eccentric, no one would be. Eccentrics, by definition, arise only where there is orderliness and conformity in the midst of which eccentricity is conspicuous.

America has more than most places. In most of its definitions, "ec-

centric" derives from geometry and astronomy; with more recent mutations in physics and in technology. An "eccentric" cog on a wheel is one that is away from the center of the machine and running in a different rhythm or direction than most of the machine.

Cardinal Rube Goldberg, on the other hand, always thought it was the machine itself that was eccentric. He may have had a point, especially if one defines a machine as a society of human beings by using a machine as a metaphor.

people are predictably unpredictable and peculiar. We have yet to elevate the sciences of man to the standards of the natural sciences or of technology. The social sciences seem eccentric when actually they are only adolescent.

Because the science of man is still in its adolescence, we must be careful about forcing and enforcing its "laws." Politics, human management, group relations, community, crowd control, marketing, and other techniques of human science abroad upon the land are still art forms, not yet sciences.

Because they can and do respond unpredictably to environment and to genes, people are eccentric—at least when contrasted with the "certainty" of the laws of science.

(Although, since break-throughs in physics around 1905, even science has become increasingly unpredictable.)

After much study of eccentricity, machinists have found a way to use it to advantage. One can take an axle that turns in a circle, fasten to the

end of it a disk that is off-center, and use it thereby to convert the circular motion into a straight—line motion.

The mark of a democratic society is its pluralism, its vast variety of different types of people who are off-center disks. The challenge for the churches, governments, and corporations in a democracy is to get its pluralistic eccentrics into line without destroying their uniqueness. Freedom depends upon our tolerance of diversities.

Democracy is an art form of eccentrics, not a science of conformity. In those countries where programming humans has become a science as Marx and Lenin believed, is not permitted. The people there are too well into the machine—predictable, silent, uninteresting, and unadventurous. Democracy finds a different bed to fit every size of individual, totalitarianism stretches or chops each individual to make the person fit the Procrustean bed.

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This morning brings to me,
Then the evening will carry it away
And no one its potential see.

If I fail to bring today's gift to fruition
The world the loser will be;
For no one else can use my gift
This day has granted me.

Should I lose forever my golden moment
When mind and matter work hand in hand?
Thus throwing away the special gift
Retarding, somehow, the progress of man?

And though I hold no artist's brush
Nor paint a nostalgic mountain scene,
I may have the capacity to instill in another
From our daily life some beauty, unseen.

My gift may lie in telling a story
To a little child, not yet three
That will change the course of his lifetime
That he may bring honor to you and me.

Should I fail to use the precious gift
This morning brings to me,
Do hang a milestone around my neck
And cast me into the throbbing sea.

Mrs. Johnson Passes

Mrs. Evelyn Honeycutt Johnson, 74-year-old resident of Davidson route 1, died at 4:20 a.m. Saturday at the Lake Norman Medical Center in Mooresville.

Funeral services for Mrs. Johnson were held on Sunday, Nov. 15, at the Coddle Creek Associate Methodist Church in Mooresville, with the pastor, Rev. James Hunt, officiating. Burial was in the Shearer Presbyterian Church cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson, prior to her retirement, was employed by Burlington Industries.

Surviving, in addition to the mother, are: the husband, Smiley Wilson Johnson; one son, Robert Leon Johnson of Mooresville; three brothers, Z.R. Honeycutt of Mooresville, Thomas Honeycutt of Jacksonville, Fla.; and three sisters, Mrs. Rachel Potts and Miss Mary Honeycutt, both of Mooresville, and Mrs. Ruby Haas of Statesville.

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News Briefs Of Shepherd

By MRS. HELEN R. KETCHIE

—Happy birthday and best wishes to Roger W. Ketchie on Nov. 15; also to Christy Blair on Nov. 15; Ryan Laney on Nov. 17.

—Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. James Armstrong on their wedding anniversary on Nov. 15.

—Congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Waugh on their wedding anniversary on Nov. 17.

—Mrs. John (Emma) Sherrill spent Monday through Thursday with her grandson, Steve Sherrill, and wife, Mary Jane, in Hillsboro, Va. They visited many places of interest while she was there and had an enjoyable time.

—Larry and Laura Nell were dinner guests Thursday night of Bill and Ellen Bishop of U.S. 21 north.

—Mrs. W. K. (Maybelle) Neill and her brother, Pinkney Jones, spent several days last week at Kure Beach.

—Pre-Advent Vespers continue at

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—The United Methodist Women Officers for 1988 are Nancy Belk, president; Virginia McLean, vice president; Christine Osborne, secretary; Eunice Waugh, treasurer. Other leaders are supportive community, Linda Overcash; membership, Faye Ketchie; Christian social concerns, Joyce Cannon; literature and publications, Phyllis Mills; global concerns, Frances Moore; Christian personalhood, Doris Armstrong; nominating, Evelyn Smith, Sandra Smith and Louise Wilhelm.

This report was intended for the Nov. 11 issue. Through no fault of the correspondent, it did not reach the newspaper until after that edition was published.

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