

Help Center Needs Money, Volunteers

As Mooreville's AA Crisis Pregnancy Center nears the end of its first year, the agency's founders are dealing with a strange combination of feelings: accomplishment and desperation.

The alternatives-to-abortion center, headquartered in the Main Street Mini Mall, is reaching more people who need its services, but the increase in clients has created a strain on the center's supply of money and volunteers.

Bryne Beaver, who along with Jean Mims serves as co-director of the one-year-old center, said more money and more volunteers are needed to keep the wide range of services available for people in the area who ask for help and counseling.

"We are in desperate need of financial assistance," Beaver said. "We need the funds immediately so we can continue serving these people who come to us for help."

Beaver, a registered nurse who works at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center, and Mims, a homemaker who serves as the pregnancy center's chief counselor, were responsible for organizing and starting the local center late last year.

Beaver said the center's first months in operation were not that busy, but as the word spread, more people began to contact the center for information, advice and assistance.

The center gives clients information concerning the choices they have concerning pregnancies. "We provide information about all the alternatives available when a person is faced with a pregnancy they didn't want or a situation they don't know how to handle," Beaver said. "There are alternatives to abortion and we feel it is important to explain the choices."

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She added that since late September, the center's client total has increased at a rate of nearly two a week.

The fact that people are taking advantage of the services is satisfying to Beaver and Mims, who worked to organize the center so local people would have a place to turn for information, but the recent increase in clients has spread the center's financial and volunteer resources thin.

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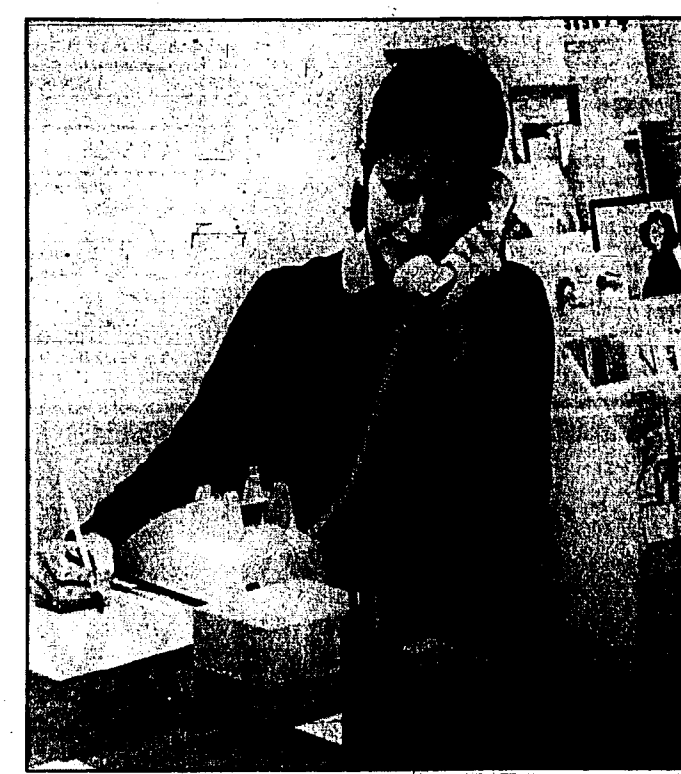
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Mims Counsels On Crisis Center Hotline

"Betty has stuck with us from the beginning because she knows how vital these services are," Beaver said. "And they should get involved because the services provided by the center are benefiting the entire community."

To deal with the financial crisis, the center's organizers have started a fundraising campaign. As an added bonus, persons providing donations to the center will become eligible for gifts provided by local businesses.

Winners will be picked Jan. 8 at the center, but contributors do not have to be present to win. First prize will be a \$100 gift certificate from Food Lion. Second prize will be a \$50 serving bowl from the Bank of Iredell. Beaver said several other prizes will also be offered.

A funeral for Mrs. Maxine Carpenter Ballard was conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday at Webb's Chapel United Methodist Church at Denver and burial was in the church cemetery. The Rev. Joe Thompson, the Rev. Robb Lineberger and the Rev. Gene McCants officiated.

Mrs. Ballard, 81, a resident of the Brian Center of Nursing Care in Mooreville, died at the Center Thursday following a period of declining health.

A native of Anson County, Mrs. Ballard was born on March 16, 1906, a daughter of the late John William and Hettie Carpenter Ballard.

Mrs. Ballard's husband, Glenn Stevenson Ballard, preceded her in death.

Surviving are: one son, Larry Elliott Ballard of Palm Desert, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Nancy Frances Clodfelter of Mooreville and Mrs. Joyce Swanson of Matthews; and two sisters, Mrs. Gladys Womble of Charlotte and Mrs. Clarice Harris of Concord. Four grandchildren and one great-grandchild also survive.

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A sister, Mrs. Betty Keiler of Mooreville, route 2, survives, along with a number of nieces and nephews.

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BITS 'n PIECES

By NANCY FARMER

ELEVENTH MONTH

There's something about the month of November
That makes me want to hug her to me;
Caught between October's lustrous beauty
And the young one's Yule time glee.

November — just before the dead of Winter
Do you grieve for the death of Autumn's last flower?
November — the calendar's eleventh month
Ominous somehow, as the eleventh hour.

No luster yours as of the other seasons,
No trinkets do we gather from your path;
'Tis as though Some One snatched your beauty all away
Laying upon you, the hand of wrath.

I stand at the edge of the meadow and weep,
Weep as I ponder your sorry plight;
I think of all the beauty you left behind
And waited as it were, for the midnight hour to strike.

Your grass is long since withered, your trees, bare.
No beauty around you is seen;
Then lo, and behold! your spirits rise!
And, you of all the months, are Beauty Queen!

For along the path near the old elm tree,
Down where the little creek flows,
I glimpse all the beauty of all the seasons
Wrapped up in a single November rose!

Davidson College Among Nation's Choosiest Colleges

Duke University and Davidson College are listed among the 40 choosiest colleges and universities in the country, according to a survey by a national magazine. Davidson College was ranked 38th, while Duke University was ranked 39th. The survey, conducted by U.S. News & World Report, is based on a variety of factors, including academic quality, faculty, and student body. Davidson College is a small, liberal arts college in North Carolina, while Duke University is a large, research university in North Carolina.

Salisbury Singles Hear Vetter At Nov. 28 Dinner

The Salisbury Christian Singles Fellowship Club will hold their regular monthly meeting Nov. 28th at 6:30 PM in the Jacksons Cafeteria private dining room at the Salisbury Mall in Salisbury. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Robert Vetter, Pastor of Maranatha Church in Salisbury. For more information call Ernie Smith, 636-8801 or 636-7555.

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Iredell's Vaughn Has AES Award Of Excellence

Iredell County Extension Director Ken Vaughn was honored in Raleigh last week as one of the top employees of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service. Vaughn and 12 other county extension workers from across the state received "RJR Nabisco Extension Agent Awards of Excellence" for the effectiveness of their educational programs. Each recipient received a plaque and \$5,000 at a Nov. 16 luncheon in their honor at North Carolina State University. This is the third year of the awards program, which was made possible by a grant from RJR Nabisco, Inc., to the Agricultural Foundation at NCSU. "We feel strongly that the contributions county agents make to American agriculture and community life should be recognized in some tangible way," F. Hudson Christopher, RJR Nabisco executive vice president, manufacturing and technology, told recipients. "We hope these awards do that."

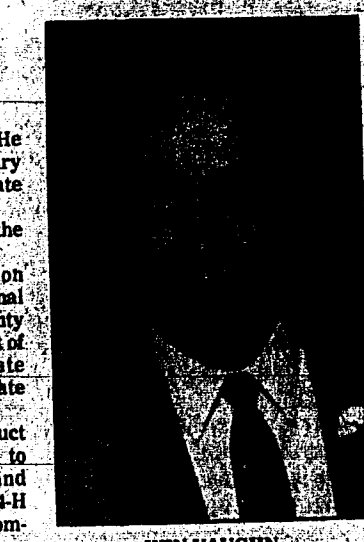
Dr. Chester D. Black, state director of the Agricultural Extension Service, said the awards are limited to no more than three percent of the organization's field staff. Vaughn is a highly motivated, technically competent, dedicated extension professional, Black said.

He is a team player who is sensitive to the needs of others and leads by example, Black added. Vaughn's strong leadership is evident in the many dairy success stories in this dairy county.

The "Agricultural Extension Service" is a cooperative educational agency supported by county government, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and N.C. State University. County staff members conduct educational programs related to agricultural production and marketing, home economics, 4-H and youth development, and community and rural development.

Vaughn, a 25-year veteran of extension work, has been County Extension Director since 1975. He has a B.S. and M.S. degrees in dairy science from North Carolina State University.

Among Vaughn's guests at the luncheon was his wife Bertie.



KEN VAUGHN

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