

Mazeppa News Items

By MRS. AVERY SLOOP

—Clyde and Martha Millsaps spent several days last week vacationing at Gullinburg.

—Mrs. Elsie Kistler spent last Thursday with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lillian Hagler, at Landis.

—Allene and Jim Yoder of Salisbury worshiped at Triplet Sunday. Allene is our former organist.

—Mrs. Gladys Barker had her two grandchildren, Philip and Clair Barker of Atlanta, visiting for the weekend while their parents attended a wedding in Winston-Salem.

—If you would like to place a mum in the sanctuary on Mother's Day in memory of or in honor of that special person, please fill out the form and drop it in the box in the North. Your check of \$5.25 for each mum should be made out to the Church.

—The Welcome Home Veterans Parade and Rally has been rescheduled for May 5, rain or shine.

—Lizzie Wagner and daughter Karen Karrier flew to Las Vegas by USAir. Karen is employed by the airline. They saw the Grand Canyon and many points of interest.

—The Weekend in the Village will take place Saturday and Sunday in Statesville. The 4-H Clubs will be in charge of the petting booths.

—Saturday and Sunday the Cub Scouts will be camping at Allison Woods. This is the annual camporee.

—Lori Davis was honored Sunday from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at a drop in baby shower in the Triplet Social Hall. Hostess were Wanda Corriher, Dawn Arnette, Betty Jean McConnell, Susan Overcash, Carol Millsaps, and Hazel Poston.

—The wedding is being planned for Saturday, August 31, at 3:00 p.m. at the Prospect Presbyterian Church of Mooresville.

—The bride-elect is a 1988 graduate of South Iredell High School and attended Mitchell Community College. She is employed as a loan processor for Mortgage Network Inc. in Cornelius.

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For fans of the 'big band sound,' Nothing Finer produces exactly that

Concert Celebrates Anniversaries

By ROBERT HENSEL

The May 4 Evening At The Depot Big Band Concert celebrates anniversaries of two Mooresville institutions that have succeeded over the years. The 8:15 p.m. concert at the Visual Arts Depot celebrates the 21st anniversary of the founding of the "Nothing Finer" band and the 25th anniversary of the Mooresville Artist Guild.

The event promises a full evening of music reminiscent of the Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey era of the 30s and 40s together with dessert and a depot full of art by area artists. Seating will be by informal table groupings in a railroad warehouse atmosphere.

Tickets for this special evening are available at the Depot Center or by calling 664-3630 or 663-6717. Admission is \$6 per person and table reservations for groups of four or more are available. The evening begins at 7:30 p.m. with dessert and art viewing and the concert will begin at 8:15 p.m.

The Nothing Finer band was organized in 1970 as "The Alumni of Note" by the late Baxter Potts and was made up of Mooresville High Alumni. It was reorganized in 1987 as "Nothing Finer." The band consists of 10 to 16 pieces and is made up of both professional and amateur musicians from the Mooresville-Charlotte area.

The Mooresville Artists Guild was organized in 1966 by a small

group of Mooresville artists, a number of whom are still active members. From this small beginning, the organization has grown and prospered through the years and now boasts of 150 members.

The Guild is housed in the Depot Visual Arts Center, formerly the Southern Railway Station at the intersection of Main Street and Center Avenue, Mooresville. The station has been renovated to provide gallery and exhibiting area for artists. Much of the atmosphere of the Railroad era has been preserved.

Tickets are available at the Depot Center Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. or by calling 664-3630 or 663-6717. Because space is limited and a sell-out is anticipated, people are urged to purchase early.

Robert Hensel is publicity chairman for Mooresville Artists Guild.

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SCAN Assists A Caring Society Boost Concern For Child Abuse

By HELEN KNIGHT

News Items: "North Carolina experienced the nation's seventh-highest increase among the states in reports of child abuse and neglect in 1990." Gov. James Martin has announced initiatives that he says will reform North Carolina's problem-ridden child-abuse protection system.

And on, and on, and on. What can a caring society do?

Stop Child Abuse Now believes the one-on-one, person-to-person approach works. Its volunteers are dedicated to that proposition.

Kathi Shuler of Mooresville is a SCAN volunteer. She is assigned to one family with a history of child abuse. She is so committed to the confidential nature of her relationship with the family that she declined to have a photograph taken of her for use with this article.

Shuler lives in Meadowbrook with her husband, Glenn, and their younger son, Adam, 17. Allen, 21, is married and lives in Mooresville. She works through the Stateville branch of SCAN that has been serving the area since 1987.

It is shocking, she says, to realize that in the U.S. there were laws to protect animals from abuse, long before there were similar laws for the protection of children. SCAN is wants to help make up for lost time.

The effects of child abuse are far-reaching. Recent statistics show that 80 percent of prisoners were abused as children. Child abuse is a vicious cycle: abused children become abusive

parents. SCAN is doing what it can to break the cycle. The organization works with families, helping parents in order to help the children.

There are several ways in which an organization may come to be helped by SCAN. A parent may feel that he or she might become abusive and they can call SCAN directly. A parent may just call SCAN because they are having problems and need help. Alternatively, the DSS may recommend that a family go through the SCAN program. Abuse does not necessarily have to be physical or sexual in nature. Neglect is a very common form of child abuse.

When SCAN first takes on a case, the director visits the family in order to assess their needs. He will then try to match the family with a suitable volunteer. If the volunteer is interested in working on the case, the director and volunteer visit the family together, before the volunteer starts to work alone with the family.

After the volunteer has been working with the family for three months, the volunteer and the director both meet with the family. At this point goals and objectives are determined. If the family is in agreement, the volunteer will then spend the next three to four months working with them to achieve these goals until, finally, the problems begin to be resolved.

Volunteers are carefully screened for the protection of the children. Those selected then undergo a training period which involves attending classes and seeing films. Only when a volunteer is thoroughly prepared will he or she be assigned to a family. Training is ongoing for all volunteers, in the form of monthly meetings. This also provides volunteers with the opportunity to share their experiences and ask each other advice from a fresh perspective.

Volunteers work with families, often helping them improve their parenting skills. Volunteers visit their family in their home, spending two or three hours a week with them. A volunteer first gets to know the family, becoming their friend. From then on, the volunteer and the family work together. Volunteers are normally available to answer questions by phone. The volunteer is invaluable to the family because on this is the first person whom they can really rely on.

SCAN has found that its approach works. It has many success stories to prove it. In fact, its success rate is 88 percent. Every time, even, just one child is helped, a big difference has been made, not just in that child's life, but also in helping to break the cycle of abuse.

In many cases, SCAN works with the Department of Social Services, via the director. Its involvement makes a tremendous difference. Often a volunteer sees a family once a month. This is because caseworkers are overloaded. While volunteers don't have the professional training of the caseworkers, their work is often invaluable in making a difference. Volunteers can offer individual attention on a more personal basis, simply because they have the time.

SCAN is sponsored by the National Exchange Club, as well as through private donations. At their latest fundraiser "Stocks for Tots," NASCAR drivers were special guests and \$6,000, as well as lots of toys were resolved to distribute to the children in the families they work with.

Shuler has been a SCAN volun-

teer three years. She says an article in the Mooresville Tribune about SCAN inspired her to become a volunteer. In a recent interview, she explained why she wanted to help to make a difference.

"I've always enjoyed being around children," she said. "My mother inspired that in me. I think that if you come from a background where your childhood was very positive, you want to spread that around."

Shuler also explained the importance of the work SCAN is doing: "I think we all have a responsibility. Children are the future. If they're abused now, this perpetuates itself and they in turn abuse their own children. If someone doesn't break this chain, then what are we looking at in the future?"

SCAN always is looking for more volunteers. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer should call SCAN's director, David Crosby, at the Stateville office. The telephone number is 878-2227.

Lakeside Breaks Ground For Addition

Lakeside Fellowship Associate Reformed Church broke ground for a multi-purpose building April 28. The new facility will provide approximately 3,400 square feet of meeting space. Construction will begin immediately and occupancy is anticipated for mid-August. The Lakeside Fellowship ARP Church was established in 1986 by First Presbytery as a mission church and moved from to full church status in December 1990. Coddle Creek ARP Church assisted with guidance and support during the establishment of Lakeside Fellowship Church on Williamson Road. The Rev. Robert J. Hamilton Jr., stated supply minister at Lakeside, was called Sunday as the church's first pastor. Taking part in the groundbreaking are, from left, Clyde Felker, builder; Neil Fortune, architect; Sam Elliott, Bill Wade and Tim Wood, elders, the Hamiltons; and Charlie Weatherman, elder.

Sides-Hilton Couple To Wed In August At Prospect Church

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Sides of Route 7, Mooresville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Michelle Sides and Michael Lamarr Hilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hilton of 837 North

Church Street, Mooresville. The wedding is being planned for Saturday, August 31, at 3:00 p.m. at the Prospect Presbyterian Church of Mooresville.

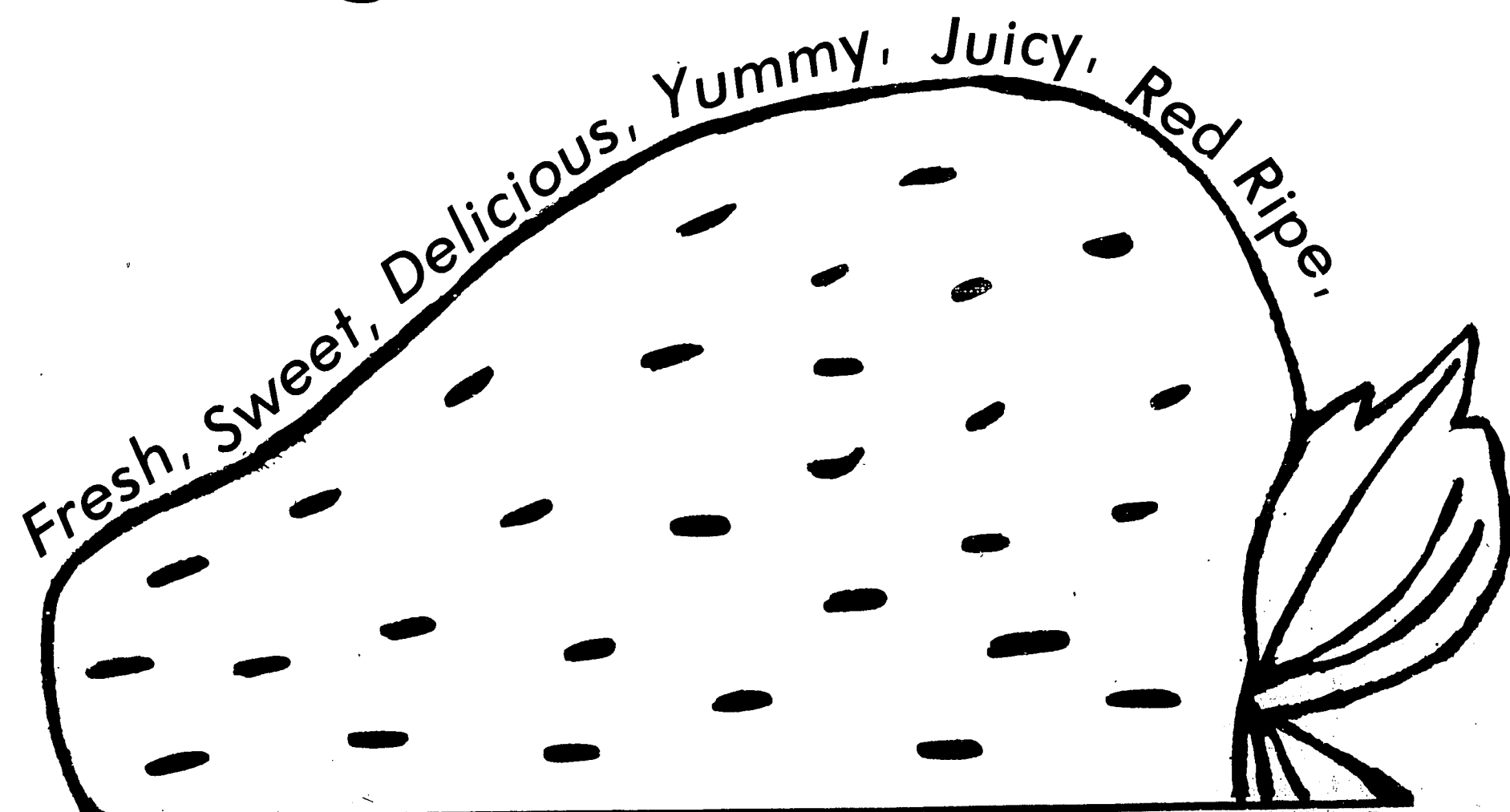
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