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Information Sought Concerning Break-In, Theft At Local Shop

The Mooresville-South Iredell Crime Stoppers will pay a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information that results in the arrest of the person or persons responsible for a recent break-in at a Mooresville appliance store.

Mooresville Police are investigating a breaking, entering and larceny which occurred sometime during the night of April 30 or the early morning hours of April 29. According to the investigation on file, unknown person or persons took a tire tool and shattered the front door glass to the Warehouse Sale, located at the intersection of West Iredell Avenue and North Broad Street in Mooresville.

After knocking the glass out, the person or persons entered the building and took a Zenith 20-inch color television along with its remote. This is the second time in the past few weeks the building has been broken into.

Crime Stoppers will pay a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information about this crime that results in the arrest of the person or persons involved.

If you have information about this crime or any unsolved crime, the location of stolen property, illegal drugs, or someone wanted

by a law enforcement agency call crime stoppers at 663-7066.

You do not have to give your name or testify in court.

Dinner-Theater Offering Scheduled At Senior High

Mooresville Senior High School is offering area residents an entertaining and tasty night at the theater.

Drama students at the school will present "The Simple Truth" in a dinner-theater setting May 23 starting at 7 p.m.

"The Simple Truth" is play set in a small southern town in the 1950s and the story focuses on the lifestyles and values of the town's residents.

The town's people lead simple lives and try very hard to live honest lives. Some try almost too hard.

The play will be presented following a four-course meal prepared especially for the occasion.

The presentation is under the direction of Pat Corriher. Student Alicia Riell is the stage manager.

The play's characters, listed with cast members, are: Mr. Hopkins, Roger Kinion; Emmet Harper, Wayne Ray; Nancy Harper, Molly Guin; Effie Granby, Patchon Lipsey; Mrs. Crosby, Ashley Poore; Mrs. Brewster, Joan Day; Mrs. Gibbs, Sarah Brawley; Ed Chase, Jamie Deaton; and Mr. Gibbs, Patrick O'Malley.

Research Connects Brain Damage To 'Alien Hand'

It's called the "alien hand syndrome" because the hand seems to be out of its owner's control — pinching, grasping, seizing or just floating in the air.

The rare syndrome played a prominent role in Dr. Strangelove, Stanley Kubrick's 1963 film.

Dr. Francis Walker, associate professor of neurology at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, last week reported on two patients with the syndrome, which is caused by injury to certain areas of the brain. He said both young women had resorted to extraordinary steps to try to control their alien hand — often by simply sitting on it.

He described the syndrome as "purposeful but involuntary motion," adding, "it is not consciously controlled."

It can produce bizarre results, he said. For instance, one hand can be buttoning a shirt, while the other hand comes along behind and unbuttons the same buttons. Or the hand will begin pinching, sometimes painfully.

Damage to the thalamus, the part of the brain that controls motor function, can result in alien hand syndrome, Walker said. A hemorrhage in certain parts of the brain can produce similar results.

Another cause is damage to the left frontal cortex of the brain through stroke or trauma.

Another type is caused by an unusual variation of Parkinson's disease called cortico-basal degeneration in which one hand may float out of control and be suspended in air.

The neurologist said the syndrome is being diagnosed with increasing frequency.

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Davidson's Bramlett Recognized

A junior high school student from Davidson will be among those honored for academic achievement during a June 6 ceremony at Duke University.

Justice Bramlett, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bramlett of Davidson and the grandson of Martha Jarvis of Mooresville, will take part in the recognition service of Duke's Talent Identification Program. He is a student at Alexander Junior High.

The ceremony will salute seventh graders from North Carolina who qualified in the TIP's 11th annual talent search. All students invited to the ceremony have earned scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test of the American College Testing Assessment comparable to the average scores of college-bound high school seniors.

The students will receive certificates of distinction for their achievement. The highest scorers will also receive summer program scholarships and books.

TIP conducts ceremonies in each of the 16 states it serves in the Southeast, Midwest and Southwest. More than 57,000 mathematically and verbally able seventh graders were identified by the program this year.

"TIP offers additional educational opportunities for gifted students in the seventh through 10th grades.

TIP is a non-profit organization established in 1980 with a five-year grant from The Duke Endowment. The program receives continuing support from student fees, individuals, corporations and foundations.

Twin Lancaster Brothers Joining U.S. Air Force

Daniel and Daryl Lancaster, twin sons of Robert and Gaynelle Lancaster of Troutman, have enlisted in the U.S. Air Force's delayed enlistment program.

Both are 1989 graduates of South Iredell High School, located on Old Mountain Road, near Barium Springs.

They are scheduled to report for active duty in July.

After graduating from the six-week basic training course at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, both will receive technical training in designated career areas.

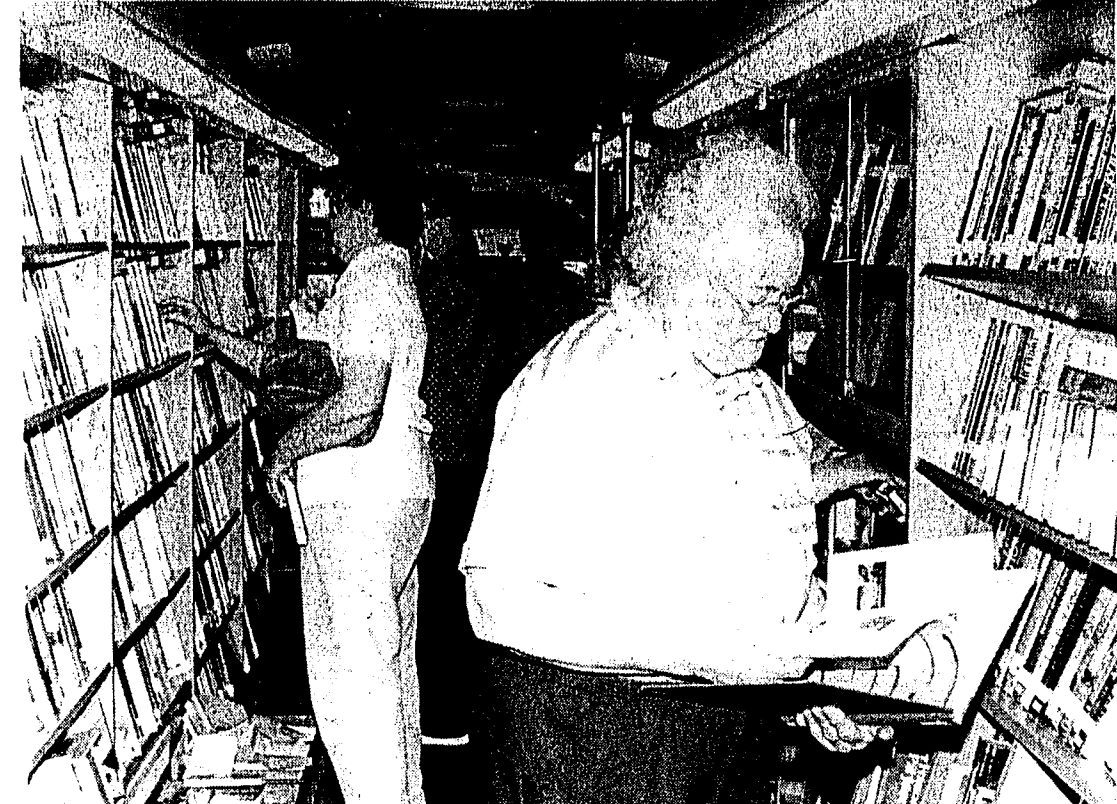
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Sara, right, and Catherine Ketchie browse among the bookmobile's 3,500 volumes

Bookmobile Provides Convenient Access, Entertainment For Area

By HELEN KNIGHT

For the last 40 years or so, the Mooresville area has been served by the Iredell County bookmobile. Over the years, the bookmobile has made it possible for many people to have easy access to books and to indulge in the pleasure of reading.

The bookmobile is an extension of the county library system. It serves those who, for whatever reason, cannot get to the library on a regular basis. Janet Hall, the bookmobile's librarian, explained how the bookmobile makes using a library convenient:

"The bookmobile comes to people's own area. Patrons are free to come as they are and, in many cases, it is a more receptive vehicle to serve the community comfortably. I often hold the babies while they look at the books."

Hall also mentioned the social aspect of using the bookmobile. "People get on the bookmobile and as they're choosing their books, they catch up on the news. It's just like a visitor coming to your home."

The idea of a bookmobile goes back many years. It grew out of the habit of passing books around informally, to share them with others. In fact, the library service in Iredell County started out with the bookmobile. The first formal bookmobile in the county dates back to 1936. The service was extended to incorporate the Mooresville area in the 1950s.

Over the years, several different vehicles have served as bookmobile. Until recently, bookmobile staff and patrons had to make do with an old converted breadtruck that had many limitations as a bookmobile. The steps, for example, were unsuitable for use by the elderly, and the space inside the van left scarcely enough room for patrons to choose their books.

However, since December of last year, using the bookmobile has been a much more pleasurable experience. Just before Christmas, the old van was replaced by a \$90,000 Thomas bus, or motor home. The new bookmobile truly is a library on wheels.

The bus incorporates checking in and out desks, heating and air conditioning, and plenty of room for patrons to browse through the 3,500 books on board. The selection includes children's books, general fiction, romances, westerns, mysteries, non-fiction, reference material, not to mention a sizable large-print collection.

Hall is responsible for choosing books the bookmobile carries. She selects titles according to what the public wants to read. "By knowing the books and the writers and by reading the reviews," she said, "you can tell what your public are going to want to read."

Hall also welcomes requests. In fact, if patrons phone their request to the bookmobile office, giving a week's notice, she will have the book for them on her next visit.

The bookmobile works on a four-week schedule. On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays it makes regular assigned routes. Thursday is the day for special requests, visits or make-up routes. On Fridays, Hall and bookmobile driver Bernadine Ipsen-Tompkins take the bookmobile out to do special programs, such as visits to schools and churches.

The bookmobile serves a wide range of patrons, including elderly, farmers and stay-at-home moms. Homemakers clubs, such as those of Mrs. Gladys Pierce of Mazonia and Mrs. Georgia Mabe in Mooresville, use the bookmobile to supply books for their reading programs.

The bookmobile also serves nursing homes, community centers, and churches.

According to Hall, the faithful patrons have one thing in common.

"They are dyed in the wool readers," she said. "They are really loyal to the bookmobile and appreciative of its services."

Mrs. Elizabeth Carrihan in the Prospect community has been using the bookmobile since it first started coming to Mooresville. Now aged 90, she particularly appreciates the big collection of large print books that the bookmobile carries.

"They choose my books for me and bring them into my house," she said. "I like to read and appreciate the fact that I can have this service."

Hall is now in her third year as bookmobile librarian. She said she loves the work because she enjoys helping people and sharing with them what she has enjoyed herself. Hall loves to read and she is eager to share that pleasure with others. She spoke of the freedom reading provides:

"You can pick up the printed word and take a trip to wherever you want to go for little expense and not at the mercy of the Neilson ratings."

Hall feels strongly about the service the bookmobile provides. "The library offers so many advantages to people," she said, "and the bookmobile is an extension of those advantages, on a small scale."

Ipsen-Tompkins has been driving the bookmobile two and a half years. She, like Hall, is committed to serving the county's needs.

"Reading is a very important part of people's lives," she said. "By going out to people in areas where they might not otherwise have access to books, we're providing an important service."

The bookmobile visits the Mooresville area every fourth Monday. It starts out at the lake and moves east to Mazonia, to Prospect and it makes several stops north of town. One of them is at Sara Dalton's home on Rinehardt Road.

There, Dalton and five of her neighbors meet the bookmobile as predictably as fourth Monday. The Dalton-stop regulars are Jeannette Stuts, Alice Rogers and Ruth Summers — all sisters of Sara — and Catherine Ketchie and Ruth Shumake.

The service in this area is likely to be expanded as demand increases. Any individual can call and ask for service. In special cases, the bookmobile service is extended by the Outreach program and handicapped services.

Persons requiring more information should contact the bookmobile office in Statesville. In the Mooresville area, the toll-free telephone number is 663-1616.

Hall and Ipsen-Tompkins will do their best to get people the service they need as soon as possible. In Hall's words:

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