

Shucks

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Classified followup

There's plenty for everybody in the classifieds. Those pages always are among the most-read in every newspaper. So I can safely assume you went there before you came here. No matter, I appreciate your company.

You saw the small classified display placed by the Mooresville Rescue Squad: "Wanted: one to two-acre lot near the intersection of Brawley School Road and Williamson Road." About that, this:

Our rescue squad will get \$290,000 of the proceeds from the sale of county-owned Lowrance Hospital to private interests in 1986. Of it, \$180,000 will finance a satellite base near the intersection of those two lake-access corridors. The rest will enable the squad to expand its in-town building and buy much-needed equipment.

If the rescue squad did not exist it would be necessary to invent it — posthaste. This all-volunteer outfit is pretty darn close to indispensable. It gets token support from town government — \$3,500 this budget year. County government and Mooresville/South Iredell United Way contribute to the squad's budget that ranges between \$50,000 and \$80,000. But members help themselves more than they are helped, most dramatically through their family-portfolio project. And they get a big bang out of every buck.

All of which is to say the rescue squad will reinvest its windfall into community health services. Which also is to say the squad isn't asking for a donation. It is willing and able to pay, and it is not unaware of land values where it wants the satellite base.

So, owners of property in the targeted area, help as much as you can. You know you couldn't ask for better neighbors.

Squeaking wheels

Early in May, The Thomasville Times performed a public service as unusual as it is enlightening. It published two full pages of names, in type smaller than you're reading, of names of state government employees — some 1,500 — who are paid more than \$73,000 a year. These are the salaried elite among our 200,000 state workers. Some are elected; most are hired by the elected.

Response to The Times' listing was immediate, and for the very reason the paper said it went to all the trouble. The average working Tar Heel takes his bloated public bureaucracy for granted. He assumes the point to "public service" is to get your head to the trough. But he had no idea the living is so easy at the executive-dining end.

The Times mailed reprints of its upper-crust public servants to every paper in the state. The Salisbury Post printed it Sunday. Other papers have printed it and more plan to. The point The Times made is being made repeatedly: those who wail loudest about cuts that bleed state public services are those most able to donate blood. All the high-level talk about belt tightening is just that — hypocritical rhetoric.

Nowhere are these tinkling cymbals louder than in public education. Consider Gene Causby, the N.C. School Boards Association's critic of cuts. His salary: \$97,565. No fewer than 13 administrators in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system get more than \$73,000 a year. As do Mooresville Supt. Sam Houston, Iredell Supt. Don Williams, his associate superintendents, Frank Ivey and Wayne Miller, and Statesville Supt. Ben Carson.

John Swafford, who does something in athletics at UNC-Chapel Hill: \$141,777. D.G. Martin, who has been secretary to UNC two years, is paid \$86,069. I'd like to read D.G.'s job description. No wonder he says he's got the best job in North Carolina.

R.D. Boyd, who probably is Prospect native Bobby, gets \$74,752 with the Department of Public Instruction, \$500 more than State Supt. Bob Etheridge's salary.

Ultior motive

Do Jeannette Stutts a big favor. If you have, if you know of anyone who has or possibly could have a photograph of the long-gone steam-locomotive water tank that stood at the junction — North Broad at Statesville Avenue — get in touch with her. Her telephone number is 684-4806.

Okay, so that's a free classified. I got a right. I'd like to print the picture. Unlike Jeannette, I wasn't around to watch the freight and passenger trains take on water, but, shoot, you don't have to be a born-here to like trains.

Musical Program At Liberty

A special musical program will be presented Saturday at Liberty Baptist Church near Mooresville. The Ferguson Family from Jonesborough, Tenn. will present a program of old-fashioned gospel music at the church starting at 7 p.m.

The Rev. Ralph Robinette, pastor of the church, and the members of the church congregation extend a warm welcome to the public to attend the program.

The church is on Johnson Dairy Road near Mooresville.

Mooresville Students Among 1991 MCC Grads

One hundred eighty-eight prospective graduates are scheduled to receive degrees during the 136th graduation exercise at Mitchell Community College. The ceremony will be held at 7 tonight on the circle on the MCC campus.

Dr. Douglas Covington, special assistant to the chancellor for the State University and Community College System of Tennessee, will be the principal speaker. Degrees will be presented by Dr. Douglas Eason, president of MCC, and Frank Fields, chairman of the

MCC Board of Trustees.

Candidates for degrees from Mooresville are: Bobby Pressley Brawley, Ginger Liane Compton, Jason Ray Fleming, Julian Carlisle Gandy, Darlene Brackett Hicks, Pamela Lingle Lawson, Dena Margaret McBrayer, Judy Fesperman McConnell, Brian Todd Neel, Kimberly Ann Rice, Sharree Lynn Roberts, Toni Perry Salby, Angela Hope Michelle Thompson, Boyce Cecil Tucker, Jr., Jacquelyn Robin Myers Vickers and Quinn Jackson Witherspoon.

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"Although I Disagree With Everything You Say

I Will Defend Unto Death Your Right To Say It"

25¢ Mooresville, N.C. (28115) Wednesday, May 29, 1991

Friendship Baptist Church Revival

Revival services are scheduled to be conducted at Friendship Baptist Church on Cornelia Rd., Mooresville, next week, June 3-7.

Services will be held each evening at 7 o'clock, with the Rev.

Mr. Bowen of Maxton as the visiting evangelist.

The Rev. Steve Stansbury, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, joins members of the church in inviting the public to attend the services.

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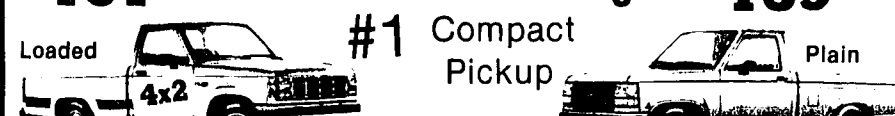
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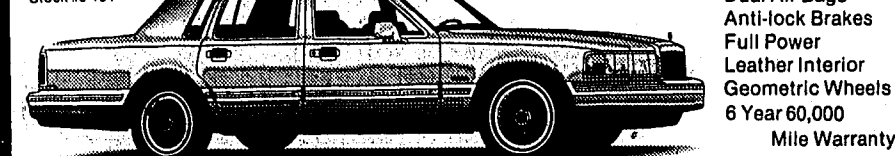
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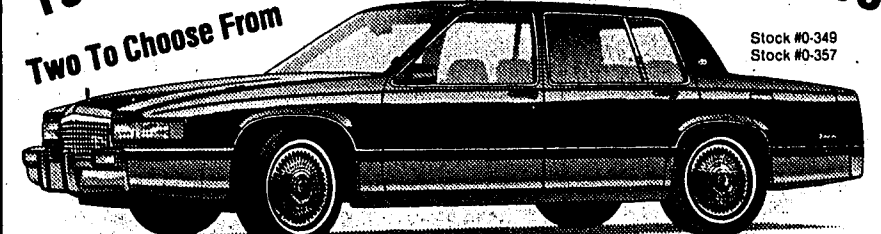
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