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## February 11, 1949 On that day...

a group of retired women held a special meeting. They were all retired Chatham employees and the purpose of the meeting was to organize a club for the retired women to promote fellowship and recreation among this group. The club members would give service to the community and assist each other, have monthly meetings, and enjoy outings together throughout the year. The Fellowship Club of Chatham has been doing just that for forty years.

The first club officers were: Bessie Gilliam, president; Bertha Davis, vice president; Pearl Pardue, treasurer; Virginia Parker, secretary; and Carrie Hinshaw, chairman of the welfare committee.

At the February meeting in 1950, the club met to celebrate their first anniversary and to enjoy memories of their first year together. During that year they mended (sheets, blankets, gowns, etc.) at the sewing room of the hospital, visited shut-ins of the community, and had a booth at the Chatham Employee's Fair. They held a sale of used clothing, kept a table at the Curb Market, had a covered dish luncheon, a Christmas party and a New Year's party. They sent eleven gifts and 150 get well, birthday, and Christmas cards.

An all-day quilting bee was held and they earned \$60.00 selling chances on the quilt. This turned into an annual event for the club and this past year the club members earned over \$600.00 on their quilt.

Members held their monthly meeting in February of this year at the Personnel Building of Chatham. They were greeted at the door by Nelson Lowe, Vice President of Industrial Relations, Club President Mattie Spicer, and Club Sponsor Velma Darnell. Each lady received a red carnation and their new yearbooks. They were luncheon guests of Chatham Manufacturing Company.

*More photos on page eight*



Emily Holloway receives a carnation from Nelson Lowe as she arrived for the meeting.



Disa Wood, Louise Bunton, Georgina Pruitt, and Vetra Martin take a look at the club's birthday cake.



Nellie Ray, Ruth Long, Pauline Jarvis, Clara Freeman, and Ruth Overcash get ready for a delicious meal.

## Happy Fortieth Birthday Chatham Fellowship Club



**Four Generations** - Ricky McMeans (Shipping), Iva Dean Cox (Extrusion), Mae Royal, and Jennifer McMeans represent four generations of the same family. Jennifer is fourteen months old and is also the daughter of Christine McMeans (Engineering).

## Then and Now Guess Who



This Chatham employee was five years old when this picture was taken. Can you guess who he is?

*(Answer on Page Six)*

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*Comments, suggestions, and story ideas are encouraged and should be directed to the Editor.*

Kathie McDaniel, Editor

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## In Memoriam

**Charles E. Kimmer**  
February 6  
Retired Employee

**Vallie Harpe**  
February 17  
Sister of Mae Pardue Couch, retired.

**Lola D. Ingool**  
February 18  
Sister of Opal Darnell, retired and Florence Money, retired.

**Jane L. Alexander**  
February 21  
Retired Employee

**Bobby Joe Lyon**  
February 22  
Brother of Keith A. Lyon, Technical Maintenance.

**Allen H. Adkins**  
February 24  
Retired Employee

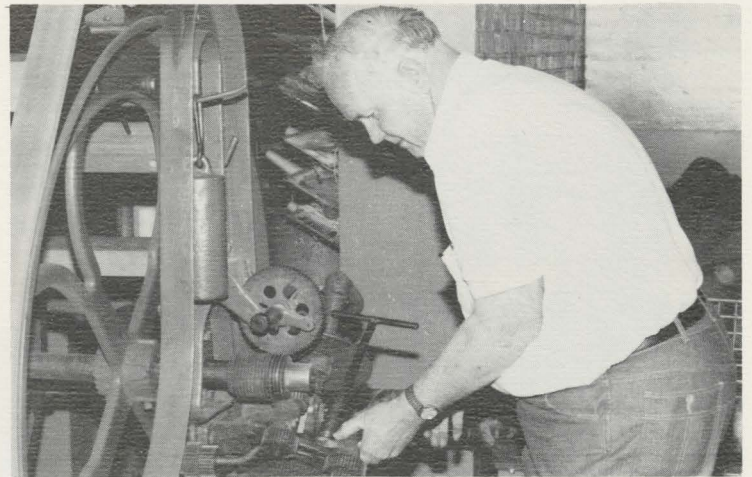
**Raymond Lomax**  
February 24  
Brother of James R. Lomax, Shipping; Robert J. Lomax, Quality Control and G. Grant Lomax, Garnett.

**Priscilla (Pat) N. Slawter**  
Wife of Larry F. Slawter, Technical Maintenance; daughter of Spencer Norman, retired.



Employees of the stock room called on Valentine's Day to say they wanted a picture taken of their flamingo. It wasn't clear whether they were talking about a dancer or a long-legged tropical bird. We soon found out and snapped this photo so you too could get a view of **Sam Benton**. Sam received the long stem red rose and the hat as Valentine's Day gifts from his employees. Sam is the stock room supervisor.

## The Blanketeer is published for:



employees and retirees of Chatham Manufacturing Company like **Earl Holcomb**. Earl works in our Warp Department as a Jack Spool warper. He has been employed at Chatham since 1972.

## Save Your Vision Week March 5-11

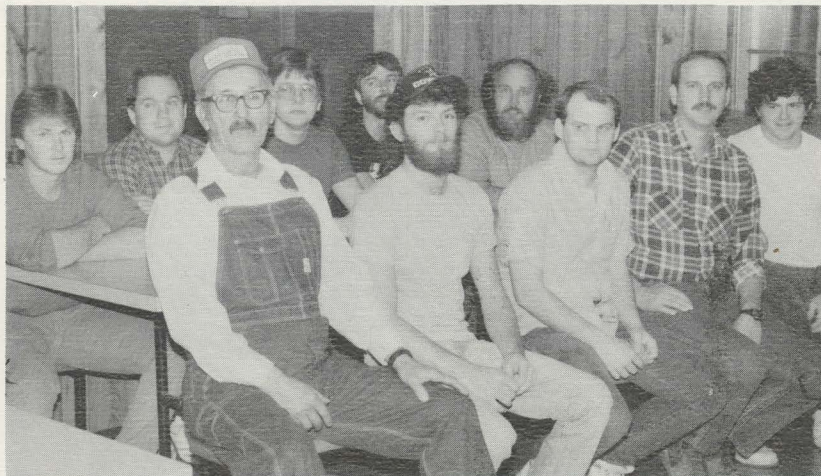
A free glaucoma screening will be held March 11 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Schonhofen Optometry, 346 North Bridge Street, Elkin. For other free events during this week, check the bulletin board outside the First Aid.

# Chatham Employees Enjoy Safety Breaks

So many departments and shops have earned safety coffee breaks in the last few weeks, but we were not able to get photos of all of them. They are listed below along with photos of the second shift Cloth Department safety coffee break. This group celebrated 507 days without a lost time accident.



**Front row: (below)** Faye Wood, Shannon Osborne, Trinton Snow (department head), Inez Nations, Sherry Rutledge. **Back row:** Pearl Simpson, Betty Swaim, Shirley Brindle, Susan Lyon, Susie Bauguess. Not pictured: Mary Baker.



**Front row: (above)** Willie Bates, Tim Cook, Chris Casstevens, Steve Draughn (supervisor), Richard Lyon. **Back row:** Neil Jenkins, Randall Couch, Joseph Inman, Jimmy Layell, Johnie Griffin.



These departments held safety breaks during February.

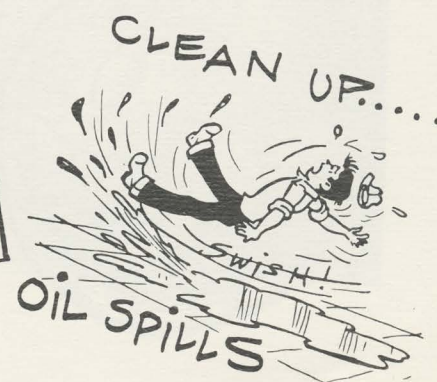
| Department | Shift      | Working Days Since Last Lost Time Accident |
|------------|------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Extrusion  | Red Day    | 297                                        |
| Extrusion  | Red Night  | 181                                        |
| Extrusion  | Blue Day   | 327                                        |
| Extrusion  | Blue Night | 540                                        |
| Worsted    | A          | 598                                        |
| Worsted    | B          | 191                                        |

Avoid getting hurt



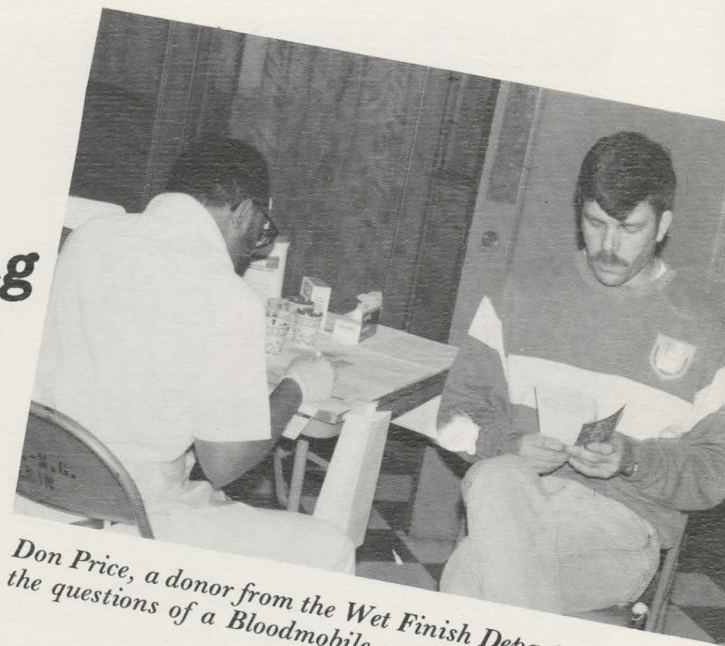
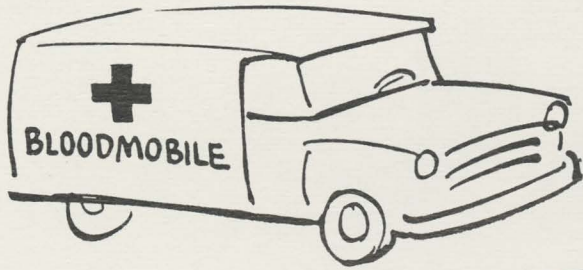
Always stay alert

So, take their advice!



# Bloodmobile

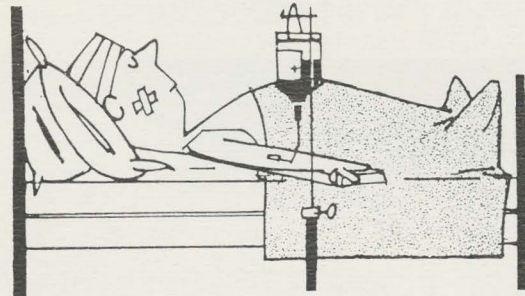
## Employees and retirees of Chatham Manufacturing Company give blood



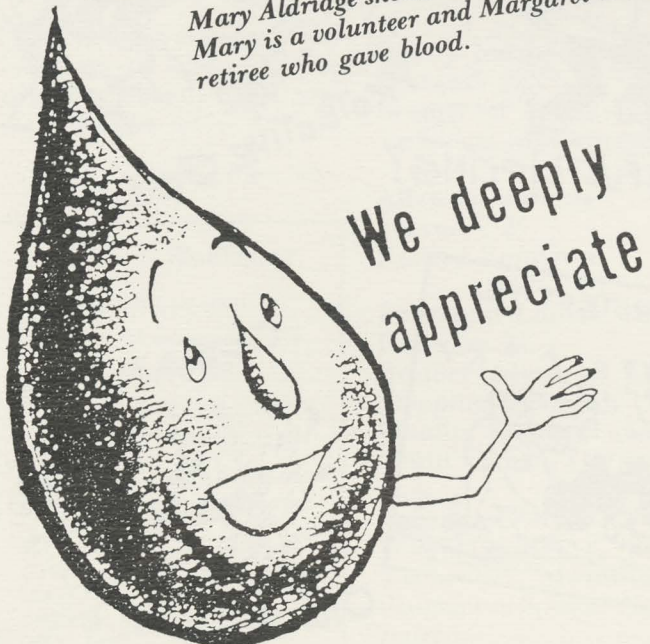
Don Price, a donor from the Wet Finish Department, answers the questions of a Bloodmobile employee.



Mary Aldridge shows Margaret Poplin to a table. Mary is a volunteer and Margaret is a Chatham retiree who gave blood.



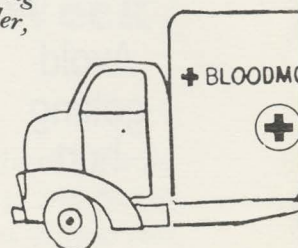
Gail Altemueller, a volunteer for the Bloodmobile, serves cookies and juice to David Steele, a Chatham donor. David works in the Shipping Department. Gail is the wife of Phil Altemueller, Chatham vice president.



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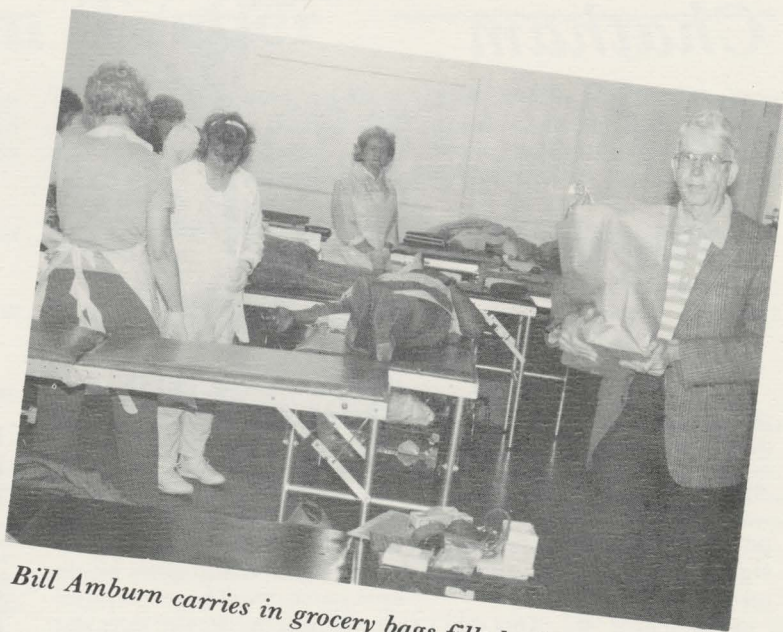
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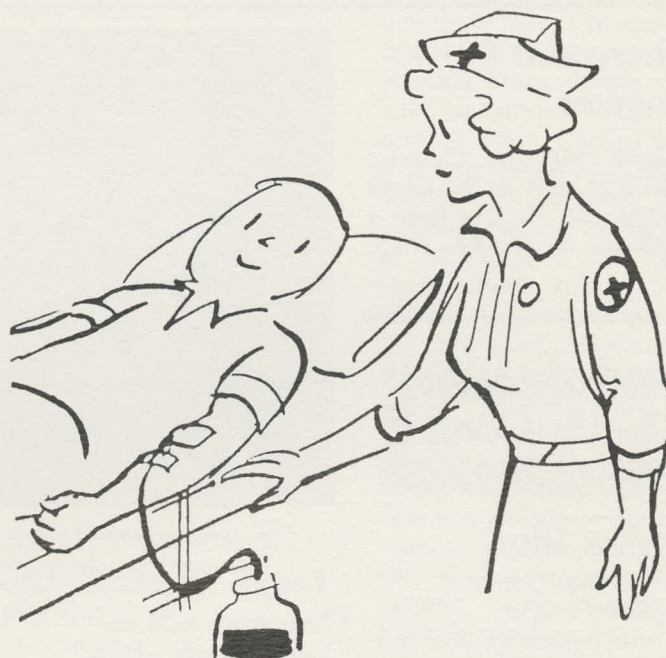
*and retirees of  
Chatham  
volunteer their  
time to  
the blood drive.*



*Mabel Sale, a retired Chatham employee and past editor of the Blanketeer, gets instructions from a Bloodmobile employee about labeling bags for each donor.*



*Bill Amburn carries in grocery bags filled with refreshments.*



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*Jennie Sherrill (above) and Janie Sherrill (right) stay very busy when they do volunteer work for the Bloodmobile. They helped Red Cross employees prepare supplies for collecting blood from donors.*



# Chatham Golf League



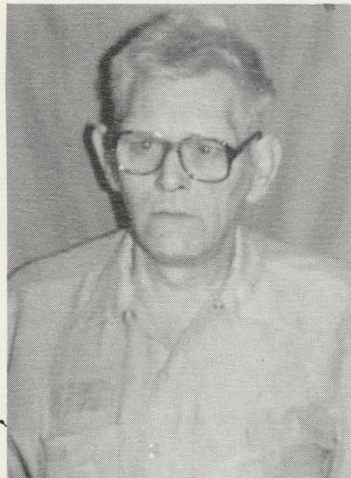
It's time to start signing up for the Chatham Golf League. This is an annual event held at the Cedarbrook Country Club. Employees and retirees of Chatham Manufacturing Company are eligible.

Each team will consist of two players. You choose your own partner. Each team needs 1 or 2 alternate players. You must sign up in the Personnel Office by April 1 and play begins on April 10.

SEE YOUR BULLETIN BOARD FOR MORE DETAILS!

## Then and Now Answer

**Graham Martin.** Graham works first shift in the Cloth Department. He has been a Chatham employee since 1975.



## Mexican Dip

3 ozs. cream cheese  
1 cup sour cream  
1 1/4 ounce package taco seasoning mix  
1 small onion, finely chopped  
7-ounce can black olives, thinly sliced  
1/2 cup jalapenos or green chilies, finely chopped  
1 cup cheddar cheese, grated  
2 medium tomatoes, finely chopped

In mixing bowl, combine cream cheese, sour cream and taco seasoning mix. Spread in 8-inch round pie plate or quiche pan. Layer other ingredients in this order: onion, black olives, jalapenos or green chilies, and cheddar cheese. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Microwave 2 minutes on high power or serve chilled. Sprinkle tomatoes on top before serving with tortilla chips. Yield: 15-20 appetizers.

## Tangy Vegetable Dip

2 cups mayonnaise  
1 cup cottage cheese  
3/4 cup chopped onion  
1 tablespoon plus 1 1/2 teaspoon horseradish  
1 tablespoon plus 1 1/2 teaspoon worcestershire sauce  
1 teaspoon caraway seed  
1 1/2 teaspoon celery seed  
1 teaspoon garlic salt  
1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce or to taste

Mix well. Serve with your favorite raw vegetables.

-Shared with us by Pat Mickle, Data Processing

There is never an instant's truce between virtue and vice. Goodness is the only investment that never fails.

-Henry David Thoreau



## Service Anniversary Dates

### 45 Years

**Kenneth Blackburn**, Worsted - March 7  
**Bettie H. Myers**, Wet Finish - March 21  
**Bobby H. Transou**, Cloth - March 31

### 30 Years

**Patsy P. Wyatt**, Cost Accounting - March 2  
**Jimmy A. Hensley**, Wet Finish - March 20  
**Katherine N. Wilmoth**, Weave - March 24  
**Helen R. Myers**, Sample - March 24  
**Betty L. Jolley**, Sample - March 25

### 25 Years

**Bernays W. White**, Engineering - March 11  
**Joe Layell**, Weave - March 20

### 20 Years

**Troy O. Vestal**, Piece Dye - March 17  
**Grady C. Wilmoth**, Yarn Manufacturing - March 24

## Retirements Effective March 1, 1989

**Virginia R. Billings**, Spinning, 3rd shift; 11 years and 10 months  
**J. Ray Jolly**, Quality Control, 3rd shift; 44 years and 9 months  
**Myra H. Osborne (LTD)**, Winding, 1st shift; 38 years and 1 month

## Managing Credit

Almost everyone in America uses credit. Even if you don't have credit cards, your phone and utility companies give you credit by billing you once a month for services they provide all the time. However you use it, credit is the privilege of paying later for what you need or want now. Keeping a good credit record will allow you to get or keep that privilege.

If you want to establish a good credit record or build a better one, start by reading these two booklets. Published by the Money Management Institute of Household Financial Services in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Extension Service, **Managing Your Credit** (Item 474T, 50 cents) explains how credit works--its advantages and disadvantages, how you pay for it, and how creditors evaluate your creditworthiness. The booklet also lists credit danger signals so you know how to watch for trouble. The Federal Trade Commission's **Building a Better Credit Record** (Item 442V, 50 cents) tells you what to do and what to avoid when you're trying to show creditors that you're worthy of their service. It also explains credit bureaus--how they work and how you can use them to check your own credit record. For your copies, send your name and address, along with the appropriate item numbers and fees, to R. Woods, Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

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Babysitting in my home. First shift only. \$5.00 per day per child. Call 874-3019.

Will do housework in Mountain Park, State Road area. 20 years experience. Call 366-2726 anytime.

**LOST:** White puppy. Call 835-8771.

**WANTED:** Used Porta crib. Call 957-2809.

**WANTED TO BUY:** 2 bedroom mobile home. Call 835-3596 after 4 p.m.

**FOR RENT:** Trailer, East Spring St., Elkin, within walking distance of Chatham Mfg. Co. \$175 per month. Call 835-7828 anytime.

**FOR RENT:** 5 room apartment in Elkin, appliances furnished. Single occupant, reference required. \$150.00 deposit, \$150.00 rent per month. Call 835-3469 Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

**FOR SALE:** Goodyear Wrangler RT tires, set of 4, 33x12.50, \$300. Less than 3,000 miles. Call 957-8041.

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**FOR SALE:** 1976 Chev. Nova, 4-door. Call 874-2444 after 4:00 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** Camper shell for standard size pick-up with wide bed. Call 366-2969 after 4:00 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** Ladies fur coat, size 11, lt. gray with gray lining, 1 year old. Beautiful coat, great buy. \$80. Call 835-3816 anytime.

**FOR SALE:** 1972 Colt station wagon, new carburetor, 30 mpg. \$575. Call 835-3072.

**FOR SALE:** 1977 Mercury Monarch, new radiator, tires and battery. \$1,395. Call 835-3072.

**FOR SALE:** Le-Stove, 32" wide, 24" high, 24" deep, used 6-8 months, glass window, 3/8" steel with fire brick, electric fan, 2 speeds, adjustable vents. \$400. Call 835-3347 from 5:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** 54 Caliber Thompson Hawken rifle, powder caps and bullets. \$200 firm. Call 366-2969 after 5:00 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** Loveseat and matching chair. Call 835-3565.

**FOR SALE:** Microwave table. Call 835-3565.

**FOR SALE:** Antique floor lamp and bookcase. Call 835-3565.

**FOR SALE:** 1976 Pop-up camper, sleeps 5. Very good condition. \$400. Call 984-3063 Clingman area.

**FOR SALE:** 3 sows, 6 gilts, 2 boars, 1 spot, 1 hamp. \$1,800. Call 874-2376 anytime.

**FOR SALE:** Dry oak wood, \$40 per pick up load. Call 835-7181 after 4:30 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** 1983 Cavalier motor, size 2 liter, new valve job. \$150. Call 367-7103 after 4:00 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** Maple 5-gun gun cabinet, 2 doors in base. Excellent condition. Call 835-1524.

**FOR SALE:** Bass guitar with case and 40-watt amplifier. Sell together or separate. Call 835-1524.

**FOR SALE:** 1983 Honda V65 Magna 1100. Good condition. Call 835-1524.

**FOR SALE:** 1981 Subaru GLF, 2-door hardtop, 5-speed, good transportation. \$500 or best offer. Call 835-5840 after 4:00 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** 1969 Hyde Park trailer, 2-bedrooms, 1 bath, 12x60. Good condition. \$3,000 firm. Call 526-2204 anytime.

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**FOR SALE:** 2 pc. Living room suite, velour, Early American. Call 835-3411.

**FOR SALE:** Whirlpool range. Like new. Call 835-8769 or 835-6149.

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**FOR SALE:** Kerosun Omni 105 heater, 19,500 BTU. \$80. Call 835-4981.

**FOR SALE:** Kitchen cabinet, white. \$40. Call 835-4981.

**FOR SALE:** Litton microwave oven, large. \$200. Call 835-4981.

**FOR SALE:** Dining table and 6 chairs. \$30. Call 835-4981.

**FOR SALE:** 600-650 ceramic molds, several pieces of greenware, large pouring table with pump, large kiln. Call 957-8605 after 5:00 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** 4 Mag wheels for Dodge Dakota. Price negotiable. Call 984-2873 or 957-3223.

**FOR SALE:** 1983 Mercury LN7, PS, PB, AC. Extra clean. \$2,550. Call 874-3035.

**FOR SALE:** Troy bilt garden tiller, still under warranty. Call 835-3947.

**FOR SALE:** 18 ft. self-contained camper. Very good condition. Reduced price. Call 835-3973.

**FOR SALE:** Manual tread mill and exercise bike. Each has speedometer, odometer, timer. New \$200 for both. Call 835-3102 anytime.

**FOR SALE:** VCR-VHS. \$75. Call 874-2276 after 5:00 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** Prom dresses. Call 874-2276 after 5:00 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** Four 195-13 White Letter Responder High Performance Radials VG. Hoover Upright Convertible Vacuum With Attachments. \$60.00. Royal Typewriter, \$10.00. Bissell sweeper, \$5.00. Dog house or Pump house \$20.00. Call 835-5556.

**FOR SALE:** 1968 Ford GT-Torino Fastback, powder blue, 390 engine, PS, GT wheel covers, all original. \$600. Call 957-8475 anytime.

**FOR SALE:** Living room suite, 3 pieces. Excellent condition. Call 957-2535.

**FOR SALE:** 1975 Mobile home 12x68, partly furnished, attached room, excellent condition. Call 957-2698 before 3 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** Straw. Call 957-8628.

**FOR SALE:** 1 set of golf clubs, 1 ladies bowling ball, 1 pair size 8 bowling shoes. Call 957-3775.

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The only life worth living is the adventurous life. Of such a life the dominant characteristic is that it is unafraid. In the first place, it is unafraid of what other people think. Like Columbus, it dares not only to assert a belief but to live it in the face of contrary opinion. It does not adapt either its pace or its objectives to the pace and objectives of its neighbors. It is not afraid of dreaming dreams that have no practical meaning. It thinks its own thoughts, it reads its own books, it develops its own hobbies, it is governed by its own conscience. The herd may graze where it pleases or stampede when it pleases, but he who lives the adventurous life will remain unafraid when he finds himself alone.

-Raymond B. Fosdick



"I paint what I like..."

# Safety Is Everyone's Business

# Forty Years for Fellowship Club



Fellowship Club officers who will be serving for the next two years are: (seated) **Margaret Poplin**, secretary; **Mattie Spicer**, president; **Ruby Swaim**, assistant treasurer. (Standing) **Velma Darnell**, club sponsor; **Lousine Hemric**, birthdays; **Pauline Jarvis**, welfare; **Ruth Overcash**, chaplain; **Nellie Ray**, welfare; **Judy Hamby**, treasurer; **Edith Maines**, assistant secretary. Not pictured: **Gladys Cheek**, vice president and **Gladys Lane**, assistant chaplain.



**Margaret Porter** and **Mattie Spicer** listen as **Nelson Lowe** speaks to the members of the Fellowship Club.

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