



# The Sundial

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DAVIS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

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Mr. John Gilbert, Chairman of Board of Trustees, Davis Hospital, Inc.



Senator W. W. (Bill) Redman



(L to R) Senator W. W. (Bill) Redman, Mayor John Kurfees, Joe Troutman, Chairman of the County Commissioners join Steve Blaine, Administrator, in the first "Turning of the ground" for construction of the new hospital.

## GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES HELD

Saturday, March 19, 1983, at exactly high noon, our dream became a reality. More than 150 employees, friends, families, local and state officials gathered on a windswept hillside on the Old Mocksville Road to witness the groundbreaking for the new \$22 million Davis Community Hospital.

Construction of the five story, 146,000 square foot facility is now underway with completion expected to be in late summer of 1984. The new 149-bed hospital will offer the same services that are presently being offered at the West End location.

Dr. Frank R. Campbell, pastor of First Baptist Church on Davie Avenue, gave the invocation. Mr. John Gilbert, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, began his remarks by saying, "Today is a happy day for all of us, especially the Board of Trustees of the hospital. Davis Hospital has served Statesville and Iredell County for more than 58 years and will continue to

be a caring institution of healthcare as it begins a new step with HCA."

Other speakers on the program were State Senator William W. (Bill) Redman, Joe H. Troutman, Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, Mayor John Kurfees of Statesville, and Dr. Margaret Willhide, Chief of the Medical Staff.



EMPLOYEES INVOLVED: The second "turning of the ground" was done by employees of Davis Hospital. (L to R) Sylvester Robertson, O.R. Technician, Steve Blaine, Administrator, Manetta Reid, R.N. and Lillie Norkett, Secretary and Treasurer.

### HCA'S Frist, Jr. Selected One Of Top CEOs In Country

Hospital Corporation of America President and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Thomas F. Frist, Jr., has been selected as one of America's eleven top chief executive officers.

Financial World magazine announced its 1983 selection of "Silver Award" winners in the March 31 issue of the publication. Each CEO receiving the Silver Award was also the recipient of a Bronze Award, naming him top CEO in his own industry.

Robert Anderson of Rockwell International and an HCA board member was another Silver Award winner.



Archie and Tommy Guy complete wiring on panel of patient cubical.



Wayne Sloan constructs counter at nurses' station in ICU.

## Construction of ICU Nearing Completion

Engineering Department personnel have been busy renovating a section of the 2B nursing unit for a four bed Intensive Care Unit. The new unit will be one large room which will house four patient cubicles and related support area. Each cubicle will be equipped to meet the specialized

needs of the critical care patient.

Nursing Service is now in the process of recruiting nurses to staff the unit which is expected to be open sometime in June 1983.

## The Unspoken Cancer

If diagnosed early, colorectal cancer is easier to cure than almost any other internal cancer. Following early diagnosis and treatment, 75 to 80 percent of patients are cured. Too many wait until they have pronounced symptoms before they seek an examination. By then it may be too late for a cure.

Doctors refer to colorectal cancer as "the cancer nobody talks about." More new cases of colorectal cancer occur every year than any other type except lung cancer. Yet, with a simple test, the Hemoccult Slide Test, the detection of hidden or invisible blood in the stool can serve as a key early warning signal.

Colorectal cancer is cancer of the lower bowel - the colon and rectum, a part of the body generally not mentioned in "polite company" and a part many of us find embarrassing to discuss even with our spouses or physicians. As a result of this, most people fail to take advantage of this simple test and many more people than need be succumb to the cancer or suffer its debilitating effects.

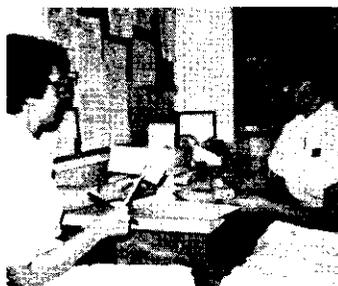
Davis Community Hospital and the local cancer society strongly encourage all persons fifty years of age and older to take advantage of the free hemoccult screening presently being offered as a community service. Hemoccult Kits may be obtained

from any local pharmacy or participating physician's offices.

Kits will be available through April 30th and all participants will be contacted by letter regarding their test results. Hemoccult slides are being processed daily through the Emergency Department nursing personnel at Davis Community Hospital.

"Don't be embarrassed to death"...participate today in the simple test that could save your life. The advantages of taking the Hemoccult Test are too great to be missed.

Mr. Jim Cline, Director of Human Resources reported on April 18, 1983, a total of 4,705 Hemoccult slides have been distributed with a return of 897 slides and 13 of these have been positive for occult blood.



Dorothy Raiford, R.N., H.N., and Linda Julian, R.N., from the Emergency Department, are show processing Hemoccult slides.

## Services Expanded

The field of oncology and chemotherapy is constantly undergoing new research and change in its goal to combat America's number one health problem - Cancer. Davis Community Hospital is participating in that change by offering an expanded service of administering intravenous chemotherapy by a professionally trained nurse.

Denita Holland, R.N., has completed the Chemotherapy Nurse Specialist Program at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine. The program was offered through North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, N.C., March 14th through March 25th.

The chemotherapy program was taught by Karen Hutcherson, R.N., B.S.N., and her staff of oncology nurses in the clinical and hospital areas. The program involved both class time and actual clinical practice administering chemotherapeutic agents. Different aspects of nursing were explored in the oncology field, such as the utilization of Hickman and Broviac catheters and the relatively new implantation of Infusaid pumps for chemotherapy.

Miss Holland will be working with Dr. Ruby Grimm, Oncologist, in administering the initial dose of intravenous chemotherapy to those hospitalized patients who require this type of treatment.

## National Medical Laboratory Week

April 10-16, 1983 was declared National Medical Laboratory Week, recognizing more than 250,000 individuals who provide vital health services to the public. The theme for this year's campaign was "The Laboratory Professional--Contributing to Quality Health Care."

Laboratory personnel from Davis Community, Iredell Memorial and Statesville Medical Group joined together in the local campaign to increase the public's awareness of the type of work they perform for the people in our community.

Professional clinical laboratory personnel include medical technologist, medical laboratory technicians, certified laboratory assistants, microbiologists, cytotechnologist, and histologist. They are educated and experienced individuals who conduct a wide range of laboratory tests essential to the detection, diagnosis, treatment and study of disease. They are employed in hospitals, independent labs, clinics, research centers, universities and doctor's offices.

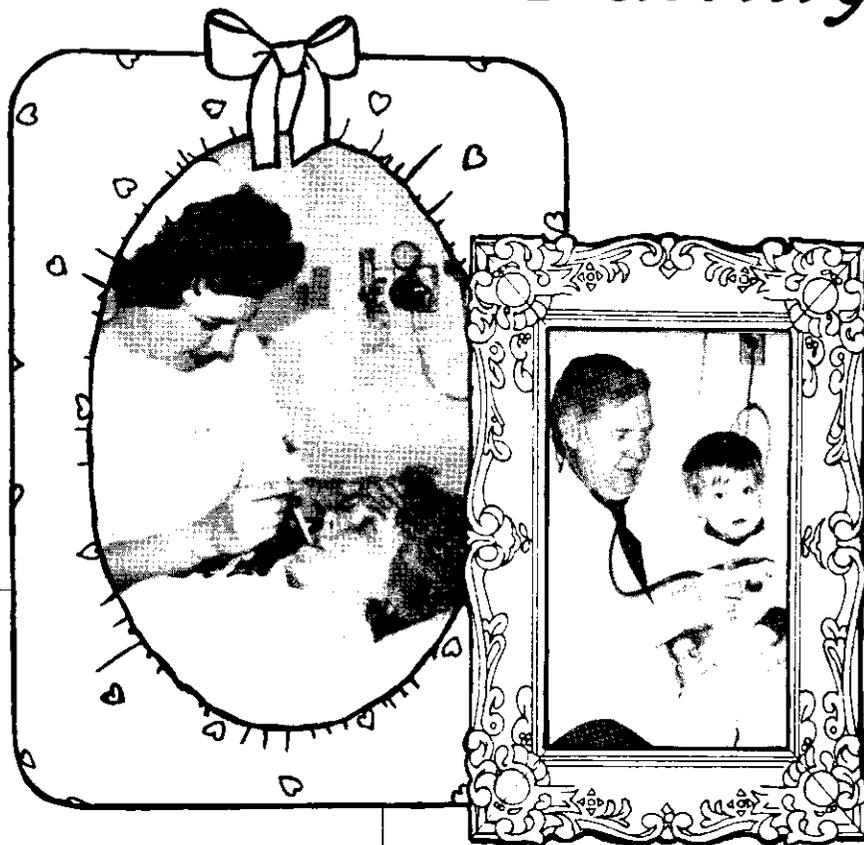
# We Treat You Like Family

## National Hospital Week

May 8 - 14, 1983

Davis Community Hospital joins with hospitals all across the country in celebrating National Hospital Week, May 8-14. This special observance is built around the theme slogan "We Treat You Like Family." The 1983 theme certainly fits Davis Community Hospital because we do think of the community as an extension of our hospital family. Community residents can count on us for that personal touch as we continue progress in both prevention and treatment of illness and disease.

One of our recent patients wrote the following:



HOME 468-4915  
CHURCH 468-4814

### Flat Rock Baptist Church

ROUTE 2, BOX 62  
HAMPTONVILLE, N. C. 27020

March 14, 1983

The Office of Director of Nursing  
Davis Hospital  
Statesville, N.C. 28677

Dear Madam:

Recently, I had to be hospitalized at Davis Hospital under the care of Dr. Fred Marks. I just wanted to take this opportunity to say that I am very appreciative of the care and attention I received as a patient. The Staff on the Medical Hall were extremely professional and yet came across with a personality of warmth and care for their patients. I have nothing but the highest praise for the excellent staff that attended me.

I have never been hospitalized in Statesville before. As a pastor I have visited the hospitals often but since my experience as a patient, I have gained a new respect and feeling for Davis Hospital. I thank you again for developing such a staff.

I have worked as a chaplain at N.C. Baptist Hospital and have paid my way through college and graduate school by working as a Male Patient Assistant and Emergency Room Technician. I feel because of these experiences that I should express my appreciation as it is not from one who has not experienced first hand the demands and stress that being on staff may bring. I commend your staff and ask that you might see that the enclosed note is posted in their Report Room. I only wish that I could remember each of their names - so I could thank each of them personally. I feel that my illness somewhat dulled my memory and apologize for that but I shall assure you that I will forget not their faces, kindnesses, and caring professionalism.

Gratefully Yours,

*David B. Witt*  
David B. Witt, Pastor  
Flat Rock Baptist Church  
Hamptonville, N.C.

Saying we care means nothing unless we show that we do. The individual personal endeavors of our hospital family demonstrate that we not only care for people in our community but also care about them.

We are proud of our hospital family and the way they work together in caring for our patients.

### Employee Recognition

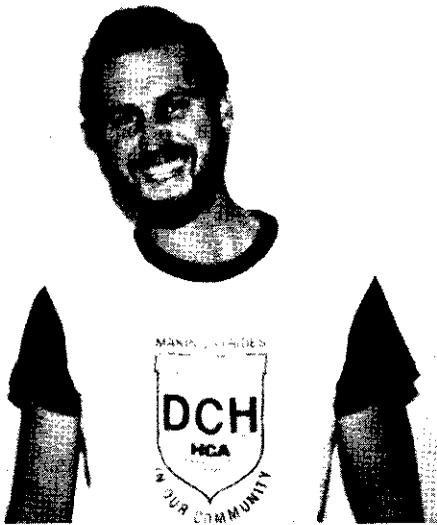
Debbie Gallagher was honored as the Nuclear Medicine Technologist of the Quarter in North Carolina for Spring 1983. She was presented an engraved silver Jefferson's cup by the president of the North Carolina Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists at the Spring meeting held in Chapel Hill on April 23.

The Technologist of the Quarter Award is given to the technologist who is felt by his/her co-workers to be outstanding in all aspects of the profession. Letters of recommendation for the award are sent to the society's educational coordinator where the selection is made.

Debbie is the second technologist in North Carolina to receive this honor. Congratulations, Debbie!



Gayle Chapman raised \$465.75



Tim Stevenson raised \$310.00



Anita Riddle raised \$205.00



**TEAM OF 54**

**DAVIS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL WALKERS TOOK THE CHALLENGE . . .**

Fifty-four individuals representing Davis Community Hospital assembled at Lakewood Park, Saturday, March 26, for the ninth annual 20 kilometer March of Dimes Walk America.

Painters caps lettered with "March of Dimes Walk America" were presented to all participants as they registered, which were to be worn for identification purposes throughout the walk.

The Davis Community Hospital team was clearly identified by the blue and white T-shirts bearing the hospital's name.

The walkers ranged from age three to fifty plus. Everyone had a good time although there were a lot of blisters and sore muscles.

Our team raised \$1,718.62 for the March of Dimes. The top three employees raising the most money were Gayle Chapman, Tim Stevenson and Anita Riddle.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I am very happy to report that the 9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship Services at Davis Community Hospital are giving comfort and personal support to a good number of patients and hospital personnel. Each Sunday a different member for the Statesville Ministerial Association brings an appropriate message. They are assisted by musicians, both vocal and instrumental, from the McDowell Music Club.

If you have attended you know already the inspiration and high quality of hope that is experienced Sunday by Sunday. If you have not been with us we invite you to increase your faith and add a new dimension of confidence to your personal life by worshipping with us.

Occasionally the hospital chaplain and other members of hospital personnel are in charge of the service.

One of the very special joys we have all experienced is the faithfulness of Miss

Lillie Norkett, who through the years has contributed so much to the Sunday Worship Services and continues to do so. She is there each Sunday, not only greeting visiting ministers and musicians, but making certain that the services run smoothly by attending to many details. Our deepest love and appreciation is extended to her for her loving support in this hospital ministry.

Thank you, staff members and volunteers who encourage patients to attend worship and who transport them to and from the services.

I want to personally thank those who assisted in the Good Friday Communion Service - the chorus members who faithfully rehearsed for several weeks and sang so beautifully, those who made the lobby ready for the service. Your willing participation added meaning to all of us at this very special season.

*Phyllis Barker, Chaplain*

### Forty-Five Employees Honored for 610 Years of Service

The fourth annual service awards reception was held in the hospital dining room on March 2, 1983. Mr. Steven Blaine, Administrator, presented awards to forty-five employees for a total of 610 years of service.

Manetta Reid was presented a pin in recognition of thirty-five years of service and Sadie Marlin, John Patterson, Eva Privette, and Elizabeth Ruple each were recognized with a pin for thirty years service.

Pins for twenty-five years were presented to Nella Osborne and Ella Sides. Regis Barnhardt, Lois Clodfelter, Zelma Kilby, Viola Robertson, Audrey Shoemaker, Inez Tomlin, Nan Weatherman, and Linda Ziglar were presented pins for twenty years of service.

Employees recognized with pins for fifteen years of service were Gayle Chapman, Gloria Martin, Ruby Murph, and Shirley Sherrill.

Mr. Blaine presented certificates for ten years of service to Grace Barnard, Martha Bell, Elizabeth Blackwelder, Billy Blakley, Barbara Brown, Sarah Foster, Maxine Middlesworth, Merlene Ogburn, Diane Pemberton, Emma Phillips, and Dorothy Raiford.

Carolyn Byers, Dorothy Hartline, Denita Holland, Robin Howell, Phyllis Johnson, Rachel Lambert, Judy Patterson, Lois Ann Patton, Wayne Sloan, Rufus Speller, Mildred Summers, Rita Vanhoy, Kokeeta Waddell, Doris Weaver, and Garry Weddington each received certificates for five years of service.

### Disaster Course

The Davis Hospital School of Nursing and the Iredell County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor an American Red Cross Disaster Course on May 9 and 16, 1983 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the large classroom of the School of Nursing.

This course will be taught by Laurie Wellshire, R.N., Nurse Specialist and Disaster Field Nurse of the Carolinas Division of the American Red Cross in Charlotte, N.C., and Toma Sue Clark, R.N., Nurse Volunteer and Disaster Nurse of the Northwest North Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross in Winston-Salem.

Members of the Disaster Teams of Davis Community Hospital and Iredell Memorial Hospital, Iredell County Red Cross Volunteer Nurses, and faculty of the Davis Hospital School of Nursing are invited to join the senior nursing students for this disaster course.



*Mrs. Bob Stevenson, President of the Medical Auxiliary, presents red carnation to Dr. James Madison on "Doctor's Day."*

### Doctors Honored

The Iredell County Medical Auxiliary, in conjunction with each hospital in the county, hosted the annual "Doctor's Day" observance March 30, 1983.

This annual event is held to recognize the many physicians throughout the country who are concerned with the well-being of people from all walks of life.

Mrs. Bob Stevenson and Mrs. Ralph Bentley, auxiliary members, served as hostesses at Davis Community Hospital. Each physician was presented a red carnation as a symbol of recognition on his special day. Coffee and Danish were served throughout the morning in the Conference room.

### Virginia Plan

Personnel from Obstetrics, Pediatrics, Respiratory Therapy, Emergency Room, and supervisors, as well as Obstetricians and Pediatricians are participating in a program entitled "Perinatal Continuing Education" or the "Virginia Plan."

The key to today's perinatal care is anticipation, investigation of problems, and action. This program includes information and skills required to anticipate problems and take appropriate action to decrease perinatal mortality and morbidity.

A team of coordinators consisting of a Pediatrician, Dr. Durham Lewis, a Respiratory Therapist, Bill Blakley, and two nurses, Shirley Campbell and Earline Hughes, recently attended a two week session at North Carolina Baptist Hospital to review and obtain new information and skills. These coordinators are available to help others taking the course which is a self-teaching program. This program is sponsored by the March of Dimes.

## ON THE SPORTS SCENE

### Ladies' Softball

Ladies at Davis Community Hospital have turned out with enthusiasm for the 1983 softball season. Although the rainy, cold weather has made practicing difficult, the spirits are high.

A variety of the hospital areas are represented on this year's team. The Business Office (Patient Accounting, Insurance, and Data Processing) has turned out in full force with Donna and Debbie Dillard, Marilyn Speaks, and Carolyn Byers. Diane England from the EENT Clinic is a member of the team along with her daughter Donna and Donna's friends Jan Harris and Leslie Wise. The Laboratory is represented by Diane Hope and Cynthia Franke. Other team members are Evelyn Childress, Radiology; Anita Potts, School of Nursing; Mildred Summers, Environmental Services; Debbie Gallagher, Nuclear Medicine; Sharon Scruggs, Iredell Memorial Hospital; and Jill Howard, Iredell Head, Neck and Ear Surgeons.

The team is coached this year by Dr. Mike Scruggs and Mr. Doug Cranford. These two gentlemen have donated an endless amount of energy and time to the ladies' team. They are already greatly appreciated even when they shout, "Two laps around the track!"

The softball games will begin sometime after May 10. A schedule will be posted on the bulletin board of game times and locations. The lassies request your attendance and support at their games this season.

### Men's Softball

The men's softball team is gearing up for a run at the Statesville Recreation Department's Industrial League title. The past two years our team has finished in the top half of the division. This year's team, under the direction of Dr. Robert Stevenson, is ready to challenge any team in the league for the top spot.

The 1983 Davis Community Hospital team includes the following members: Bennie Bustle, Garry Weddington, Jerry Morton, Tommy Guy, Bob Farmer, Joel Inman, Brent Bustle, Fred Mitchell, Archie Guy, Ken Guthrie, John Franke, Billy Blakley, Steve Blaine, Chuck Stevenson, Bill Thompson, Tim Stevenson and Bill Barker.

The regular season will get underway the last week of April. A game schedule will be posted by the time clock. The team invites you to come out and support them throughout the season.



(Seated L to R) Betty Hinson, R.N., Thelma Tolbert, R.N., Mazie Mahaffey, R.N., Elizabeth Bostic, Environmental Services; (Standing L to R) Becky Pettit, R.N., Deborah Miller, R.N., Fred Mitchell, M.T., Phyllis Barker, Chaplain, Malinda Davidson, R.N., and Susie Shook, R.N.

### Hospital Staff Members Complete Course

Ten members of our hospital staff recently received certificates for completing an eighteen hour course entitled "Motivational Dynamics." The course, designed to sharpen managerial skills of managers, was led by Mrs. Joyce Keever, Staff Development Coordinator in cooperation with the Northwest AHEC Learning Resource Center.

### GRADUATION

Graduation for the Class of 1983 of the School of Nursing will be held May 20, 1983, at 8:00 p.m. at Front Street Baptist Church, Statesville, N.C. Fourteen seniors will receive diplomas. Dr. Margaret Willhide will give the graduation address.

## People In The News

DEBBIE TROUTMAN, P.A., made a generous donation to the Home Safe! Child Safety Seat Program on her last day of employment at Davis Community Hospital. Debbie's donation will enable the hospital to purchase two infant car seats and to receive two matching seats from the Governor's Highway Safety Program.

TOM FENDER, M.T. and SUE TOMLIN, M.L.T., attended a Hemostasis Workshop in Hickory, N.C. on February 23, 1983.

The Blood Bank Workshop held at Forsythe Memorial Hospital in Winston-Salem, N.C. on March 2, 1983, was attended by DIANE HOPE, M.T., Laboratory Supervisor, and TOM FENDER, M.T.

DEBORAH MILLER, R.N. and LINDA BYERS, R.N., attended a workshop on "Update on Adult Diabetes" in Boone, N.C. on March 1st and 2nd.

## Scoops

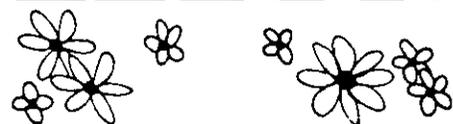
JOETTA CHAPMAN, R.N., E-III will be married to Danny Galligher on April 30, 1983.

According to the grapevine, JOAN GODFREY, Pathology Secretary, has found an unusual way to dry her laundry.

CATHY JENKINS, W.C., E-III, and Ronald Dison plan to be married on June 5, 1983.

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