

A few years ago Kay Jones, Gayle Thornton, and Judy Daughtry became exactly what I thought they would - mothers. They are happily married and each has two children.

Grover Wiggs and Shady Pridgen run a new funeral home here in Smithfield. Their motto is "An undertaker is a man's best friend. He's the last one in the world to let you down." Their layaway plan is out of this world!

There is also a new supermarket in town. "The fabulous Five Food Store. Proprietors Larry Stanley, whose an old hand at the business, Mark Blackman, Percy Stewart, Eddie Capps, and Jimmy Casey say their store has every variety in the world. But Leonard Stallings tells me that when he went in the other day and ordered pickled possum not one of the five knew what he was talking about.

Vivian Creech is now the South's leading hair stylist. Her "Curls by Creech" hairstyling book is a best seller. Customers Sandra West, Linda Sue Jones, Ann Hobgood, Kaye Massey, Linda Peedin, and Glenda Morgan, all Broadway dancers, just rave about Vivian's ability. They say even in the most strenuous of dances their hair stays in place. Pretty good recommendation, eh? By the way, these girls are in the Broadway hit, "My Fickle Love", starring Andrea Lee and Ralph Morgan.

Billy Gene Johnson and his wife Judy Whitley Johnson have taken the reins at S.H.S. from the Glenns. Billy Gene is now principal and Judy is the senior English teacher.

Mary Mercer and Geanie Upchurch, both career women, will give up their careers this summer to be married. Mary, a fashion model, finally got her "Hooks" on a man and she's not letting go. Geanie, an executive in the Revlon Company, says she's always wanted a house full of little children.

Tony Stanley, Woody Stephenson, and Eric Brown are all bachelors about town. So far they have managed to elude the grasp of any female.

Linda Murphy has joined Ringling Bros. Circus. She is the "Fat Lady".

Darnell Penny and Joan Cooke are teaching at the dear old Smithfield High School.

They think Billy Gene makes a dandy principal.

Barbara Hudson is librarian at the library of Congress. Franklin Howell, famous cartoonist, is employed by the President of the U. S. A., Henry Cabot Lodge, to draw political cartoons.

Fred Coates, leading jockey in this country, has won the Kentucky Derby three years in a row. He hopes to win again next year to tie former jockey Billy Hartack's record.

Gary Stevens, world renowned veterinarian, came home for a visit the week of the reunion. He has treated dogs of many celebrities, including Liz Taylor's Pekinese and former President Johnson's Beagles.

Have you seen the TV show, "Keep Talking"? I just didn't believe it when I saw the panel --- Billy Gurley, Charles Moon, N. E. Mitchell, Donald Hall, and Jimmy Putnam! It's a pretty good show. But emcee Mac Jones says NBC is going to have to cancel their contracts - viewers think something is wrong with the audio in their sets. They just sit -- no talk!

Cheryl Kistler, basketball star, is now the captain of the first women's professional basketball team. Lindsay Park gave up her marriage to Dr. Jay Wellons to play on the team.

Do you remember Sylvia Lassiter? She is working for the IBM Company. Recently her employees decided to use Sylvia's brain instead of the computer. Her brain is much more efficient and is certainly housed in a prettier case.

Carolyn Lewis is touring the country, giving piano recitals. Thad Hardee is accompanying her. Thad is quite a musician himself and many think he will take the place of the now retired Van Cliburn.

Emma Alice Avera is a fashion consultant for Macy's in New York City. She always did have good taste.

Connie Sue Baker and her husband are living in Selma. Even in her youth, she had an aversion for Selma.

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