

Vardell Neal To Be Honored

Vardell L. Neal of the Kings Mountain branch office of Liberty Life Insurance Company will be among the 17 representatives honored at the company's regional sales conference being held January 27.

Mr. Neal will be presented with a gift and a service emblem for 20 years with the company as an agent.

Francis M. Hipp, president and chairman of the board of Liberty Life, will make the principal speech at the banquet at the White House Inn. Approximately 270 representatives from 19 branch offices in the Charlotte area will attend the conference, which includes an afternoon business meeting for managers and staff members.

Attending are representatives from Albemarle, Asheboro, Burlington, Charlotte-East, Charlotte-West, Concord, Forest City, Gaffney, Gastonia, Greensboro, Hickory, High Point, Kings Mountain, Monroe, Morganton, Rock Hill, Salisbury, Shelby and Statesville.

School Gets Dimes Gift

The school for the handicapped in Shelby Tuesday received a check in the amount of \$250 from the Cleveland County Chapter of the March of Dimes.

The check was presented to Mrs. Robert Burns, director of the school, by Charles Harry, III, and Boyce J. Hanna, fund drive chairman for this year's drive. The check was presented at the Hunter School where classes are held for the handicapped children.

Mr. Hanna said it was important that citizens are aware of the work being done for handicapped children here in Cleveland County, and it is also significant that a part of the funds collected each year in the drive, is used here in our own area.

This year's March of Dimes Fund Drive will be climaxed by the Mother's March which will be held between now and the end of the month. The American Legion members collected donations in downtown Shelby last Saturday, with collections show-

Wright Wins Army Medal

U. S. ARMY, VIETNAM (AHTNC) — Specialist Five James H. Wright, 21, son of Beck H. Wright, Grover, N. C., recently received the Army Commendation Medal while serving with the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in Vietnam.

He earned the award for meritorious service as a gunner in Battery B, 2nd Battalion of the division's 19th Artillery.

The Army Commendation Medal is awarded to personnel who while serving with the Army distinguish themselves by heroism, meritorious achievement or meritorious service. The medal was established by the Secretary of War on December 18, 1945.

Speeding is involved in more than one-third of all fatal automobile accidents in North Carolina.

ing just over one hundred dollars. The tentative goal for this year's fund drive was set at \$7,000.



COMPLETES SCHOOL — Army Pvt. Ned E. Bridges recently completed eight weeks of missile school in Fort Bliss, Texas and is now serving with 8th Bn., 60th Arty. Division, Grafenwoer, Germany. Pvt. Bridges' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bridges and wife, Wanda, reside at 1107 Gold St. Ext., Kings Mountain.

World Of Karate

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opments abroad are well worth pondering. A strong youth program in any country is, of itself, going to foster a strong growth in the arts in any country. Youngsters take up the arts earlier and stay with them longer. And, of great importance, in starting early they build up greater proficiency in their art, thus raising the general levels of skill.

This is the sort of general approach to the arts that everyone, it seems, could agree on. Yet, sadly, there just is no well thought-out and directed youth program in this country. Oh, certainly, every major figure in the martial arts and sports solemnly unburies himself from time to time to say that he is in favor of more young people taking up the arts.

But that's generally the end of it. No action is taken. No plans are drawn. No organization is

set in motion. The same old inertia sets in, and almost everyone goes on about his business as before. The result is a colossal failure in this country, at least until quite recently, of any major program to introduce the arts into the schools. And yet there is not the slightest doubt that a great number of the nation's grade school and high school students would grasp at the chance to take up one of the arts.

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Entire Stock Men's SUITS Were \$49.99 to \$95.00 **\$35.88 to \$72.88**

All Men's Felt HATS **1/3 OFF**

Men's Famous Brand SWEATERS **1/3 OFF**

Group Boys SUITS, SPORT COATS **1/2 Price**

Men's Up To \$13.99 LOAFERS **\$5.88**

All Boys' SWEATERS **1/2 Price**

All Men's Up To \$6.99 SPORT SHIRTS **\$3.99 to \$4.99**

One Group Ladies' ROBES, HOUSE COATS **1/3 OFF**

Entire Stock Boys' Long-Sleeve SPORT & KNIT SHIRTS **1.44 - 2.99**

Entire Stock Men's Long-Sleeve KNIT SHIRTS Were \$6 to \$9 **\$3.99 to \$5.99**

Nylon-Rayon Were \$5.99 THERMAL BLANKETS **\$4.44**

All Men's Winter SPORT COATS Were \$23.99 to \$54.99 **\$16.88 to \$39.99**

Entire Stock Ladies' BLOUSES **1/3 OFF**

Group Men's \$6.98 Value WESTERN JEANS **\$3**

Entire Stock Men's LINED JACKETS **20% OFF**

All Boys' Lined JACKETS **20% OFF**

Ladies' Seamless Mesh HOSE **3 pr. \$1**

Boys' Fleece-Lined Hooded SWEAT SHIRTS **\$1**

Nylon-Rayon Blend \$4.99 Value BLANKETS **\$3.44**

Boys' Zip-Turtleneck VELOUR SHIRTS **\$1.77**

Men's Zip Turtleneck (s-m-l-xl) VELOUR SHIRTS **\$2**

Entire Stock Men's
DRESS PANTS
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\$4.44 to \$12.44

PIECE GOODS
 KNITS — DACRON & WOOLS —
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PLONK'S
 Your BANKAMERICARD welcome here

Baptist Set Layman's Day

Layman's Day will be observed Sunday at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Marion Dixon is chairman of the committee on program arrangements for the day. At the 11 o'clock morning hour Mr. Dixon, J. C. Bridges, Bob Hullender, Dr. D. F. Hord, Reg Weaver and Willie Williams will lead the service.

At the evening service the Rev. James Wilder, pastor, will use the sermon topic, "God's Message of Comfort and Assurance."

A & P Tea Decentralizes

NEW YORK — The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Inc. has announced a major decentralization move effective when the nation's largest food retailer begins its new fiscal year February 14.

Melvin W. Alldredge, chairman and chief executive officer, said "the new organization structure is designed to facilitate decision-making by local management and to provide more flexibility in operating store groups averaging more than \$150 million a year in sales."

A & P is delegating operating authority for its 4723 stores to 33 autonomous Divisions in the United States. Canada will continue to operate as a subsidiary company, The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Limited. U. S. Divisions will be grouped into four regions — Eastern, Central, Southern and Western.

"In today's fast-moving, keenly competitive business of food retailing," Mr. Alldredge said, "it is important that the men responsible for buying, distributing and selling, and the operations of our stores, be in position to move quickly in response to the needs of their local markets."

The 33 new U. S. Divisions each will be headed by a general manager, who also will be a regional vice president.

Present division presidents, who also are corporate vice presidents, will continue as company officers at New York Headquarters and will have liaison responsibilities for regional areas. They will have offices in New York and also maintain offices in the respective regions.

Increased flexibility at the new divisional level is expected to expedite operating decisions and administrative procedures by establishing direct communication between Headquarters and the selling divisions, Mr. Alldredge said.

The decentralized structure is consistent with the faster-paced, more streamlined approach to the business reflected in policy, personnel and other changes that have occurred since last June when the present executive management team was installed.

J. H. Cornelius is vice-president in charge of the Charlotte, N. C., division.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

HOME

SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

OF KINGS MOUNTAIN, N. C., AS OF DECEMBER 31st, 1968

(Copy of sworn statement submitted to the commissioner of insurance as required by law.)

ASSETS

THE ASSOCIATION OWNS:	
Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 355,314
State of North Carolina and U. S. Government Bonds	\$ 440,242
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank	71,500
Mortgage Loans	\$ 9,284,892
Money loaned to shareholders for the purpose of enabling them to own their homes. Each loan secured by first mortgage on local improved real estate.	
Share Loans	\$ 211,251
Advances made to our shareholders against their shares.	
Office Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 23,702
Office Building	\$ 97,234
Other Assets	\$ 132,752
TOTAL	\$10,616,887

LIABILITIES

THE ASSOCIATION OWES:	
To Shareholders	
Funds entrusted to our care in the form of payment on shares as follows:	
Full-Paid Shares	\$3,509,300
Optional Shares	\$6,032,724
Other Shares	\$ 9,542,024
)Notes Payable, Federal Home Loan Bank	\$ NONE
)Notes Payable, Other	\$ NONE
Money borrowed for use in making loans to members. Each note approved by at least two-thirds of entire Board of Directors as required by law.	
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,991
Loans in Process	\$ 288,866
Undivided Profits	\$ 54,633
Reserve for Uncollected Interest	\$ 1,700
Federal Insurance Reserve (If Insured)	\$ 423,436
Reserve for Bad Debts	\$ 289,701
To be used for the payment of any losses, if substantiated. This reserve increases the safety and strength of the Association.	
Other Liabilities	\$ 14,536
TOTAL	\$10,616,887

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CLEVELAND ss.

Thomas A. Tate, Secretary-Treasurer of the above named Association personally appeared before me this day, and being duly sworn, says that the foregoing statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

THOMAS A. TATE,
Secretary-Treasurer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 21st day of January, 1969,
EMILY A. HERNDON,
Notary Public
My Commission Expires Jan. 26, 1970.

1-15-63-1M

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