

**Golorth Aboard USS Conyngham**  
 (FHTNC) Jan. 23—Navy Chief Petty Officer George T. Golorth, husband of the former Miss Mildred R. Falls of Route 3, Kings Mountain, N. C., is serving aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Conyngham on a three-month cruise in the Caribbean. While in the Caribbean, he will

take part in operation "Springboard 70," a yearly training exercise. The Conyngham is homeported in Norfolk, Va. Actual 16-inch gunfire, taped by the U. S. Navy, is used as sound effects during performances of the sound-and-light spectacular "The Immortal Showboat" which is shown at the USS North Carolina Battleship Memorial on summer nights.

**Mrs. Mauney's Rites Conducted**

Mrs. Lois Moody Mauney, 60, of route two, Bessemer City, was killed Friday morning in Bessemer City about 7 a.m. when the car she was driving was struck by a train. Funeral rites were held Sunday at 3 p.m. from Hephzibah Presbyterian church with the Rev. H. H. Culler and the Rev. George Heaton officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Mrs. Mauney was the daughter of the late John and Youphie Simpson Moody. Surviving are her husband, Hunter E. Mauney; two sons, Hunter Mauney, Jr. of the home and Kenneth Mauney of route 2, Bessemer City; three daughters, Mrs. Ray Smith of Georgia, Mrs. Robert T. Morris of Spartanburg, S. C., and Miss Shirley R. Mauney of the home; two brothers, Locker R. Moody of Cramerton and Bruce Moody of Washington; one sister, Mrs. Mamie Forsythe of route 1, Bessemer City; and 14 grandchildren.

**J. A. McNeely's Rites Conducted**

Final rites for Jonas Anzi McNeely, 52, of route 1, were held Sunday at 4 p.m. from Chestnut Ridge Baptist church of which he was a member. Mr. McNeely died at 5:45 a.m. Friday in the Kings Mountain hospital. He was a native of Cleveland County and was employed by Seth Lumber Company. Surviving are his wife, Mary E. McCraw McNeely; his mother, Mrs. Sam McNeely of Greensboro; one son, Donald McNeely of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Mrs. Larry Williams and Mrs. Isaac Bell, both of Kings Mountain; two brothers, Pink and Lem McNeely, both of Greensboro; five sisters, Mrs. Howard Hamrick and Mrs. Pat Webb, both of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Lee Fitch of Shelby, Miss Ruth McNeely of Greenville, S. C. and Miss Cordie Lee McNeely of Greensboro and four grandchildren. Rev. Mitchell Pruitt, Rev. Russell Hinton and Rev. George Leigh officiated at the final rites.

"N.I.B.K." is the message spelled out by the four signal flags which fly from the yardarm aboard the USS North Carolina Battleship Memorial at Wilmington, the flags designating the ship's identification in universal maritime language.

**Fite Rites Are Conducted**

Funeral rites for Richard Earl Fite, 59, were held Sunday at 2 p.m. from Chestnut Ridge Baptist church of which he was a member. Rev. Mitchell Pruitt and Rev. George Pentuck officiated at the final rites, and interment was in the church cemetery. Mr. Fite died Friday night in the Kings Mountain hospital. He was the son of the late Arthur and Claudia M. Fite. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Jessie Elizabeth Bridges Fite; his stepmother, Mrs. Gall Fite, of Forest City four sons, Edward Fite of Bessemer City and David Fite of the home, one daughter, Mrs. Earlene Matheson of Kings Mountain; six brothers, Lee Fite of Blacksburg, S. C., Lewis Fite of Chesnee, S. C., Raymond Fite of Chester, S. C., Virgil and Lloyd Fite, both of Kings Mountain and Tony Fite of Forest City; three sisters, Mrs. Clara Bivens of Cherryville, Mrs. Helen Peterson of Clover, S. C. and Mrs. Hazel Sheppard of Forest City.

**NHS Inducts 12 Students**

Twelve students received the highest scholastic achievement given at Kings Mountain High School Friday when they were formally initiated into the National Honor Society. The new inductees are: Marty Frederick, Mike Blanton, Lynn Harmon, Diane Houser, Chuck Hoyle, Pam Lee, Roger Smith, Beth Wright, Debbie Brown, Doug Roseborough, Kay Ware, and Nancy Dowder. Highlights of the program were guest speaker Rev. James R. Neal, who spoke to the student body about the role youth play in the world; and N.H.S. member Suzanne Amos who sang "Climb Every Mountain." Miss Amos was accompanied by pianist Andrea Huffstetter. Rev. Neal was educated at Eastern Tennessee University. He is pastor of Trinity Episcopal church and has one son.

**Dover Infant's Rites Conducted**

Graveside services for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Dover of route 1, Grover, were conducted Friday at 4 p.m. from Pleasant Hill Baptist church cemetery. Rev. Charles Probst officiated.

Survivors include the parents; the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Ben Dover of Grover; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Allen of Lincolnton; and one sister, Sandy Dover, of the home.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting of the Kings Mountain Business Development Corporation will be held in the office of the Home Savings and Loan Association at 106 East Mountain Street, Kings Mountain, North Carolina at 10:00 A. M. on Tuesday, February 17, 1970. Thomas A. Tate Secretary

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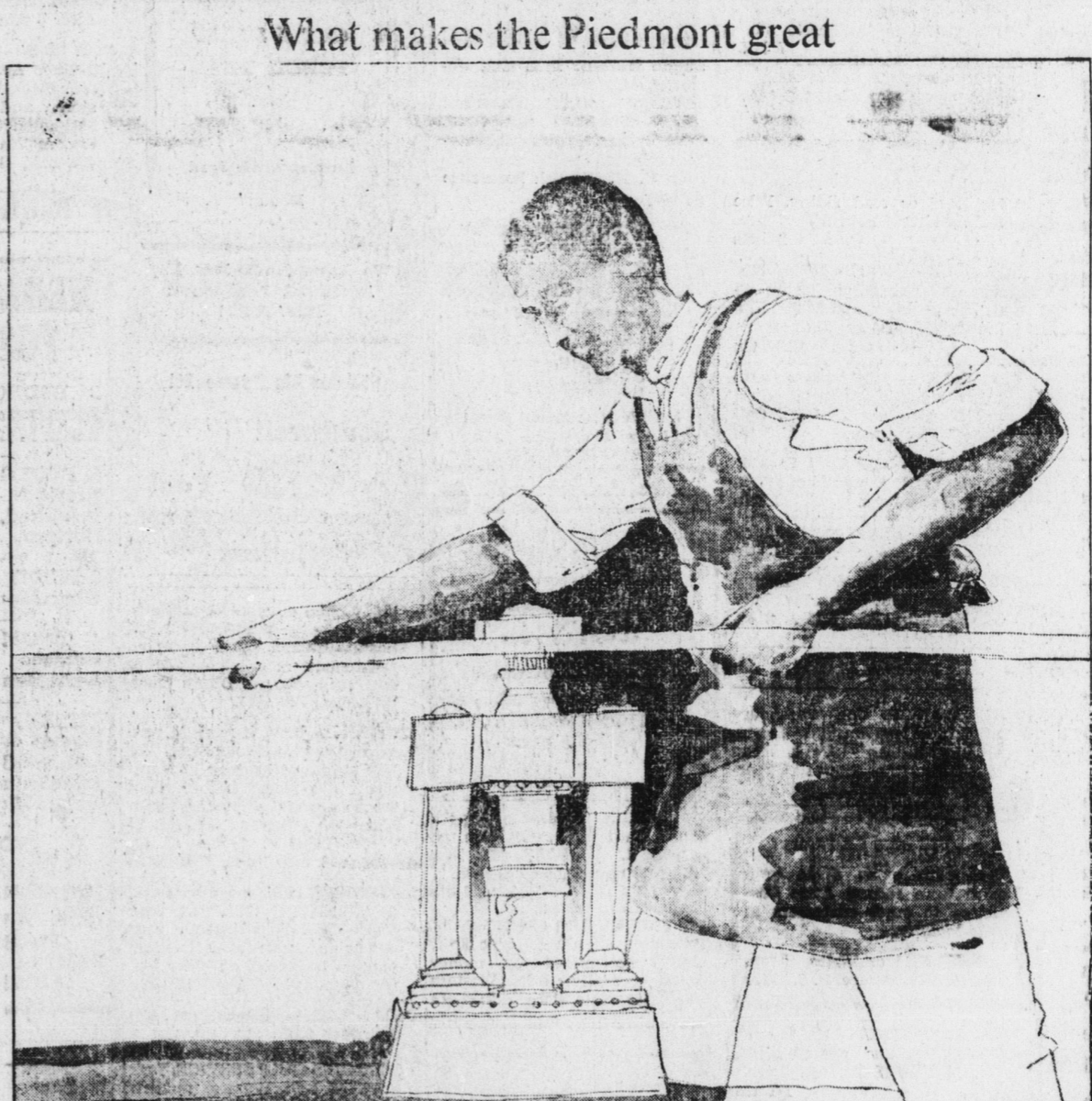
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