

Little Red Caboose Cost Lynch A Penny A Pound.....

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If Kings Mountain realtor Haywood E. Lynch had his way the old Leathers Depot would be a booming business again and the city's "hey-day" with the train would be resumed.

Mr. Lynch, Ex-publisher of The Kings Mountain Herald and the only living publisher of the newspaper which has since been sold and merged as The Mirror-Herald, has always carried on a love affair with the train.

His father, the late Captain M. J. Lynch, was a railroad man for 35 years and Haywood's first visit to Kings Mountain from Goldsboro was by train as a young man of 24, when he decided to quit the advertising business at Goldsboro News-Argus and publish his own paper, a dream he had since age 12 when he started delivering papers in Eastern North Carolina.

Mr. Lynch, 67, is giving some of Kings Mountain's history back to her with the presentation to the city of a vintage red caboose he bought on Dec. 22, 1976, from Southern Railway System, Washington, D. C., for the historical museum at the Old Depot.

The 100,000 pound retired Northern-Southern bay-window-type red metal caboose cost four cents per pound, \$4,000, and is being renovated by Mr. Lynch at cost of about \$3,000 before formal presentation to the city and dedication rites at which Mr. Lynch will hang a plaque bearing the names of 20 local employees of Southern Railroad during its long history in Kings Mountain while formally presenting the caboose appropriately inscribed Kings Mountain No. 366 on the side track at the station.

The caboose was rebuilt and reconditioned in 1973 and is "in quite good running condition," said Mr. Lynch, who was pleased that it is, coincidentally, a Northern-Southern model. His late father was conductor for Northern-Southern for 35 years.

Workmen are sandblasting and painting the outside fire engine red and imprinting in gold the number and town name. Painting is also underway in the interior of the caboose which boasts a newly-painted heater and comfortable seats where Lynch envisions that kids of the community will enjoy holding birthday parties and other events, or just visiting.

Mr. Lynch got the idea after the city acquired the old depot to purchase the caboose because he admits "I like trains and Kings Mountain and decided to put the two together." He contacted Mayor John Henry Moss, who was elated at the news, and then wrote William F. Geeslin, Assistant Vice President of Southern Railway System, Washington, D. C., expressing his desire to buy a caboose as a means of "doing something in a tangible way to show appreciation to the Kings Mountain employees of the railroad and for the really great contribution Southern Railway has made to the growth and prosperity of the entire community over the years."

It wasn't long until the caboose arrived, delivered free of charge by Southern Railway, and Mr. Lynch happily presented his check in the amount of \$4,000.

The plaque will be inscribed "presented to the City of Kings Mountain by Haywood E. Lynch in memory of his father, Capt. M. J. Lynch, railway conductor of 35 years and in honor and memory of the following Kings Mountain

citizens who were employees of the Southern Railway System: Cline Barber, clerk, Leo L. Benson, station agent, W. L. Fortune, section foreman, J. E. Herndon, former mayor and claims adjuster, Capt. Henry Jones, conductor, Mrs. Jean Ware LeGrand, hostess, George Modena, station agent, Mrs. Thelma Watkins Moorhead, station agent and operator, W. Manly Moorhead, clerk, Capt. Henry Moss, conductor, Capt. O. C. O'Farrell, conductor, Capt. B. M. Ormand, conductor, Tom A. Pollock, clerk, Joe H. Thomson, former mayor and station agent, Y. F. Throneburg, pullman car conductor, A. U. Tindall, section foreman, J. E. Turner, station agent, Howard S. Ware, fireman, Leonard Ware, machine operator and Capt. E. Willeford, conductor.

Mr. Lynch recalls vividly many friends he had made during his train rides from Goldsboro to Kings Mountain and of the late Captain Henry Moss who kidded him when he moved from Goldsboro to Kings Mountain to become editor of the town weekly. The conductor was the first Kings Mountain citizen the young Mr. Lynch met on his initial visit here and recalled that Mr. Moss, like Mr. Lynch, found Kings Mountain to be "the best town along the railroad line."

The 26 or more books in Mr. Lynch's train collection at his home on Ridge St. and his office on S. Cherokee St. attest to his love for the railroad life. The books have come from his children and grandchildren about locomotives from this country, Germany, France and Japan. "It's really a small world," declares Mr. Lynch who has talked his railroad hobby with many visitors to his old newspaper office in downtown Kings Mountain.

Mr. Lynch said much of his in-



Haywood Lynch and his gift to the city

formation about some of Kings Mountain personnel on the railroad came from Thelma (Mrs. Manly) Moorhead, who along with her late husband gave a total of 63 years service to the railroad. Mr. Moorhead retiring in 1966 from the KM depot after a stroke and Mrs. Moorhead retiring 14 years later from the Grover depot as station agent and operator.

Mrs. Moorhead is probably one of Southern Railway's first women station agents and operators and credits much of her experience to the good training and record of her husband with the company. "I absorbed a lot from living with a railroadman," said Mrs. Moorhead of the late Mr. Moorhead. And, she admits, fondly, "if I ever had a rival for his affections it was Southern Railroad."

Mrs. Moorhead was accompanied by her husband to work for 14 years after he retired and some of those railroad days she says she'll never forget.

Sharing with Mr. Lynch some of her experiences, she recalled that in March of 1960 when snow came every Wednesday to the area, she and Mr. Moorhead were snowbound in the Cramerton depot for three days. Other snowy winters they caught a freight train from Kings Mountain to Grover where she worked at the Grover station.

Kings Mountain was worked in recent years by a mobile agent, J. E. Turner, who now works in Blacksburg, S. C. since closing of the Kings Mountain Depot several years ago.

Railroading is a fascinating business, according to the Kings Mountain people who have given many years of service in the profession.

And Haywood E. Lynch has lived some of those experiences by sharing stories about them and the railroad through the columns of his newspaper and from talking with friends and acquaintances.

He's got the welcome mat out to everyone to use the pretty red caboose at the Old Depot as a reminder of "the good old days of the railroad" in Kings Mountain.

Those of us who have never even taken a train ride will relish this opportunity, and although the trains don't stop here anymore for passengers, we can remember the good old days when they did.

Holly Likes Baking, Dancing And Selling Girl Scout Cookies

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For 10-year-old Holly Dellinger, fifth grader at West School, singing, cooking, her family and her Girl Scout activities are the loves of her life, and not necessarily in that order.

Holly is among 24 Girl Scouts in Troop 40 who have sold a record number of Girl Scout cookies - 1200 boxes - and are busy delivering them in this area this month. Over 10,000 boxes of the tasty goodies have been sold by the local Neighborhood, which includes Girl Scouts in Kings Mountain, Bessemer City and Grover areas, of which Mrs. Terry Leonard is chairman.

Not only does Holly enjoy peddling the cookies for Girl Scout proceeds, including recreation equipment, camps and camperships, but she enjoys trying out the recipes and serving them to her parents, Diana and Lewis Dellinger, and her seven-year-old brother, Lou.

The Dellingers are quick to admit that Holly bakes a delicious Red Velvet cake and Girl Scout cookies, Igloos and prepares a luscious breakfast for her family, much to their delight.

Holly has studied dancing for eight years at Jan's School of Dance and piano for three years. She loves to sing and just this weekend was among 17 young beauties participating in the Little Miss North Carolina pageant at Wilmington. Karen Penner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Penner and a student at Bethware School, was first runner-up in the competition which saw the crown go to a seven-year-old beauty from High Point, Misty Alane Owens.

Both Holly and Karen danced in the talent competition but Holly combined a variety song, dance and tap routine to "Everything's Coming Up Roses." Karen tapped to "Yakety Sack."

Although she enjoyed meeting new friends and participating in the contest, Holly said her biggest thrill was receiving an autograph from Senator Eugene McCarthy who promised a copy of his new book, "The Hard Years" when it comes off the press.

The competition was for young ladies six through 12. Mrs. D. E. Tate and Holly's mother accompanied her to Wilmington for the weekend.

Holly doesn't plan to stop with one contest, plans to enter the Rhododendron Festival and continue modeling for a national catalog of dance costumes.

Her mother and her Girl Scout leaders, Jane Talbert and Susan Goforth, have encouraged her to continue with her music. She is also active in First Baptist Church.

Holly also likes to serve pizzas to her friends but wants to share her favorite Girl Scout cookie recipe for "Igloos" which is easy-to-prepare and yummy.

IGLOOS

Cream 1 cup sugar
1 stick butter (melted)
Add to 1 (20 oz.) can crushed pineapple
1 cup chopped nuts
1 cup chopped dates or raisins
Make sandwich by putting above mixture between three Girl Scout shorties. Use one box of shorties. Let sandwiches stand at room temperature for at least eight hours.

Prior to serving, ice with dream whip (two envelopes mixed) and one small can angel flake coconut. Refrigerate.

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DATE AND NUT ROLL

Using Shorties
1 doz. Girl Scout cookies - broken but not too fine
1/2 cup chopped dates
14 marshmallows, cut up
1 cup chopped nuts
1/2 cup whipped cream

Combine the above - saving 1/2 cup crumbs. Mix well and roll up with 1/2 cup crumbs on the outside. Wrap in waxed paper and put in refrigerator at least five hours. Cut in slices and top with whipped cream.

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CHOCOLATE CREAM ICE BOX CAKE

1 cup heavy cream
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup instant sweet cocoa mix or 1/2 cup cocoa and 1/2 cup sugar
Dash of salt
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
12 Shorties

Whip cream mixed with cocoa and sugar, salt and vanilla, until thick. Spread some of the mixture on each cookie and put them together in stack or roll, placing it on a platter or refrigerator dish. Frost outside with remaining chocolate cream. Store in refrigerator eight hours or overnight, then cut in diagonal slices about one inch thick. For Mocha Roll, add 1 to 2 teaspoons instant coffee to the cream mixture. Serve with chocolate sauce. A good variation is to use plain sweetened whipped cream, and when ready to serve, add a sauce of sliced strawberries.

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MINT ICE CREAM

1 can condensed milk, sweet
1 pint cream, two jars
12-20 Mints - thoroughly chilled to make brittle Whip cream and add condensed milk slowly mixing well. Put Mints in a paper bag or between two sheets of heavy oil paper and roll to crumbs. Stir these into the cream and pour into the trays of electric refrigerator. When practically frozen, remove from refrigerator and stir once more.

AMY CARTER GIRL SCOUT COOKIE PEANUT PIE (Girl Scout Peanut Butter Cookies)

1 box Girl Scout Peanut Butter Cookies
1 stick melted margarine
1 cup finely chopped peanuts

Crush cookies fine, mix with melted margarine, chopped nuts. Press into 9" pie plate. Bake ten minutes, 350 degree oven. Cool.

Filling:
1 8 oz. cream cheese, soften

1 cup chunky style peanut butter
2 eggs
1/2 cup sugar

Cream together cream cheese, peanut butter. Add eggs one at a time, beat well after each. Add sugar little at a time.

Fold into cream cheese mixture, 1 cup whipped cream (or Cool Whip)

Place into peanut pie shell. Chill. Serves eight. (Optional - Before serving cover with whipped topping and 1 cup chopped peanuts sprinkled on top)

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COCONUT IGLOO'S (Girl Scout Shortbread Cookies)

1 stick margarine, softened
1 cup sugar
1 can (1 lb. 4 oz.) crushed pineapple, drained
1 box Girl Scout Shortbread Cookies

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