



**AN IMPORTANT ROLE** — Kim Cattrall, a young actress from Canada, has the important role of Anne Ware in "The Bastard," an Operation Prime Time TV film scheduled to air on WBTV May 25-26 from 9-11 p. m. The film is based on the first in a series of Bicentennial movies by John Jakes dealing with The Kent family.

## School Bands Concert Set Thursday May 25

Kings Mountain District Schools Bands will present the annual Spring Concert Thursday, May 25th, at 8 p. m. in B. N. Barnes Auditorium.

The program is under direction of Donald Deal and Christopher H. Cole.

Music will consist of marches, overtures, and popular numbers and the community is invited to attend. There is no admission charge.

## Class Of '48 Gather...

Thirtieth reunion of the Class of 1948 of Kings Mountain High School will be held on Sat., June 3, at 7:30 p. m. at Kings Mountain Motor Inn.

A total of 54 guests have already made reservations to attend and others are making plans to attend the get-together, said Tommy Bridges, local spokesman. Featured speaker will be Rev. James Moss, Kings Mountain native, and a member of the class, a Presbyterian minister in South Carolina.

Faculty and former teachers of class members will be special guests.

Members of the committee on arrangements for the reunion are Bridges, Frances Sarvis, Cioe Sparks, Bobbie Harmon, Clara Ross, Bud Medlin, Joyce Howell, and Oren Fulton.

Playing in the Concert will be Central School Seventh Grade Band, Junior High School Eighth Grade Band, Junior High School Ninth Grade Band and High School Blazer Band.

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## Conversation With Young Actress

# Kim Cattrall Praises TV Special

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John Jakes has written seven of his promised eight novels dealing with the Kent Family. The original novel in the Bicentennial series is entitled "The Bastard."

Now "The Bastard," or "The Kent Family Chronicles," as it is being called in many areas, has been made into a two-part, four-part movie for television.

The movie is the second Operation Prime Time offering from MCA-TV. OPT is the name given projects produced for TV on a market-by-market deal and not under the banner of either of the TV networks.

WBTV, a CBS-TV affiliate, plans to air the two-part Thursday and Friday, May 25-26 from 9-11 p. m. Across the country the film is being telecast mainly on independent stations.

The first Operation Prime Time offering (1977) was a three-part based on Taylor Caldwell's novel, "Testimony of Two Men." As "Testimony" did, "The Bastard" also boasts of a large cast — many well-known actors and actresses and almost as many newcomers.

One of the newcomers is Kim Cattrall. Born in Liverpool, England and raised in Canada, Kim portrays Anne Ware, an American, and the love interest of young Philip Kent. Kent is the American name adopted by the illegitimate son of an English nobleman who escapes to America with a price on his head during Revolutionary times.

In America Kent meets, falls in love with and weds Anne Ware. She is the daughter of one of the Revolutionary leaders.

During a phone interview, Kim Cattrall talked about her role, the show and of her own career aspirations.

"I was originally tested for another role in the film," Ms. Cattrall said. "That of an aristocratic English woman named Alicia. The producers felt I was not right for the role, which eventually went to Olivia Hussey, but that I might be right for the Anne Ware role."

"I was more right for the role of Anne," she continued. "I am physically strong and in good condition. Anne Ware is like that. She is independent and strong-willed. I was thrilled to get the part because Anne is the love

interest of the lead character."

It is the type of role, "An important role in an important television film," Ms. Cattrall said she would not be considered for in a network show. She said she is an unknown quantity to the networks even though she has appeared in "The Hardy Boys," "The Class of '65," "Switch," "Logan's Run" and a "Columbo" episode. She has also completed one movie role in "Rosebud."

"The networks have what they call a Q Rating for actors and actresses," she said. "That has something to do with audience recognition. I am not rated very high under this system because I am a relative newcomer to the scene. For this reason if "The Bastard" had been done by one of the networks I would never have been considered for such an important role."

Ms. Cattrall's first acting break came in the theatrical film "Rosebud." She said, "One day I was riding the subway to work and the next I was in a limousine riding to the set of "Rosebud." We spent four months on that film."

Theatrical films are produced over a much longer period of time than TV shows. For theatrical

films the company keeps shooting until the director is satisfied with everything. In TV the company must complete an hour-long show in seven days.

"The Bastard" had a longer shooting schedule than most TV shows, but not as much as I would have liked," she said. "Still, I have to admit I like working in TV. The pace is much faster. You don't get to know the director, the writer or your fellow actors as well on a movie, but when the cameras roll an actor must have all of his or her acting tools available and ready for use. It sharpens your wits, keeps you on your toes."

Prior to being assigned the Anne Ware role in "The Bastard," Ms. Cattrall said she knew nothing of the story. Had never any of John Jakes' novels.

"I thought of them more as American history," she said. "And being English I suppose I didn't have the appreciation of American history that I should have. But after I read the script I was very impressed with the story and with the part of Anne Ware."

It was like a dream come true for the young actress. As a child, she confessed, "I played dress up quite a lot. I have heard most

people become actors because of insecurity, because they are really children to hate to grow up. That could be true because acting gives me a chance to be someone else for a little while. I can act out my own fantasies — and get paid for doing it."

Also acting out "their own fantasies" in "The Bastard" or "Kent Family Chronicles" are Andrew Stevens as Kent, Tom Bosley, Buddy Ebsen,

Cameron Mitchell, Lorie Greene, William Shatner, Patricia Neal, Eleanor Parker, Peter Bonerz, Dan Haggerty, Donald Pleasence and Keenan Wynn.

If the show is a success, then plans may be made to adapt the rest of Jakes' novels for TV. Ms. Cattrall said she wasn't so sure she liked the idea. "In the second novel Anne Ware dies," she said.

## KM Emergency Services Unit Yard Sale Planned

The Kings Mountain Emergency Rescue Service will hold a big yard sale on Sat., May 27 at the Community Center to raise money for radio equipment. The sale will begin at 8:30 a. m.

All persons in the area are urged to go through their attics, garages and closets and donate all unneeded items to the newly-organized rescue squad.

Persons with items to donate may call 739-8825 after 4 p. m. for pickup service, or you may bring

your items to 106 Dill Street after 4 p. m.

The new rescue unit already has an ambulance on order and it should arrive within the next two weeks.

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