

# Textile Week Is Planned

North Carolina Textile Manufacturers Association member companies across the state are making plans for the first North Carolina Textile Week this fall.

The week-long event, Sept. 29th through Oct. 5th, will emphasize textile people, products and progress, said NCTMA Vice-President W. Duke Kimbrell of Parkdale Mills in Gastonia.

"We would like everyone in the state to know more about the North Carolina textile industry - why we are progressive, caring and viable," Kimbrell said.

"Textile companies and their people are important to our state and our communities," he said, "and we want to point out the employees' conscientious pride of workmanship and their honest dedication of time and energy to their churches, schools and civic and community activities."

"We also want to show the

modernization of our facilities through the use of new technologies, the many programs on safety and health that we have, and job opportunities in the industry," Kimbrell added.

To emphasize what the textile industry is to North Carolina, a number of activities are planned on the state and community levels.

State officials and legislators will take part in various events, and will include an official North Carolina Textile Week Proclamation by Governor

### Tickets Are On Sale

Tickets are on sale at the Celebration Headquarters downtown for a Oct. 7th Celebration Luncheon to be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Cafeteria of KM Senior High School.

The ticket costs \$5.00 and the public is invited to attend.

Three hundred tickets will be sold, according to Supt. William Davis, luncheon chairman.

James B. Hunt, Jr. Governor Hunt will officially begin the week with a speech in Gastonia on Fri., Sept. 26th.

The theme for the special week will be "Beautiful - Tar Heel Textiles" and will be seen on bumper stickers, in newspaper ads, on T-shirts and billboards.

Many textile companies will conduct plant tours for special groups such as civic and professional organizations, teachers,

vocational counselors and clergymen.

A number of firms are planning open-house to allow employees' families and friends and the public an inside look at new technological innovations, machinery, production lines, research and development and final products.

Parkdale, a major sales yarn producer, has plants in Gastonia, Kings Mountain, Lexington and Thomasville.



**BETHWARE CLASS OF 1955-** Pictured are members of the Bethware School Class of 1955 who returned for a 25th reunion Sunday. Front row, from left, Eddie Yarbro, Jack Scism, Bob Webster, Ralph Hord, Roy Herndon and Bill Huffstickler. Back row, from left, Doris Hoyle, Helen Wells, Annette Webster, Laura Huskey, Lois Blanton, Libby Herndon, Wilma Parker, and Della Bell.

## Bethware Class Of '55 Holds 25th Year Reunion

Fourteen members of the Bethware High School Class of 1955 returned to Kings Mountain Sunday for a 25th year reunion at the home of Boyce and Helen Wells on Route 2.

Class members enjoyed a social hour from 3 until 5 p.m. and a banquet dinner at Western Steer Steak House which was followed by a business meeting.

Roy Herndon presided over the meeting and new officers elected for the coming year are Mrs. Annette Webster, president; Ralph Hord, vice-president; Della Bell, secretary; and Jack Harmon, treasurer.

Summer flowers decorated the Wells home. The refreshment

table was overlaid with white linen cloth and centered with a gold candelabra set with tapers and arranged with white daisies, greenery and yellow flowers. Crystal appointments held an assortment of party food, including melon balls, cheese daisies, ham biscuits, relishes, cheese balls, cookies, and a 25th anniversary cake done in yellow, white and green and topped with 25 in a silver symbol. Handmade door prizes were made by Mrs. Libby Herndon and distributed to each lady attending the reunion.

The Class of 1955 numbers 25 alumni.

## Melody Rose Toney Celebrates 12th Birthday

Melody Rose Toney celebrated her 12th birthday Sunday, Sept. 7. She celebrated with a trip to the Schiele Museum and having



her cake and refreshments at Lineberger Park with a few of her cousins and family.

Attending were Samantha McKinney, Melanie Jackson and Joel Jackson, and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Jackson.

Melody is the daughter of Rosemary McKinney Toney of Kings Mountain and Bruce Calvin Toney, formerly of Kings Mountain. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter McKinney Sr. of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Marjorie Toney Crisp of Belmont and Mrs. J.C. Toney of Gastonia.

Her favorite part of the day was having the birthday tune sung to her by the Sunday school classes at the Interdenominational Church, where she has attended since birth.

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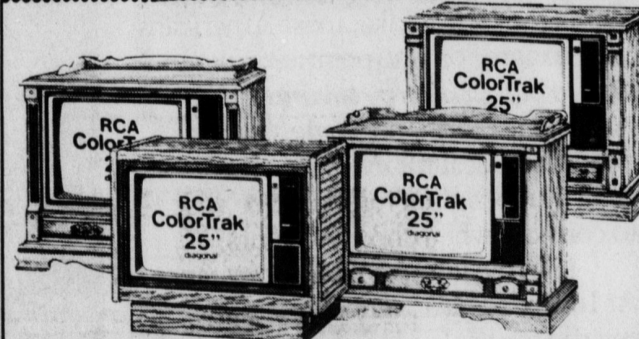
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