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## GARY STEWART

### Some Good News And Bad News

**GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS:** First the bad news. Nearly two-thirds of North Carolina's counties, including Cleveland, experienced higher unemployment rates in 1980, according to the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina.

The state's unemployment rate in November was 6.5 percent. That's below the national average of 7.1, but far higher than the 1979 figure of 4.7.

In Cleveland County, 3,680 people, or 9.4 percent, out of the possible labor force of 39,250, were out of work. A total of 117,600 North Carolina workers were unemployed.

And, now, the good news:

Governor Jim Hunt says that industries announcing plans to build here during 1980 will represent an investment of \$2.24 billion and create 29,000 new jobs.

Many of those new industries will locate in Cleveland County. One major one, Sulzer Brothers, is in the process of building near Grover.

Hunt says in the last four years investments by new industries in North Carolina totaled \$8.1 billion and created 123,000 new jobs.

Somehow, the figures released by Hunt and those released by the ESC, don't seem to jive. It makes you wonder if many of the new jobs are going to North Carolinians and Cleveland Countians.

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## LOOKING BACK

(From the Jan. 4, 1962 edition of The Kings Mountain Herald)

Mayor Kelly Dixon will decide by the end of January whether to accept the Republican nomination for United States Senator. The Mayor opposed Congressman Basil Whitener, Gastonia Democrat, in 1960, polling more than 41,500 votes in his unsuccessful bid.

### Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Cavany announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Faith, to Ernest Phillip Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Howell. The wedding will take place Feb. 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Miller and sons, Art and Davis, have returned to Burlington after a holiday visit with relatives. Mrs. Miller is the former Peggy Arthur.

Max Mayhew, the manager of Kings Mountain's Sterchi's Furniture Store who always has a friendly word, is retiring January 10.

Max said the other day he began work at the age of six on his father's farm.

"When I went to work with Sterchi's, I told Mr. Baird it would only be temporary. I started in October and told him I'd help him out until the first of the year. That was 37 years ago," said Max.

Max, who lives near Shelby and is an avid sports fan, hopes to do some traveling, and just plain take it easy.

"But," he said, "my wife already has enough work scheduled for me around the house to keep me busy for the first two years."

Max will certainly be missed by his customers and friends here. On behalf of all of them, here's wishing him a lot of happy retirement years.

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Things I'd like to see in 1981:

A fish camp in Kings Mountain that stays open seven days a week. I was sitting in church a couple Sundays ago, the preacher was preaching an inspiring sermon, and I was thinking how great it would be if I had a big plate of Paul Hord's green shrimp ...

Fewer men jogging up and down the highways. Whatever happened to cow pasture football and softball as a means of staying in shape? Ladies, you keep jogging ...

A big, fat pay raise. It seems like each trip to the gas station and grocery store takes a bigger bite out of my wallet, as I'm sure does everybody's ...

Completion of the U.S. 74 bypass around Kings Mountain. This traffic out here on the east and is murder. If you don't believe me, ask Ronnie Hawkins, the co-manager of Harris Funeral Home. He was involved in a four-car fender bender at the intersection of 74 East and Canterbury Road a couple weeks ago ...

Some brains for the sports fans of America. How much longer will we pay \$20 a ticket to see con artists like Muhammad Ali and Roberto Duran disguised as boxers, and million-dollar baseball players like Dave Roberts struggle to hit .240? ...

Some decent sports announcers for TV. The job Ray Scott and Johnny Unitas did at the Carolina-Texas Bluebonnet Bowl game as pathetic. What the sports world needs is a few Dizzy Deans and Mel Allens ...



Photo By Hugh Morton

**WINTER SCENE** - The snows and sustained cold weather in the mountains in the last week have created some beautiful picture

situations, such as this scene of a deer bounding out of a ravine on Grandfather Mountain.

## A Message For New Year

New Year's Day is the day that the columnists look either backwards or forward to list the top 10 in about every category, from best dressed to biggest news stories.

It's also a day in which we eat blackeyed peas and turnip greens for good luck and at our house store the Christmas decorations for another year.

We take pleasure in repeating what the Central United Methodist Church bulletin editor suggests as a message for New Year 1981, looking back on a year in which Kings Mountain citizens generally had their share of both the good times and the bad.

"Tomorrow (and as many tomorrows as you can) ... Mend a quarrel ... seek out a forgotten friend ... dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust ... write a love letter ... share some treasure ... give a soft answer ... encourage youth ... manifest your loyalty in words or deed ... keep a promise ... find the time ... forego a grudge ... forgive an enemy ... listen ... apologize if you were wrong ... try to understand ... flout envy ... examine your demands on others ... think first of someone else ... appreciate ... be kind ... be gentle ... laugh a little ... laugh a little more ... deserve confidence ... take up arms against malice ... decry complacency ... express your gratitude ... go to your house of worship ... welcome a stranger ... gladden the heart of a child ... take pleasure in the beauty of the world ... speak your love ... speak it again ... speak it still once again."

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## Lib Stewart



### Poets Corner

#### SINGING IN THE RAIN

I heard a bird singing in the raindrops falling down, Notes rang clear and sweet With a joyful, springing sound.

The bird seemed to know something I did not, He was so downright happy and contented with his lot.

He wasn't aware of the cold or the rain upon his head, on the fact there were no roses on which to make a bed.

The bird kept right on singing on a tree limb showing bare, Just singing in the rain as though the sky were fair.

I heard a bird singing in the raindrops falling down, Notes rang clear and sweet about a love-bird he had found.  
Vivian S. Biltcliffe

## 1980 Was Good Year For Giant Rookie Holland

Al Holland, the southpaw relief ace for the San Francisco Giants, is a fellow who knows where he's going.

Al, currently living in Charlotte with his wife, the former Mary Catherine Reid of Lowell, and their three young children, had an outstanding season in his first full year in the major leagues as a Giant last season.

Al, who is 5-11½, and whose playing weight is between 205 and 210 pounds, had a 5-3 record in relief for the Giants last season. He recorded seven saves and had an outstanding 1.77 earned run average in 60 innings out of the bullpen.

Al will be playing for a new manager this year. Dave Bristol was fired earlier this year.

"That came as a big shock to me," said Holland. "I had a good player-manager working relationship with Bristol, who is a native of Andrews, N.C."

"I had a feeling that he might not be back with us. I heard a couple of rumors early in November when I was competing in a Celebrity Golf Tournament in Phoenix, Ariz."

"It was a tournament for the J.R. Richards Foundation. I heard a couple of guys talking about Bristol's not being back with the Giants at that tournament. Yet, when it happened, it was still a shock."

Will Richards, the outstanding Houston pitcher befelled by a stroke last season, be back with the Astros in 1981?

"After seeing him November 17, I think he will be back this coming season," said Al. "He might not return with the awesomeness on the pitching mound when he left, but he will be back in uniform. He looked great in Arizona. It was good to see him there."

"He played 13 holes on the last day of the tournament and won a trophy for the longest drive."

When last season started, Holland was the middle man for Bristol and the Giants. Then, when he pitched extremely well after two Giant visits to Pittsburgh, Bristol made him the short man, the guy called on to come in with the pressure on and put out the fire.

"When the season started, I hadn't even won a job," said Holland. "I remember one time in Atlanta I came in and worked about six innings in relief."

"I enjoy the pressure situations. I like to come in when the game is on the line. It cuts down on the margin for error. You know you've got to go out there and get 'em out."

"I'm primarily a strikeout pitcher. I try to overpower the hitters."

## Dwight Frady

### Frady's Views



Some guys you can overpower and some you have to finesse."

Holland said he had a heap of trouble with a lefthanded batter, Keith Hernandez of the Cardinals.

"I just couldn't get Hernandez out," said Holland, a very likeable person who is a North Carolina A&T graduate. That's where he met his wife, at A&T.

"I threw Hernandez everything I had and he'd still hit it. He led the league in batting and was the co-most valuable player. He must have hit .500 off me. Mike Schmidt of the Phillies is a fine ballplayer. I like to challenge Mike. He challenges the pitchers enough."

"I don't even want to think about the so-called sophomore jinx when I go to spring training around the middle of February," said Holland.

"I had an outstanding season. I want to go back and do it again—or even better. I don't want to go out there and think of the sophomore jinx. The main thing is for me to stay healthy, to concentrate while I'm out there, and to produce."

"This winter has helped me. I really like Charlotte and we want to make this our permanent home. I've been able to spend time with my family and friends this winter. I've always played winter baseball before."

Al, who graduated from North Carolina A&T in 1975, was originally in the Pittsburgh organization. Then Al, Fred Brenning and Eddie Whitson were traded to the Giants for Bill Madlock and Dave Roberts.

Al has some ideas who "might" be the next Giant manager. "It might be a couple of men who have been in the San Francisco organization for some time, Jim Davenport or Tom Haller," said Al. "Then there are Gene Mauch, Dick Howser and Frank Robinson. I really don't have any idea, but those are five names I can come up with off the top of my head."

As for last year's Philadelphia win over Kansas City in the World Series, Holland said he was rooting for Kansas City because he knew most of the players and had been on some of the teams with them.

"A lot of them signed the same time as I did," said Al. "But Philadelphia had too much pitching for them. Tug McGraw had a great World Series out of the bullpen and you don't find many pitchers around like Steve Carlton. Except for Willie Aikens, Kansas City didn't show all that much power."

"Actually, that National League playoff series between Philadelphia and Houston should have been the World Series. It was a super series."

"In our own league, I think the Atlanta Braves are coming on fast as a contender. They've got some good young players and they were strong down the stretch. They played some good baseball. With some trades and the acquisition of free agents, they'll be even tougher this coming season."

Holland said that Atlanta "isn't just another team" anymore.

"I think the Giants will be better. We've helped ourselves. We obtained third baseman Enos Cabel from the Astros and pitcher Doyle Alexander from Atlanta. We also got Jerry Margin and Ed Figuero from Chicago. Jerry's an outfielder and Figuero's a pitcher. I think we strengthened our bench and got some good starting pitchers."

"By making trades and acquiring players, it has helped us. I'm just really looking forward to the coming season."

Never mind the sophomore jinx. It undoubtedly won't bother Al Holland. He's got what it takes.