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Up and Coming Acts

by Kevin Caldwell

Talent is a very recognizable characteristic of Montreat students. We in Montreat are privileged to have three different groups who share their talents with others outside of Montreat. These are Cindy Wescott, Effie Sloan, and The New Kingdom Band. As we glance at each one of their schedules we find them very busy preparing for upcoming events.

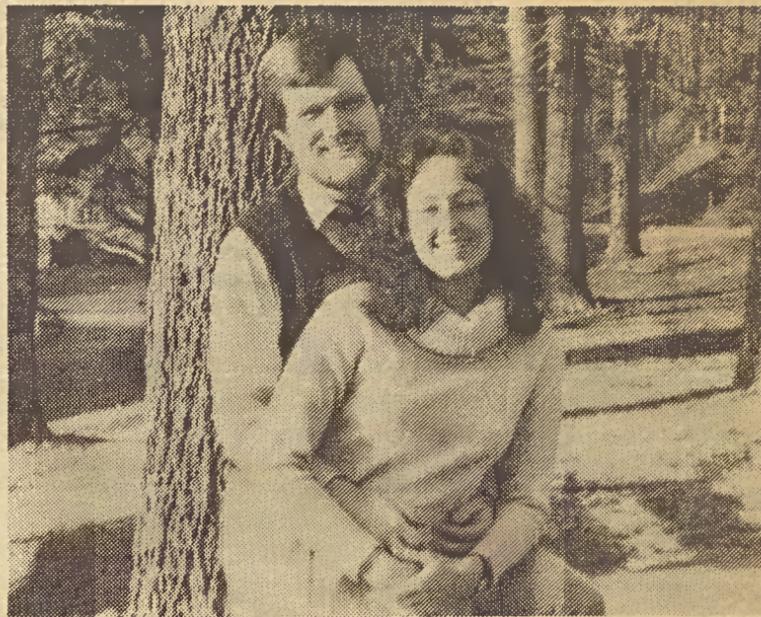
Cindy Wescott is deeply involved in preparing for a Spring Tour which spreads from three states, North Carolina, Alabama, and Florida. Her tour first starts in Sanford, N.C. Then she travels to Orlando, Florida where she will perform for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The next stop is a youth ser-

vice, also in Florida, and Thursday she will be singing for the Nonseekers Club. Friday, Cindy and her accompanist Marty Layton and her manager, Kimberly Knight, will travel to Jacksonville, Florida to sing at a Coffee house. Saturday they will arrive in Alabama to give a concert for a big youth rally and Sunday she will sing for a children's service. Afterwards they will travel back to Montreat. The Lord is really working through her ministry.

Next we took a look at Effie Sloan. She began singing when she was 4 years old with the Sloan Family singers. She then started writing in the tenth grade and has sung in many churches and performed in many concerts. When Effie was interviewed she was

asked what her dream was and she said, "I would like to sing in a crusade." For right now Effie's plans are to get married to William Larkin, Jr., and not to do many concerts, although Effie will be doing some weddings in the near future.

Finally, we take a look at the newest group to hit Montreat, "The New Kingdom Band" featuring Donny Bush, Duane Deninger, Jim Hubbard (leader), Bill Johns, and Trip Rogers. As of now they are only scheduled for one concert in Kings Mountain, N.C. When interviewed, their remarks were, "We feel like this is the Lord's band and he will provide." Also they said, "We enjoy the band because through music we can bring happiness."



John and Martha Furman

Montreat's Leading Love Birds

by Karen Haas

"I must have been in love to live among rattlesnakes." This statement was made by Martha Furman in reference to the turning point in her and John's relationship. Let's step back a few years and see how the Lord brought these two together.

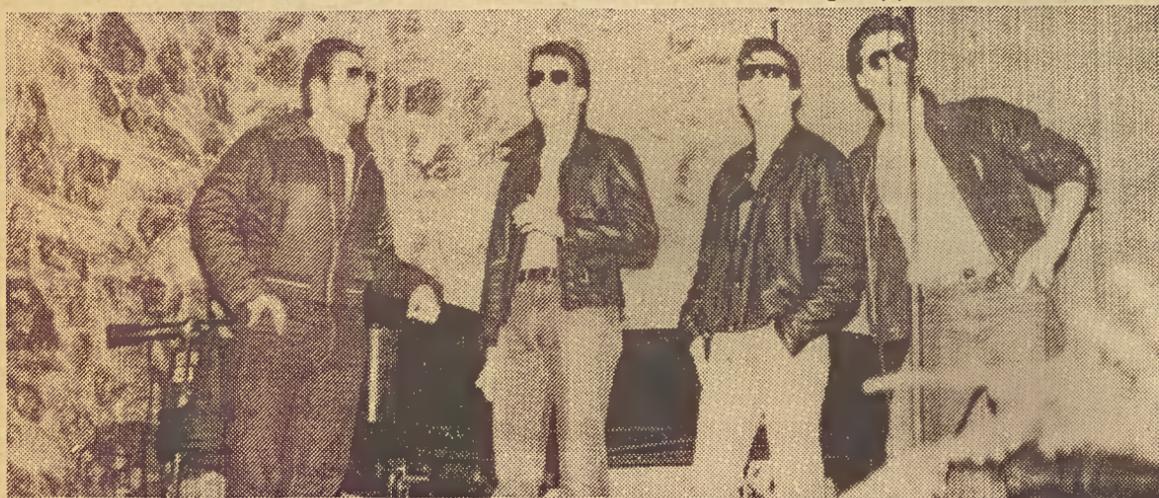
This love story begins on the campus of Clemson University, back in January of 1974. John, after graduating from Montreat-Anderson College and beginning a new relationship with Jesus Christ, went to Clemson seeking Christian fellowship and also a position in a Christian rock band. Through one of the guys in the band, named Paul, John met Martha. However, at this time Martha was engaged to be married to Paul. John and Martha became friends instantly and began spending time together. They could talk to each other about anyone or anything, including Paul. John was even so close to Paul that he went with him to Martha's father to ask if he could marry her.

Soon John left Clemson and moved to St. Louis to room with Martha's brother. While in St. Louis John began to realize his true feelings for Martha. John told Martha that he was tired of playing second fiddle and that she must decide between him or Paul. Martha's first reaction was an anger that John was putting strains on their "friendship."

However, after a long time of prayer Martha began to realize her strong feelings towards John. As spoken of before, Martha realized she must have been in love to spend eight days out in the wilderness of Wyoming, among the rattlesnakes, just to spend time with John.

In March of 1978 Martha broke off the engagement with Paul and by August of the same year became engaged to John. How did John propose, you may wonder? Well, as John handed Martha her engagement ring he replied, "Here, I've never been so sure about anything in my whole life!!" On July 7, 1979 in Greenville, South Carolina, the "two became one." Both described the day as a lot of fun and something they could never forget (especially after writing 600 thank-you notes!). Our own Bible professor, Dr. John Akers, was the presiding minister.

When asking John and Martha for advice to relay to couples seriously thinking of marriage, their main reply was to "Be friends first." By being friends before lovers, you will have no pretences in your relationship. The two of you will be free to be yourselves, not trying to act the way you think your mate would want you to. Another reply of advice was to take your time in making that "big decision." As John and Martha showed us, "You never know who your mate could be."



The New Kingdom Band takes M-AC back to the 50's

Saying It In Love

by Susan H. Teague

Valentine's Day has a special place in all couple's hearts. It's that fanciful time of year when all the Romeo's, Casanova's, and Don Juan's burst into flames with yearning in an attempt to gallantly woo their smitten sweethearts. Venus beams with pride as Knight In Shining Armor and Honeybunch plight their troth enraptured in adoration for one another. The root of Valentine's Day is that mystical monster we call LOVE.

Peter McWilliams shares

in "A Valentine For You" from **Good Housekeeping**, (Feb. '78) some of his all-time captivating Valentine messages. I thought I'd share them with all the lovelorn lovebirds out there:

In those rare moments when all desires have been fulfilled, my mind rests on only you. This for me is love.

I want this feeling I have when I'm near you--to be with you--all the time.

If the painting of my life were the Mona Lisa, you'd be the smile.

You smile, I forget where I am. And it takes me longer each time to remember again.

After searching so hard for so long, I was sure to find something. Thank God it was you.

You make flowers of my hours; today was a bouquet.

If you love me, tell me so. If you tell me, love me so.

Love is a very magical thing...now you see it, now you don't...