



BEAUTY WINNERS of 1956-Bessemer City has always had more than its share of beauties. Consequently, local beauty contests have always drawn interest for both candidates to participate in beauty contest and for spectators who support the contests by attendances. The next beauty contest on schedule here is the Miss Bessemer City Pageant sponsored by the Jaycees that is to take place August 23 with ten girls competing. Above are pictured the winners in the 1956 beauty contest sponsored by the Order of the Eastern Star. They are bottom row, left to right, Sherry Paysour, Buzz Capps, Janice Savage and Phyllis Payne. Back row, left to right, Penny Kincaid, Judy Kiser and Mrs.

Carolyn Kincaid Chasteen. Sherry, a '69 BCBS graduate, has enrolled at Gardner-Webb College; Buzz is in the naval submarine school at New London, Conn.; Janice is a student at Appalachian State Teachers College; and Phyllis who went on to win numerous other beauty contests, is now Mrs. Allan Farris and is working with the Jaycee pageant. Penny is married to Curtis Williams and is living in Fayetteville; Judy, who was later "Miss Kings Mountain," is married to Sam Groves and lives in Asheville; Carolyn a sister to Penny, and who is married to James Chasteen, lives with her family in Oxen Hill, Md. (Photo by Forney Lowe, Jr.)

Kindergarten Will Operate

The kindergarten operated by Odell Memorial United Methodist Church will open this fall and will follow the same schedule as the public school system for holidays, etc. Mrs. Joan Hager Smith will continue to be the teacher.

Hours will be from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon. For information, call the church office at 629-2800 or, contact the Rev. George Lyn-don at his home, 629-2614.

War Mothers Do Memory Garden Work

Bessemer City War Mothers have recently re-worked the chapter's Memory Garden located at the south entrance to Bessemer City Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Ross Nichols and Mrs. Roy Bullard had charge of the work. Mrs. Roy Franklin is War Mothers president.

The Bessemer City Chapter of American War Mothers planned and built the memory garden during the presidency of the late Mrs. J. W. Eury. A monument commemorating the town's Military veterans was purchased and dedicated when the memory garden was completed.

The benches, urns, bird-bath fountain, trellises and cement works have been repaired and painted.

When the spot was landscaped by the War Mothers, the town ran water lines to it so that flowers there could be kept watered. The town keeps the grass in the garden cut.

Roses planted at the trellises have been re-worked.

The garden located at the entrance to the cemetery was built by the War Mothers to give an attractive appearance to the town cemetery.



MISS BC '69 WITH MISS NC '69-Pictured above are Miss Bessemer City 1969 (Cynthia Lutz), and Miss North Carolina 1969 (Anita Johnson). The photo was made during the Miss North Carolina pageant when Miss North Carolina 1970 was crowned. Miss Johnson crowned her successor in June at the state pageant. Miss Lutz is to crown her successor on August 23 when Miss Bessemer City 1970 will be selected by a panel of judges. To date, nine girls are competing for the Miss Bessemer City title. The local pageant is sponsored by Bessemer City Jaycees. Bessemer City Jaycettes are assisting in the entertainment for the candidates and a group of Jaycettes have been assigned to serve as contestant chaperons. Photo by Mrs. Neil Barnes.



THE OLD GRIST MILL

One-hundred-year-old grist mill is part of the settlement area is a cider press, sorghum mill, covered bridge and a moonshine still which distills "100 proof" Georgia branch water.

Class Of '49 Prophecy

When the Bessemer City High School Class of 1949 held its twentieth reunion at Helen's restaurant, Lewis Jackson who had been the Class Prophet, read the Class Prophecy.

As he read what each had been predicted to do in the future, that student stood and told what he was actually doing in the Year of 1969.

The prophecy was as follows:

"The year is 1969 and I find myself feature editor of the CHARLOTTE OBSERVER trying desperately to get material for my tomorrow's column. As I looked through my clipping file, I ran across a picture of my former classmates and decided to center my story around them.

"I noted that in the 'Lime-light of Carnegie,' that Sue Cauby has won much fame as a concert pianist. This was hard to believe because I had heard her perform in high school and had never thought that she would rise to such heights. Looking up from the book, I saw a sign across the street which read, 'Ye Ole Tea Shoppe.' The owners, Blanche Lail and Lee Ella Thomas, were members of the Class of '49. Thinking that this might be a good place to secure information, I wandered over.

"As I passed the large show window of the Beauty Rest Mattress Company, which is owned by Betty Jean Bullard, whom should I see but Bob Noblitt testing the latest product of the company.

"After a few words with Betty Jean, I proceeded to the tea shop. Entering, I ran into Kathryn Rhyne, who said she operated a beauty shop and had had amazing results. She told me that Barbara Fortenbery is coaching one of Bessemer City's rival basketball teams and that her teams have been undefeated for the past four years. I was not surprised to hear her say that Edythe Hook is playing ball with the All-American Red Heads. She further stated that Bill Wilson is an electrical engineer and at the present is trying to harness the power of the mighty Long Creek.

"Leaving the tea shop, I bumped into Ronald Brock, who has half interest in the chain of Peoples cash Grocery Store. He told me that he has a most capable person, Leroy Davis, over his meat market system.

"Jack Dixon is co-owner in the Matthews-Dixon Self Service Super Market which has grown to be one of the largest in the South. He also told me that Mary Hook and Mary Jane Sisk operate a cafeteria in the center of Bessemer City.

Frances Huss is one of the most noted surgeons on the Bowman Gray Staff and as her chief nurse Harriett Hook who is assisted by such capable workers as Virginia Hunter and Dorothy Pipes.

"Johnny Sellers is superintendent of the Osage Mills and his efficient secretary is none other than Ruby Morgan. Backing away from Roland, I stumbled over a milk can with Mitchem's Dairy written on it. Ronald told me that it belonged to Bob Mitchem and that he owned the largest dairy herd in the state and sold all of the milk to Sunrise Dairy, owned by Lewis Ormand.

"Finally leaving Ronald and continuing my journey to the Observer building, I ran across Chick Shuford who now operates the Bessemer City Ice & Coal Company.

"Together we entered my office to find General Ralph Horne. Ralph told me that he had seen Admiral Bob Parrish in Japan several months ago and that on his return to the states while in Washington, he saw Gene Nichols play ball for the Washington Senators.

"After this 'brass hat' had gone, I sat back in my chair and wondered why it is that all the good fortune seems to go around me. But these are the facts and I give give them as I found them. Lewis Jackson, Class Prophet."

Following the reunion dinner, the Class of '49 held an informal party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dixon on Hufstetler Road.

During the party, Frances Huss who is now living in Cleveland, Ohio, called her former class members.

Reading Racing Time Closes

The Reading Racing Time held during the summer vacation months at the Bessemer City Branch Library officially closed this past Wednesday afternoon when the one hundred and fifty children who participated in the program were invited to the library for fun reading and story telling.

The library staff was on hand at the program which started at 2 p.m. to thank the children for taking part in the Reading Racing Time.

The staff also extended thanks to the parents for their cooperation and to the BESSEMER CITY RECORD for helping to promote reading interest among the young folks.

In the week prior to the Racing program's ending, a group of children completed their second lap. They were Linda Burnett, Bryon Randolph, Ricky Fraley, Cindy Carpenter, Bryon Hallman, Tina Bridges, Katie

Crawford and Timmy Roberts. Reading forty or more books were Tammy Fraley, Marshall Waddell, Susan Goode, Todd Parker, Cassandra Helms, Donna Waddell, Gary Isehnou, Tammy Franklin, and Robey Helms and Vickie Hallman. Mrs. T. A. Lynn is librarian.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Young of Eau Gallie, Fla., announce the birth of a daughter, Leslie Ann, on Friday, July 18, Mrs. Young is the former Bessie Ann Newton of this city, daughter Mr. and Mrs. Paul Foodman.

FROM CONOVER

Leah Pannell of Conover spent several days visiting here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Mauney. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Colman Pannell.

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