

# Sackie's to Celebrate 30th B-day Piedmont Federal Savings

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Thirty years ago, Mrs. Sara Friend Hamlin and her husband started Sackie's Florists with "two days training and a lot of bulldog in me."

The mixture has been enough to enable the business to celebrate its 30th anniversary Friday, June 1 although the firm began as just something for Mrs. Hamlin to do while raising her children.

During an interview on the store's history, Mrs. Hamlin recalled, "He [her husband] was a florist and this was something I could do at home because I had two babies."

"I was very young, an unliberated wife, so I went along," she said with a laugh.

The socially active Mr. Hamlin solicited business among friends and funeral directors and, "within six months, the business took off," she said.

"Of course, we couldn't have survived if we were not dependable and did quality work," Mrs. Hamlin added.

She was a teacher before starting the business as was her husband. However the business grew so that he left teaching to work full time at the floral shop and built behind their then-home at 1440 North Cherry Street.

The business gave the Hamlins a base for many community activities "Sackie" Hamlin, as he was known was

the first black to run for a seat on the school board and narrowly lost in the 1950s.

He was also active in the Business and Professional Chain started among black businessmen in the city.

"We've always tried to put something back into the community," said Mrs. Hamlin, who helped start the YWCA's "dialogue groups" which attempted to promote understanding among blacks and whites.

The floral shop is still located in the same former two-car garage which "Sackie" Hamlin renovated in 1949. She said that once he attempted to acquire space downtown in the 1950's, but at that time, downtown was off limits for black business.

Changes in street have made her street, once a main north-south thoroughfare lightly traveled, said Mrs. Hamlin.

However, she noted that "The phone rings off the hook on holiday." Ironically, one those good business days, she ponders giving up the business, which she has operated alone for the past year since the death of her husband.

However, she glances at the thank you notes, she receives, and notes, "I've done, for some people, their wedding and their 25th anniversary. It's a good feeling."



Mrs. Sara Hamlin

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## Summer Jobs From page 1

"We try to make the program available to everyone that meets the criteria," Bowen said. "No one is guaranteed a position in the program each year, because poverty is the first consideration."

Each agency employing the youth will have different programs.

The Experiment in Self Reliance will be working with high school students, dropouts, and college students. They will be employed with various agencies including Reynolds Health Center and the city's Recreation Department.

The program at Winston-Salem State will be for college students who are residents of Forsyth County and attend college. They will have 100 students who will receive classroom training and course credit as well as work experience.

The students employed through the school system are placed in jobs where they will receive training and counseling in job related areas.

Students wishing to apply for the program can make an application at the Youth Services Center on Patterson Avenue.

Volunteer jobs will also be available through the American Red Cross Youth Services.

"By volunteering, you can receive much more for your work than when you get paid," said Donna Dismuke, the director of Youth Services. "You have the joy of helping someone, you have a good time and you make a friend."

The Red Cross, places a volunteer in the area of her/his interest. The Red Cross works with hospitals, convalescent centers and child care centers placing volunteers.

Volunteers work from a half day to a full day and are responsible for their own transportation, to and from their place of work.

"Our volunteers can learn a lot from the people they meet and the places they work," Sismuke said. "They learn new skills which is valuable work experience for when they seek employment."

Dismuke said applications are being made now and that anyone wishing to volunteer should go through the Red Cross's Youth Services and not contact the serving agency. A student wishing to volunteer should have completed the seventh grade or older.

Summer jobs may also be found through some of the industries in the city. R.J. Reynolds Industries employs high school graduates who are going to continue their education, for summer employment, if their parents are working in the company. The company requires verification from the school the student will be attending.

Hanes Hosiery will be hiring summer employees but they do not have a special program set aside for high school students.

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