

# Julia Roberts Wins Top Prize In Bicen Contest

Julia Roberts, Kings Mountain midwife and descendant of a family which traces its history back to the days of slavery, copped the first prize for her Bicentennial costume at her family's 70th annual family reunion of 500 kinfolk last Sunday, and is proud of it.

The Roberts, Borders, Howell, Briggs and Mauney families returned to Cleveland County for a reunion for the first time at "The Rock," a natural waterfall, off Hord Rd. on the Clarence Corry estate about four and one-half miles west of Kings Mountain.

"It was an ideal spot for the reunion," said Julia, who said her family filled two trucks and four cars to the picnic.

Julia donned a black old-timey bonnet, a black silk skirt she designed from a one-time graduation robe, and white blouse to cop the first prize, three crisp one dollar bills. Annie Roberts of Cherryville came in second and Beatrice Sumner of Bessemer City placed third.

"I always enjoyed these family reunions," said Mrs. Roberts.

The Roberts family traces its history back to

the days of George Roberts. Their sense of identity always has been solid, says Julia, daughter of Clarence L. and Eugenia Oates Roberts.

George Roberts, born a slave in Virginia, was brought to North Carolina in 1817 and eventually married Kitty Fulenwider Roberts.

Mrs. Roberts was one of seven sisters through which most of the family can be traced today. They had been slaves in Cleveland County until plantation owner Billy Roberts freed them around 1862. According to family folklore, Mrs. Roberts was a native of Guinea and daughter of an African tribal chief.

Clayward C. Corry, Jr., reunion planner and a Kings Mountain lawyer, fashioned this reunion after the earlier ones, including such activities from the past as a watermelon eating contest, greasy pole climb, a greasy pig event, hog calling and art exhibits plus country ham, chicken and all the fixings.

There were some speechmaking, special tributes to family members and reflections on the family history. Calling attention to the Bicentennial was the costume contest with the ladyfolk sporting their prettiest long dresses and bonnets.



Photo by Gary Stewart

COSTUME CONTEST WINNER - Julia Roberts of Kings Mountain models the Bicentennial dress and bonnet which won for her the first prize at her family's reunion Sunday at "The Rock" on Hord Rd. near Kings Mountain which attracted a crowd of 500.

## Obituaries

**JESSIE B. SWINK**  
Funeral rites for Jessie Barnette Swink, of Lancaster, Pa., who died as a result of an automobile accident, were conducted Aug. 12 at 11 a.m. from Slak Chapel in Bessemer City, interment following in Kings Mountain's Mountain Rest Cemetery. Rev. F. Dick Whitner officiated at the rites.

Surviving Mrs. Swink are her daughter, Mrs. Bobbie Baxter of Lancaster, Pa.; her son, James M. Peedin of Lancaster, Pa.; two sisters, Mrs. Katie Tate of Danville, Va. and Mrs. Lillie Clark of Asheville; and one brother, Henry Barnette of Garden City, S.C.

**LAURA P. QUEEN**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Laura Phillips Queen, who died Aug. 10 in Gaston Memorial Hospital, were conducted Friday at 3 p.m. from Firestone Wesleyan Church, interment following in Hickory Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Queen, 74, is survived by six daughters, Mrs. Sharon Wuestenburg of Stanley, Mrs. Anna Barber of Gastonia, Mrs. Pearl Ramsey of Charlotte, Mrs. Dean Price of Buford, S.C., Mrs. Jane Tatum of Andrews and Mrs. Carolyn Walzant of Preston, Conn.; five sons, Leory Queen of McAdenville, Johnny T. Queen of New Bern, Clyde B. Queen of Maysville, Doug Queen of Gastonia; and Charles Queen of Bartow, Fla.; 34 grand-

children; 11 great-grandchildren; six sisters, Mrs. Grace Abernathy of Charlotte Memorial Hospital, were conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of Ssk Funeral Home, interment following in Greenwood Cemetery.

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## Karen Penner Celebrates 9th Birthday

Karen Penner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.G. Penner of Rt. 4, was nine years old Sun., Aug. 15. She celebrated her birthday Saturday with a party at Putt Putt Golf Course and McDonald's Restaurant of Shelby.

Karen's grandparents are Mrs. Audrey Harrison of Gaffney, S.C. and Mr. and Mrs. M.O. Penner of Plant City, Fla.



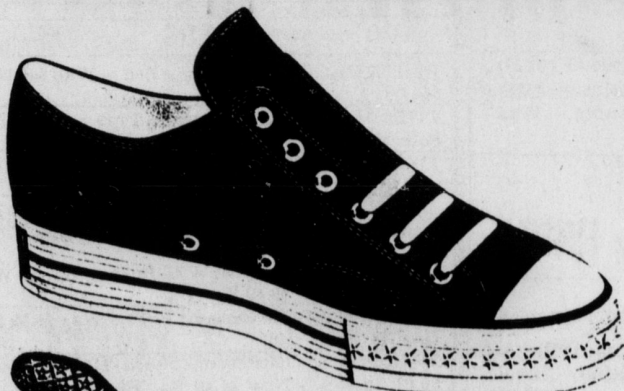
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