

# Thanksgiving Will Be A Special Event

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but hasn't done much baking since her daughter married a Kings Mountain serviceman and moved to this country in 1958. She used to do a lot of cooking when Mavis and her friends were at home. Kenneth Burns retired from the USAF after 21 years service and is now employed as a sales representative.

Thanksgiving will be a special time and the J. B. Burns family on Shelby Rd. will count their blessings.

Mavis (Mrs. Kenneth) Burns, daughter-in-law of Mr. Burns, is planning a big family reunion for her mother, Mrs. Ethel Maud Lincoln of Petersburg, England, here for her first visit in this country and in her daughter's home.

It was a tearful, happy reunion on Oct. 4 when Mavis, her husband, Kenneth, and their four children gathered at Douglas Airport in Charlotte to welcome "Grandma" home. Mavis, an only child, had not seen her mother in 14 years and Mrs. Lincoln had never met two of her grandchildren, 12-year-old Annie and 18-month-old William. The older grandchildren had grown up. Elizabeth, a senior at Kings Mountain High School, is now Mrs. Bruce Childers, a newlywed of two weeks, and Robert Lee Burns is 14.

The native of England, who prefers walking to riding any time, said it "took a while" to decide to make the eight-hour air trip. Neither Ethel or her husband, Edward, an engineer, drive a car. Mr. Lincoln at 63 prefers to ride his bike to the factory to work and back every day.

Mrs. Lincoln was "awfully glad" to be down on the ground in New York City after the first leg of her flight and by the time she made connections for the rest of her flight home her excitement had mounted.

She is enjoying meeting new friends and likes Kings Mountain, she said.

However, she feels we "rush around" too much and "eat all the time." She is particularly enjoying the fall foliage.

Since the English do not celebrate Thanksgiving nor observe Halloween, Mrs. Lincoln is getting a taste of the American custom and enjoying it.

She expects to prepare her delicious Yorkshire pudding for her family on Thanksgiving Day when Mr. Burns and his 11 children, 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild gather at his home for the festive occasion. Mrs. Lincoln may also help

prepare roast beef, which is a traditional dish with the English pudding, and her own version of Shepherd's Pie, another English treat.

Although her English friends pay a higher price than Americans for gasoline for their automobiles, Mrs. Lincoln's heating bill is considerably less than ours. She pays 20 pounds (one pound is worth \$1.30) every three months.

Doctors still make house calls (up until 10 p. m. at night) in England and persons over 60 get their medicines at no cost.

The Lincolns grow their own vegetables and Mrs. Lincoln does her shopping for fresh meats at a butcher shop nearby. Not many English homes have need for a refrigerator, although the Lincolns recently purchased a refrigerator.

Mrs. Lincoln is a retired hotel clerk, likes to cook,

Mrs. Lincoln's husband shares her dislike for travel but wants to visit soon with his daughter and her family.

And Mavis Burns hopes to be able to go home next year with the children for a visit in England.

"I love to go home for a visit but Kings Mountain is where I belong," said Mrs. Burns.

Mrs. Lincoln doesn't plan to spend Christmas with her family. She will return to England on Dec. 4.

And the Burns children will really miss their "Grandma" when she goes home. Death claimed their Kings Mountain Grandmother Burns about a year ago.

William Burns, the baby in the family, is her pride and joy. He carries with him most of the time the teddy bear, dressed up in overalls, his grandmother brought him from England.



Photo By Lib Stewart

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FOR BURNS FAMILY — Mavis Burns, left, her 18-month-old son, William, Mrs. Burns' mother, Mrs. Ethel Lincoln, right, and standing, from left, Robert Lee Burns, Annie Burns and Mrs.

Bruce Childers, standing far right, are planning a big Thanksgiving Day dinner for their mother and grandmother from England.

## Students Helping Santa Claus

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Santa Claus is getting many helpers at this season from students at Children's Clinic in Cleveland County, who have turned learning centers into Santa Fun Workshops where Mr. and Mrs. Santa's, doll beds and coverlets, upholstered furniture for doll houses, tree ornaments and gift towels are being turned out "assembly line" fashion by energetic youngsters.

Kings Mountain Schools have enrolled 80 students at the Clinic where classrooms are busy beehives of activity for 180 students three to 21 who learn many skills and become more proficient in speech, hearing, and language.

A city school bus driver begins his route in Kings Mountain about 7 a. m. for delivery at the school, formerly Northside School in Shelby, for classes beginning at 8:30.

Children change learning centers about every eight weeks and observe a normal schedule, returning home about 3 p. m.

Whether or not a child has limited physical use of his arms, legs, or hand, or is limited in language, speech and hearing, he has an im-

portant role and participates in the learning process.

"Whatever he or she can do, our trained staff is here to help," said Cliff Whitfield, young Kings Mountain teacher who is the Center's speech therapist and also works in the KM system, Head Start and county schools programs.

Johnny Turner of Grover was busy assembling "Readers Digest" pages for the foundation of the red and white Mr. Claus and Mrs. Claus the children were filling Santa orders for Christmas. Other children were making tree ornaments of red and green yarn, stitching towels and aprons, and constructing beautiful doll beds which will be the delight of many youngsters on Christmas morning.

In woodworking classes across the hall, ambitious students were being instructed by Mrs. Charles Fisher of Kings Mountain. Some students were sanding in preparation for creating beautiful bookends, end tables, wall plaques and, would you believe, doll furniture, including tiny couches upholstered by the boys and girls, matching chairs and tiny coffee tables.

Kelli Spencer of Kings Mountain and Angela Lyons of Shelby shared

"kp" duty in the Center kitchen where cooking classes were being taught by Mrs. Carolyn Butler. Fifteen students in that learning center had prepared breakfast of apple juice, scrambled eggs, toast and hot chocolate. Calvin London of Kings Mountain, one of the chefs, said his scrambled eggs "didn't turn out quite right."

The kitchen area of the Clinic includes stove, refrigerator, cabinets and appliances in one end of the room and another area where the children learn about personal grooming, shampoo their hair, brush their teeth, shower, etc.

Mrs. Butler, one of two staffers in this area, said the first week her students learn how to prepare snacks, the second week is busy with breakfast, the third week the youngsters prepare a simple lunch and then learn how to cook a short-order meal such as hamburger and hot-dog. They also learn table manners, how to keep their kitchen clean, how to correctly wash dishes, and alternate duties.

To a question, one student said he preferred Pepsi to apple juice which he is learning to like to drink. One boy, in a wheelchair, has become an

"A" student in this particular learning center, said his supervisor. A favorite time for the youngsters is on Friday morning when they gather in the gymnasium for devotions, Sunday School and a songfest.

"Our children like to sing," said Principal Allen.

Another favorite "period" during the busy day is arts and crafts, says Hallie (Mrs. Charles) Blanton, social worker with the KM system.

The speech and hearing therapy class is a favorite of Calvin London Hugh Bell, Mark Bumgardner, Robert Drewery and Gary McMurray, all of Kings Mountain.

"Life Skills" is how Hallie Blanton, a social worker with the Clinic for two years, explains the program which is available free to Cleveland County students who qualify. "Many things which we would count as simple like lacing shoes become complicated for some of our students but they are learning and adapting quickly."

Some of the pupils, after they reach age 21, ride the bus to Gaston Skills in Gastonia and there work for five or six hours and are paid hourly wages on an "assembly line" operation.

Physical therapy classes, reading, writing, speech classes, language classes are all part of the program led by 20 teachers, all dedicated to children.

November is Mental Health Month and Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library is featuring an exhibit of pictures of the students at work in the greenhouse, building magazine racks, cooking, shampooing and setting their hair, learning and having fun.

Civic and church groups assist in special "funtimes" for the kids.

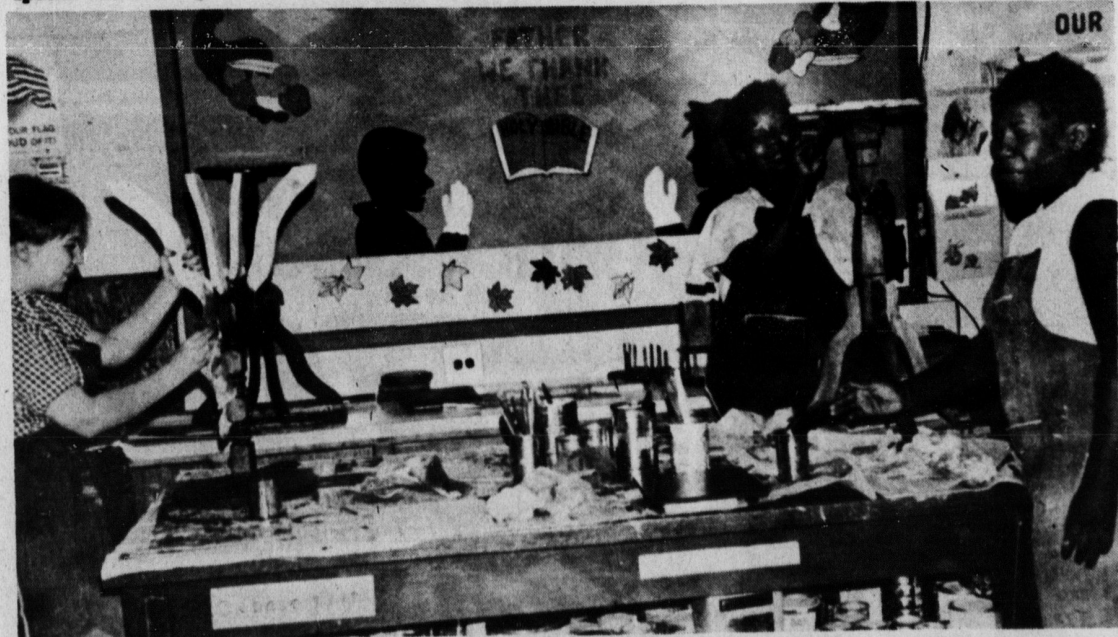
A Shelby sorority on Halloween sponsored a "Witches party" and one member dressed like a "Witch" and allowed the students to do the makeup on her face in traditional witch-style.

"We really had a ball," said one excited young man.

Loving parents are very grateful for this North Carolina educational facility, said Mrs. Blanton, who observed that "parents wear many hats but have neither facility or the expensive equipment to do for their child what we can do for him in the Clinic."



LIKE KP DUTY Angela Lyons, Cleveland County Children's Clinic left, and Kelli Spencer got KP duty in the kitchen during one of the learning centers Wednesday at Kings Mountain.



STUDENTS AT WORK — This trio of young people, all from the Kings Mountain area, are busy putting the finishing touches on tables in the woodworking class at Children's Center, a busy place this holiday season for youngsters who are turning the Center into a Santa workshop.



CARPENTERS AT WORK — Kelli Spencer and Angela Lyons, among other things, in these two Kings Mountain students are sanding book ends, magazine racks, and assembling doll furniture, among other things, in learning centers at Children's Clinic.