



FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE — At the dinner-dance at the Shelby Elks Club last Friday night debutantes stuck to tradition and danced with their fathers during the father-daughter dance. Left to right: Kelley Anne Adams is dancing with Dr. Charles H.

Adams, Miss Bonnie Hinnant dances with L. E. (Josh) Hinnant and Miss Julie Ann Henderson dances with her father, Charles Lorance Henderson of Morganton. Miss Henderson's grandmothers, Mrs. I. W. Ledford and Mrs. Ray Henderson reside in Kings Mountain.

Kings Mountain Ladies Make Their Social Debut

Ninety-one debutantes and their families and friends gathered in Shelby last weekend, June 10 and 11, for a whirl of social events leading up to the 32nd annual Debutante Presentation Saturday night.

Leading off the two-day round of events sponsored by Shelby Junior Charity League was a Registration Brunch from 11 a. m. to 1 p. n. Friday at North Lake Country Club. Debutantes and their mothers were greeted at the front door by League president Mrs. Richard Bowling, Debutante Ball chairman, Mrs. Charles Horn, and Debutante Secretary Mrs. Avery McMurry.

Brunch chairman Mrs. James Wilkins greeted guests at the dining room doorway. Other League members assisting her were Mrs. Edgar Hamilton, Mrs. Draper Wood, Mrs. Robert Stone, Mrs. David White, Mrs. Michael Schenck, Mrs. R. H. Rogers and Mrs. Jim Toole.

In the dining room, small white baskets trimmed with yellow ribbons held light summer flowers.

As the debs and their mothers dined on chicken mousse, ham biscuits, barbecue on rolls and other buffet foods, they had an opportunity to meet the commentator for Saturday's presentation, Dr. Robert Litton and Mrs. Litton, a League member who is president of the Sustaining Active members.

Mrs. Hill Hudson, III, assistant secretary to the debs, presented each girl with a gift from the league as a memento of the 32nd Debutante Ball.

Following rehearsal of the presentation early Friday, the debutantes, their parents and marshals (escorts) adjourned to Shelby Elks Club for a dinner-dance at 8 p. m.

Torches lighted the way up the club steps, where an ironwork trellis was backdrop for a garden scene.

Inside, the theme was butterflies; the walls and tables were shining with

bright butterfly cut-outs, and butterfly kites decorated the ceiling.

Following a buffet featuring baked ham, chicken casserole, potato salad and melon balls, guests danced to the music of "Revelation."

Midway through the dance, guests were invited to enjoy a punch fountain and hors d'oeuvres. During the evening the traditional Debutante Waltz was played for a special dance with debutantes and their fathers.

Co-chairmen of the dinner dance were Mrs. Don Yelton and Mrs. James Rose. League committee members are Mrs. L. W. Short, Mrs. Drew Evans, Mrs. Ned Bost, Mrs. Lacy Ballard, Mrs. William Hamrick and Mrs. Eugene Clark. Special guests will be League President Mrs. Richard Bowling and Dr. Bowling, debutante ball chairman Mrs. Charles Horn and Mr. Horn, debutante secretary Mrs. Avery McMurry and Dr. McMurry; and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Litton.

North Lake Country Club was transformed into a glorious garden at 11:30 a. m. Saturday for a garden party honoring debs and their assistant marshals (escorts).

Informal buffet tables were loaded with teenagers' favorites — hamburgers with all the trimmings, French fries, colas and "mud pies," and ice cream and chocolate dessert.

Picnic cloths were spread on the grounds, the terrace and around the pool. "Touch," a trio, performed from the roof of the bath house. White wicker baskets, pots of begonias, antique wicker flower stands with mixed flowers and magnolia blossoms floating in the pool enhanced the garden theme.

A giant oak tree beside the pool supported a wide wooden swing, its ropes decorated with ivy, ribbons and flowers. Debutantes and their dates had pictures made in the

swing as remembrances of the weekend.

Mrs. Stough Wray was chairman of the garden party, assisted by Mrs. Richard Palmer, Mrs. Harold Plaster, Mrs. Robert Burns, Mrs. John Plyler, Mrs. Jack Secrest and Mrs. Wayne Brunnick.

While the debs and their escorts were picnicking, mothers of the debs were entertained at a traditional Mother's Brunch at 11:30 a. m. at Cleveland County Club, arranged each year by the Sustaining Active members of Junior Charity League.

Greeting guests at the door were Mrs. Litton, Mrs. Horn and Mrs. McMurry.

Fresh flowers in summer arrangements were used in the lounge, with fresh greenery decorating the mantel and hallway.

In the dining room, a crystal bowl with snapdragons, mums and summer flowers centered an Italian cutwork cloth, which belongs to the Sustainers and is used annually at the brunch.

Included in the menu was chicken a la king, tomato baskets with fresh asparagus, cheese fondue, fresh fruit served from a silver punch bowl, and lemon tarts.

Mrs. Franklin Mabry was chairman of the brunch. Her committee included Mrs. Jack Morgan, Mrs. A. W. Archer, Mrs. Ray Webb Lutz and Mrs. Charles Lampley Jr. Mrs. Richard Bowling was a special guest.

While debs and their mothers were being entertained during the day, fathers of the 91 debs were invited to play golf or tennis at Cleveland Country Club, under the direction of Mrs. Fred Mills.

The 32nd annual Debutante Presentation began at 9 p. m. Saturday in the Malcolm Brown School-Civic Auditorium.

Ninety-one young ladies of senior high school age were presented to Western North Carolina society in a traditional ceremony which included their senior

marshal (usually their father or close relative) and assistant marshal (escort).

Sponsored annually by Shelby Junior Charity League, the presentation was held for the first time in the new civic auditorium, necessitating some minor changes in the presentation itself, but incorporating all the tradition and beauty of the event.

Centering the stage was a latticed gazebo, suggesting an antebellum Southern garden. The gazebo was designed by Shelby architect C. Crawford Murphy for the event.

Four white columns supported the curved roof, and a deep red carpet extended from the steps of the gazebo to center stage. Red geraniums and white caladiums surrounded the gazebo and steps.

Arched trellises on either side of the stage were entwined with ivy. Boston ferns, sugar maple trees, shrubs and hollies to complete the garden scene.

As the debutantes entered through the gazebo to the steps, they were joined by their chief marshals and assistant marshal.

Following tradition set in the late 40s or early 50s, each girl wore a formal floor length white gown, with elbow length gloves and carried 18 long-stemmed red roses.

After the last debutante was presented, all debutantes and their assistant marshals returned to the stage for a traditional debutante walk. Four couples were on stage at all times, forming two interlocking circles. Music was provided by Ziggy Hurwitz. Dr. Robert Litton was commentator for the event; Mrs. Charles Horn were 1977 Debutante Ball chairman.

Sons of League members who served as honorary marshals were Jim Rose, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Rose; Buddy Hobbs, son of Mrs. Lyndon Hobbs and the late Mr. Hobbs, and Carr Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Palmer.

Lib's Turning Over Gavel

When I turn over the gavel of the state presidency of the American Legion Auxiliary at conclusion of the annual Department convention Saturday afternoon in Charlotte, it will culminate a year of travel that will approximate 20-25,000 miles in this state, plus visits to Seattle, Washington for the national convention last August, the President's Secretaries Conference in September in Indianapolis, Ind., the Children and Youth Conference in New Orleans, La. in January, the National Security Conference in February in Washington, D. C. and ending my year of service in August by serving as chairman of the N. C. delegation to the national convention in Denver, Colorado.

It has been a busy year.

"Log Cabin Coggers," a clogging group of fourth through seventh graders from Sylva in Western North Carolina, will perform Friday at 2:30 p. m. at The Sheraton Center and numerous other young people will participate in the three-day convention to carry out the state president's youth-oriented theme and my President's Project which will see a \$6,000 contribution to the N. C. Schools for the Deaf, a record project for the state auxiliary of 11,000 women in 227 units. We will present the check to Rance Henderson, Director of the Schools for the Deaf, Kings Mountain native, at the Friday afternoon session.

Lib Stewart



The convention will open on Thursday with a memorial-communion service led by my pastor, Dr. Olin Whitener, Jr. of Grover. Mrs. Larry Wood of Kings Mountain will sing "Let There Be Peace on Earth," "One Day At A Time," and "Thank You Lord For All The Blessings." The opening professional at 8 p. m. at The Sheraton Center will feature flags of units, past national presidents from North Carolina, Mrs. E. B. Craven of Charlotte and Mrs. B. M. Jarrett of Shelby, unit presidents, past department presidents and state officers.

Members of "The Spirit of '76 of Kings Mountain Senior High School will present special music and numerous dignitaries will be recognized, including State Legion Commander J. B. Trexler, Jr.,

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Whittington of Charlotte and state presidents of the DAV and VFW.

Recognition of the state's Junior Miss Poppy, Lynn Grigg, Little Miss Poppy, Leigh Anne Stewart, and Department Mascot Jeff Grigg, all of Kings Mountain, will be made.

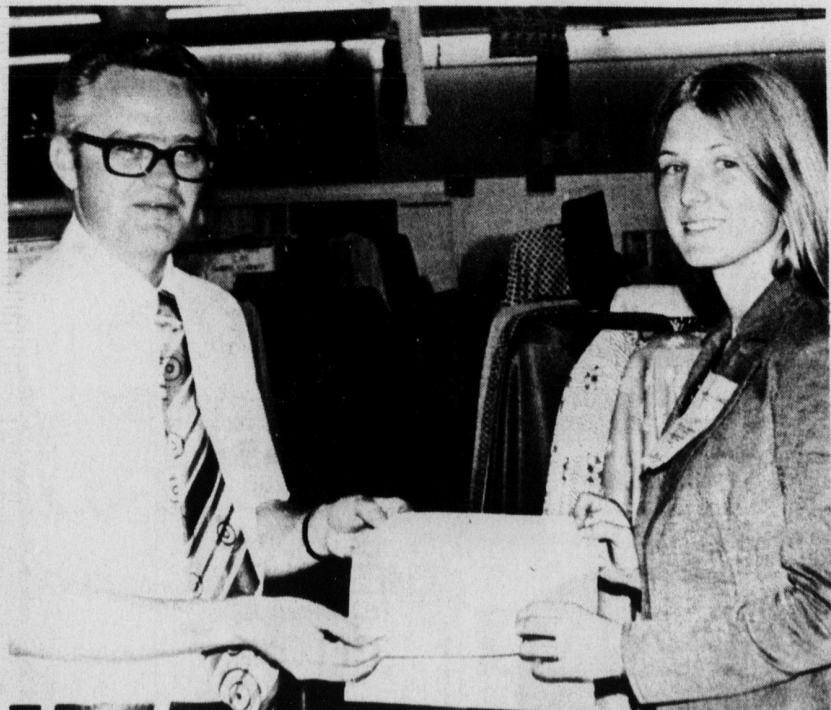
Mrs. Dorothy Bedillion, director of the VA Hospital at Salisbury, will be keynote speaker on Friday morning for a special program honoring the volunteers and four directors of the Veterans Administration hospitals at Asheville, Durham, Fayetteville and Salisbury, and the four auxiliary hospital representatives, all of whom will be recognized for service and presented decoupage plaques.

Ivey's of Charlotte will furnish models for a fashion show luncheon Friday at noon and narrator for the show will be the former Anne Parrish, former fashion editor of The Charlotte Observer.

Unit 262 Juniors of Charlotte, host unit, will present a patriotic program on Friday morning and sessions will include reports from approximately 30 chairmen.

From Fayetteville after bringing greetings at the state convention of Auxiliary of Disabled Veterans, I will be going to UNC-G for Girls State, being held during same week of convention, bringing greetings and staying on campus for two days, returning to Charlotte on Wednesday for the convention activities.

Loretta And Beverly Win Sample Seamstress Awards



EXPERT SEAMSTRESS HONORED — Loretta Martin, right, receives a certificate as Expert Seamstress from Sample Yardage Manager Jerry Ledbetter after a fashion show by home economics students last Saturday.

Sewing machines were humming Saturday morning at Sample Yardage in downtown Kings Mountain where 30 Kings Mountain Senior High homemaking students were busy stitching summertime garments.

The young women modeled their prize-winning costumes, which included dress-up ensembles and pantsuits. There were also costumes for leisure wear.

Loretta Martin won the award as expert Seamstress and Beverly Ann Oates was honored as Beginner Seamstress. They received certificates from Sample Yardage and presented by Jerry Ledbetter, manager.

The students also assisted shoppers in selecting the proper materials and in zipper construction, answering a number of questions about sewing.

Loretta Martin, participating in the Advanced Sewing Class, had designed an elegant four-piece brushed denim ensemble, adaptable for all occasions and featuring skirt, vest, pants, and jacket.

Beverly Oates had chosen Calcutta Crinkle material in a tangerine shade and fashioned a street-length dress which she plans to wear to church and use for special dress-up occasions.



BEVERLY OATES WINS AWARD — Beverly Ann Oates, right, above, is congratulated by Sample Yardage Manager Jerry Ledbetter as Beginner Seamstress in a fashion show of home economics students last Saturday.