

Mrs. Holcombe Receives Birthday Greetings From President Carter

Mrs. Emily Holcombe, 80 years young on March 2, received birthday greetings from President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter. The Kings Mountain woman, widow of M.L. Holcombe, was recently hospitalized at Kings Mountain Hospital and celebrated her birthday by cutting three birthday cakes and sharing them with hospital staffers and her family, including her three children and 37 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Children of Mrs. Holcombe and the late Mr. Holcombe are Mrs. Helen Summitt of Gastonia, Ben

Holcombe of Cliffside and Mrs. Geraldine Gregory of Kings Mountain. Her late husband was a native of Rome, Ga. and she is a native of Alabama.

The greetings from President and Mrs. Carter offered "best wishes for your happiness on this special day and in years to come."

"It was very exciting receiving a birthday card from the President of the United States," said the well-known Kings Mountain woman.

When Dr. Robert N. Baker and Mary Louise

Gehring were married March 10th in McComb, Mississippi, their marriage was culmination of a friendship that spanned 33 years.

Miss Gehring and Bob Baker served in the U.S. Coast Guard together and then went their separate ways. Their courtship began in earnest about two years ago when Mary Louise stopped briefly in Kings Mountain and the pair began corresponding with each other. It was a "long distance" courtship since Dr. Baker's bride traveled extensively and most recently is a professor on the staff of

Baylor University in Waco, Texas.



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"I was always receiving a card now and then from Mary Louise and we were both interested in the same things," said the Kings Mountain dentist.

The Baker-Gehring nuptials were pledged at the home of the bride's parents in Mississippi and the father of the bride, a retired Baptist minister, officiated in the presence

of both families. Mary Louise confided that her students are sorry to see her leave the University and wanted her and her bridegroom to remain in Texas and suggested that Dr. Baker open his practice there.

"I'm ready to settle down and be a housewife," said the petite Mrs. Baker in a recent telephone conversation with this reporter, "and Kings

Mountain will be our home after June 1."

Dr. Baker recently purchased the former Jonas Bridges residence on West Mountain St. He still has hopes, he says, that the old Baker homeplace on North Piedmont, which lies in the path of the U.S. 74 Bypass of the city, can be moved and the mansion preserved as an historical museum.

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There's an energy about Pearl Bailey that's contagious.

Returning to school at the age of 60, this legendary performer told us in Washington, D.C. a few weeks ago that she considers herself "just one of the kids in the classroom" at George Washington University where she is aspiring for a degree. She wants to be a teacher.

Miss Bailey was at the banquet to accept the coveted Molly Pitcher Award from the national American Legion Auxiliary organization in behalf of a friend and fellow entertainer, Jerry Lewis, who spearheaded a Muscular Dystrophy project last year in which the Auxiliary contributed thousands of dollars.

"Being with these students is quite a blessing," said Freshman Bailey who is studying French, Art through the Ages, and Hebrew and Hindu religious thought. She plans to major in theology because she is a "seeker of truth." During her first semester of college life this year, she has already given 30 lectures all over the country, has 15 more planned this semester, and most of us saw her on the Third Annual Kraft All-Star Salute: Pearl Bailey" which CBS aired on Wednesday night. She is also author of five books.

The Pearl Bailey lifestyle would do in most people half her age. Her home is in California, where her daughter, Dee Dee, 18, is housekeeper for Miss Bailey's band-leader husband, Louis Bellson. Son Tony Bellson is 25. She says her family is behind

her all the way. Miss Bailey got a standing ovation twice, when she came to the podium to accept the handsome plaque, and after she sang "Let There Be Peace On Earth" and "How Great Thou Art." The "autograph line" was long after the banquet as the delegates wanted to get a closer look and a handshake.

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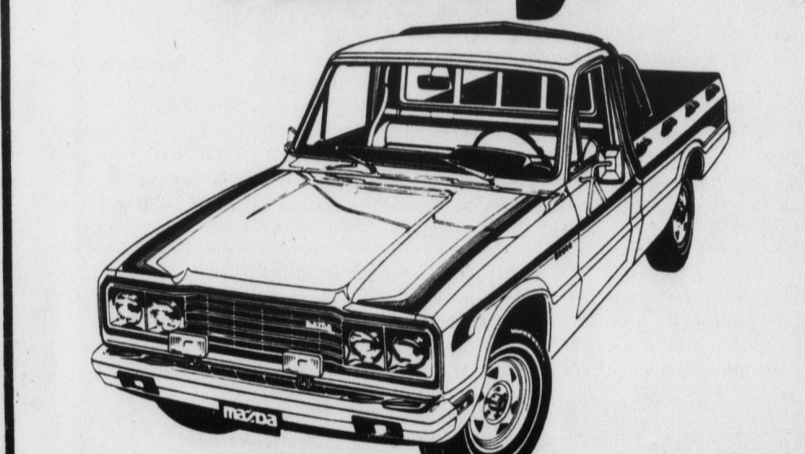
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ANNETTE LITTLEJOHN

ENGAGED - Mr. and Mrs. Howard Littlejohn of Grover announce the engagement of their daughter, Annette, to Kenneth Charles Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ray Hunter of Bessemer City. The bride-to-be is a senior student at Kings Mountain Senior High School. The prospective bridegroom attended North Gaston High School and received diploma from Gaston College. The wedding will take place June 23.



JODY HAM

Ham, Parker Couple To Marry On June 23

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ham, Jr. of Kings Mountain announce the engagement of their daughter, Jody Kathryn, to David Wesley Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Parker, of Brevard, N.C.

Miss Ham will graduate in May from Western Carolina University with a B.S. Ed. degree in Physical Education. While at Western she has been on the Dean's list for four years; a member of Kappa Delta Pi, Honor Society in Education; listed in Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities;

a member of SNCAE, Physical Education Club; has been a Resident Assistant in Helder Dorm for three years. The bridegroom-to-be is a 1978 graduate of Western Carolina University and is now employed as a Corporate Industrial Engineer with Collins and Aikman Corporation in Clinton, S.C.

The wedding will take place on June 23 at 12 noon in Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Kings Mountain.

Pearson Presents Program

Robert Pearson, owner of The Frame Gallery in Gastonia presented the program on "Framing" to the Good Earth Garden Club Wednesday night.

Mr. Pearson does custom framing of fine art, prints, needlework, photographs and portraits. He is also the authorized dealer for Frame House Gallery and Greenwich Workshop Limited Edition Prints.

Most of his shop is a gallery area where examples of Limited edition prints are displayed. This area is also used for artist showings three or four times a year. Area artists as well as national artists are invited to display their artwork. The art department of the club was responsible for arranging the program.

Handbooks were given to each member present and it was announced by the education department that Barry Lineberger was the recipient of the club's first annual Good Earth Garden Club Scholarship.

Five visitors were recognized and following the program refreshments were served.

TALENT SHOW
The East School Talent Show is scheduled for Thurs., March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Central School auditorium, sponsored by the East Parent-Teacher Organization. Tickets are \$1 for adults, 50 cents for students at the door.

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