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**FRIENDLY EXCHANGE**—Stokes Wright stops to chat with Abe Martin at Modern Cleaners on N. Piedmont Ave. during his final rounds as a letter carrier for the Kings Mountain Post Office. Wright punched out at 3:50 p.m. Friday and went into retirement after almost 32 years of service.

# Stokes Wright Retires

## He's Walked Last Mile For PO

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their way back to the vehicle for the next load."

Wright said in 31 and a half years he's worked for the postal service there have been many changes in the operations. "Used to we did what we called 'facing' the mail," he said. "That's putting the same size envelopes together, the stamps all running the same direction, then fed them into the cancellation machine. Now we just sack up everything and send it to Charlotte where a computer sorts and cancels."

Trains used to bring in all out of town mail and transport all outgoing mail, but now all mail is delivered to the rear door of the post office. Manpower used to do it all, but the machines have gradually taken over.

"But they ain't come up with a machine that will walk the streets and put the mail in the home mailbox," he said.

The toughest weather Wright recalls slugging through was one winter back in the 1950s. He said it was so cold that winter the pond behind the old Bonnie Mill froze. "That winter I got back to the post office a lot of evenings with icicles forming on the bill of my cap," he said.

His only brush with danger while walking a mail route came when he was forced to flatten himself against a fence to keep from being hit by a citizen coming home from work. "Inside that fence was a bulldog," Wright said. "That dog reached

through the fence, latched onto my pants and ripped one side from pocket to below the knee.

"If that wasn't bad enough, the guy who almost runover me started giving me the devil for bothering his dog," Wright said. "I tell you, if that man hadn't had help with him there would've been a fight right there."

Another neighbor up the street was a bit more civil. He gave Wright a couple of safety pins to clip his torn pant leg together so he could get back to the post office.

Wright was born in the Oak Grove Community west of Kings Mountain and he still lives in the house he moved into when he was about three years old. It's the old family farm, where Wright still keeps a garden and works a few cows. Digging in the earth and working the cows take the

place of hunting, fishing and golf as his recreation.

During World War Two, Wright was in the U.S. Navy Air Force, stationed for the duration at the Naval Air Base near Jacksonville, Fla. He served his time in the physical training division. When he was discharged, he returned to the farm and it was there in 1947 when he got his chance to work for the post office.

"My dad, William Wright, was a substitute rural carrier on Route three," Wright said. "One day Lloyd Phifer dropped in. His car was broke down and he wanted dad to take him around to finish his deliveries. My dad said no, but added that I would be happy to drive Phifer."

Coming back along Cherryville Highway, Phifer asked Wright why

he didn't take the civil service exam. He did and before the results of his test came back then assistant post master, George Hord, called Wright to ask him to work parttime.

That was Nov. 1, 1947. Wright was called a clerk-carrier which means he worked at the window some and carried the mail some. In 1960 he was given city route two - and he's worked the majority of that route ever since.

"But no more," he said. "I'm gonna be a gentleman farmer and the wife and I might travel some."

The wife is the former Louise Wolfe of Kings Mountain. The Wrights have four children - Charles, who lives in Grover, Bill, Beth and Marty, who live in Kings Mountain.

## OBITUARIES

### JOHN V. STEWART

Funeral services for John Van Dorn (Dan) Stewart, 77, of 606 W. Gold St., were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. from Dixon Presbyterian Church and a direct descendant of Colonel Frederick Hambricht.

Surviving are three brothers, H.K. Stewart, George T. Stewart and Charles E. Stewart, all of Kings Mountain, two sisters, Mrs. Hattie S. Haskins and Mrs. Lora S. Owens, both of Kings Mountain; eleven nephews and two nieces.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### JAMES W. MOSS

Funeral rites for James Willard Moss, 51, who was killed Friday in an automobile accident on Bessemer City Road, were conducted Sunday af-

ternoon at 3 p.m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home.

Rev. M.P. Hampton officiated at the rites and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Moss was son of Mrs. Ethel Pennington Moss of Blacksburg, S.C. and the late Roy Lovelace Moss and was an employe of Burlington Industries.

Surviving are three sons, Keith Moss and Scott Moss, both of Kings Mountain, and Ken Moss of Charlotte; four sisters, Mrs. Modena Reynolds of Blacksburg, S.C., Mrs. Colleen Reynolds of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Dorothy Carroll of Blacksburg, S.C. and Mrs. Frances Poole of Kings Mountain. Also surviving are two grandchildren.

Funeral services for Thomas Everett Jenkins, 39, of 211 Stowe Acres, who died of gunshot wounds Friday night, were conducted Monday afternoon at 4 p.m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home by Rev. Bill Wilson, interment following in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Jenkins was son of Mrs. Violet Farris Foster Kings Mountain and the late Thomas Drayton Jenkins.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his brother, Thurman Jenkins of Kings Mountain; his half-brother, William Foster of Kings Mountain; two sisters, Mrs. Ann Munzer of Chicago, Ill. and Mrs. Thomas Golden of Atlanta, Ga.; and three half-sisters, Mrs. Grace Miller and Mrs. Rose Vestal, both of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Ruth Ledford of Greenville, S.C.

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## An Up-Hill Fight For Association

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The dinner is being co-sponsored by the city of Kings Mountain.

Mayor John Henry Moss said he sees the city serving as a catalyst and linking agency between the voter registration organization and local industry.

"To have total development in an area, you must have the total community involved," Moss said. "It's what I call the togetherness way of achievement."

The city has launched an industry hunting campaign headed by L.E. Hinnant, Kings Mountain's First Union Bank City executive.

"We're looking mostly for metal working companies," said Hinnant, "because the experience of the Eaton Corporation that located here not long ago was that the textile worker makes a good machinist with proper training."

Hinnant said the Cleveland County area has many attractions for new industry, not least of which are the area's proximity to I-85, and the 2,000 acre lake

near the city limits.

"I show the area at least once every two weeks," said Hinnant, "and I think we're going to see a stepping up of the industrial development in this area, not only in Cleveland County, but in Gaston and Lincoln counties as well."

The voter registration organization has sent invitations for the dinner to all the industry and businesses in the area.

Roberts said they invited Rougeau to keynote this first banquet because the organization felt it was important for everyone in the community to know that there are laws governing the relationship between folks in the community who have been traditionally left out of the economic development process and industry.

Rougeau has directed the DOL office since May 1977. Before that he was legislative assistant to U.S. Senator J. Bennett Johnson (D-Louisiana), and before then director of the National Urban League's Citizenship Education Department.

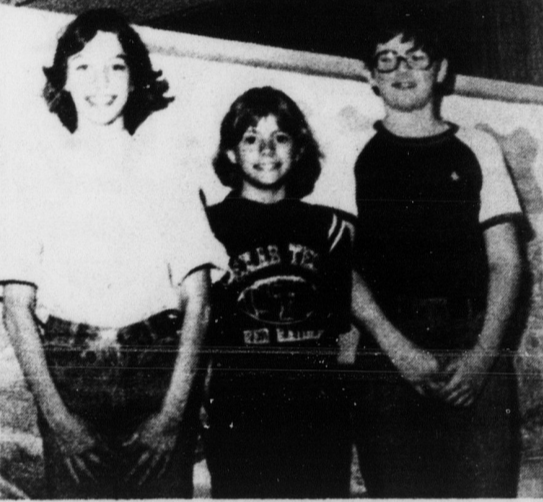


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**WEST SCHOOL WINNERS**—Ashley Gossett, left, Patti McGinnis and Patrick Hamrick were the winners in the DAR-sponsored contests conducted among fifth graders at West School. Hamrick also won the school spelling bee.

## DAR, Spelling Bee Winners

Three West School fifth graders won awards recently in school contests.

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Ashley Gossett, daughter of Mrs. Shirley Gossett, won the history essay contest sponsored by the DAR chapter. She is a student in Mrs. Jackie Goforth's Fifth grade.


Patti McGinnis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McGinnis, was first place winner in the DAR-sponsored Essay contest.

Both Hamrick and Miss McGinnis are students in Mrs. Hilda Goforth's Fifth grade.

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PSY	101	08	Introduction to Psychology	04	04	022	216	14-18	14-18		
PSY	202	03	Group Processes	04	04	022	206	14-18	14-18		
MAT	110C	03	Intermediate Algebra	04	04	022	206	14-18	14-18		
BUS	109	03	Business Math	04	04	022	206	14-18	14-18		
BUS	120	05	Accounting I	06	06	022	213	14-18	14-18	14-18	
BUS	101	03	Introduction to Business	04	04	022	205	14-18	14-18	14-18	
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BUS	106	02	Shorthand I	03	04	022	213	14-18	14-18		
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BUS	112	02	Filing	03	04	022	220	14-18	14-18		
BUS	110	05	Office Machines	03	04	022	213	14-18	14-18		
MAT	120C	01	Calculus with Analytical Geometry	05	05	022	218	14-18	14-18	14-18	
BUS	286C	01	Investments & Securities	04	04	022	207	14-18	14-18		
BUS	287C	01	Small Business Management	04	04	022	207	14-18	14-18		
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