



BANK WINNERS—Recently, Independence National Bank held a drawing for grand opening prizes. Shown here are, left to right, Tommy Bridges, who won a Sonar One-Step camera by Polaroid; Jackie Mauney,

INE branch manager; and top prize winner, Mrs. Evonne Greene, who won a Polavision movie camera and projector.

Older Americans Events Set

Governor James B. Hunt has designated May as "Older Americans Month" by proclamation.

In Kings Mountain, members of the Aging Program are planning several special events in recognition of this month. Rev. Kenneth George, coordinator of the program, said a full schedule of events will be announced later.

May was made a special one for older citizens when President John Kennedy issued the first proclamation in 1963.

"But, it goes farther back than that," according to Nathan H. Yelton, assistant secretary of Aging, N.C. Department of Human Resources. "In the 1950s many state governors set aside May as Older Americans Month and the observance over two decades has become a tradition."

President Jimmy Carter has also proclaimed May as Older Americans Month.

Governor Hunt's proclamation states:

"Whereas, Older North Carolinians have made a great contribution to our state; and

Whereas, many of our older citizens are isolated, in need, or have poor health; and

Whereas, the happiness of our senior citizens is influenced by our actions and policies; and

Whereas, state government can address more adequately the problems of older adults in North Carolina; and

Whereas, the month of May has been designated a special time for focusing attention on the importance of our senior citizens and their needs;

Therefore, I hereby proclaim the month of May, 1979, as Older Americans Month in North Carolina, and commend this observance to our

citizens."

"During Older Americans Month we emphasize older adults' vital role in society, honor them and recognize their contributions, and increase opportunities for senior citizens to make even great contributions from their experience, skills and wisdom," said Assistant Secretary Yelton.

He added, "We must reach out for older people who are living isolated lives and bring them back into the community. We must make their needs known and strengthen programs for them. This is a time when we can demonstrate the effectiveness of services already being provided for older adults and press communities and organizations to do more."

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Health Fair Saturday

Older citizens will be in the spotlight Saturday as Cleveland County participates with others throughout the nation in Health Fair Day.

At the Cleveland County Health Center in Shelby approximately 100 medical-field volunteers will be

**Bloodmobile
Will Visit
High School**

Kings Mountain Senior High students will sponsor a visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile May 7th at the high school.

Donors will be processed from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and goal of the one-day collection is 200 pints of blood.

"Blood is critically needed", said a spokesman, who encouraged all area citizens to support the visit of the regional blood bank.

giving free health tests to citizens 50 and older and counseling and referring those who need further evaluation.

Local persons who need transportation to Shelby should contact Rev. Kenneth George at KM Depot Center or call 482-1189. Rev. Mr. George says that citizens can call the Shelby number as late as Saturday and obtain transportation to the clinic.

Among services to be rendered at the clinics will be measuring height and weight, checking blood pressure

and vision, and screening for cancer, tuberculosis and anemia. Some citizens will receive pap smears, hearing tests and screening for glaucoma and diabetes. A podiatrist will give foot examinations and dentists will screen for oral cancer. Nutrition counseling will be provided and there will be a class on self-examination for breast cancer.

The fair will be conducted from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and persons may pre-register and be given a specific time to attend by calling the Council on Aging, 482-3488.

Larry Allen Appointed

Larry Allen, Director of Federal Programs in the KM District Schools, was elected to the board of directors of Pioneer Girl Scout Council, Inc. at the annual meeting Saturday at Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs.

This year for the first time, each of the four-county council's ten neighborhoods was represented by

delegates, who were chosen according to girl membership in the respective areas.

Mrs. Fred L. Smyre, III of Gastonia was elected the new Council president succeeding Mrs. Ernest Yelton, the retiring president who received the Thanks Badge, Girl Scouting's highest adult award.

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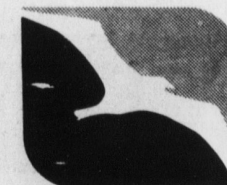
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