

Comes Back Into Own



Photo by Tom McIntyre

NEW POSTAL EMPLOYEE—Millage Spires has been added to the Kings Mountain Post Office staff as a clerk-carrier. A native of Florida, Spires entered postal work while serving in the U.S. Army. As a civilian he has worked in this field for 13 years. Spires, his wife, Elizabeth, and son, Stuart, reside at Georgetown Apartments. Stuart is a second grader at North School. Mrs. Spires is a native of Marion, N.C.

"There is a destiny that makes us sisters; none goes her way alone, all that we send into the lives of others comes back into our own."

BY PEGGY DAVIS

The youngest sister, Myra Hagens, of the P.A. Hawkins Clan, celebrated her birthday Sat., May 19th. It was one of the many celebrations held each month as the sisters gather locally or out-of-town for these special occasions.

Sat., May 19th, was an out-of-town celebration that took the family by car for a scenic cruise to the mountains of North Carolina to visit the formal Biltmore House and Gardens.

Myra says it was a perfect day, with a newfound interest in the history of North Carolina, antiques, house plants, and hybrid tea roses. The grounds of the Biltmore House was an appropriate setting for a spring picnic.

April's celebration was in honor of Lois Ellis of Grover with a dinner engagement at a Charlotte steak house.

June 30, Etha Bumgardner will splash into another year with a pool party given by Mrs. Tommy Hawkins of Putnam Lake Rd.

Our celebrations give us a reason to reminisce, learn from past experiences and a look to the future with confidence and courage.

The love our parents shared (the late Mr. and Mrs. P.A. Hawkins) continues to grow within the hearts of our family members.

As the years come and go, all our eight sisters and one brother have a reason to celebrate.

Four Earn Degrees

Four Kings Mountain students were among the UNC-Charlotte graduates receiving degrees during exercises on May 12.

They are: Melanie Ripple Ballard, Georgetown Apts., masters in education; Charlene R. Gaffney, 618 Meadowbrook Rd., BA in human development and learning; Brenda Peterson Long, Rt. 1, Canterbury Rd., MAE in mathematics; and Cynthia Kay Robinson, 708 Sterling Dr., BS in biology and BA in psychology.

Aide Class Set

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two brothers, Jack Whetstone and William Whetstone, both of Kings Mountain, and one sister, Mrs. Cora Sellers of Kings Mountain.

MRS. MARTHA WICKS

CHERRYVILLE—Funeral services for Mrs. Martha E. Wicks, 51, mother of Albert Henderson of Kings Mountain, were conducted Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. from Carpenter Funeral Home by Rev. Dan Silver and Rev. H.A. Lambert, interment following in Mount Zion Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Wicks died Sunday at a Morganton rest home.

She was a native of Lincoln County and a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church.

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DR. BLAIR

ELECTED—Dr. Charles Blair of Kings Mountain was recently installed as president-elect of the Erskine College Alumni Association in Due West, S.C. The ceremony was held Sat., May 19.

ESC Claims Activities Are Dropping

Claims activity in Kings Mountain for the Employment Security Commission has dropped off considerably in the past two months, according to Franklin Ware Jr.

Ware is manager of the Shelby office of ESC.

He said the Job Service Unit located in the Kings Mountain Community Center will continue to provide placement service Monday through Friday.

Claims activity is still scheduled on Thursdays. For more information, call 789-8661.

At 5 p.m. today, KMers can watch a frightening stunt ride downtown. Johnny Sands, a former movie stuntman, will attempt to drive a KM Fire Department engine from the department to KM Plaza Shopping Center - blindfolded.

"There's no magic about it," Sands said. "I let Chief Gene Tignor place two silver dollars over my eyes, then a blindfold, then place a hood over my head."

Sands plans to drive the fire engine down Mountain St. to Phifer Rd., then left to the second entrance on the right to KM Plaza Shopping Center. He plans to end his drive in front at the McFeeley Amusements Rides now set up at the Plaza.

Johnnie Caldwell, assistant fire chief, said, "Sands will give out a roll of tickets to the kids, if he makes it, and the ride tickets will be good for Thursday night."

The amusement rides will benefit

the Kings Mountain Fire Museum. Sands was a country and western music performer, working touring shows with Barbara Mandrell, Merle Haggard and Charlie Pride.

From music, Sands entered the movies as a stuntman, doubling Elvis Presley in two films - "Roustabout" and "Charro."

A motorcycle accident, which almost severed his right hand, ended his film stunt career.

Weekend Poppy Days

Poppy Day is Friday and Saturday in Kings Mountain and members of Kings Mountain Unit 166 of the American Legion Auxiliary will be inviting citizens to "wear a poppy".

All proceeds will benefit the Auxiliary's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Project for hospitalized veterans and their families.

Mrs. Stonewall (Peggy) Jackson is project chairman and all members of the Unit are encouraged to man stations in the downtown area and shopping centers on Friday and Saturday.

The red memorial poppies, which honors all veterans, are made by hospitalized veterans at the state's VA Medical Centers.

Miss Poppy, Amy Dixon, daughter of Mrs. Charles Dixon and the late Mr. Dixon, will also assist in the project. Miss Dixon, last year's state Poppy Queen, was a national runner-up to Miss Poppy 1978 at the American Legion Auxiliary state convention in New Orleans, La.

Mrs. J.D. Barrett is unit president.

Cheshire Heads Club

Lyn Cheshire, Patterson Oil Co. executive, has been elected president of Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club for the coming year. He will succeed Frank Van Story and will assume office in the Fall.

Other new officers for 1979-80 will be George Hatch, first vice-president; Jerry Ledford, second vice-president; and Roy Duncan,

treasurer. Kiwanians also approved a board of directors at Thursday night's meeting at KM Woman's Club.

Winners of the recent KM Schools Talent Show were recognized and presented trophies. They include: Cristi Putnam, Tonya Hawkins, Nicole Ghandt, Lew Dellinger,

Sandra Wells, Tammy Van Dyke, Trinda Hamrick, Charlotte Logan, Glenda Adams, Arijuana Curry, Angela Bell, and Bridgette White.

Members of the board of directors are Ron Bagwell, Glee E. Bridges, Bill Davis, Dan Finger, Paul Ham, Shuford Peeler and Kyle Smith.

OBITUARIES

MRS. RUTH STEPHENSON

EDEN—Funeral services for Mrs. Ruth Davis Stephenson, 47, of 609 Lynrock Apartments, sister of Schools Supt. William Davis of Kings Mountain, were conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. from Leaksville United Methodist Church, of which she was a member.

Graveside service was conducted Wednesday at 4 p.m. from Gaston Memorial Park.

Mrs. Stephenson died Monday afternoon at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro.

She was a native of Gaston County, daughter of Mrs. Getty Davis of Gastonia and the late Grady Davis. She was an instructor at Rockingham County Community College and in the Eden Public School System.

Also surviving are her husband, Joseph R. Stephenson of Asheville; and a daughter, Miss Cindy Stephenson, student at Appalachian State University.

Rev. Kenneth Johnson officiated at the rites.

MRS. DOLLY CASH

Funeral services for Mrs. Dolly Adams Cash, 85, of 61 Pine Manor Apts., who died Friday in Kings Mountain Hospital, were conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. from Midpines Baptist Church by Rev. Fred Wells and Rev. George Leigh, interment following in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Cash was a native of Cleveland County, daughter of the late Gus Adams and Anner Henderson Adams. She was widow of Vernon Cash and a retired textile employee.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Douglas Carroll and Mrs. Barry Heffron, both of Spartanburg, S.C., three sons, Joseph and Richard Cash of Wellington, Conn. and Lee Cash of Chatham, Va.; three brothers, A.G. and Bill Adams of Kings Mountain and Ed Adams of Lincolnton; 24 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

LT. EARL C. GRABUS JR.

A memorial service was held Wednesday at 2 p.m. for Navy Lieutenant Earl

Cornelius Grabus Jr. at the Chapel of The Good Shepherd, Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia Beach, Va.

Lt. Grabus, 28, died May 17 as a result of an aircraft accident of undetermined origin off Puerto Rico. The accident occurred during training exercises with Attack Squadron 176, operating from the carrier USS Independence.

A native of Dundalk, Maryland, Lt. Grabus is survived by his wife, Susanne Holland Grabus of 942 Newburgh Court, Virginia Beach, and his father, E.C. Grabus Sr. of Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Grabus is the former Susanne Amos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Amos Sr. of Kings Mountain.

MRS. CLEO HEAVNER

Funeral services for Mrs. Cleo Whetstone Heavner, 64, of 802 First St., who died Monday morning in Kings Mountain Hospital after several months' illness, were conducted Wednesday at 4 p.m. from Harris Funeral Home Chapel by Rev. Odus Shelton, interment following in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Heavner, wife of Jesse Heavner, was daughter of the late John and Annie Hullender Whetstone.

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At Library

Books And Programs Available

An interesting and valuable book has been given to the Carolina Room at the Library by Mrs. Virginia Bird Crawford. It is the "Criminal and Civil Docket 1915-16" kept by Mr. George W. Kendrick, Justice of the Peace in Kings Mountain during those years, and grandfather to Mrs. Crawford.

The Children's Summer Story Hour, conducted by Mrs. Beth McIntyre, Mrs. Barbara Smith and Mrs. Melanie Ballard, will be held on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 beginning June 13 and running through Aug. 15. A prize will be given to the child who has the best attendance record, and there will be also occasional drawings for other prizes throughout the

summer. Story Hour Schedule:

June 13-Humorous Stories-Beth McIntyre.
June 20-Animal Stories-Barbara Smith.

June 27-Transportation Stories-Melanie Ballard.
July 11-Folk Tales-Barbara Smith.

July 18-Humorous Stories-Barbara Smith.
July 26-Feelings.
Aug. 1-The Giving Tree-Melanie Ballard.

Aug. 8-Peter's Pocket.
Aug. 15-Old Favorites-Beth McIntyre.
A Light Summer Reading table has been set up in the Adult Fiction Room with books by Eden, Cartland, Keyes, Hodge, Holt, Whitney etc. The shelves are loaded with many types of good

reading: mysteries, paperbacks, biography, history, poetry etc. The Library welcomes you to come in and browse and read your summer away.

Legal Program Set

Attorney Mickey Corry of Kings Mountain will conduct a question and answer program on legal matters at Ebenezer Baptist Church Sun., May 27.

The 6 p.m. program is sponsored by the church Baptist Training Union. The Rev. D.C. Wilson, pastor, invites interested citizens to attend. The church is located on Hwy. 216.

Survey

Housing Needs For Elderly

A survey to determine the need for housing for the elderly is underway in Kings Mountain.

The survey is conducted by Associated Development Consultants, Inc., of Greenwood, S.C. Persons 62 or over interested in living in the type of housing developed specifically for elderly citizens may fill out a survey form.

Forms are available at the utilities department at city hall, the Kings Mountain Housing Authority office on Ridge St. and the Office For The Aged at The Depot Center, Battleground Ave.

Forms also available by sending name and address to Paul E. Hayes, P.O. Box 325, Kings Mountain, N.C. Returning the form does not obligate anyone, but only adds information to the survey to determine housing needs for senior citizens in the community.

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