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MRS. EMMA PEARSON
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Mrs. Emma Pearson of 403 Chestnut Street, Kings Mountain, celebrated her 90th birthday Friday at her home.

Relatives and friends call on Mrs. Pearson between 7 and 9 p.m., at which time cake and ice cream were served.

Five generations of the Pearson family attended.

Mrs. Pearson is the wife of the late Bob Pearson and has nine children, including Olland, Flay, Tillman, Roberta, Junior, Lona May, Everette, Arthur and Roy.

#### Letters

#### **True Meaning**

To The Editor:

A special thank you from the residents and staff of the Kings Mountain Convalescent Center go to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moss of Kings Mountain. On the night of Dec. 6th the Kings Mountain Convalescent Center Resident Council, staff members and family participated in a holiday dinner and party at the Holiday Inn in Kings Mountain. After the party, as we were ready to pay our checks and leave, we were told by the cashier that our checks would be taken care of by a gentleman and his wife dining there that evening. A young woman came to our group and announced that she and her husband wanted to take care of all the checks that evening because they wanted "everyone to have a Merry Christmas." As we talked with this couple we learned that they recently lost all their possessions in a fire, but stated, "so many have been so good to us, we wanted to give something back."

Again, a very special thank you goes to Ed and Sandra Moss, from the residents, staff and family who attended the party. We are deeply touched by their gesture and feel that we have been blessed with the true meaning of Christmas.

Vickie Ledford

# Thanks, Alex McCallum

To the Editor:

I would like to publicly thank Alex McCallum for his outstanding work and leadership in the American Cancer Society. His hard work and dedication to this cause will long be remembered by the community that he has lived and served in for several years.

I certainly wish him luck in his new employment and feel confident he will serve his new community with the same enthusiasm as we in Cleveland County have witnessed. Thanks Again!

> G. Burel Harris, President Cleveland County Unit of The American Cancer Society

## **Thanks From Head Start**

Dear Head Start Supporters:

Christmas is a time for warmth and love, giving and caring. It arouses in many of us deep emotion for the beauty of life itself. It is also a time to remember those who have had special meaning to use throughout the year.

In Head Start, Christmas is a time when parent involvement is at its peak, private sector collaboration and community support is more visible and staff are motivated by that gleam of excitement in children's eyes. How unfair it would be not to share some of this with you, since you are the persons who have shared with us the entire year by voicing your support for this early childhood program that has proven its effectiveness.

If we had one Christmas wish for you it would be that each of you could be with Head Start enrollees and feel that love, or watch that glow on their faces; or see the parents who might not otherwise have been able to celebrate Christmas with gifts, food, or Christmas trees were it not for Head Start programs tapping resources to make this possible.

Thank you for giving us this opportunity, and as we shre with you a message from the Head Start child, we hope the spirit of Christmas will fill your heart. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely, CLEVELAND COUNTY HEAD START STAFF

#### **Thanks To Ladies**

To the editor:

The Kings Mountain Neighborhood Facility Center wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to all of the ladies in the physical fitness program who volunteered their time and talents to the recent Kings Mountain Christmas parade.

Participating as joggers behind the float were Debbie George, Geneva Ingram, Nancy Weld, Ann Huffman, Fran Patterson, Debbie Johnson, Joyce Wheeler, Brenda Seaver, Diane Mullinax, Virginia Causby, Jacquie Causby, Nancy Waters, Trace Styers and Linda Lail.

Exercising on the float with instructor Patsy Parker were Bev Weld, Debbie Smith and April Green. Riding on the float were Pat Howard as Mrs. Santa Claus and her assistant, little Katie George. Special thanks are also extended to Eddie Herndon for the use of his truck and driving skills, Barrett Carpet for the use of carpet materials for the float, and Renee Bingham for the art work.

Patsy Parker, Instructor **MISSY SKIRTS** 

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# Grover Suit Is Filed

Gloria Horton, who was fired in April as town clerk of Grover, and her husband, Steve, have filed a half-million dollar suit against Mayor Bill McCarter and three Grover councilmen.

Councilmen listed in the suit are Ronald Queen, Dennis McDaniel and Jim Howell, the three men who voted to terminate her employment. Councilman Bill Camp was not present at the meeting and councilman Grady Ross was not a member of the board at that

time. He was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Vickie Smith, who voted against Mrs. Horton's dismissal and later resigned.

The suit, filed December 1 in

# BIG

It's just a Big Furniture Sale. It starts Jan. 13th, in Kings Mountain. Cleveland County District Court by Mrs. Horton's attorney, Claywood Corry of Kings Mountain, seeks \$539,017.15 in punitive damages, a jury trial and repayment of attorney fees.

The suit alleges that Mrs. Horton suffered undue harassment from Mayor McCarter and termination for no other reason than "the pleasure of the board."

Her husband claims that because of the "injuries, damages, humiliation and mental suffering sustained by his wife" that he was denied "her services, society and consortium."

Mrs. Horton was hired as town clerk under the CETA program. She was relieved of her title as town clerk and named deputy town clerk in January of 1980 under a former board's administration and was later fired by that same board. She was rehired after she filed a complaint with the North Carolina Employment Security Commission

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