

Sertoma Club To Give Service To Mankind Award

The Kings Mountain Sertoma Club is requesting nominations for the annual Service To Mankind Award.

The club is looking for a person who has given unselfishly of time, talent and dedication to help others without receiving recognition or fame for self, especially someone who provides these services on a voluntary basis. Perhaps he or she has worked with the sick, handicapped, homeless, poor, with hospitals, missionaries or just anyone that needed help. If you know of such a person, the Ser-

toma Club of Kings Mountain would like to recognize that person publicly.

If you know of a suitable candidate, write Buddy Fletcher, 701 Cleveland Avenue, Kings Mountain, giving a brief description of the nominee's work. The committee will then investigate the various candidates and announce its selection during the week of December. The winner will be appropriately honored by the Kings Mountain Sertoma Club at a public banquet later in December. The recipient of the

club's award will also be a nominated for district and possibly International recognition along with other Service to Mankind Award recipients from Sertoma Club all over the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Switzerland.

For the purpose of the Kings Mountain Sertoma Club award, however, the awardees must be associated actively in the community or nearby vicinity.

Community recipients of the service to Mankind Award in the past include, Kelly Dixon and Kyle Smith.



HALLOWEEN SPOOKS - Some employees of Mauney Hosiery got into the Halloween spirit Monday, dressing in spook costumes for their day of toil. Left to right are Jo Ann Newcomb Lowe, Sallie Chambers, Betty Mauney, Vernie Mae Allran, Helen Tate, Virginia Stone and Sallie Mayes.

Election Tuesday

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Seven persons are running for the five council seats. They are incumbents Bill Camp, Ronald Queen, Dennis McDaniel, Grady Ross and Jim Howell, former councilwoman Juanita Pruette, and Kenneth Anthony. Ross was appointed to the board following the resignation of Vickie Smith.

The board recently approved the staggered system of electing the mayor and commissioners so programs started under one administration would not be dropped by another.

Tom Tindall Retires From Life Company

By GARY STEWART
Editor

As a lad, Tom Tindall operated a candy stand behind the Railroad Depot in Blacksburg, S.C., and one day dreamed of owning a chain of grocery stores.

Selling insurance was one thing he said he'd never do.

He retired recently after selling insurance for 35 years for Life Insurance Company of Georgia. He was honored at a retirement party Thursday night at Slug's Ribs in Charlotte where he received a Quartz clock, \$25 check from Slugs, and other retirement gifts.

Tindall's father worked on the railroad, and when he was "around 12 to 14 years old", young Tom used to board the trains when they stopped at the Blacksburg Depot and sell candy to passengers. He bought his goodies wholesale from C.B. Poole in Gaffney.

"The railroad tore down a big fence around the Depot and I wrote their main office in Greenville and asked them if I could have it to build a candy stand," he recalled.

He started his business with a dollar, and when the family left Blacksburg to move to Gastonia three years later, he had stock worth \$50.

He ran the stand after school and on weekends and got a big kick out of flirting with the young college girls who rode the train each week to Winthrop College in Rock Hill.

"I'd have to close up each Sunday night to go to church," he recalled. "I'd have about \$20 in change in my pockets and when I'd stand up to sing, it would rattle. It was embarrassing."

As his candy sales increased, he added other items such as loaf bread, cigarettes and cigars. He went out of the cigarette business one day when his father caught him smoking and made him quit selling them.

His cigar business led to a whipping for Tom and his brother. "We halved a cigar one day as we were going to school," Tindall recalled. "When we got to school I threw what was left of mine away, and told him to do the same. But he put it in his pocket. That night when our mother was getting ready to wash clothes, his cigar fell out of his pocket and she gave us both a good whipping."

His candy business folded when the family moved to Gastonia. He was 15 years old. "I really loved it," he said. "You met a lot of friendly people."

Tindall graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 1940. He played bass drum in the band and his biggest high school honor came when the band, directed by the late Dr. Paul E. Hendricks, was invited to play for the dedication of the Smokey Mountain National Park. President Roosevelt made the dedication speech. "That was the first time I ever saw a President," he said.

For seven years during his youth he worked part-time at Kings Mountain Drug Company. He served as a Dental Assistant in the Army in World War II.

After his discharge, he returned home and went to work as a carpenter. When the carpenter he worked for went out of business in 1948, he found himself unemployed.

W.M. Murray, a manager for Life Insurance Company of Georgia, walked into Kings Mountain Drug one day and asked employees there if they knew of a young man in the area who would make a good insurance man. Three of them recommended Tindall.

"I wasn't the least bit interested in selling insurance," he said. "But Mr. Murray came to see me. He said he'd never had three people to recommend one person before, so he just had to talk to me. He kept talking and made it sound so interesting. I was out of a job so I finally took him up on it."

It was a living, but Tindall still wasn't happy. When he was called back into the Army two years later because of the Korean War, he made up his mind that when he came back home he'd hunt another job.

"But they sent me my commissions and continued to keep up the insurance on my family," he said. "After a lot of serious thinking, I decided I probably wasn't happy because of my attitude, so when I came home I decided to change my attitude and go back to work."

"From then on, I believed more in the company. As I look back, it's hard to believe I stayed with one company for so many years, but it paid off."

Educators Endorse Candidates

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opposition from Carol Mullinax Brazzell for the six-year, inside city seat.

Hord, who was appointed last spring to fill the seat of Harold Lineberger until this election, is running unopposed for the remaining two years of Lineberger's term.

Houze is running against Doyle Campbell for the remaining four years of the term of Jerry Ledford, who resigned recently.

Mrs. White, a private school teacher, is running against incumbent Bill McDaniel and Grover druggist Quint McCoy for the six-year, outside city seat.

Normally, only two board seats are available in any one year and the terms are usually for six years. The two and four-year terms would not have come up for election this year had it not been for resignations.

All eight school board candidates said in a public meeting recently at the Bethware Progressive Club that they would support a four-year term.

Mrs. Weathers said the local NCAE chapter has 183 members, representing 76 percent of those Kings Mountain district educators eligible to join.

YARD SALE

The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor a big yard sale Saturday morning at the legion building. A wide assortment of items will be available for purchase.



AND THE WINNER IS... Jerry Morrison - Mayor Moss draws for the winner of the comforter and pillow shams donated by Kinmont last Friday during Textile Week.

Letter To Editor

To the editor:

On behalf of the Greater Carolinas Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to each of you in the Grover area for your contributions in our recent MS fund drive.

We are most grateful for the contributions totaling \$265.00. We are very grateful to you for this money and to our volunteers, Martha Byers, Rebecca Callahan, Betty Gardner, Karen Moss, Vickie Smith and Judy White, who gave so generously of their time.

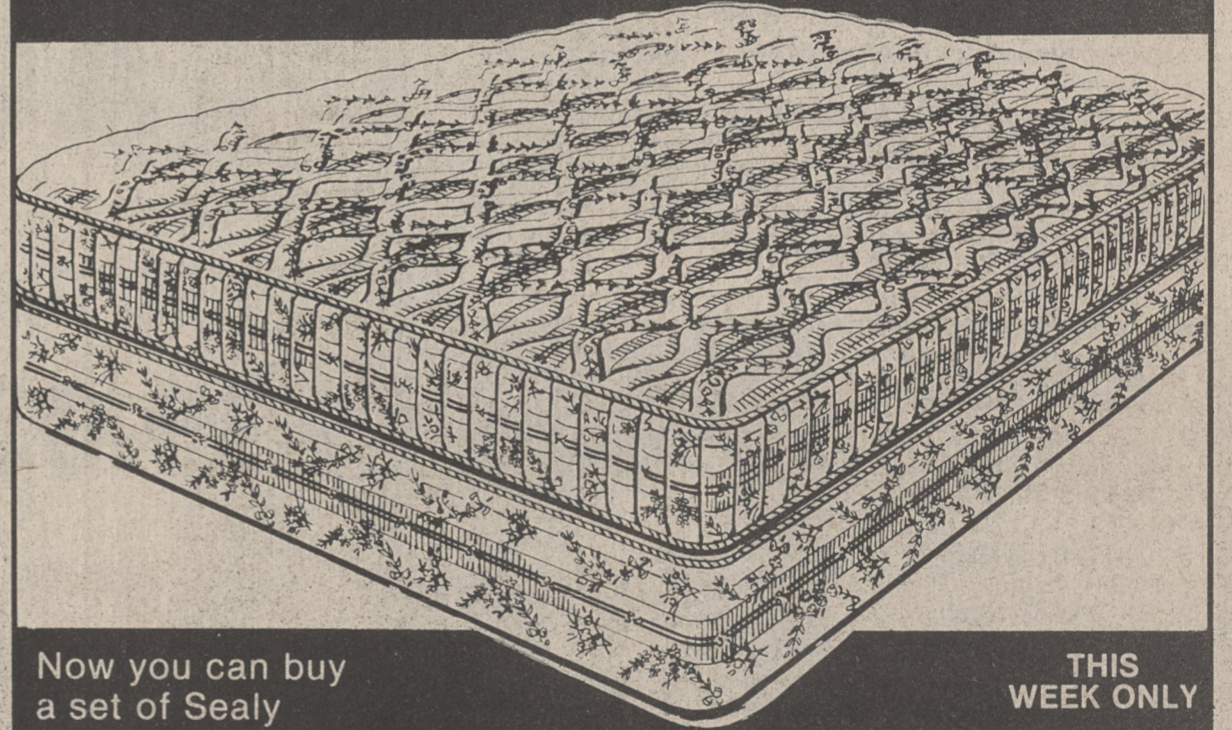
Thank you again for your generous help in our campaign.

Yours very truly,
Frances R. Caveny
MS Chairman, Grover



RETIRES - Tom Tindall, right, of Kings Mountain is congratulated by Regional Manager Herb Martin of Raleigh at a dinner honoring Tindall's retirement from Life Insurance Company of Georgia Thursday at Slug's Ribs in Charlotte. Tindall worked with the company for 35 years.

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