



Social Notes

By
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Jimmy's Auction House Busy Place On Friday

The busiest place in town now on Friday night is probably Mountain City Building Supply (the old Winn Dixie Building on Cherokee Street).

For the past four Friday nights, Jimmy Dickey, who owns and operates the new downtown business, has sponsored an auction and up to nine dealers have brought items ranging from kids bicycles and toys to fine jewelry and antiques.

Marshall Leonhardt, of Cherryville, who is assisting Dickey in organizing the auction every Friday night beginning at 7 p.m., thinks an auction in Kings Mountain will be quite successful and hopes the turnout this Friday and subsequent Fridays will be even better. Leonhardt says that more than 100 citizens have taken advantage of the bargains and others come to the auction just to relax in chairs in the large auction area, and enjoy coffee and hotdogs from a concession stand.

Audrey (Mrs. Jim) Dickey, Jimmy's mother, says the auction site is a good place for people to get together and it's a good place to see neighbors you haven't seen in a number of years.

"A couple times I held my hand to inquire about something and found I had made a bid on one of the items up for sale", said Audrey. Lee Roberts of Shelby was doing the auctioneering on a recent Friday night and another popular auctioneer is Joyce Lee, of Kings Mountain.

"We want everyone to know they are welcome to use our facility to sell their goods. There is a minimal charge to help pay for the utilities but we have plenty of room here to display the wares and to offer the public something different and new", says Dickey.

And if you've never seen auctioneers at work it's an experience in itself.

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In Winternational Program

Two Kings Mountain students, Lindsay M. Cole, 505 Mitchell Street, and Wanda L. Witherspoon, Route 6, are among the 192 Wingate College sophomores who are back home from a visit to six foreign cities in the college's Winternational program. In this sixth year of the unique study-travel program, 12 different groups spent 19 days in either London, Geneva, Paris, Munich or Moscow and Leningrad.

The travel portion of Winternational is the culmination of 12 semester-long seminars, one of which each student has selected for study. This year's selection of seminars was the first to include an opportunity to study and travel in the Soviet Union. Only sophomores who have maintained a 2.0 or C average are eligible to participate in the program at no extra cost beyond tuition.

Other area students in the program were Sheila C. Darnell, Route 1, Shelby, Cynthia Lowery, 1202 Meadowood Lane, Shelby, and Christina M. Edwards, Route 2, Cherryville.

With Jackson Delegation

The daughter of a former principal from Kings Mountain was a member of Jesse Jackson's delegation that last week won the release of Navy Lt. Robert Goodman, Jr., from Syria.

Thelma Davidson Adair, daughter of the Rev. Robert James Davidson, former Kings Mountain minister and former principal of Davidson School for whom the school was named, joined the Democratic presidential candidate on his trip to Syria. Mrs. Adair is leader of the national United Church Women and attended Barbara Scotia College in Concord, Bennett College in Greensboro and Teachers College of Columbia University in New York.

In the mid 1970's Adair became the first black woman to head the 2.7 million member Presbyterian Church U.S.A. She was a trustee of Johnson C. Smith Seminary in Charlotte, which moved to Atlanta in 1969, and is now a member of the Davidson College board of trustees.

All six children in the R.J. Davidson family of Kings Mountain became doctors or educators.

Davidson School operated in Kings Mountain for many years as Grades 1-12 before school consolidation. The school building now houses the KM District Schools Administrative Offices on Parker Street.

Dinner Party Honors Mr. and Mrs. McCarter

Mr. and Mrs. William Eugene McCarter, Jr., newlyweds, were honored recently at a dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John L. McGill.

The guests were seated at a lovely appointed dining room table covered with a pink linen cloth and centered with an arrangement of pink and white silk flowers.

A delicious three course dinner was served after which bridal games were enjoyed by the guests.

The host couple presented the honored couple with a gift of silver in their chosen pattern.

Special guests were the parents of the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. David Hinson and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McCarter.

Uncles Honor Groom At December Stag Party

William Eugene McCarter, Jr., who married Sharon Annette Hinson on Dec. 3, was honored at a stag luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Kings Mountain on Dec. 3 at 1 p.m.

Hosts for the luncheon were Dr. Enrique Montero of Griffin, Ga., and Bill K. Erwin of Anderson, S.C., uncles of the groom.

Upon arrival the guests were served appetizers after which they were seated at tables covered with white cloths and

centered with arrangements of holly and red carnations.

A delicious three course luncheon was served to 15 invited guests. The groom used the occasion to present gifts to the groomsmen and other members of the wedding party.

Among the special guests were the father of the bride, David Hinson, the groom's father, Eugene McCarter, and Kenneth Montero, of Richmond, Va., cousin of the groom.

Classes At Community Center

Fitness Routines Look

Easy But They're Hard

If losing weight was your Number 1 New Year's Resolution the Kings Mountain Fitness Program at the Community Center may be an answer to your problem.

Patsy Parker, who has directed the Kings Mountain Recreation Department-sponsored program since March 1983, has enrolled more than 1,000 students for an hour or two each week during nearly two years of the 18 class program she teaches Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Gymnasium of the Community Center.

She's taking new enrollments for the New Year now and hopes to be able to schedule an evening class for couples, husbands and wives, if there is sufficient demand.

Because many of her students work, Patsy has also scheduled a class for those who wish to take their lunch break at 12:30 and work out on the equipment in the Community Center gym and enjoy the choreographed routines which look easy but are quite difficult. "The first step is making up your mind to start the program and then it's two weeks of hard work and sore muscles. After about six weeks, a person's body becomes tougher and you get used to the calisthenics, slim-nastic routines, jogging and exercising. My students say I'm hard on them but I have to be to get results", says the petite instructor who stands five foot two inches tall and weighs 108 pounds.

Unlike some instructors, Patsy Parker practices constantly the same exercise routines that her students do and masters them 18 hours a week. She admits it took her some time to be able to get off the "high" all that exercising builds up in a person's body. Patsy said that she was extremely underweight and out of shape when she began her exercise program and then trained for her

job about 12 years ago. A former beautician, she went to work at a Gastonia Spa and trained for four years while still serving as a beauty operator. "I like the fitness program and I feel so much better myself and want my students to feel good."

Stretching, holding their stomach in and pushing to the music of "What A Feeling" and "Work That Body", the women in the Parker class work hard. They use bench presses, recliner boards, and squat racks on a big 14 unit Universal machine in the Gymnasium and put fun into their dance routines which are similar to aerobics.

The Parker students have lost pounds and gained confidence in themselves.

Cost of the classes are a low \$10 per month and that means a student may take 18 classes a week but three classes are recommended for good results. The local program does not offer a sauna and steam luxuries but is designed as a community fitness program. "We're all just like a family", she says.

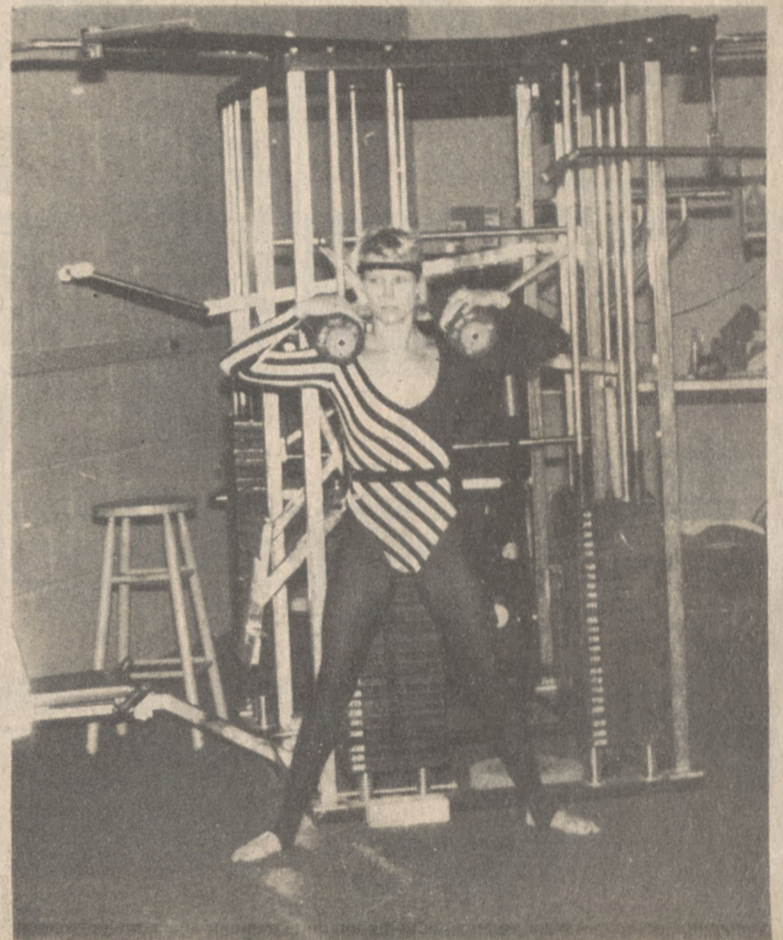
Mrs. Parker doesn't allow her students to cheat on their exercising program. "They may cheat at home but when they're in class we work", she declares.

One of the projects underway by the group now is an Exercise-A-Thon to be held at Cleveland Mall for benefit of Cystic Fibrosis and some students, are now signing up sponsors.

Mrs. Parker is married to Sonny Parker, who is employed by Owen Steel, and they have two children, Holly, age 6, and a married daughter, Lisa Bridges. Mr. Parker took some ribbing from friends because he stayed at home on their 19th wedding anniversary a few weeks ago and allowed his wife and her brother, Frank Harris, to take a week's trip to Honolulu, and Kona, Hawaii. Harris won the all-

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BUSY INSTRUCTOR - Patsy Parker stays as busy as her students in her Fitness Class at Kings Mountain Community Center.

expense-paid trip from Testa Chevrolet Co., where he is employed, and GMAC. Patsy said it was their first trip to Hawaii. They left Charlotte during heavy rains, saw snow in Chicago and 14 hours later were in Hawaii enjoying temperatures in the high 80's. "It didn't seem a bit like the Christmas season",

she said. Patsy said that as she arrived in Honolulu airport, she was given a lei from a Christmas tree in the lobby.

The Fitness Program at the Kings Mountain Community Center opens at 11 a.m., 12:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays each week.



KELLY ANN GOODSON

ENGAGED—Kelly Ann Goodson and Lanny Dewitt Guyton of Kings Mountain announce their plans for a June wedding. The wedding will be at Patterson Grove Baptist Church June 9, 1984. Miss Goodson is the daughter of Mrs. Ann Puckett of Charlotte, and Robert Goodson of Shelby. She resides with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Hamrick of Kings Mountain. A 1983 Honor Graduate of Kings Mountain Senior High School, she is attending the University of North Carolina at Charlotte as a Computer Science Major. Mr. Guyton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt T. Guyton of Kings Mountain. He is a 1980 Honor Graduate of Kings Mountain Senior High School, 1982 graduate of Gaston College and presently a Senior at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte majoring in Civil Engineering Technology. He is a Second Lieutenant with the South Carolina Army National Guard and is employed with CFE Air Services at Charlotte Douglas International Airport.



LISA RAYE PATTERSON

ENGAGED - Mrs. Helen T. Patterson of Kings Mountain, announces the engagement of her daughter, Lisa Raye to Dale Jennings Green, son of Mrs. Rachel W. Vancil of Cherryville. The bride-elect is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School and Cleveland Technical College and is employed at Kings Mountain Hospital. The prospective bride-groom is a graduate of Cherryville High School and Nashville Auto-Diesel College and is employed at Sterling Equipment of Kings Mountain. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wray Thornburg of Kings Mountain and the daughter of the late John O. Patterson. The wedding will be held February 4 at 3:00 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.