

Jan's Family Reunited After 25 Years

Still Pinching Myself!

When Melissa Jan Hays started searching for her roots last January she had no idea she would be reunited this August with her mother, sister, grandmother, aunts, an uncle, and a

host of Kings Mountain relatives she had only dreamed about for a quarter century.

"I still pinch myself to see that I'm not dreaming", said the 27-year-old recent bride as she

sat in the living room of her aunt's home in Oak Grove Community and talked about her search for her Carpenter kinfolk.

Born Charlene Ann Carpenter, daughter of Winona

Bailey Carpenter White, now of Chicago, Ill., and the late Charlie P. Carpenter, Jr. of Kings Mountain, she was separated from her Kings Mountain kinfolk when she and her younger brother were adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Harry O. Hopkins and reared in Quanah, Texas. Charlene (Jan) was four at the time.

Wednesday evening she was met at Douglas Airport in Charlotte by her Kings Mountain aunts, Bertie Carpenter Stewart and Reba Carpenter Sims; her uncle, Gary Carpenter, of Kings Mountain; her grandmother, Sara Grigg; her mother, Mrs. Winona White; her sister, Brenda Carpenter Monty and her two sons, Johnathan and Brian Monty, of Plymouth, N.C., and Brenda's adopted mother, Mrs. Martha Carpenter, who had adopted Brenda and another sister, Linda Pendergrass, and reared the two girls in Virginia Beach, Va. While Melissa Jan and her brother, Jay Hopkins, were reared in the small town of Quanah, Texas. Another aunt, Minnie Etta Bennett, of Great Falls, S.C., joined them during this weekend.

Melissa Jan's search would be complete if she knew the whereabouts of the fifth child in the family, Larry Carpenter, a younger brother whom the family lost contact with when he was

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REUNITED AFTER 25 YEARS - Two daughters, their mother, and their aunts and uncles were reunited in Kings Mountain last week after 25 years. Seated: Gary Carpenter, uncle of Melissa Jan Hays, seated beside him, and Brenda Monty flanked by her sons, Brian and Jonathan Monty. Back row, Winona White, mother of Jan and Brenda, Mrs. Bertie Stewart and Mrs. Reba Sims, aunts of Jan and Brenda, and Martha Carpenter, Brenda's adopted mother.



Photo by Gary Stewart

OFF TO SCHOOL - About 4,000 students were off to school Tuesday morning in Kings Mountain District Schools, but none were happier than five-year-old Mark Butler, left, who is escorted to his kindergarten class at West Elementary School by his mother, Donna Butler.

Subscription Drive To End On Friday

The Herald's annual summer subscription drive will come to an end Friday.

All youngsters who have been selling subscriptions to the Herald or any of its sister newspapers are asked to turn in their subscriptions and money by 4 p.m. Friday.

All persons who subscribed to the paper through this campaign will begin receiving their papers within three weeks.

King Street Paving Set By September 1

Paving of King Street is expected to begin the first of the week with a target date for completion September 1, barring rainy weather.

Walter Manley, Resident Engineer, of the State Department of Transportation, Shelby, said that as quickly as city crews can complete patchwork on King Street that the state crews will be in the city to start the resurfacing of 1.98 miles of the major thoroughfare through the city-King Street and 74 business.

Kings Mountain Mayor John Henry Moss said that city of Kings Mountain crews will be finished patching on Friday.

City crews started work on the mammoth project July 2 and state crews started a recycling of old asphalt on July 11.

"I realize that Kings Mountain citizens and other motorists have been inconvenienced but everyone is really going to appreciate this highway when it's finished. It's going to be a beautiful road", said Manley, who resides on Route 2, Kings Mountain.

The state is spending \$180,000 plus to resurface King Street and cost to the city is estimated at \$40,000.

"We appreciate the cooperation of Kings Mountain citizens and other motorists who travel this road and are looking forward to the completion of this project. If the rains do not prohibit crews from working there should be no problem in meeting the timetable for completion", said Mayor Moss.

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LOOK

What's Inside

Top Angler!

When it comes to catching bass, not many people do it better than Mike Seawright of Kings Mountain. Seawright won the point title in the Carolinas Division of the Red Man Tournament Trail this summer and will be one of the leading contenders in the regional tournament at Eufaula Lake near Eufaula, Ala., October 5-7. See page 9A.

Wishbone!

Wishbone was a familiar character for fans of the TV program "Rawhide" of several years ago. It will also be familiar for followers of Kings Mountain High football this year. Coach Denny Hicks and his assistants have switched to a wishbone formation and promise some exciting moments on the gridiron this fall. See page 9-A.

Junior Miss!

Kings Mountain's Angel Allen will relinquish her title of Cleveland County Junior Miss Saturday night at Brown Auditorium in Shelby. Twenty-four beauties from Kings Mountain, Crest, Shelby and Burns High Schools will compete for Angel's crown. See page 1-B.

She's 104!

Mrs. Bertie Oates Patterson of Waco will be 104 years old August 23. State Rep. Jack Hunt, representing Governor Jim Hunt and the N.C. Department of Aging, will honor her at a celebration August 26 at Washington Missionary Baptist Church in Waco. See page 9-B.



VOCATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL OFFICERS - Pictured are new officers of the Vocational Advisory Council of KM District Schools. From left, Betty R. Gamble, Director; Glee E. Bridges, chairman; Doyle Campbell, vice chairman and Beth Eubanks, secretary.

New Program Meets Needs Of Dropouts

Implementation of a program that will lower the drop-out rate and meet the needs of potential high school drop-outs is one of the goals of the Vocational Education program of the KM District Schools for the 1984-85 school year.

Mrs. Betty R. Gamble, Director, listed some of the goals as

members of the Vocational Advisory Council met Monday to kick off a program for the new year and to welcome new members.

The new members are Violet Dixon of the Employment Security Commission, Mary Edwards of the KM Housing Authority, Mayor John Henry

Moss, John Houze, of the Grover Post Office, Pete Stamey of Cleveland Technical College and Lib Stewart of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Other members include Chairman Glee E. Bridges of Bridges Hardware, Vice Chairman Doyle Campbell of McGinnis Department Store and a school

trustee, Beth Eubanks, secretary and assistant to Vocational Director Betty Gamble, and Adelaide Allison of KM High School, Larry Hamrick, Jr., of Hamrick Insurance, Bobby Horn of Smoky Gap Homes, Flossie Johnson, Sue Jean Ledford of Home Federal Savings & Loan, Ervin Lineberger and Sam

Wheeler of Eaton Corporation.

Stressing other goals for the program, Mrs. Gamble said that students will be given a chance to become more involved in vocational student organizations on campus and the vocational program will be expanded to

KM Rescue To Get Fourth Paid Employee

Cleveland County Board of Commissioners Monday okayed an additional full time paid employee for the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad after a second appeal by the squad.

According to Charles Martin, the new captain, the squad has difficulty in staffing ambulances during the day and the need has been critical. Martin said all but two of the squad's volunteers work during the day and those two work at night and sleep during the day. The three paid employees for the squad are insufficient. In a letter to the commissioners, Martin said, "When the two of the three paid men are

on a trip, often out of town, the third man has difficulty finding someone to go on call with him. If the call is not an emergency, the time involved in finding someone is not as important; however, when the call is for a possible heart attack or other such emergency, the time involved could mean someone's life."

"In the past two months there have been 15 calls during the day when we had to call in another squad because two of the paid men were on calls out of town. It is not unusual for two men and an ambulance to be tied

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Get Your Ad On Grid Contest

The high school and college football season is just around the corner and the Herald is preparing for its annual Pick the Winners football contest.

Each week during the 10-week high school regular season, the Herald will give away \$100 to the person who predicts the most winners in the contest.

The advertising department is currently selling ads for the promotion, and because of the popularity of the contest, they're expected to go quickly.

If you want to go ahead and get your name on the list of advertisers, call the Herald's advertising department at 739-7496.