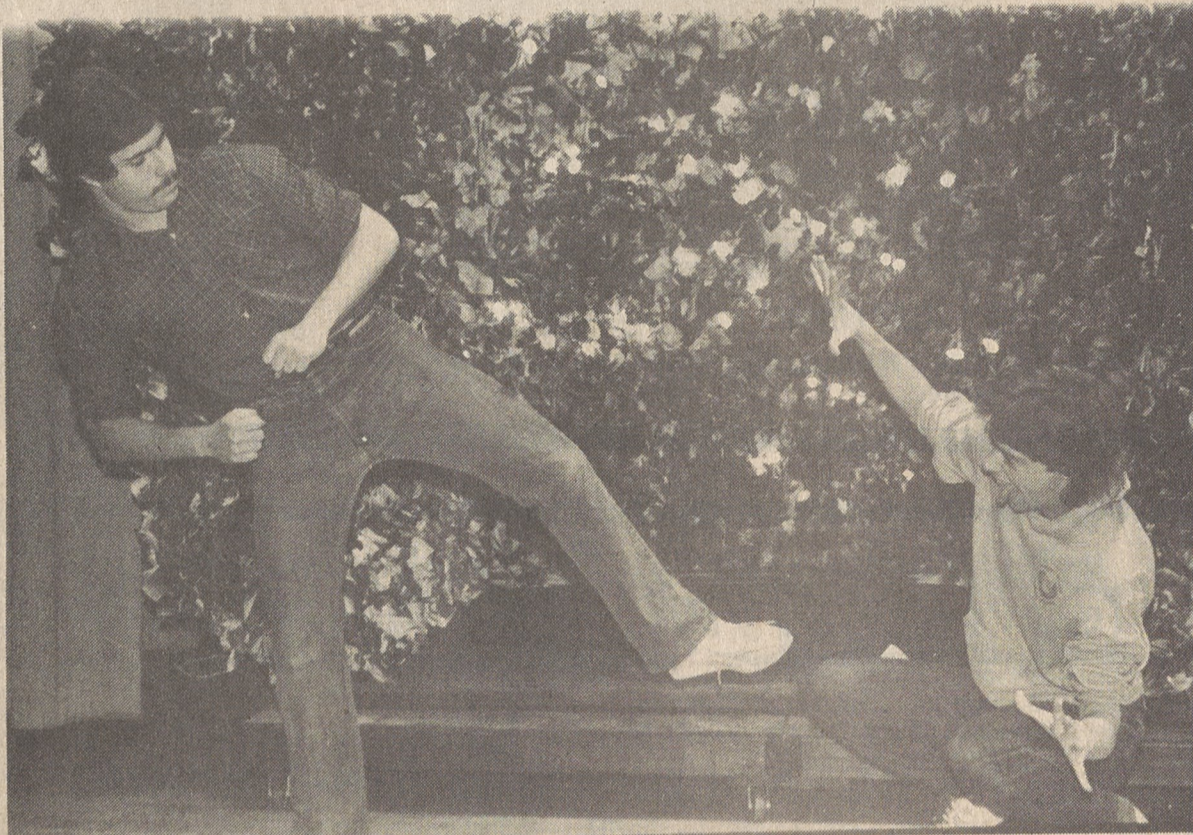


ELVES AND WIZARD—Pictured above are, from left, Karen Johnson, April Byers, Tammy Brown, as the three elves, and Matthew Bradshaw, the Wizard Gandalf in the Drama Class production of "Hobbit" which opens Thursday night for four performances.



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CURTAIN GOING UP—The Drama Club and Classes of Kings Mountain Senior High School will present the fantastic dramatic presentation, "Hobbit", opening Thursday night in Barnes Auditorium for four shows. Chip Caldwell, left, portrays the title role and Tim Wright, right, is Collum in the production.

'Hobbit' Slated At KMHS

KMSHS Masquers and Drama Classes are inviting the interested public to enjoy an evening of new experience in the theatre at their dramatic production of "The Hobbit", which opens at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights in Barnes Auditorium and 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 2.

"Hobbit", adapted from the novel by the same name, is directed by Betsy Wells.

The play is staged in the Middle Earth and employs fantastic scenes with the title role of "Hobbit" portrayed effectively by Chip Caldwell with Matthew Bradshaw in the supporting role of the wizard, Gandalf. The cast includes 13 dwarfs, numerous trolls, goblins and other hideous monsters who weave through the scenes in fantastic array and in fantastic costumes, according to the students.

It's A Girl For Huffstetlers

Roy, Jr. and Melba Huffstetler announce the arrival of their daughter, Jennifer Louise, Nov. 18th. The baby weighed five pounds.

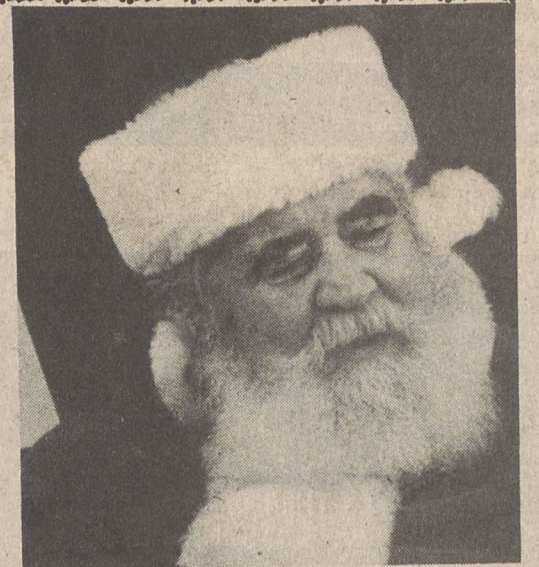
Grandparents are Elva and Harley Whitesides of Bessemer City and Roy and Doris Huffstetler of Kings Mountain.

LEGION MEETING

American Legion Post 155 will meet Tuesday night at 7 p.m. for a business meeting, followed by dinner, in the Post dining hall.

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AVERAGE OR MEDIAN?

By Ruby M. Alexander

The average price of a new house is \$100,000.

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Foster, Teem Are Promoted

The board of directors of Gaston Federal Savings and Loan Association has announced the election of Rebecca Love Foster of Charlotte as Treasurer and Paul Lloyd Teem, Jr. of Gastonia as Assistant Vice President.

Mrs. Foster, a Charlotte native, is a graduate of Davidson College and is manager of the accounting department at Gaston Federal. Teem, a Gastonia native, is a graduate of The University of North Carolina at Charlotte and of The Institute of Financial Education and is manager of the Main Office in Gastonia and manager of human resources at Gaston Federal. A Certified Consumer Credit Executive, Teem is listed in Who's Who of Consumer Credit Management.

KM Senior Activities

Activities at the Kings Mountain Senior Center for Thursday, November 29, through Wednesday December 5:

Thursday: Escort Service 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.; Bingo 11 a.m., Nutrition 11:30 a.m., Crochet class 12:30 a.m., grocery day 1 p.m.

Friday: Escort Service 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Nutrition 11:30 a.m., Ceramics 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Monday: Escort Service 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Coupon Club 9 a.m. until 10 a.m., AHOY-Exercise Class 2 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Thursday: Escort Service 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Nutrition 11:30 a.m., Quilting 12:30 p.m., Band Practice 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Commodities Distribution at the Community Center 9 a.m. until 11 a.m., Escort service 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., nutrition 11:30 a.m., AHOY-Exercise class 2 p.m. until 3 p.m.



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