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VOLUNTEERS - Elaine White, left, Peggy Moore and Wanda Kyle are all volunteers at People That Love Center, which opened this summer, and has served 326 families. The Center is open Monday through Saturday in the Childers Building on North Piedmont Avenue.

PTL Ministry Is Growing

People That Love, that's what volunteering is all about, says Wanda Kyle, who with her husband, Ptl. Harry Kyle, formed People That Love Center in Kings Mountain this summer.

Recently, other volunteers began sorting clothes, distributing food, clothes and staple items to the needy, and listening to the problems of many "street people" and the lonely.

Wanda Kyle estimates she works between 80-100 hours each week. It's a non-salaried job, but Mrs. Kyle doesn't consider it a chore. "If I had a big house I'd take all these lonely people home with me," says Wanda, who says she spends hours listening to the problems of others and referring them to drug and alcohol centers, rehabilitation centers, preachers, and doctors.

Mrs. Kyle said that more volunteers are needed and that the Center is outgrowing its home, which the Kyles rent at \$200 per month from donations by other caring people like themselves. She said the Center operates on donations - to pay the rent, the utilities, and to buy food for fire victims, for the elderly, for evicted families.

Three families who were burned out received food, furniture and clothing from the Center last week and Mrs. Kyle said that she is looking for kitchen items now to help another family. First Baptist Church member recently turned over their Clothing Closet to the Center and The Crisis Center in Cleveland County is also receiving

assistance from the Kyles and volunteers like them.

During the month of August Mrs. Kyle said that 114 families received assistance. Before the PTL doors were open in June, 42 families had been helped. In June, 80 families, and in July, 90 families. "The need is increasing and I could stay here 24 hours a day and never get caught up," she laughs.

Wanda Kyle's dream is for a half-way house in Kings Mountain to shelter the less-fortunate. "There are so many people right here in Kings Mountain who need help, not only for food, clothing and shelter, for someone to talk with and listen to their concerns," she says.

Kings Mountain Assembly of God assisted the Kyles in starting the Center three months ago, but it is a non-denominational project, says Mrs. Kyle. Donations, which are tax deductible, may be made to People That Love, P.O. Box 971, Kings Mountain.

"We see some folks who come in for handouts but we follow up on them and we don't let it happen again, Mrs. Kyle said, referring to a customer who came by and selected clothing for a needy family, accepted the clothes and sold them at a yard sale.

"We don't let anyone abuse this program and we weed out the handouts," said Wanda. "We never give money to people asking for help, we take them food and help them to get to other sources to receive the assistance they need," she said.

Tri-City Record Is Off The Press

The Tri-City Record, a weekly newspaper covering the Gaston County towns of Bessemer City, Dallas and Stanley, published its first edition today at Herald Publishing Company.

The new publication combines the old Bessemer City Record and Stanley News, and adds coverage of the Dallas area.

Garland Atkins is Publisher of the newspaper and Darrell Austin is General Manager. Lois Smith, veteran editor of the Bessemer City Record, is the editor.

"Residents of Dallas have expressed their desire to have a weekly newspaper devoted to news and events of Dallas, and working together in a tri-city combination we can make the Tri-City Record a newspaper that the three

cities can be proud of," said Austin.

Austin said Dallas readers may submit their news and pictures to Dub Rankin at Dallas Loan Office, 132 North Gaston Street, Dallas.

Stanley residents will continue to submit their news and pictures to Roger Melville at Melville's 5&10, 112 South Main Street, Stanley.

Bessemer City, Dallas and Stanley residents are urged to call Mrs. Smith at 629-2654 from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays to report their news.

"We want to tell others what people in Dallas,

Bessemer City and Stanley are doing, their accomplishments, their plans, their community service projects, their church events, and we want our readers to feel that the Tri-City Record is their paper, a weekly filled with news about them, their families, their churches, their schools and their community," Mrs. Smith said.

Austin said that by combining the two existing Gaston County newspapers and adding Dallas that Herald Publishing Company will be in a better position to serve readers and advertisers.

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Lib Stewart Appointed Auxiliary PR Chairman

Herald News Editor Lib Stewart was appointed National Chairman of Public Relations for the American Legion Auxiliary during the annual national convention this week in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Miss Stewart was appointed by National President Evelyn Starr of Minnesota. She will head a committee of eight supervising publicity for the national organization of one million members during the 1986-87 year. She will be attending four regional conferences of the Auxiliary - in Peoria, Ill., New Haven, Conn., Minneapolis, Minnesota and Las Vegas, Nevada this Fall and supervising the publicity for four others, as well as attending national meetings in Washington, D.C. and Indianapolis prior to the 1987 national convention in San Antonio, Texas next August.

Also attending the convention from Cleveland County are past National President Mary Sue Jarrett of Shelby and State President Arlene Barrett and State Chaplain Ruth Gamble, both of Kings Mountain.

Miss Stewart served as president of the 11,000 member state auxiliary 10 years ago and on national committees each year since. She was National Vice President of the Southern Division in 1984-85. She was State President of N.C. Press Women 1983-84 and has won numerous awards in news and feature writing from NCPW and N.C. Press Association.



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Industries Are Looking At KM Area

Mayor John Moss and members of the city industrial committee are talking with two national and one foreign industry prospects interested in locating in this area.

The Mayor said that representatives of the three companies had visited the community, one of them on three occasions, and that presentations had been made to each. He said one of the industrial prospects is interested in locating in KM Industrial Park.

Other members of the industrial committee are L.E. Hinnant, Thomas A. Tate, Charles Hamilton, Frank Cagle, Gary Whitaker, Senator J. Ollie Harris, Darrell Austin, Larry Hamrick, Sr., Ruby M. Alexander, Clayward C. Corry, Jr., George Thomasson, Bob McRae and Kelly Bunch.



Photo by Gary Stewart

PLAY-BY-PLAY MEN - Jerry Bedsole, left, and Jonas Bridges will handle the play-by-play for Kings Mountain High football games on WKMT this season. WKMT was authorized as a "full-time" station by the FCC last week.

Night Broadcasting Opens New Areas For WKMT Radio

WKMT Radio in Kings Mountain has been authorized by the Federal Communications Commission to broadcast 24 hours a day.

Station Manager Jonas Bridges said the station received its extended license last week and began extended broadcasts (until 12 midnight) on Thursday.

The authorization as a "full-time" station will allow WKMT to extend its sports programming to include live coverage of high school sports, local election results and other important night-time events.

Bridges said the station will not broadcast past midnight unless a special need merits it.

"The biggest asset in being a full-time station is that we can broadcast high school sports and election results live," said Bridges.

The station made history last Friday night when it broadcast its first live high

school football game. Bridges, WKMT employee Jerry Bedsole and Jim Littlejohn did the play-by-play of the Kings Mountain-Bessemer City contest.

"We plan to bring all the Kings Mountain football games this season, and we plan to air all three major sports at the high school," Bridges said. "We will also bring American Legion baseball and any kind of potential state championship tournament games on the little league and Babe Ruth levels."

In addition to sports and news, the night-time programming will include areas not generally covered by other stations, Bridges said. That includes a lot of bluegrass and gospel music.

"We want to do a lot more things that other stations don't," Bridges said. "We've already begun bluegrass and have gotten a lot of good responses."