

Former KM Residents Write Book

"Dear To My Heart" is appropriate by the title of Terrell and Virginia Wilson's first book just off the presses of Copple House.

The former Four Square Gospel Church preacher and his wife, who pioneered the Kings Mountain church in 1961 and served here five years, were in town this week to present The Herald a copy of the book and to announce that Pathway Book Store at Eastridge has books available to the public which the Wilsons will autograph Thursday, Aug. 11, from 5 to 7 p.m.

For over three years the Wilsons have been working on several chapters at a time to the 192 page beautifully illustrated book while Mrs. Wilson has been operating the church day care center and Wilson has pastored the Smyrna, S.C. Four Square Church for 16 years. Now, the couple is storing their furniture and moved into a mobile home they are driving all over the country to publicize their book and do evangelistic work. Their home base is Fayetteville but their travels will take them into Marion, Va., Beckley, West Va., Wheeling and Pittsburgh, Pa., Baltimore, Md., Washington, D.C., Dover, Del., Philadelphia and Lancaster, Pa., Newark and Rozelle, N.J. upstate New York, the New England States and home for Christmas.

Traveling is not new to Wilson but his wife is excited about traveling over the country, although she will miss the rest of the family.

During his 33 year ministry, which Wilson plans to resume after about a year on the road, he performed 1200 weddings and most unusual settings for four of them was homeplate at Atlanta Fulton County Stadium, home of the Atlanta Braves. Wilson performed four of the five homeplate



TO AUTOGRAPH BOOK-Virginia and Terrell Wilson, formerly of Kings Mountain, and their grandson, Benjamin Towns, 6, of Marietta, Ga., will autograph "Dear To My Heart", the recently published book by the Wilsons at Pathway Book Store at Eastridge Mall Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. The Wilsons pioneered the Four Square Gospel Church here in 1961.

weddings there when the Braves played the Dodgers.

One of the proudest moments of their ministry was 13 years ago Smyrna, S.C. when Virginia Wilson pioneered the day care and kindergarten in the church. "We saw kids grow up, graduate from high school, get married in the church and then send their children to day care and kindergarten," she said.

The Belmont natives will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary Oct. 21. Mrs. Wilson is the former Virginia Jones of Belmont and both are natives of the Eagle Mill Village in Belmont.

What their book is about is family and it's different. The

cover sets the theme, color photographs of the couple with two of their 12 grandchildren from whom they were estranged when their son and his wife divorced in 1981. The first 60 pages of the book recount heartache at the absence of their loved ones and their unsuccessful attempts to get visitation rights as grandparents despite jail and courtroom experiences during a long divorce and custody trial. "Raw Deal Courthouse" is a poem he included in the book to illustrate his feelings.

The rest of the book offers sound advice to married couples. Another chapter deals with children denied their rights and heritage of seeing their families, another is about grandparents who he terms "graduates of the school of hard knocks." One chapter by Mrs. Wilson contains questions most asked her by children in her day care center. When a divorce occurs in a family, children and adults are filled with questions. "Does the freedom torch burn for everyone including children 12 and under and our aging citizens?" he asks in one chapter in which Wilson urges people to stand up for and speak out in behalf of the young and aged. Bible teachings concerning marriage and anchors that hold, such as faith, hope and love are topics explored in several chapters.

The Wilsons, hoping to organize Social Improvements for the Young and Aged Chapters in every state they visit, write on how to organize such chapters as a working force within a legal framework. There are 10,000 documented cases, they say.

where children are cut off from grandparents and vice versa. They believe this is one avenue that grandparents like them can eventually gain visitation rights and that's actually their reason for pulling up stakes and traveling to take their message in 50 states.

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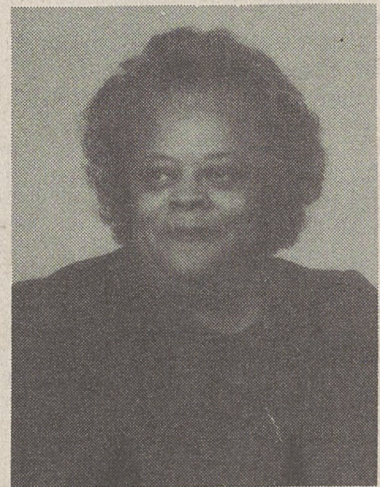
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The appreciation dinner is being planned for 150 people by Mask's daughter, Sandy Alston.

Verlee and Gaither Mask reared 23 foster children during the past 13 years, including numerous nieces and nephews in their home and as many as six children at one time lived in their house. Mrs. Mask joined the City of Kings Mountain in 1961 as supervisor at Deal Street Pool in a part time position and became a full time employee in 1975. She is currently a recreation coordinator at the Community Center.

Mrs. Mask is active in Bynum Chapel AME Zion Church.

Mrs. Alston said she is planning the dinner in appreciation of Mrs. Mask's care for children and to show her that her family and friends appreciate her long community service.

There is no charge for tickets to the dinner and Mrs. Alston says that all friends and neighbors are invited to attend.

Members Needed

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The 26th North Carolina is a Civil War reenactment unit chartered by the State of North Carolina as a non-profit, tax-exempt educational organization, dedicated to providing the public an historically authentic impression of the common soldier from North Carolina during the War Between the States. The Regiment participates in battle reenactments, living history programs, and related activities throughout North Carolina and adjacent states.

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