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Library Sets Open House

Library Was Once Home For Teachers

Mauney Memorial Library was once home to a doctor and his family, to 13 school teachers and is now the home for thousands of volumes of books.

The Library is open to visitors Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. and members of the Board of Trustees will greet guests who will be given a tour of the beautiful facility, which includes a spacious auditorium built by her former students to honor Josephine Ellerbe Weir, a \$300,000 expansion and renovation project.

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Mauney Memorial Library is rolling out the red carpet to visitors to attend open house Sunday from 3 until 5 p.m. and tour, not only the new addition, but the renovated rooms of the library.

Members of the Library Board were putting the finishing touches this week on plans for the open house to show \$300,000 in improvements. Refreshments will be served in the new auditorium. Visitors may enter from the side entrances.

The interior of the library has been decorated throughout in warm neutral tones. Soft off-white walls are complemented with wood trim in a mellow beige. Carpeting in all rooms is a commercial grade in silver beige. The foyer and side entrances are floored in a nutmeg vinyl. The

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Woman Sentenced In Fraud Case

Judy P. Crawford of Kings Mountain has been sentenced to 15 months in federal prison after pleading guilty to defrauding Home Federal Savings & Loan where she was employed as vice president of operations.

Mrs. Crawford admitted taking \$198,451 over an eight year period, between Oct. 27, 1980 through March of 1988, by creating fictitious loans. During the period she made 45 disbursements from the loans to family and personal accounts. She also pled guilty to manipulating Home Federal's books to cover the loans.

The total loss to Home Federal, including interest on the bogus loans totaled \$263,350. Home Federal first discovered the loan in March of 1988, during an audit of accounts exceeding \$250,000. They discovered the loan had no name, address and no collateral. Mrs. Crawford later admitted to FBI agents that she had taken the money, and resigned in April.

Sentencing came last week by Judge Robert D. Potter in U.S. District Court in Charlotte. After serving the 15 months sentence, Mrs. Crawford will be put on work release for one year. She is now on parole, awaiting assignment to one of three women's prisons by the Bureau of Prisons. Federal women's prisons in this region are located in Alderson, W.Va., Lexington, KY., and Marianna, Florida.

Defense attorney James Walker of Charlotte told the court that Mrs. Crawford had a relatively poor childhood and she took the money because she couldn't stand to see her family do without the things she didn't have as a child.

Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney Carl Horne of Charlotte said that the money was taken to upgrade her lifestyle and that of her family. "There was no one sick or a family crisis," he said. "A little bit was taken each year, and she made numerous false entries by manipulating the computer," Horne added.

Over the years, Mrs. Crawford made payments of \$1,800 on the loans.

The loss of Home Federal was covered by the bonding company, Horne said.



NEW INDUSTRY — Benny Hoyle, president of Wix Corporation, announces a new 150,000 square foot distribution facility to be constructed in Kings Mountain. The announcement came today at council chambers and was made jointly with city officials from Kings Mountain.

Former Mayor John Moss Named In Suit

Former Kings Mountain Mayor John Henry Moss has been named in a lawsuit that charges he sexually harassed a prior employee of the city, Patsy Jean Parker.

The lawsuit was filed Nov. 7, in U.S. District Court in Asheville. She currently lives in Kings Mountain and works at a local industry.

Along with Moss, the lawsuit names the City of Kings Mountain, city employee Clyde Parrish and former city recreation director George Adams as defendants.

The lawsuit states that Mrs. Parker was discriminated against by Moss, Parrish and Adams during the five year period she was employed part-time and later full-time as an aerobics and fitness instructor by the city. Mrs. Parker was fired from the job in April of 1987.

The suit says that Parker was invited to lunch by Moss in March of 1982 to discuss a new fitness class for the city that Parker was slated to teach. Parker was then taken by Moss to a motel near Charlotte, the suit contends. The suit says she rejected his overtures and advised him that she was uncomfortable with the arrangement.

"Under the circumstances, (Parker) believed she was being asked to exchange sexual favors for the continuation of the program. After (Parker) rebuked his overtures, they returned to Kings Mountain," the suit states.

The suit claims that after that occasion, she was subjected to a number of unwanted physical touchings by Moss, who served 22 years as the city's mayor.

"She repeatedly told him to stop the matter," the suit states. "In order to avoid such embarrassing and humiliating experiences, the plaintiff always made sure that someone else was with her whenever she was in the presence of the mayor. Most times, if she had to have meetings with the mayor, she would take her daughter with her."

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Project Took One Year

As heavy equipment grinds to a halt and workmen remove their tools of the trade, a beautifully renovated and expanded Mauney Memorial Library can be seen on the corner of East King Street and South Piedmont Avenue.

This Sunday, December 4, the library's doors will be opened to the public for Open House from 3 to 5 p.m.

Area citizens are invited to join the Board of Trustees, the library staff, and dignitaries from the city, county, and state, including Mrs. Jane Williams of the State Library Division, for a close-up view of the library's rooms following a major year-long construction project totaling approximately \$300,000.

The Open House will take place almost a year to the day from the contract date of December 7, 1987, when Ted Huffman was hired to refurbish and enlarge the facility in accordance with plans drawn up by Roger Holland of Holland and Hamrick Architects in Shelby.

Bill Davis, former KM District Schools superintendent, served as general chairman of the fund-raising campaign, and Charles Mauney, executive of Mauney Hosiery Mills, was campaign treasurer. Former KM Hospital administrator Grady Howard is chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The campaign was successful in raising a total of \$205,720 in pledges, as well as, receiving \$115,000 in county and state grants. The largest single sum

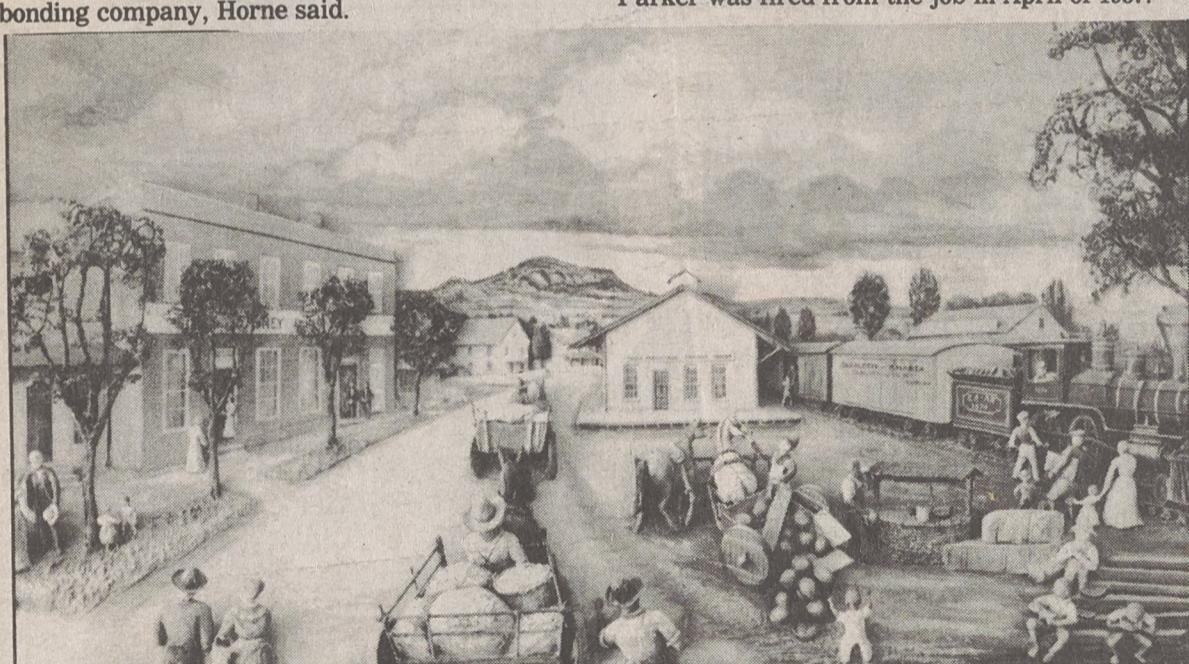
came in the form of a grant from the Cleveland County Commissioners for \$100,000, resulting from a joint appeal by Mauney Memorial and Cleveland County Memorial Libraries for construction funds.

Business and individual donors totaled 342, with contributions varying in amount from \$1 to \$25,000. The category of \$50 - \$100 proved to be the most popular with 96 contributors. Donations came in from 22 states, with most out-of-state donors responding to the Josephine E. Weir Auditorium honor gift. Major honor and memorial gifts are designated in the appropriate rooms with a bronze plaque.

As a result of the campaign, 2680 square feet were added to the library's main floor to include an auditorium, a new Carolina Room, the major portion of the non-fiction area, office space, a hospitality-kitchen area, an expanded Junior Room, storage room, and a janitor's closet.

At the same time the original part of the building received much-needed attention in the form of a facelift. Walls and bookcases were painted and carpet was installed to match the new addition. New ceilings and light fixtures were put in place. The building was completely rewired and a fire alarm system was added. New heating and cooling systems were installed, converting from the old hot water boiler to a modern forced-air gas-fired furnace with five zones for more efficient heating.

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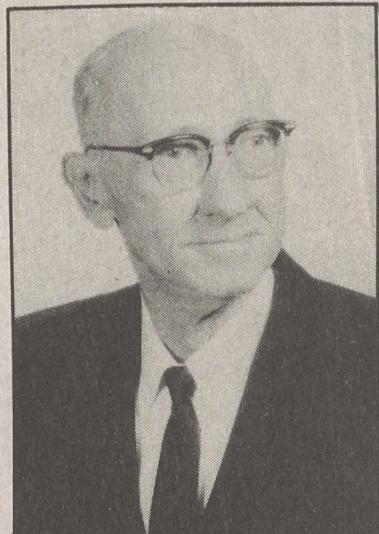
FOUR-DIMENSIONAL PICTURE — A scene from downtown Kings Mountain in 1874 is displayed in the Fiction Room at Mauney Memorial Library. Artist Abner Zook was commissioned by his pastor, Rev. Edgar Cooper, to do the artwork in 1976 as gift to Cooper's mother, Mrs. E.C. Cooper, on her 90th birthday. The freight depot, railroad tracks, Mauney Brothers Store and horse-drawn carts depict life in the early days of the city's history. For special pictures of the newly renovated library, please turn to page 5-A.

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W.A. CHILDERS

Willie A. Childers, 82 Died Wednesday Morning

Willie Albert Childers, 82, of Route 6 Countryside Road, died Wednesday morning at 10:07 a.m., in the Kings Mountain Hospital.

He was retired president of Childers Roofing & Heating and a member of Temple Baptist Church of which he was former treasurer. He was a former director of Carolina Roofers Association.

A native of Gaffney, S.C., he was the son of the late William M. and Alice Parrish Childers. He was married to Helen Skinner Childers, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to his

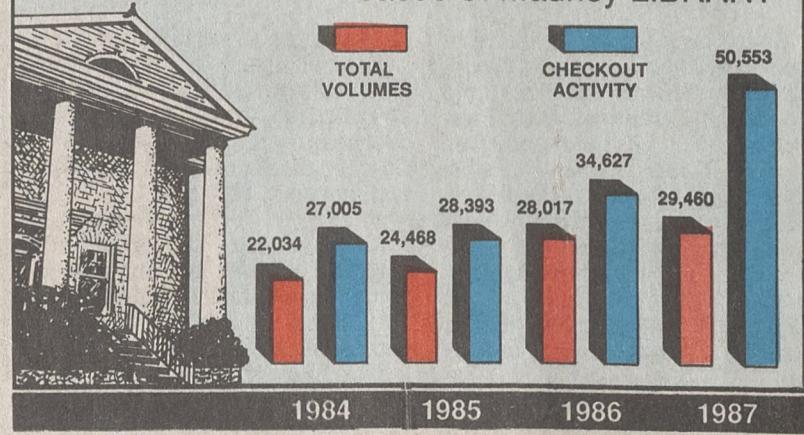
wife, are two sons, James A. Childers and Bill Childers; three daughters, Mrs. Ann Moss, Mrs. Mary Hambright and Mrs. Helen McBee, all of Kings Mountain; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 3:30 p.m., at Temple Baptist Church. Rev. Wray Barrett and Rev. W.F. Monroe will officiate and interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Thursday night from 7 to 9 p.m., at Harris Funeral Home and at other times at the home.

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