

# Love

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Peggy Black Jackson, of Spartanburg, S.C. and their son, Thomas Hilliard Black II of Lexington. Peggy is married to Harold Jackson, also formerly of Kings Mountain and they have three girls, a set of twins, Alicia and Ashley Jackson, 20 and juniors at Clemson University and a 12-year-old daughter, Alison. Tommy Black is married to Patricia Curlee Black, formerly of Charlotte, and he is vice president of sales at Dixie Furniture in Lexington. They have two children, Stephanie, 12, and Trey Black, 10.

Mary Black is the daughter of the late Edith Hoover and Charles McCaslin. Her father died when she was eight months old and her mother married George Womack. Hilliard is the son of the late Annie Mae Ware and Harley Black. He retired twice: from Margrace Mill and Margrace Store after 25 years and from Foote Mineral Company after 20 years as a welder. Mrs. Black worked at the old Eagle Dime Store for a number of years before her marriage.

Mary recalled that times were hard but that their strong faith and love for each other triumphed. She said their first refrigerator, a four foot Frigidaire, is now an antique but they use it in their basement and "it still works." She also recalled that during the early years of their marriage they framed their grocery list. Eggs were 25 cents a dozen, bacon was 15 cents a pound, sugar was 49 cents for five pounds, flour was 42 cents a pound, bread was a dime, mustard was a dime a jar, tomato soup was ten cents a can, paper napkins were 10 cents a package, and many other items sold for a dime.

The late Mrs. A. H. Patterson, society editor for The Kings Mountain Herald in 1939, wrote of their marriage: "The marriage of Miss Mary McCaslin and Mr. Hilliard Black was solemnized in an impressive ceremony at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church on last Friday evening, with the pastor, Rev. A. G. Sargent officiating. The ring ceremony was used. A number of relatives and intimate friends of the couple witnessed the ceremony.

"The bride wore a becoming three-piece suit of rust wool with fox collar. Her hat was of rust straw with small veil and her other accessories were in corresponding shades. Her shoulder corsage was of talisman roses. The couple left soon after the ceremony for a short wedding trip and are now at home on Shelby Road. The bride has lived in Kings Mountain for several years and for sometime has been with Eagle Store. She is a young woman of charm and refinement and popular among her associates. The bridegroom is connected with the Margrace Store. He is a young man of sterling traits of character and held in high regard by those with whom he comes in contact."

In the same Herald that carried the announcement of their wedding and a picture of the bride was a story of what happened after the ceremony. Hilliard tells the story:

"Some of our good friends followed us from the church and back in those days grooms tried to outrun well-wishers so they wouldn't know our honeymoon destination. It's the same way today and I always caution these young bridegrooms not to drive so fast. Anyway, some of the guys blocked Shelby Road and so I detoured to Grover with the fellas hot in pursuit. I forgot about the curve in front of the Grover First Baptist Church and my car over-turned. We were scared to death and I was bleeding all over Mary's wedding dress. Our well-wishers caught up with us about that time, thank the

Lord, and they carried us to the hospital where my head wound required eight stitches. Mary had minor shoulder injuries. It was awhile before we could start our honeymoon. In fact, the car was in worse shape and we spent our wedding night at Charles Hotel in Shelby. The next day one of the guys chasing us offered the loan of his car and we drove to Tennessee and back home in time to report to work on Monday. I never will forget what could have happened and so every chance I get I tell young brides and grooms to "drive like somebody and lock their doors." It's an experience I won't forget," he said.

How long did the honeymoon last? "It hasn't ended," both agree.

Can they read each other thoughts after 50 years together and do they look alike? we asked. Yes, they can almost read each other's thoughts and no, they don't look alike. What will they give each other this Valentine's day to celebrate their 50th anniversary? Mary is giving Hilliard a gold watch and Hilliard is giving Mary a strand of pearls with matching earrings.

What is the secret of a happy marriage? Both say that faith in God and love go hand-in-hand and the ability to give and take.

"We go by the Bible. When we took our oaths 50 years ago it meant forever, for better or for worse" said Hilliard.

The Blacks enjoy church activities and Hilliard has a garden with neighbor Yates Harbison. Mrs. Black enjoys sewing and cooking and they both enjoy their family and visitors who always find the welcome mat out at the home of Hilliard and Mary Black.



RECEIVES PLAQUE-Mayor Kyle Smith, left, receives a plaque of appreciation from Silver Franchising President Greg DeSantis following groundbreaking for a new Silver Express convenience store at East King and Deal Streets. Construction is expected to be completed by mid-April.

# Merchants Offer Discounts

The Uptown Shelby Association, Inc. announces that over 20 Uptown merchants are supporting a 10% Senior Citizen discount card for all seniors, aged 55 and over. These cards may be picked up at the Senior Center at 408 East Marion Street.

The discount card is just part of the "Uptown Shelby Loves Her Seniors" campaign. With the support of Cleveland Memorial Hospital, the Uptown Shelby Association, Inc. is also issuing "Take a Hike," a calibrated map of the Uptown area. This map will enable a walker to know how far they've walked, and it will also offer safe walking tips.

Reid Lowery, president of the Uptown Shelby Association, Inc. said, "Our Uptown is beautiful and is well maintained, and we hope our seniors and all other citizens will take advantage of these attractive route maps." The maps will be available at the Senior Center and at

participating stores.

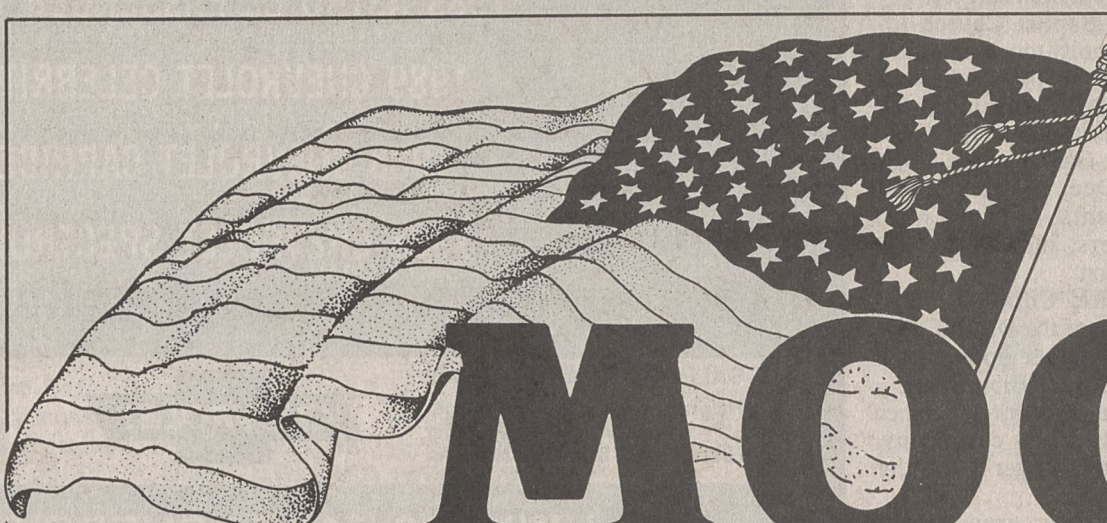
The Uptown Shelby Association, Inc. is also coordinating with the Shelby Senior Center an "Adopt a Grandparent" program, matching transportation needs of seniors with volunteers who can meet those needs at least once a week. Any interested person should call Marilyn Voorhies at the Uptown Shelby Association office, 484-3100, if they can volunteer. Any senior in need of transportation to the doctor, grocery store, or even shopping Uptown, should call Miriam Ross at the Senior Center, 482-3488.

### IT'S A BOY

Eric and Cathy Moore of Kings Mountain announce the birth of their first child, a son, Cole Dixon Moore, January 19 at 12:27 a.m. He weighed six pounds, 15 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McDaniel and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore Jr., all of Kings Mountain.

## THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR KINGS MOUNTAIN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

will be held  
**FEBRUARY 9th, 7:30 P.M.**  
 at  
 Resurrection Lutheran Church  
 in Kings Mountain



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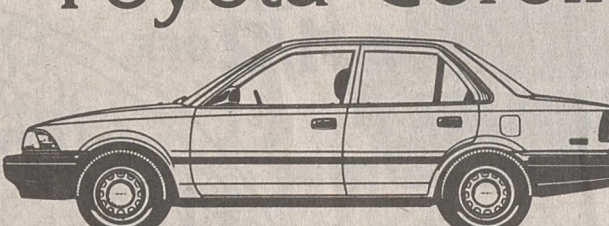
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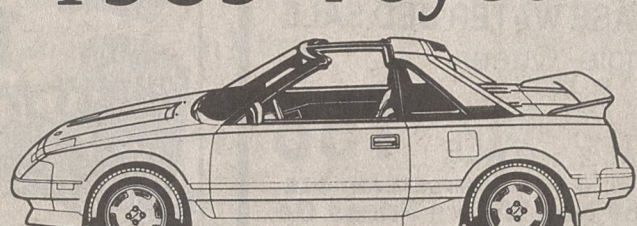
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