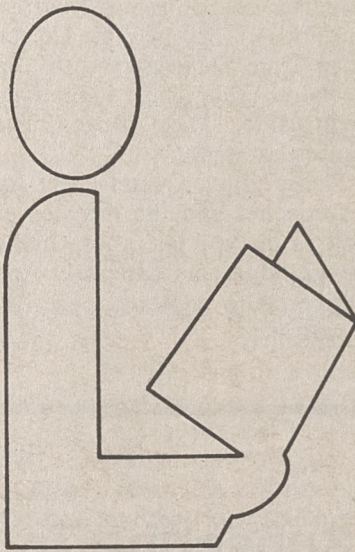


Library News

# Puppet Show Presented

Little Rabbit hops onto the stage, his long ears flopping discontentedly, as he complains about how boring it is to be a rabbit. He wishes he were a boxer; that his house were a pizza so he could eat it; that he had a beautiful, fluffy tail like Mrs. Squirrel; but none of his wishes ever come true. Until...Mr. Badger tells him about the friendly elf and the wishing pond deep in the woods.



Suddenly, after looking into the pond and turning around three times, Little Rabbit finds himself equipped with a beautiful pair of red wings. The only problem is, no one recognizes him any more, and his mother refuses to let him in the house. Little Rabbit is hungry and tired. Finally, Mr. Badger allows him to sleep on a spare mattress outside the house, but the red wings keep getting in the way and Little Rabbit can not sleep. He desperately wishes that he had never wished for red wings, and a second visit to the magic pond removes them.

Amid much laughter and applause, Bob Lynch of Lynch Puppettheater, presented the all time favorite story of THE LITTLE RABBIT WHO WANTED RED WINGS. The enthusiastic audience of over 200, composed of adults as well as children of all ages, crowded into the Josephine E. Weir Auditorium at the Mauney Memorial Library last Tuesday for two programs. At the evening performance the chairs were all taken, and people were standing at the back and in the side aisles to watch the magic of the puppets as they bounced and capered across the stage.

Using a combination of rod and hand puppets, Bob works alone behind the scenes. He sits on a rolling stool and moves back and forth to manipulate the ten or twelve puppets and change the scenery from one scene to the next.



## Uptown At The Library

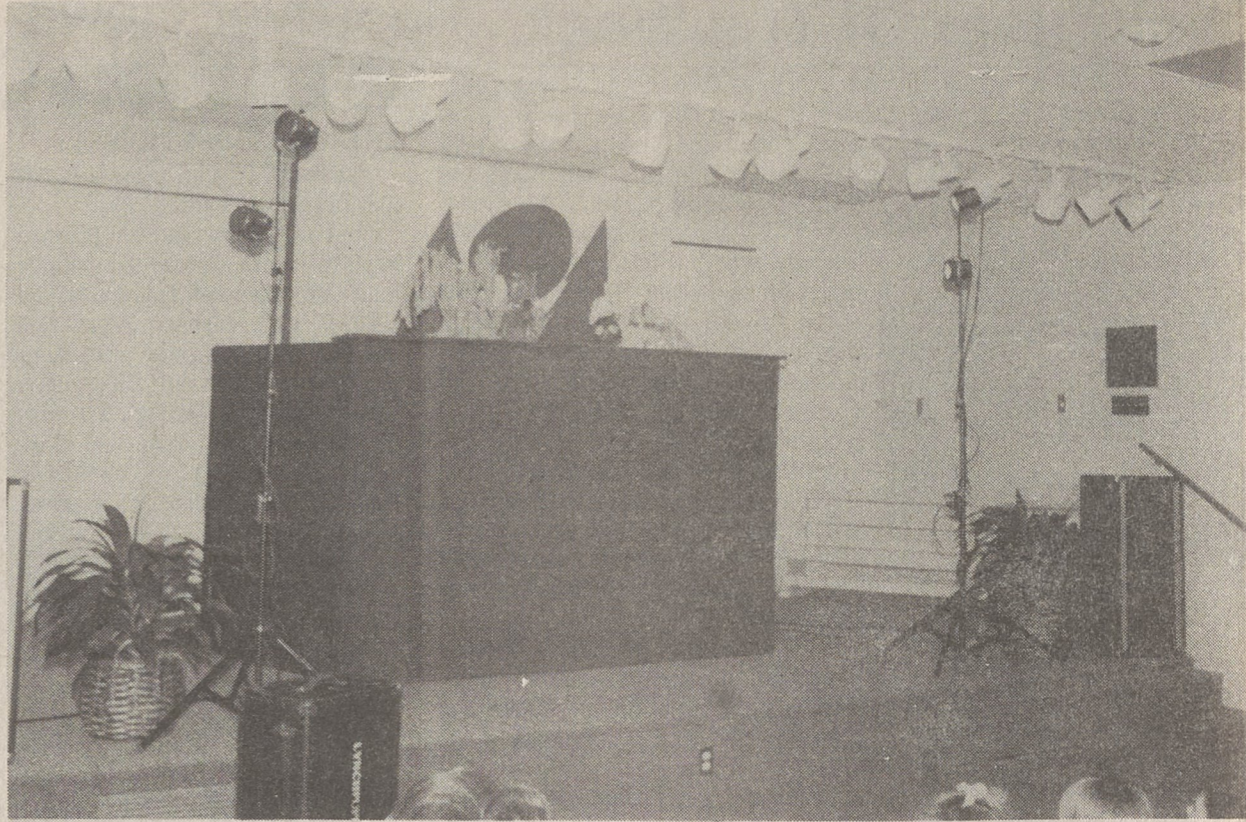
By ROSE TURNER  
Mauney Memorial Librarian

After the show, Bob stripped the curtains from the puppet stage and showed the audience the mechanics of staging a play. The puppets hung upside down on hooks positioned around the front of the stage so that he could get his hand inside them quickly when it was time for the various characters to appear. He demonstrated the hand movements which made the puppets work, and answered questions from the audience.

Lynch Puppettheater made its debut in 1978 at the Mint Museum of Art in Charlotte, where they were puppeteers-in-residence until 1983. The troupe, consisting of Toni and Bob Lynch and another puppeteer, has toured the eastern United States with their productions. They have performed in festivals as well as in North and South Carolina schools. The puppets have been on exhibit at the National Puppeteers of America Festival in 1982 and 1984.

Bob says that the troupe creates their own puppets and sets. He also writes the adaptations of well known stories, and some original stories of his own. Putting a show together takes time. After the script is written, it must be recorded on tape with sound effects, and lighting. The puppets and scenery must be created, and the movements and timing practiced until the world show proceeds smoothly. Once a play is put together, there is no room for variations or spontaneous adaptations. Everything is timed to the split second, and puppets must be put on and taken off in a minimum of time as the tape plays with the dialog and sound effects.

The puppet show was sponsored by the Friends of the Library at the Mauney Memorial Library and the Kings Mountain Little Theatre. The Kings Mountain Little Theatre is funded in part by a grant from the North Carolina Arts Council.



PUPPET SHOW - The Lynch Puppet Theatre brought its production of "The Rabbit Who Wanted Red Wings" to Mauney Memorial Library in Kings Mountain last Tuesday night.

## Oak View

BY JUANITA FLEMING

### Weather Cancels Sunday Services

This past Sunday, Oak View Baptist Church services was called off, as were so many other church services, due to the weather. But we are looking forward to our services Wednesday night.

We are glad that John Caldwell, Paul Hord Sr., and Karen Martin are home from outpatient surgery and are doing fine.

On Wednesday, February 15, we had a special "Outreach" supper and visitation at 5:30, and we had a good turn-out.

Congratulations to Leanne Farris and Amber Jordan, a piano duo, one of the three winners of the talent show at Central School February 7. They will be competing at the Kiwanis talent show coming up soon.

Also, Leanne was first place runner up in the Central spelling bee. Congratulations to these deserving young people.

From the Oak View community we send our sympathy to the other communities on the loss of their loved one's, due to the weather or of other sickness.



CREST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR PROM 89'

Back Row, Left to Right: Cristi Reynolds, Noel Kay, Kati Wesson  
Front: Kelly Waters

## KMLT To Present 'Sound Of Music'

The Kings Mountain Little Theatre production of "Sound of Music" to be presented on March 2,3,4 and 5th is into the final weeks of rehearsal. The play is suggested by the book "The Trapp Family

Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp with music by Richard Rodgers and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein 2nd. The script book were written by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse. "Sound Of Music" will

have evening performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. There will be one afternoon performance on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. All performances will be at the Kings Mountain Little Theatre. Please call the following telephone numbers for reservations: 739-1917 and 739-5976.

Directed by Jane Copenhaver and Julia Wood, the cast of children and adults have worked long hours practicing music and learning lines. Music Director, Linda Dixon, feels that the public will be pleased at the quality of the music they will hear. Costumes were fitted on Sunday afternoon at an extra rehearsal, as several rehearsals were lost due to the recent snow-storm. A beautiful set has been built by several volunteers: Jim Champion, Jerry Blanton, Catherine Clore, Jeff Grigg, Harwood Smith, Nancy and Joe Smith. The Little Theatre Board has been supportive with props, costumes and lunch for the case on Saturday.

Mrs. Copenhaver, who is a newcomer to Kings Mountain, says, "I am impressed with the local talent here. The dedication and commitment shown by the cast is overwhelming. The community support shown by Kings Mountain is by far the best I've ever had anywhere. Many thanks to all the families and the community to make this a successful production."

"The Sound Of Music" is produced by special arrangements with the Rodgers & Hammerstein Theatre Library, 598 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York 10022.

### Whitney Roper Celebrates Birthday

Whitney Lashay Roper celebrated her first birthday February 13 with a hot dog supper at the Kings Mountain Depot Center.

Whitney's aunt and Godmother, Diane Whetstine, celebrated her birthday also. Diane is the daughter of Geneva and Clarence Whetstine.

Whitney is the daughter of Terri and Donnie Roper. She is the granddaughter of Don Roper Sr., Carolyn and Ted Guffey, Linda and Ben Ellis, and Darlene and Ken Railey. Great-grandparents are Clarence and Geneva Whetstine, Mamie Roper, and Betty and Phillip Lawson. Her great-great-grandmothers are Ada Lawson and Macie Smart.

Children attending the party were Abbey Whetstine, Daniel Whetstine, Rachel Whetstine, Barry Gordon, Dustin Mullinax, Chad Wright, Chrystal McMahan, Adam Ellis, Tyson Ellis, Eric Roper, Tina Roper, Cassie Bell, Che Bell, Holly Parker, Shannon Parker and Kiesha Justis.

Whitney's cake was heart shaped



WHITNEY ROPER

with red roses on top. For entertainment, Whitney and her friends enjoyed Shorty the Clown. Shorty was from Charlotte and drew cartoon pictures of the children.

Diane's cake was done in clowns and entertainment for Diane and her friends was a surprise male dancer. Diane's late night entertainment was held at a Holiday Inn in Charlotte.

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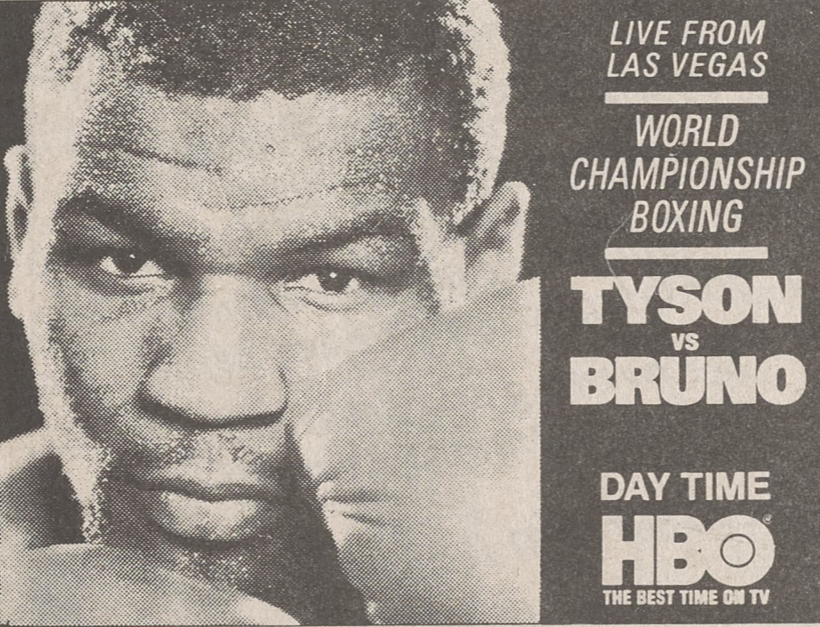
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### Danelle Short Is One Year Old

Danelle Nichole Short, daughter of Karen Renee Short and Eddie Ray Blanton, celebrates her first birthday on February 24.

She is the granddaughter of Charles and Linda Short and Harold and Dixie Blanton. Great-grandparents are Mack Short and the late Beulah Short, and Chalmer and Doris Goins, all of Kings Mountain.



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