

## Gospel Music Is Popular In Kings Mountain Area

Gospel music is riding the waves to a new high in popularity. It is evidenced by the number of gospel concerts being presented each week in the area.

One of the main reasons lies in the fact that we have gospel radio programming locally, thanks to dedicated disc jockeys such as Jerry Bedsole and Gene Austin on radio station WKMT. These men are well known by most of the professional recording artists in the gospel music field. They do an outstanding job in bringing good music to our area.

A pleasurable evening was spent with The Singing Echoes of Cleveland, Tennessee. These fine folks were at Corinth Baptist Church in Casar on Thursday night, April 13. This is a remarkable family group committed to the Lord. This fact is evidenced when they are on stage. You experience their sincerity when they are singing and praising the Lord. They did a lot of good singing and hearts were blessed and souls stirred. The Echoes have a sound similar to the sound of The Inspirations of Bryson City.

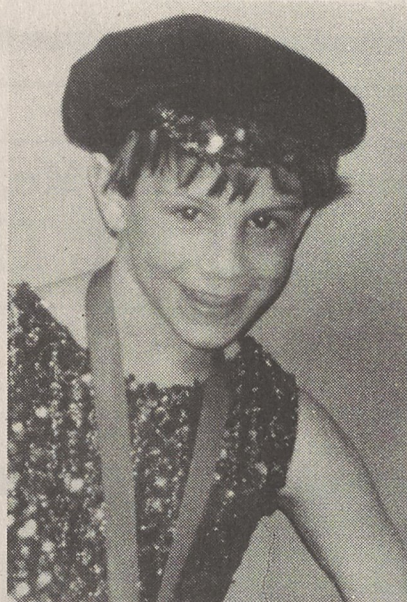
We now have a vast array of styles in gospel music. One of these is bluegrass gospel. We were privileged to attend one of these concerts by one of the superior groups in bluegrass, Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver. These men possess great voices and all are ac-



Betty Goodson

complished musicians. The smooth bluegrass sounds of Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver brought the loyal, devoted fans to life at the Hallelujah Supper Club in Newton. The present group is composed of Doyle Lawson of Bristol, Tennessee, who sings lead and plays the mandolin and guitar; bass singer Ray Peterson, who hails from Georgia and also plays the guitar; Russell Moore from Pasadena, Texas who sings high lead and tenor and plays guitar and possesses a remarkable voice that is smooth as silk and refreshing as a spring rain, and the newest member of the group, Jim Mills from Durham. The only North Carolinian in the group, Jim sings baritone and plays a fine banjo. Their latest album is "Hymn Time In The Country." They have just completed another gospel album but it is not released yet. All of these men are multi-talented and possess terrific stage presence.

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MICHEAL SCOTT WILSON

## KM's Wilson Four-Time Showstopper

Micheal Scott Wilson, Bethware School third grader and son of Jeep and Tonya Wilson of Kings Mountain, won four first place awards in regional "Showstoppers" competition recently and now advances to the National Talent Finals in July at Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Micheal came away with his highest marks in a solo, "Jailhouse Rock," a routine combining tap and baton.

He also will attend state competition in Drum Majors of America on April 22.

He is the grandson of Furman and Margaret Wilson and Dick and Ellen Sisk, all of Kings Mountain, and great-grandson of Charlie and Eula Mae Cobb of Kings Mountain and Louzetta Wilson of Cherryville.

Micheal won three first place awards and one second place during a recent "Showstoppers" competition in Hickory. He placed first for a baton solo, "Insecurity," and first in an open category for his solo number, "Jailhouse Rock," and also placed first in a small group character category for "At The Hop." He placed second in a small group of tap students for their performance of "They Are Playing Our Song."

Micheal has studied baton for three years and twirls with Shelby Stars, a show team of Vicky Arrowood of Shelby and Kings Mountain. A dance student for four years, he dances with "Star Struck," a performing team with Dance Academy of Kings Mountain and Shelby.

## Rock-a-billy...Poor Man's Rock

Born out of boredom in the mid 50's, it burst upon the Southern scene like a deacon late for church. Country music is known as a white man's blues, Rock-a-billy has to be a poor man's rock. Rock-a-billy, known as redneck rock, explodes in a raw, turbulent delivery, causing a feeling of excitement and liberation. Rock-a-billy borrowed from both country and R&B. It didn't copy either, just took what it wanted, and came up with its own style. Rock-a-billy is thin and lightly amplified. Usually the lead guitar is the only instrument electrified. It's a twanging boogie with wicked riffs that sometimes resembles a tommy gun and a wild lead. The chopping guitar is backed up by a doghouse or upright bass slapped like a stepchild. Some musicians used a drumstick on the bullbass to save wear and tear on their right hand. I've seen bass men with blisters on the fingers of both hands, and a few even bleed after a few hours of work. The bass had to be heard, and somehow it was. The rhythm guitar was sometimes plugged into an amp. The drums, of course, had no problem being heard. It was the singer who had the problem. In the early days there was no monitors, and they had to try and scream over the noise of the band and wild crowd. Today everything is miked, and there's a soundman who will sometimes blast you out of the building.

The rock-a-billy singer was injected with high energy. They belted out the songs with slurs, hiccups, moans, deep growls, and

## Jim Arp

WKMT  
Music Director



heavy breathing. Add this to the red hot band, pump up the echo and you've got a kicking sound. Rock-a-billy is alive. A lot of the recordings are cut hot, or almost distorted, this gives the sound more muscle. Up until rock-a-billy came along, very few records, if any, were cut hot.

Elvis was the rock-a-billy king. He made it popular all over the na-

tion. Sun Records, as everyone knows, is where it started. Although Bill Haley had a hit with "Rock Around The Clock" before Elvis hit the charts, Haley's music was a mixture of western swing and boogie. It had the big beat but lacked the excitement that Pressley had. Close on the heels of Elvis came Carl Perkins the writer of "Blue Suede shoes." Then came more from the stable of Sun Records: Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash, Charlie Rich, and others. Rock-a-billy almost laid country music to rest, and did the same for the pop music of the day. Most of the rock-a-billy vets are now doing country music though it is often laced with the old sound. Rock-a-billy will never completely die.

## Lifeguard Positions Available At Indoor Swimming Pool

**Wanted:** Lifeguards at the new indoor swimming pool. Anyone with senior life saving or water safety instructor certification who wants to work for special events should apply and register with

Kings Mountain District Schools. This is the invitation of Dr. Larry Allen, Associate Superintendent of Schools, who said that interested lifeguards should call him at 739-4589.

## Mounties

From 3-B

Keith Brown and Roderick Alston. Members of the 3200 team were Andy Hollifield, Bill Foard, D.J. Williams and Brian Butler.

Third places for KM were Quan Smith in the shot put, Victor Bell in the 100 meters, Mike Byers in the 200 meters, Andy Hollifield in the 3200 meters and Larry Stone in

the pole vault.

Fourth places were Rodney Houser in the high jump, Victor Bell in the long jump, Fred Byrd in the shot, Audia Spencer in the 100, Rodney Houser in the 300 intermediate hurdles, and Shan Kiser in the pole vault.

Bill Foard finished fifth in the 1600 meters.

Coach John Bumgardner will take his distance runners to Charlotte this weekend to run in a three-mile race.

## Bowling

from 3-B

111 line and 323 set. Betty Hullender led her team with a 86 line and 256 set.

Lib Gault's 122 line and 347 set

led Dye's team over Mocanu. Mocanu led his bowlers with a 133 line and 368 set.

The Kings Mountain bowlers will sponsor a handicap tournament this weekend at Dilling Heating, with some of the top duckpin bowlers in North Carolina competing.

## Swim

From Page 4-B

Coach Brian Allen, who heads the Sharks here in Kings Mountain, said he was very proud of his team.

"They showed confidence and skill in many areas. Many of our new swimmers are older and were required to swim very long distances this first meet. They deserve credit for finishing the event," he said.

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## Blalock Family Reunion Slated

Annual reunion of the Lawson Goforth and Ferrie Susan Whisnant Blalock family will be held Sunday, May 21, at 1 p.m. at El Bethel United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright Jr. and Mrs. Madge Wright Rhea and their families are host families for the event.

Plates, cups, silver, napkins and ice will be furnished. Those attending are asked to bring drinks and well-filled picnic baskets.

## BOARD MEETING

Youth Assistance Program Board of Cleveland County will meet on Tuesday, May 2 at 6 p.m. at Western Steer in Shelby.

## Estate Auction

Saturday, April 22, 1989

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Located approximately 1/2 mile out Buffalo Shoals Rd. from Bar-B-Que King. Sale consists of personal property including household, guns, antiques, vehicles, yard and garden equipment! Watch for signs!!!

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| 1978 Cadillac 4 dr. Sedan Deville (very nice)       | 2 bicycles (good condition)                  |
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| 1 mahogany bedroom suite, very nice                 | 1 iron pattern dishes                        |
| 1 blond bedroom suite                               | 1 red depression dishes                      |
| 1 maple dinette suite /4 chairs                     | Several sets of old dishes                   |
| 1 breakfast room suite /4 chairs                    | Kaysons china, pine cone pattern             |
| Couch and chair to match                            | Antique dishes and pans                      |
| 2 upholstered rockers                               | Refrigerator, Whirlpool - like new           |
| End tables - book case                              | Kenmore automatic washer                     |
| 1 roll top desk, very nice!                         | 2 old dasher type washers                    |
| 3 wardrobes, 1 sewing machine                       | Airway Sanitizer vacuum cleaner              |
| Gun cabinet, 5 televisions                          | 1 wood heater                                |
| 1 Electrophonic stereo, nice console                | 1 kerosene heater, lantern type              |
| Floor washer/buffer, Scigler heater                 | Ice cream freezer                            |
| Numerous lamps, etc.                                | 1 very old trunk, 1 old mantle               |
| Some quilts and linens                              | 1 old iron bed, single size                  |
| 1 11-hp Murray riding mower, 36" - like new!        | 3 reel type mowers (old)                     |
| 1 7-hp Caprice riding mower 32" cut                 | 1 8-hp Sears garden tractor /all attachments |
| 3 push mowers, 1 garden tiller                      | 1 6" table saw with motor                    |
| 2 fertilizer spreaders - push type                  | 1 Homelite super chain saw                   |
| Several rods and reels                              | All types of garden and yard tools!          |
| 1 set of golf clubs and balls                       | All sorts of small wrenches, small tools     |
| 3 hives of bees                                     | Box guns and parts                           |
| 1 Remington Model 11, 410 auto. (like new)          | 1 Savage 410 22 over and under (like new)    |
| 1 Savage single shot 22 rifle (like new)            | 1 Stevens 20 gauge double barrel (like new)  |
| 1 Winchester Model 94, 30-30 rifle (like new)       | 1 L.C. Smith 12 gauge double barrel (old)    |
| 1 12 gauge automatic (like new)                     | 1 Marlin 22 automatic rifle (old)            |
| 1 Stevens 20 gauge single shot (like new)           | 1 Daisy BB gun (old)                         |

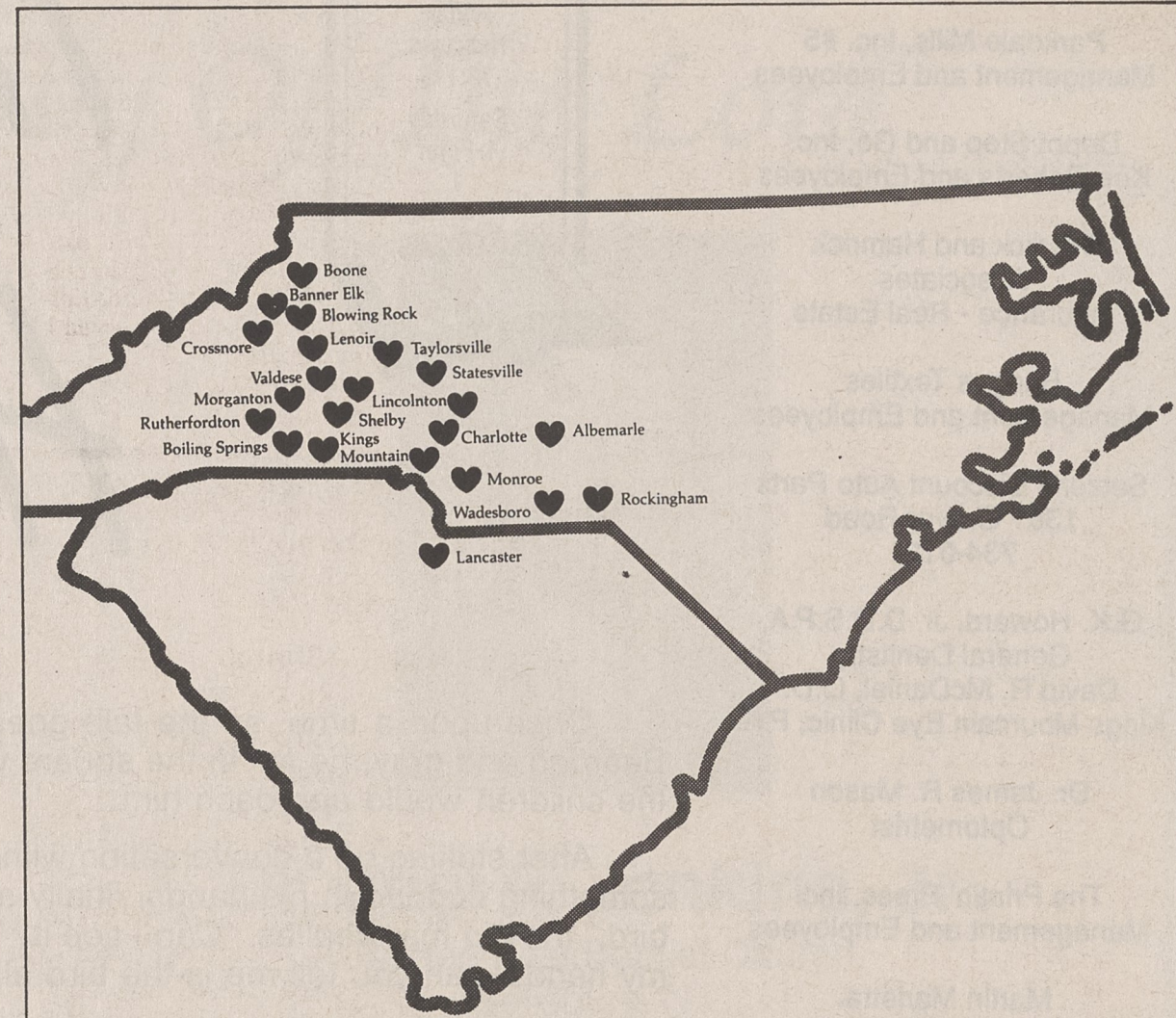
### EXECUTORS

Ann B. Caldwell, 732-1016 Hazel B. Shrum, 735-8545 Nancy B. Jarrett, 464-9675  
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### Sale Conducted By

L. P. "Perk" Caldwell, Auctioneer, N.C.A.L. 107  
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