

KMLT Has Come A Long Way



Lib Stewart

Back in the early 40's Kings Mountain Little Theater was formed. It was quite active and produced, among other hits, the popular dramas held in the amphitheater of the Kings Mountain National Military Park.

Debbie Mauney brought us a big scrapbook this week which details some of the productions given by the Little Theater since its revival in Kings Mountain 20 years ago. What a variety of shows Little Theater goers have been treated to is illustrated with pictures in this scrapbook which Debbie hopes everyone will take a look at during the upcoming production of "Murder Takes The Stage."

My mother hopes to be on the front row when the play opens Thursday night in Park Grace Auditorium. She hopes to catch a glimpse of her grandson, Jeff Grigg, who is co-directing with Cathy Clore this story of murder and intrigue. Jeff, who is The Herald's Production Manager, has been spending all his spare time in recent months at the Little Theater and his Grandmother has been kidding him that she will have to go to the Little Theater to see him. Jeff won't be on the stage but one of our Herald columnists will. Jackie Rountree, who writes Grover News, is among the cast and will probably steal the show.

KMLT's first production after reorganization in 1969 was "The Curious Savage" and was directed by a then 22-year-old ballet dancer Steve Baity, who had come home to rest that summer after working and studying for a year in New York.

After the initial reorganization there were many good shows and who could forget the most recent musical, "Sound of Music" which played to a full house with an extra performance because so many people had made reservations to see the show.

Children's theater has also been popular with local L-T audiences over the years. "Not Even A Mouse", directed in 1973 by then 13-year-old Chris Holmes, was a favorite.

The Neil Simon play, "Come Blow Your Horn" was directed by Gene Austin, brother of The Herald's General Manager Darrell Austin, and was a favorite of adult theater-goers in 1974. Bill Fulton, now of the Herald advertising staff, had one of the lead roles in the show.

Sometimes trying to keep community theater alive was frustrating in the earlier years but Kings Mountain Little Theater is alive and well today and growing with new members representing a diversity of age and talent.



ART AWARD TO EAST SCHOOL-East School third graders received an award for their mural, "Mother Nature Believes In Fair Housing" from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. From left, Kia Degree, Sherita Warren, Rayven Talmadge, art teacher Sherry Bingham and Quisha Owens, far right.

East Mural Wins Prize

Their award-winning mural depicts a colorful school of fish with the caption, "Mother Nature Believes In Fair Housing."

The innovative art won the first prize from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development during Fair Housing Month to third grade art students at East School.

Dan McDonald, a fair housing and equal opportunity specialist with the state HUD office in Greensboro, and Ledford Austin, deputy manager of the state HUD office, presented the trophy to the third graders during a recent assembly program.

Kings Mountain Housing

Authority Director Julia Jordan organized the mural contest locally.

Sherry Bingham, art teacher, said she was quite proud of her students and said they deserved the attention they received from the state HUD officials and the ice cream and cookie party afterwards.

Guest Column

Make Your Home Beautiful

By JERRY KING

A home is where my wife and family are most often together and it's the place where we find the most enjoyment and have most fond memories.

As President of the Kings Mountain Board of Realtors I want to challenge each family to try to make its property the prettiest and most livable by getting in the clean-up spirit and by that spirit showing our town that we care about our own property because we care about the town itself.

Help celebrate American Home Week this week by improving your private property. Property is measured in terms of pride and enjoyment as well as dollars.

This year's theme, "Creating A Nation of Neighbors," is aimed at reminding individuals, businesses and industries of their rights and responsibilities as citizens and property owners to work together in

creating a positive community in which to work and live.

American Home Week's sponsoring organization, the National Association of Realtors, is the nation's largest trade and professional organization representing nearly 800,000 members involved in all aspects of the real estate industry.

A house is real estate. It's property. It's walls and roofs. It's a commodity. Real estate professionals are sensitive to what a home means to a buyer. Yet, we will work hard to help you sell your home with minimum delay for every dollar its worth.

Our community needs to help us set an example this week by cutting shrubs, cutting grass, improving our own properties and upgrading them. Join us, not only this week during American Home Week, but every day in improving our own homes and neighborhoods to make a better place to live and raise our children.

Chinese

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woven oven for this project to Wise Industries.

The new China plant is located in Tianjin, China about 80 miles southeast of Beijing. The plant will produce non-woven fill roll goods which they will sell to other companies in China to be used in clothing and other products that use fiber-fill non-wovens. Non-wovens is a term used to describe textile related products which are made by bonding together fibers by various means.

Building the China market has not been easy for Wise even though the results are considered above average, President Dan Wise said. Wise personnel have made many trips to China and Wise said international sales has helped to balance production. "However, I will be the first to admit that the USA market is our primary concern. There are two major methods

to help balance the USA trade deficit; restricting imports and increasing exports. Maybe we and other small companies can help in some small way with the latter method."

Max S. Clark Jr., Wise chief executive officer, said "We don't want to take all the credit for our success with the Chinese market. We have had help from a lot of places. Among the most helpful to us in this effort have been the U. S. Department of Commerce in Greensboro, Whitesides, Robinson, Blue and Wilson law firm of Gastonia for their assistance in China international law and both NCNB National Bank and First Union National Bank for their continued support of our international efforts and the town of Kings Mountain for their continued assistance in our relations with the Chinese people."

The first Chinese company to buy equipment Wise shipped to China last year was Tianjin Huaxin Carpet Company in Tianjin, China. The project was about \$2 million and the equipment produced non-woven needle punch carpet to be used in the domestic China market.

Wise did the whole plant on a turn-key basis including even the fibers and chemicals for the first month's production.

Accompany the Chinese delegation to City Hall were Mr. and Mrs. Dan S. Wise, Max Clark Jr., and Arthur C. Blue III, partner in Whitesides, Robinson, Blue and Wilson of Gastonia.

Members of the Chinese delegation who were welcomed by city officials and also toured the area were Jia Jing Xiang and Mrs. Pan Bai Jin, managers of the new plant; Han Meng Zhou, assistant manager; Mrs. Wang Wei Jie, engineer; Shan Yun Sheng, assistant manager, and Song Chun Ling, translator.

Dan Wise speaks some Chinese but said the language barrier had not been a problem. "Many Chinese people speak English but we can't speak Chinese," he said. "Friendship is the key to success in this venture and Kings Mountain has always made our Japanese friends welcome," he said.

"We are very satisfied with how Wise has handled the project and we hope we can do more future business with people in this area," said Jia Jing Xiang.

Lib

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the only brother-sister in the state to co-edit a weekly newspaper.

Miss Stewart's column appeared in the March edition of "National News", a national publication of the American Legion Auxiliary which is distributed to one million women members. As national chairman of community service for the auxiliary, Miss Stewart has

headed a nationwide cancer awareness project this year and her story, "Courage To Choose", as it appeared in the auxiliary, has been entered in national competition for the "Heart of America" award of the national organization. The local Auxiliary Unit 155 entered the column in national competition. Miss Stewart is also a past Southern Division National Vice President of the auxiliary and has served a national appointment for 12 years. The 1988 writing awards were presented Saturday night by Dwayne Walls, of the staff of the UNC School of Journalism.

Home

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outside the community. Alexander Realty is ready to announce a new development as soon as paperwork is completed for 30-plus moderately priced homes to be developed off the 74-Bypass near Reliance Electric Co. Mrs. Alexander is

ready to present the plans for the new development to the Planning and Zoning Board for approval and is in the fourth and final phase of construction at Gold Run, a new development in the Oak Grove community where 39 additional wooded lots are being developed. "We have clients coming from Charlotte who are building in this area and working in Charlotte and all the other realtors are busy in the area with local and out-of-city customers," she said.

Women Conducting Survey In Area

Cleveland County Commission for Women is surveying about 600 women in the county on women's status and needs in a six-page questionnaire that ranges from questions on how long they have lived in the county to their total

family household income to reasons for working and their major problems and where they go to for help.

Betsy Wells, Kings Mountain teacher who is a member of the

Commission, says interested women can receive copies of the questionnaires from her or from Lib Stewart at the Kings Mountain Herald Office.

Mrs. Wells said the survey re-

sults will be compiled and available later in the year.

Survey forms should be returned to Cleveland County Commission For Women, PO Box 580, Shelby 28150.



GROVER FIRST GRADERS 1939 - Pictured above is Grover School's first grade in 1939. Members of the class are trying to organize a 50th year reunion for later this year and need the names and addresses of some of the students. The unknown students are the fourth and eighth students on row two, the second and fourth students on row three and the ninth student on row four. If you know any of them, call Mary Jo Carter at 937-7250. Others in the picture are, front row, left to right, Mrs. Macie Covington, teacher; Jane Pinkleton, Lester Bolin, Ellis Tate, Jack Montgomery, Thomas Hambright, Newman Barrett, Bobby Batchler and Basil Sheppard Jr. Second row, Martha Ann Tesseneer, Betty Sue Hamm, Valerie Batchler, Mary Jo Smith, Lola Faye Hardin, Frances Kirby, Dorothy Dean Tesseneer, and Hazel Green. Row three, John Houser, Doris Camp, Henry Oliver, Sybil Byers, Harry Beam, Keith Franklin and Charles Edward Sheppard. Row four, Haywood Oliver, Bobby Herndon, Annette Harry, Max Whitworth, Oren Camp, Elizabeth Oliver, Ethel Barrett, Paul Whitworth, and Thelma Peterson.

KM Weather

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	APR. 26-MAY 2	YEAR AGO
Total precipitation	2.04"	0
Maximum one day	1.45 (1st)	0
Year to date	16.76	8.44
Minimum temp.	45 (2nd)	36 (28th)
Maximum temp.	89 (27th)	79 (27th, 2nd)
Average temp.	70.1	59.3

*Last year, trace on frost on April 28.

GOSPEL SINGING

Midview Baptist Church will sponsor a gospel singing Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. featuring "The Eternal Love" of Shelby and "The Woodys" of Dallas. The public is invited.

BENEFIT

People That Love Center will sponsor a big yard sale on Saturday, May 13 beginning at 9 a.m. Donations are invited from the public to continue the ongoing program in Kings Mountain. Donors may deliver their items to the Love Center on Piedmont Avenue or call Wanda Kyle at the Love Center and volunteers will pick up your donated items.

BREAKFAST

Vocational Cooperative Occupation classes of Kings Mountain Senior High School will host the annual Employer-Employee recognition breakfast Friday morning at 7:30 a.m. at KMSHS Cafeteria.

BLALOCK REUNION

The annual Blalock family reunion will be held May 21 at 1 p.m. at El Bethel United Methodist Church. Picnic lunch will be spread. The families of Fred Wright Jr. and Madge Wright Rhea are heading up the arrangements committee for the event.