



OPENING CREDIT UNION TELLER-Area community leaders were on hand to cut the ribbon on the new CashPoint Automated Teller. Ribbon-cutters included: (left to right) Denise Stallings, Jerry King, Jane King, George Wood, Hilton Eades, chairman of Shelby Advisory Board, Kyle Smith, Jean Ferree, Loan Processor Supervisor, and Jeff Nelson, member of State Employment Credit Union.

Bill

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tute clerk-carrier. He received a Congressional appointment as the Route 1 carrier on January 1, 1965. He worked at the Margrace Mill briefly before going to embalming school and getting a job with the funeral home. He said he joined the U.S. Postal Service because of "more pay and less hours."

"I've really enjoyed my years at the post office," he said. "I worked under three good postmasters--Charles Alexander, Fred Weaver and Mike Howard-- and the people there were just outstanding. We had only 16 employees and three rural routes and four city routes when I went to work there. Now, we have 30 employees, seven city routes and six rural routes."

Only twice in his 24 years as a rural carrier did McDaniel fail to get the mail delivered. "That was during a big snow in 1969 and another big one last year," he recalled. "But if I hadn't had a four-wheel drive to fall back on I wouldn't have made it for a week in last year's big snow."

While city carriers have always had to battle biting dogs, rural carriers had their share of threats, too, McDaniel noted. "We're always getting stung with bees or wasps," he said, "and once I opened a mailbox and a cat jumped out. That almost scared me to death."

Basically, McDaniel said the postal service has improved a lot during the past three decades. "Some changes have been better than others," he said. "People complain about postage going up but it's still the best bargain in the world."

McDaniel has lived all of his life in the Bethlehem community. He is one of 13 children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dixie McDaniel. Twelve of the children are still living. He's a life-long member of Bethlehem Baptist Church, which he serves as deacon and choir member and oversees the church cemetery. He served two terms as moderator of

the Kings Mountain Baptist Association.

His biggest community involvement has been with the Kings Mountain Board of Education, which he has served for the past 12 years. He has served the past several years as chairman. His term in office ends in December.

"I've enjoyed my time with the school board," he said. "We've been able to accomplish many things and I hope I've been able to contribute. I've worked with two good superintendents--Bill Davis and Bob McRae--and we've had some good school board members. I've enjoyed working with all of them."

McDaniel said the state's Basic Education Program is one of the best things to happen in education in a long time.

"Locally, I think the bond issue that we just passed has been one of the best things we've done," he said. "It's going to enable us to complete some building programs much sooner than we thought we could."

An indoor swimming pool at the school has been another

Elvis Tribute Set At American Legion

J.J. and the Night Flite Band will present a Tribute To Elvis September 16 at the Kings Mountain American Legion.

The show will run from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Admission is \$7 per person. Doors open at 8:30 p.m.

For reservations or advance tickets, call 739-6387.

The show is open to the public.

Program Slated At KM Center

Kyrin Packard, incoming visiting artist at Cleveland Community College, will lead a program on creative dramatics and positive image building for fourth through eighth grade students beginning Tuesday, September 26 at 4 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Community Center.

There is a \$12 fee. Scholarships are available.

Interested persons may register at the community center through September 25.

The class is co-sponsored by the Cleveland County Arts Council and the Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, call Denise Falls at 734-0449.



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Love

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averaged over 30 volunteer hours a week at the Love Center. Mrs. Burris has averaged over 60.

"Most of the help we've given has been in clothes and food," Mrs. Kyle said. "And, of course, we couldn't have done it had it not been for the support of the people of the community who donated either times or money." Mrs. Kyle said one doctor in town treated "our people" free of charge, a pharmacist set up a charge account so the Center could buy medicine for the needy, and several other people gave money or services anonymously.

Mrs. Kyle said she has seen a lot of poverty in Kings Mountain, and in her travels to other parts of the state through her job and through working with the Shelby and Kings Mountain Rescue Squads.

"Right here in Kings Mountain, we have people sleeping in old buses, and people sleeping in the

Duckpin Bowlers Needed

Men and women bowlers are needed to fill teams for the Tuesday Night Mixed League at Dilling Heating.

The teams bowl at 7 p.m. each Tuesday in the Dilling Heating basement. Anyone interested in bowling may call John Dilling at Dilling Heating or go by Dilling Heating Tuesday night at 7 p.m.

IT'S A BOY

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Nolen of Kings Mountain announce the birth of a son, Andrew Perry Nolen, Monday, August 28. Andrew was born at Cleveland Memorial and weighed six pounds, 12 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Nolen and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bowen, all of Kings Mountain. Andrew has a sister, Sarah, who is three years old.

woods," she said. "Many of them go from area to area because I've seen some of the same ones in other towns. Some of them choose to live like this and some of them have to live like this because of things that have happened to them."

Mrs. Kyle said the Love Center never turned down someone in need. If the Center didn't have the resources to take care of a particular need, volunteers would locate an agency that could help.

"Often times, we'd get the necessary help by getting someone like the 700 Club or Heritage U.S.A. to match funds," she said. The Center also worked closely with the Red Cross and other local agencies.

Mrs. Kyle said Kings Mountain badly needs a program to help transients in need, and that the area also needs a shelter for battered women.

"I hope through the new Crisis Ministry, they can meet the needs of the transients," she said. "Cleveland County has a Battered Women Shelter but you have to be beaten to get in it. We had to send one woman to Boone to find shelter and another to Pennsylvania."

Mrs. Kyle said she doesn't begrudge spending her own money to make good the Center's debts.

"I've always enjoyed working with anyone who has a need," she said. "I've never been a substance abuser or lived in the streets, but I can understand how it could happen to someone. I've never had ev-

erything I wanted but I've always had everything I needed. I've never had to wonder where my next meal was coming from. If there was a need to open up another Love Center, I'd do it in a heartbeat."

Mrs. Kyle said the PTL Center here was just one of thousands around the world. She has helped open them in other towns. They're all patterned after the one began by Jim Bakker but they are operated independent of Bakker and the PTL Club.

"We worked with Heritage U.S.A. in a lot of cases and I saw a lot of good coming out of Heritage U.S.A.," she said. "I don't know what all went on down there but the parts I saw I was well pleased with. A lot of people were helped through the PTL ministry. As far as the charges against Jim Bakker, I can't speak to them. I can only say that I think people should keep their eyes on God and not man."

Just because the Love Center is now history, it doesn't mean people have seen the last of Wanda Kyle.

"I'll have enough to keep me busy," she said. "Right now I'm in a paramedics class and I plan to continue my work with the Rescue Squad. I want to go back to school for an alcohol and drug technology course. I used to work for the Detox Center in Gastonia, which is closed now, but I'm looking forward to the day it re-opens."

It's certain, too, that she'll continue to be involved with helping the needy. It's her life!

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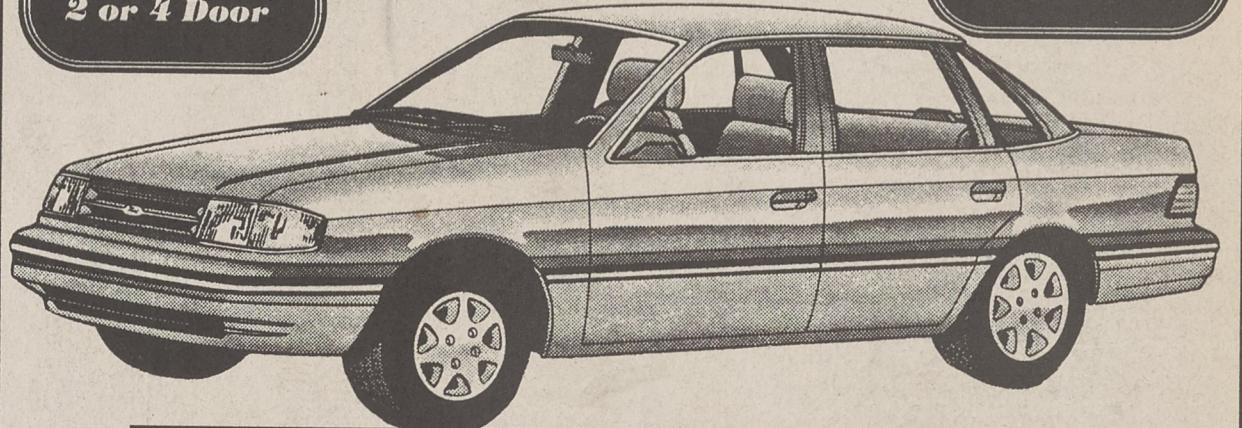
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