

'Friendship' Interviews Set

The Friendship Force of Shelby-Cleveland Count, a unit of an international citizens exchange organization that arranges home visits for people all over the world, is conducting interviews for the local unit's October, 1990 exchange visit to Australia. Interviews, scheduled for March 11 and 18 from 3 to 5

p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Redeemer (Parish Hall), 502 W. Sumter St., Shelby, are open to FF members and to the public. For more information, call Becky Smith, 487-5954.

The Friendship Force was founded in 1977 for the purpose of organizing citizen exchanges be-

tween countries. FF members believe that "a world of friends is a world of peace." Officers of the local Friendship Force are Bill Davis, president; Juanita Burns, vice-president; Lynn Spangler, Secretary; Joe Henderson, treasurer; Harriette Holton and Kim Smith, co-exchange directors.

Jim Arp



Show Biz Hard Work

Trying to break into show business requires a lot of hard work and even more discipline. Most artists have been half-starved, lived in tar paper mansions and took any job they could get to keep them going until they made enough money in the arts to keep the wolf away from the door.

Even after they get popular, it takes a lot of bucks to keep things moving. They have to pay the band, pay the road manager and back up singers, pay for a bus, motels, etc. You can see how the bills would mount up.

A lot of today's Nashville stars held some odd jobs while reaching for the moon.

The legendary Jimmie Rodgers was a brakeman on a freight train until his health got so bad he couldn't take the strain of the cold and hard work. Later he lived in hobo jungle.

Moe Bandy, who had a hit with a rodeo song, knew what he was singing about. His former job was that of a rodeo clown.

Roger Miller, who has written many hits for other singers and a few for himself, was a Nashville bellhop before he made the big time.

If John Conlee kills them with his singing, he'll know what to do with them. He studied to be a mortician.

Hank Williams Sr. did a lot of odd jobs before he became the most important name in the country field. He picked peanuts, shined shoes, sang with his guitar and passed a hat.

Jim Ed Brown studied to be in forestry at Arkansas University. Later he changed his mind and switched schools and studied music at Arkansas State.

Tom T. Hall was into radio and song writing before he became one of the most famous country song writers of all time.

Royce Kendall, one half of the Kendalls singing team, was a barber in St. Louis and was also in the Merchant Marines and an Army band before he and his daughter hit the jackpot.

Headache

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water line is a priority and will buy the city 20 years of water. "Right now you could be in trouble if there is a major fire," he told the group. The new storage tank would require a land area of five acres, he said.

+Heard report from Pond on a hydraulic analysis conducted by W.K. Dickson Co., which include sets of maps of water and sewer lines, hydrants, mains, manholes, etc. and maps of the McGill Creek Basin conducted by survey crews during the summer. Funds are in the current budget to cover half the

costs of the analysis which will be completed this summer. The computer analysis gives data collections, base maps, and calibrated models which the committee said will be available in every department of the city. Pond said the study has uncovered a "magnitude of problems and dollars to correct lines" and has underscored the need for more fire hydrants for fire protection.

+Discussed a long-range 20 year plan for improvements in water and sewerage services and agreed the plan should be reviewed on a yearly basis.

+Pond praised the committee for planning instead of reacting to the future. Wood said the surveys report the city has "some serious problems but we have a shortfall of

cash." "We must spend the cash in the most strategic places," said Moretz.

+The committee invited Pond to make a full presentation to Council at the April meeting and agreed to ask Council to prioritize, giving some attention to minor projects as well as major ones such as the Bridges Drive improvements.

+Wood said that cost of more fire hydrants and line improvements will be considered for next year's working budget. Most of the major capital outlay is in utilities, he said.

+Members agreed to ask commissioners to look at a five year capital improvements program city-wide and prioritize how much the city can spend.

Mrs. Weir

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donations by the senior class. The books were unattractive, bound dark brown, but they were classics by Tennyson, Browning, and Shakespeare and there were a few novels which Mrs. Weir thought much needed additions to the English department.

After her first year in Kings Mountain, when a Mr. Nye was superintendent, Mrs. Weir left to work three years in the English Department of Flora McDonald College, returning to become the bride of grocer W. T. Weir. She has worked with three other superintendents, J. Y. Irvin, Claude Grigg and B. N. Barnes.

Retiring in 1968, Mrs. Weir taught 40 years in Kings Mountain, one year in Grades 6-7 and on the faculty 39 years at KMHS, where she became librarian in 1938 after teaching English for 13 years. After retirement in 1964 before the present KMHS plant became reality, she was librarian for one year at Clover, S. C. High School and for three years at Winthrop College Training School and instructor of several library science classes for college students.

In retirement, Mrs. Weir has been busy in First Presbyterian Church and community and civic responsibilities. The beautiful new Weir Auditorium at J. S. Mauney Memorial Library honors her dedication to

education of Kings Mountain area children. She co-chaired the city's big 1974 Centennial celebration, the First Presbyterian Church centennial celebration in 1984, and chaired the beautification committee for the new City Hall, in addition to editing "Panorama", a publication for retired teachers. She was marshal for a Kings Mountain Christmas parade, which noted the community's affection for the long-time citizen. She has also traveled extensively, in Italy, London, the four British Isles, Hawaii, the Caribbean, and recalled that her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Ellerbe, instilled in her a love for travel by presenting her a tour of the U. S. as a graduation gift when she finished Winthrop College. She has been honored by numerous educational and civic organizations, among them the Daughters of the American Revolution which honored her for 50 years of continuous service. She was also a local and district "Teacher of the Year." Her favorite pastime is visiting the Mauney Memorial Library and obtaining a good book to read after she has finished working in the yard of her home on Grover Road. Her former honored her by donating funds to build the Josephine Ellerbe Weir Auditorium at Mauney Memorial Library in 1988.

Meeting with the Central Celebration on a regular basis has been invigorating for Mrs. Weir, who has shared memories of many happy times at Central School. For her, looking back in history has been pure pleasure.

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