



THEY ALL LIKE TO READ-Pictured are a group of reading tutors who are teaching adults to read. Front row, from left, are Mrs. Aubrey Mauney and Mrs. J. C. Bridges; back row, from left, are Mrs. J. B. Simpson, Mrs. Joanne Lineberry, Mayor Kyle Smith, Rita Baker, Mrs. Libby Hawkins and Mrs. Glee E. Bridges, who is chairman of the project sponsored by Friends of Mauney Memorial Library. Adults who want to get enrolled in the reading project are invited to call Mauney Memorial Library or Mrs. Glee E. Bridges for information.

Love

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Jr., a former storekeeper in the Navy, is associated with W. S. Tyler Co. in Bessemer City. Lisa Hord Batchler is married to Scott Batchler and they are parents of five-months-old Kristen, the family's pride and joy who will be John and Peggy's first grandchild. Lisa is a secretary in the Public Works Department of the City of Kings Mountain.

J. W. Gladden, who is called John by his Michigan friends, has logged 11,000 miles on his new car since October traveling the distance from Plymouth, Michigan to Jackson Street in Kings Mountain. It takes about 12 hours to drive but John Gladden has found the experience rewarding. He stops along the way to visit all his brothers and sisters, who are quite delighted that his courtship brings him closer home. Irene McAbee lives in Grand Blanc, Michigan, Lucille Falls lives in Glen Burnie, Md., Ozell Dixon lives in Charlotte, Tim Gladden lives in Kings Mountain, Louise Fisher lives in Raleigh, Joyce Dumas lives in Knoxville, Tennessee, Janice Jurnigan lives in Mint Hill and Carl Gladden lives in Fredericksburg, Va.

Before he came to Kings Mountain for his class reunion in August, John Gladden had already retired from his job. "Something told me now was the time to retire and boy, am I glad," he said. He hasn't been back to Michigan many times since then and when he's there he calls Kings Mountain, North Carolina long distance and he and his bride-to-be talk at least an hour every night and most times twice a day. "Ma Bell is really getting rich on this courtship," he laughed.

Peggy, who said she never dreamed she would remarry, confesses that she knew almost immediately that hers and John's was a special relationship. John agreed. He proposed to her a month after their first date at the church.

Both say that this is the best time of their lives to enter a new relationship. Both have reared their families, they don't have to worry about building a house or punching a clock. Peggy, who went to work after the death of her husband, has retired at Custom Metal Fabrication after 12 years. Both are active in the Baptist church and both like to travel, although John has traveled extensively in his job in many states.

Not many people have the opportunity they say they have found: each other, a bigger family, beautiful memories and new beginnings.

They are excited and the excitement has spilled over to their families. Peggy's mother, Mrs. Vertie

Smith, has picked out her dress for the wedding. Peggy's brothers, Bob Smith, Houston Smith and Paul Smith, all of Kings Mountain, plan to attend. The guest list for the family luncheon after the noon wedding now tops 100, including relatives from South Carolina, Michigan, Virginia and Tennessee.

Both the bride and bridegroom compliment each other, in appearance and in their love of family and church. They don't recommend dat-

ing by long distance telephone but they said their respect for each other, even from the time they were in high school together, has endured with the years. At age 62, they have officially retired from the work force but they are embarking on new lives as Mr. and Mrs. "She can change her mind in about 50 years," John teases his bride-to-be who wouldn't dream of such a thing. "Everything has been so unique, special, wonderful," she beams.

Congressman Ballenger Supports Textile Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman Cass Ballenger attended a press conference today and announced his support for the 1990 Textile and Apparel Trade Act. The bill was introduced in the House of Representatives by Congresswoman Marilyn Lloyd of Tennessee. An identical measure was introduced in the United States Senate by Senator Ernest Hollings of South Carolina.

The goal of the bill is to put foreign textile and apparel imports on par with the current growth rate of the U.S. domestic textile industry. The bill addresses the long-held concern that countries such as Japan and Taiwan have flooded U.S. markets in recent years by using unfair trade practices. "Some of our trading partners subsidize their textile and apparel industries so that their products can be sold in

the United States at artificially low prices," Ballenger said. "To my way of thinking, this is a bit like having a NASCAR event where the foreign racing team is given a ten lap lead. It's just not fair.

"It is unrealistic to expect our American companies to compete against these odds," Ballenger said. "The textile bill will correct the inequities in the system and give our American workers the fighting chance they deserve."

Employment in the U.S. textile industry is down from more than 2.5 million workers in 1973 to less than 1.8 million today. "This represents a loss of 700,000 jobs in the industry that is recognized as second only to the U.S. steel industry in terms of our national security," Ballenger said. "As one Senator recently remarked, if we ever have to go to war again our servicemen

and women may be wearing foreign made uniforms and Gucci shoes."

The textile bill would use 1989 imports as a starting level and allow a 1% increase in foreign imports per year. This 1% import increase would equal the current annual growth rate of the U.S. domestic textile industry. Upon being introduced, the measure had 175 cosponsors in the House and 53 cosponsors in the Senate.

The 10th congressional district has more people working in the textile industry than any other district in the country, including 20,000 in Gaston County, 5,500 in Cleveland County, 10,000 in Catawba County, 7,500 in Burke County, and over 2,250 in Caldwell County.

"We think the program will be successful and we hope people will start sending us in some names," Benton said.

Pusher

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some of the suspected drug dealers mentioned in letters were not already known by police.

Benton said that on several occasions, pushers had turned in other pushers through the anonymous letter-writing system. "I guess they're using this as a good way to get rid of the competition," he said.

The Kings Mountain write-in campaign will be part of the city's "Crime Stoppers" program. Benton said it is initiated through a cooperative effort of other law enforcement agencies in the area and the local media.

PUT A PEN TO A PUSHER

Fill out the form below and send it to **PUSHER, PO Box 7, Kings Mountain, N. C. 28086.** You do not have to sign your name.

SUSPECTED DRUG DEALER-----

PLACE OF RESIDENCE-----

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION-----

Theatre

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This smashing Broadway and Hollywood success about the true life story of Helen Keller and Annie Sullivan will be presented by the Kings Mountain Little Theatre for four performances beginning May 3, 1990 at 8 p.m. at Park Grace Auditorium.

Kings Mountain Little Theatre is funded in part by a Grassroots Grant from the North Carolina Arts Council.

CIRCLES OF LOVE

First Wesleyan Church of Kings Mountain will continue its "Circles of Love" program during Sunday morning's worship service. Families will be recognized with a special love gift.

LAKE AUTHORITY

Because of the Easter Monday holiday, the Lake Authority meeting scheduled for April 16 has been rescheduled to Monday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, according to Planning Director M. E. White. Joe Smith is chairman of the Lake Authority.

BREAKFAST

A prayer breakfast will be held at Battleground Restaurant Saturday morning at 9 a.m. and the public is invited. The meal is \$4. Persons planning to attend may call Betty Mitchell, 739-3401, for reservations.

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Earth Day Set At Schiele Museum

Twenty years ago on April 22, 1970, more than 20 million Americans took part in the first Earth Day celebration, the largest environmental event ever recorded.

In part, Earth Day 1990 at Schiele Museum in Gastonia will be a celebration of the first Earth Day and the birth of new environmental consciousness.

Featuring special guest Randolph Garrett, local musicians, The Trashettes and lively tunes from well known artists, a concert will be held on Saturday, April 21, at 7 p.m.

Sunship Earth, the greatest trip of all, is slated for Sunday, April 22, 3 p.m., and author, educator and entertainer Steve Van Matre

presents a "magical" view of our relationship with the Earth and its life.

Tickets for each event are \$2 and available at the Schiele Gift Shop or from Earth agents.

Visitors to Schiele Museum of Natural History on Earth Day can sign up for a number of outdoor activities from 10-5 p.m. and all activities are located along the trail. Delightful stories from nature by Gaston County Yarnspinnners will be featured from 10-2 p.m. and local musicians will entertain at 11:30, 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. "Cast Away Capers" and frolic with the clean city folk from 10-5.

Earth Day gourmet will feature light lunch from recycled restaur-

ant, drinks from recyclable cans at Cast Away Capers and tasty lemonade, billed as earth agents.

Earth Day vendors will include t-shirts, bandanas and books at the Schiele Shop, tickets for Sunship Earth and the evening concert, bird feeders, seed, etc. from Gaston Audubon Society, plants to attract wildlife from Gaston County Master Gardeners, books and hummingbird information from Piedmont naturalist Bill Hilton, and shirts, notes and buttons from Carolina Raptor Center. Earth Day exhibitors will be from N. C. State Parks, N. C. Forest Service, Gaston Audubon Society, Carolina Raptor Center, and Gastonia Clean City Committee.

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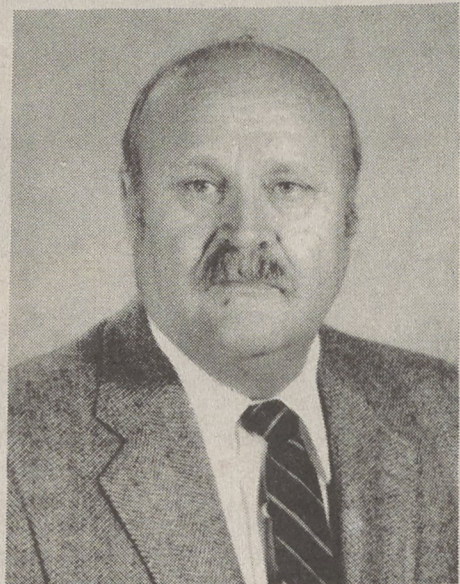
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ELECT

TRUMAN DAVIS



NAME: Truman A. Davis, Jr.
BORN: 1933 in Cleveland County, North Carolina
EDUCATION: Graduated No. 3 Township High School 1952 North Carolina State University 1956
MARRIED: Doris E. Street Davis - 35 Years
FAMILY: Four Grown Sons - Four Grandchildren
OCCUPATION: Teacher at Crest Junior High
MILITARY: 4 1/2 years Air Force - Honorably discharged
ACTIVITIES: Ruritan, Lions, Youth Baseball, 4-H, FFA Advisor, Wrestling Coach, Scout Leader, Booster Club
HOBBIES: Woodworking, Fishing
PROGRAM: I stand for:
 1. Open meetings in the evening
 2. Strong Law and Order Man
 3. Absolute fairness in hiring and promotion
 4. Absolute fairness in awarding service and materials contracts
 5. Reduction in waste
 6. Reduction in bureaucracy
 7. Recycling
 8. Waiting period on dumping even after permit is issued
 9. SCHOOLS:
 a. Spend money on Kids - Not Bureaucrats
 b. Reduction in positions which are unnecessary
 c. Less Paperwork
 d. Elimination of Student Fees
 e. Cut travel expenses for school board
 f. No County money for supplements for Central Office Personnel
 10. Tax Cut

I was born in Cleveland County, North Carolina 56 years ago and I am very, very proud of that fact. However, I have become very concerned with the way things have gone for the last 20 to 25 years. Our State ranks 48th in factory wages and dead last in SAT scores. We are first in the rate of infant deaths and the number of outdoor toilets.

In our County we have runaway growth in BUREAUCRACY, schools keep getting worse and worse, taxes keep rising and our County Commissioners can't even hold meetings when most working people can attend.

I believe the reason that these situations have been allowed to happen is because we have let the professional politicians and the life-time office holders have been permitted to run things their way. I have become so disgusted that I have decided to run to see if I can make a difference.

My program is simple and straightforward:

1. I stand for open meetings held in the evening with the time, place, and agenda printed in the news media at least 72 hours in advance.
2. I stand for strong law enforcement to protect our citizens in their jobs and homes.
3. I stand for absolute fairness and honesty in hiring and promoting county employees.
4. I stand for absolute fairness and honesty in contracting for services and materials.
5. I want to help to actively pursue recycling. Land fills have become too expensive and are not very safe for our environment.
6. I would work for a local ordinance requiring at least a 90 day waiting period between the issuing of a permit and the actual dumping of any possible materials. This would help to stop what looked to me like an effort to dump materials at Lattimore in secret.
7. I would "just say no" to the request to keep increasing county of fices. The productive citizens cannot continuously be asked to tax themselves to death to help the unproductive.
8. Our school systems are in a terrible mess. I have spent 45 of the last 50 years close to education and I believe that I know what works and what does not. I am certain that spending million on a bunch of paper-pushing parasites and form-fumbling facilitators in the Central offices nor flying school board members off to romantic places such as San Francisco or New Orleans. If elected, I will Work to cut off their foolish waste of money and spend school money on students.
9. When we have cut off frills and waste, I think we can stand a tax cut.

If elected, I promise to serve all of our citizens to the best of my ability, treat everyone fairly and with respect and after the 4 years, I will not be a candidate for re-election. We have seen what happens when Commissioners serve for too many years.

I will make myself available to speak to any group, large or small, and I would like to hear the views of you citizens. Call me at 538-8857 between 5:00 pm and midnight or write to P.O. Box 248 Lawndale, NC 28090.

If you would like to work for my election, call me, and if you would like to contribute to the expense of this campaign, make your check to: Committee to Elect Truman Davis Commissioner and mail to: Milfred Smith, 1215 Westwood Drive, Shelby, NC. 28090

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