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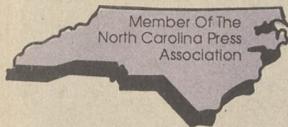
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Tying The Knot In Kings Mountain



ETHEL AND WILLIE BLACK

Ethel Yarbro, Willie Black Starting Over At Age Of 82

At the age of 82 when most of their contemporaries are content to stay at home by the fireside, Ethel Barber Yarbro and Willie James Black have embarked on a new life as Mr. and Mrs.

Yarbro, a widow, was introduced to the Bethany Community farmer four months ago and after a whirlwind courtship they were married Aug. 26 at the bride's home. After the ceremony, they received congratulations at a reception attended by 200.

"I liked her the minute I saw her," said the proud bridegroom, who says he and his bride visited his daughter in Canada and also went to Niagara Falls, New York but plan to travel to Dollywood in Tennessee this month as a honeymoon trip.

"I really didn't have marriage on my mind," said the happy bride, who said she was introduced to Willie by a close friend in the local DAR and by Willie's sister-in-law.

"Like Grant I plan to hang around," laughed Black, who affirms that the two plan to enjoy each other, dance, and travel. "We're giving up gardening and I've sold my tractors," said Black, who owns a farm in the Bethany Community near Clover, S.C. The couple plans to maintain both his residence there and her residence on Shelby Road.

Black was widowed March 8, 1989 by Geneva Owens Black, his wife of 48 years.

Mrs. Black was widowed 11 years ago by Ab Yarbro, her husband of 50 years.

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CYNDI AND KEVIN KING

They Drove Over 750 Miles To Be Wed In 'King' Town

Dr. Eric Faust and First Presbyterian Church played "Here Comes The Bride" Saturday for a New Jersey couple who drove 750 miles to be married in Kings Mountain.

Cyndi Hawks, 30, and Kevin King, 30, applied for their marriage license Thursday at the Cleveland County Courthouse but found some difficulty in finding a preacher to hear the vows.

"Are you serious?" asked several Episcopalian and Baptist ministers after hearing the story of how the couple wanted to be married in a town the same name of the bridegroom. Friday, they called First Presbyterian Church and asked Dr. Eric Faust if he would perform the ceremony.

The bride, a dancer and actress, and the bridegroom, a stage set designer, met backstage at Attic Ensemble in Jersey City. They dated for a year and decided to tie the knot. The bride is Catholic and the bridegroom is Baptist.

"Our friends in the theater wanted us to stage a big production for our wedding. Our parents had ideas about where we should get married. We wanted a simple wedding away from the crowds," said the bride, who graduated from Jersey City State College and is from Eayonne, N. J., population 70,000, daughter of Neil and Delores Hawk.

The bridegroom, a 1981 graduate of Catawba College at Salisbury, had worked at Carowinds in summer 1980, and although he was originally from Delaware, had never been to Kings Mountain but he wanted

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KM Water Projects

Electric Bids To Be Opened

Scrambling for \$580,000 more to pay for higher-than-anticipated bids on renovations to the T. J. Ellison Water Treatment Plant and Moss Lake Dam could result in the city canceling out several items in the \$3 million water project for which only \$2,534,000 was approved in the water bonds package and budgeted by council.

City Manager George Wood was meeting Wednesday with engineer David Pond of W.K. Dickson Company, the city's consulting engineers on the project, to come up with answers. The low bid among 14 general bids for the construction work came in over a half million dollars higher than expected.

The city can take \$312,000 now out of bond money approved for renovations to the dam and use it now for water plant improvements or cancel out some items in the design of the project. Community Services Director Tom Howard said the higher than anticipated bids came after additions were made during the design of the project.

Meantime, Howard said that the city will open bids for electrical work on the water bonds project Tuesday at 2 p.m. at City Hall. He estimated the electrical improvements could run between \$100,000-\$200,000.

Preliminary excavation and delivery of pipes and materials got underway this week on Bridges Drive for Phase one of the major water and sewer improvements project. Public Works employees were cutting down huge trees on Sims Street and Gold Street which had been a problem for electricity lines and preliminary tree cutting on the electrical line extension at KM Industrial Park is slated to begin next week. Howard said the city is working on plans to provide gas service to the Northwoods area of the city, the only area of the city which Kings Mountain hasn't serviced gas. "Hopefully, we'll have a lot of customers convert to gas which is a cheaper heating system than electricity," he said.

Howard said the naming of an architect for the renovations to the old post office, the proposed home of the Kings Mountain Law Enforcement Center, is expected at the Sept. 25 council meeting.

Officials Counting KM Homes

Kings Mountain city officials will be counting houses next week to make sure the federal census takers didn't miss any.

A counting of housing units in Kings Mountain will get underway Thursday by some 12 city employees, an effort by the city to find additional population census takers may have missed in preliminary U. S. Census figures which reported the city's population down to 8804.

Community Development Director Gene White will head the house count, which is to be completed by next Thursday with figures to be reported to the district census office in Charlotte.

White will use off-duty policemen, off-duty firemen, city election personnel and employees in the codes department to count each block of houses identified on the post census review map. They will determine the total number of housing units in approximately 300 census blocks in the city which roughly coincides with a normal city block, said White. After the actual count is made, the census taker will put the figures on a form and White will mail the information to the census office.

"If we can give them sufficient evidence that we have more houses they will recount," said White, who said that the numbers matter for pride, accuracy and money-state and federal programs dispense sales tax revenues and other money based on population.

The preliminary census gave Kings Mountain a final housing count of 3,673 housing units and 242 vacant units and a population count of 8,804, which White thinks should be upwards to nearly 10,000. The final population count isn't due until April 1991.

"Because 8,804 is only a preliminary figure, we can't challenge them now but we can check and verify, if possible, the number of houses and point out any discrepancies," said White.

Ministry Gives Help In Times Of Crises

In July, Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry marked six months of ministry to the Kings Mountain community. This helping arm of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association lends help to area families in crisis times through providing food, assistance with rent, electricity, and referral services.

Sherry Hamrick is the director of the ministry located in the Community Center on Cleveland Avenue.

The ministry is governed by the Ministerial Association through an advisory board of local citizens representing a strong community base. Members of the advisory team are Hallie Blanton, Cindi Borders, Martha Bridges, Rev. Charles Davenport, Rev. Frank Gordon, Dr. Grady Howard, Rev. Harwood Smith, George Wood and chairperson Dr. Eric Faust. This board meets monthly to review the ministries progress.

The Kings Mountain Crisis

Ministry is supported by funds granted by the Kings Mountain United Fund, local churches, grants and individual donations. The ministry has received a \$2500 grant from the 2 cents a meal program of the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.). Some civic clubs and school groups have been very generous in their gifts of money and food collections.

During the period January-July, the crisis ministry has offered the following aid to area individuals: food, 371 families or 1,521 individuals; utilities, 11 families for \$749.90; medicine, 19 individuals for \$582.35; rent, 9 families for \$575. The crisis ministry has also provided families with furniture and other needs. Those eligible for aid are Cleveland County residents of the Kings Mountain School District. As a rule, help is not given to clients who are on full public as-

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KM PEOPLE



ETHEL MCGINNIS Still Enthusiastic About Life

Ethel McGinnis Still Keeps Busy

Mrs. Paul McGinnis lives her philosophy that "you only get old when you lose enthusiasm for life."

The well-known Kings Mountain woman is one of the busiest senior citizens in town and any visitor to her house gets the red carpet treatment. You can be sure she will show you her beautiful quilts that were her therapy when she had to quit the profession she loved in 1975 as a beloved dietitian, first at West School and then at North School.

With every new year of school opening in the fall, however, Ethel goes back to work but in her own quilting classroom at her comfortable home on Hawthorne Road. Her new lap quilting class - and she can teach six students in three classes a day starting Sept. 10-11 - is expected to draw novice quilters

and also those well-seasoned in the art which has undergone a revival in recent years. Classes will be on Mondays from 9 a.m. until 11; 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

With as much interest in quilting in this area, Mrs. McGinnis could probably teach every day but she devotes only one day a week to her hobby. She does volunteer work at the KM Crisis Center, enjoys an interdenominational Bible class, is active in Resurrection Lutheran Church, and helps out at the family business, McGinnis Department Store, which was founded by her late husband, Paul McGinnis.

An expert cook and seamstress who learned from her mother, Ethel was the youngest daughter of nine children of Lillie Carroll and

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