

BOLIN

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Navy during World War II.

Returning home to the Bethware Community in 1954, J.V. married his Bethware High sweetheart, Florene Chapman. The two had become engaged while he was in service.

Bolin went to work for Amos Addis at Winn Dixie in Shelby as a grocery receiving clerk but left Shelby in 1956 to become Yates Harbison's assistant manager at the Kings Mountain store. In 1966 he was transferred to Gastonia as store manager and from Gastonia to Charlotte. Three years ago he returned to the Kings Mountain store.

"Winn Dixie has been good to me and the employees are a tremendous bunch of folks," said

J.V., who supervised 60 employees at the local store.

"Automation has greatly improved the grocery business," he said, recalling the day when the grocery store was a one or two person operation. "I remember when sugar was 19 cents a pound, now it's \$1.99 a pound," said J.V., who admits prices have escalated in "about everything" but food prices "are not as high as some goods we buy."

"In the old days when Winn Dixie was located downtown, we carried the groceries to the customer's car," he said. "It didn't matter if the customer was parked at the Post Office, we carried two bags under one arm, if necessary, and put them in the customer's trunk. Cashiers bag the groceries now but Winn Dixie maintains full customer service, a trademark of the business."

J.V. recalled that the old main street Winn Dixie had wooden shelves.

Bolin credits his long service and success in the grocery business to local employers and employees and also gives credit to his wife.

Behind every man is a good woman, he says of his wife of 36 years.

Reared on a farm, the eldest of nine children of Hester Bolin and the late Madison Monroe Bolin, J.V. retired September 15, 1990.

His brothers and sisters are Max Bolin, Lib Gault, Rebecca, Patsy and Bobby Dean Bolin, all of Kings Mountain, Hazel Wilson of Shelby, Faye Brock of Georgia and Joyce Shuford of Virginia.

Active in David Baptist Church, J.V. is a deacon and former treasurer and is an assistant teacher of the men's class.

Retirement has enhanced his love of sports and fishing. As a member of the Cleveland County Senior Citizens Golf Club, he spends every Tuesday on the golf course.

Gardening has always been a family hobby that he and his wife

and two sons enjoy. J.V. never has to visit the grocery store for vegetables and meats. He raises a bumper crop and Mrs. Bolin, who is employed at Copeland Corporation, fills the freezer with home-grown food.

Born on a farm in Cherokee County, S.C., Bolin moved to Kings Mountain in 1942. His son, Dennis Bolin, is married to Leslie Dixon Bolin and they have two children, Drew, 3, and Courtney, 1. Dennis owns and operates Kings Mountain Farm Center. Leslie Bolin is a registered nurse.

His son, Danny Bolin, is married to Melanie Clark Bolin and they have two children, Adam, 6, and Crissy, 8. Danny, a former meat cutter at Winn Dixie, works for United Parcel Service. Melanie Bolin works for Shelby Coca Cola Company.

J.V. enjoys and appreciates his family. He admits to spoiling his grandchildren and he volunteers to work one day each week at Kings Mountain Farm Center to give his


son a day off with his family.

On a recent Tuesday, J.V. was loading fertilizer for a customer and comparing 1990 with 1949, when he reported to his first job.

"I've always liked to work but now I'm busier in retirement and enjoying every day of it," he laughed.

The old saying that "life begins at 60" is paying off for J.V. Bolin.

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Blanton In 'Leaders' Edition

Bob Blanton, social sciences department chairman at Gaston College, has been chosen to appear in the 14th edition of *Marquis' Community Leaders of America*, scheduled for release this fall. Blanton, a Gastonia native, is also a full-time instructor in history and anthropology, as well as direc-

tor of educational tours for Gaston College.

His inclusion in this volume honoring those who contribute their time and talents in community services above and beyond professional duties recognizes his many contributions over the years to var-

ious community service projects.

His community involvements which brought him this recognition include membership on various boards of directors including the Schiele Museum. He has served as county chairman, or co-chair, of such committees as The North Carolina 400 Committee, The U.S. Constitutional Bicentennial

Committee, the Gaston County Friendship Force, Governor's Task Force on Minorities in North Carolina and has been active in United Way at the county level. He currently serves as a member of the board of directors of the Gastonia "Sister Cities" committee, working to link Gastonia with sister cities around the world.

Lt. Debra Lee Receives Medal

Lieutenant Debra S. Lee, a nurse in the United States Navy, was recently awarded the Navy Achievement Medal. The award was presented for her dedication and achievements accomplished as Charge Nurse in the Nursery while at Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.

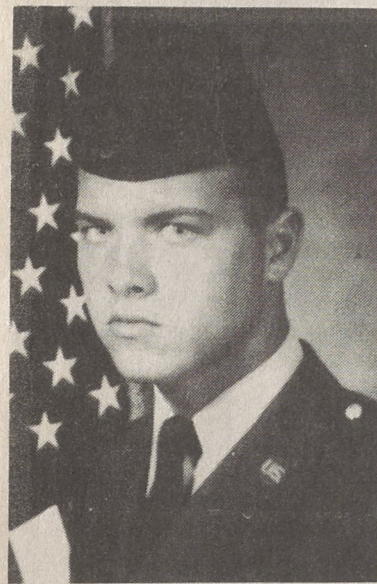
Lt. Lee was presented the award by Rear Admiral L.F. Norton in ceremonies held at Naval Hospital Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, on September 28. She has been stationed there since June. She has been assigned to duties on the Obstetrical and Labor and Delivery wards at Roosevelt Roads.

Lt. Lee is a 1972 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and a 1977 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She joined the Navy in December 1983.

She is the daughter of Lloyd and Jean Wiggins of Bessemer City and William B. Lee of Newport News, Va. She is the granddaughter of W.D. Lee and the late Mary Lee of Gastonia, the late Willis and Fannie Bell White of Bessemer City and Inez Wiggins of Belmont.



LT. DEBRA LEE



PVT. ERIC WILLIS

Willis Completes Basic Training

Pvt. 2 Eric Willis has returned home from U.S. Army basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

He excelled and received medals in pistols and grenades.

Willis will be home for 17 days and then go to Germany for 18 months.

Jaycees Collects Toys For Needy

The Cleveland County Jaycees are collecting new and used toys to help make Christmas brighter for needy children in the community.

The toys will be presented at a Christmas party on December 23.

Collection point are Travel Agents International on Washington Street in Shelby, Wal-Mart Pharmacy in the Wal-Mart Store and WADA Radio on McBrayer Springs Road.

Toys are desperately needed for children ages 0 to 13.

Donations of money can be mailed to the Cleveland County Jaycees, P.O. Box 1244, Shelby, 28150.

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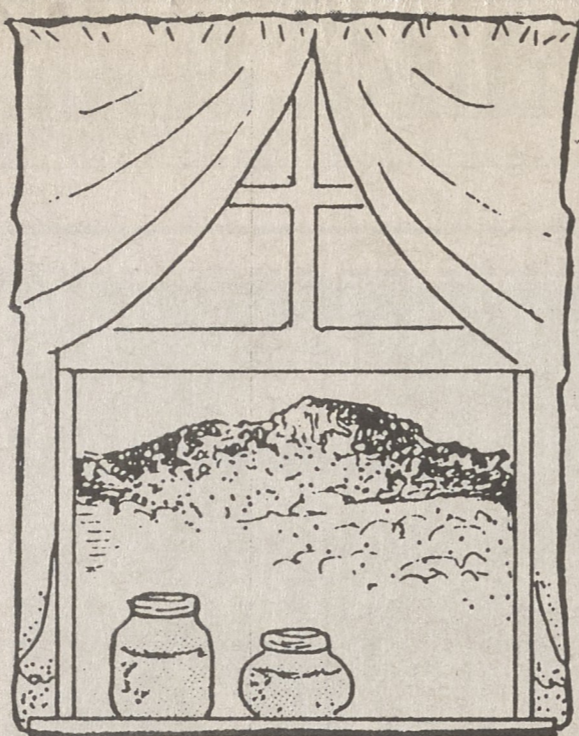
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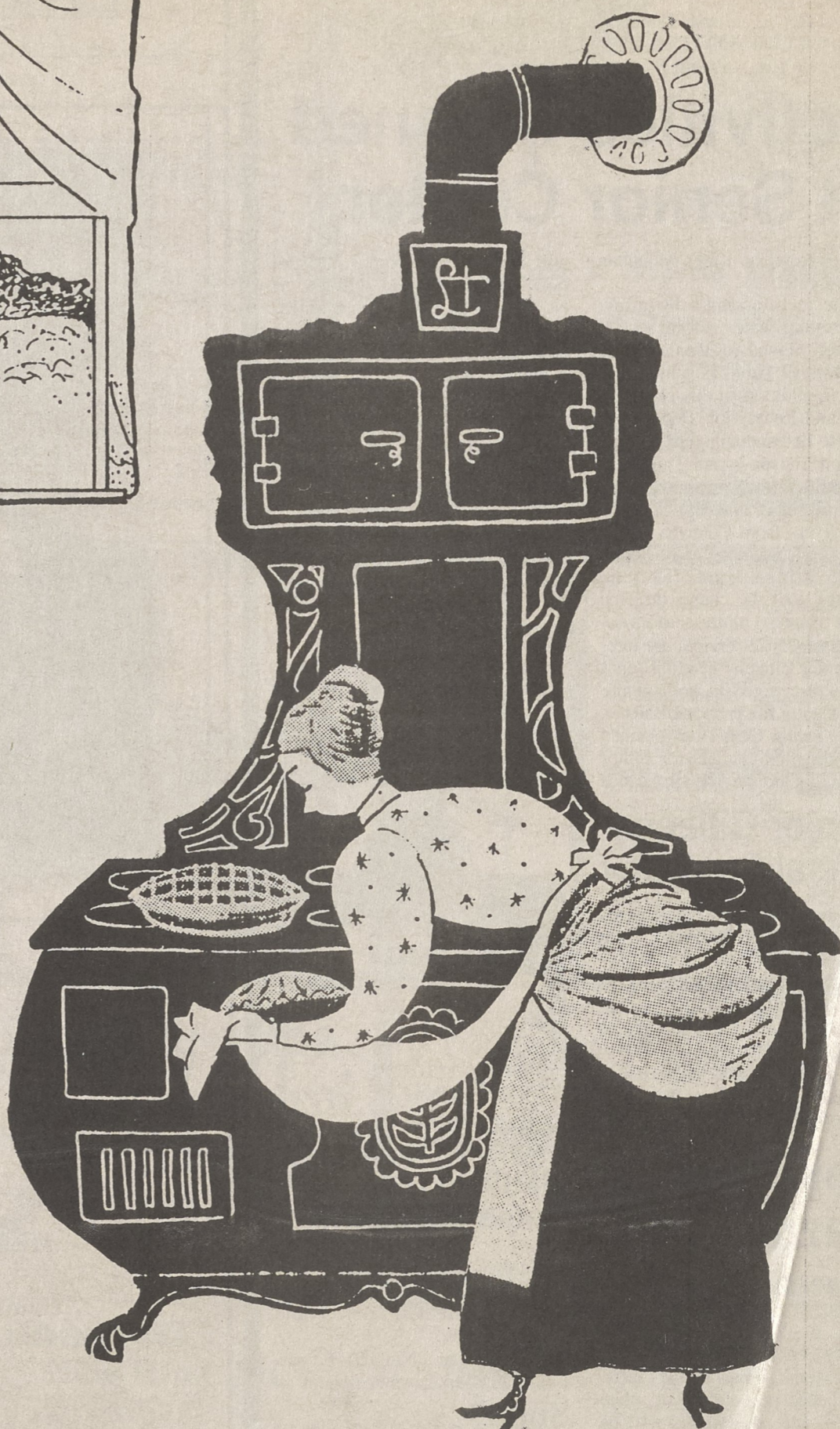


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