

Three KM area women will make debuts Saturday

Three Kings Mountain area young women are among the 66 from Western North Carolina who will make their formal debuts to society at the 46th annual Shelby Junior Charity League Debutante Ball Saturday night in the new Vauxhall Center in Shelby.

The formal presentation is at 8 p.m. and will climax a round of social engagements for the recent high school graduates which begin on Thursday.

The debutantes are from 21 cities and towns.

For their debuts they will wear traditional long white gowns and gloves and carry bouquets of long stemmed red roses from the stage of a Southern garden setting.

Monica Leigh Becton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce Becton, will have her father as chief marshal and Timothy Shane Becton as assistant.

Tracy Lynn Murphrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Oliver Murphrey Jr., will have her father as chief marshal and Charles Everette Bridges as assistant.

Toscha Suzanne Stinnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gay Stinnett Jr. of Bessemer City, will have her father as chief marshal and Raymond Lamar Bradley IV as assistant.

The sponsoring Junior Charity League of Shelby is 56 years old and has earned a reputation of charitable giving and unselfish ser-

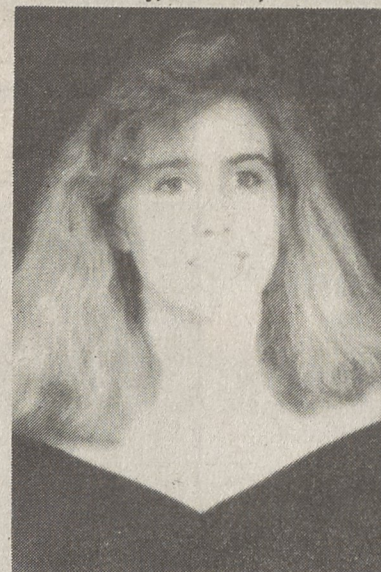
vice to the community. Evolving in 1934 from the Music and Arts Division of Shelby Woman's Club, 57 energetic women blended together to help their needy neighbors during the depth of a depression and called themselves the Shelby Civic League before becoming the Junior Charity League, a name that marks its benevolence and years of charitable pride.

At the celebration of its 50th birthday, a trip through the financial pages of the past 50 years brought to light the fact that the Junior Charity League has furnished aid to the community to the tune of over a half million dollars.

A budget this year will be administered to provide assistance to



MONICA BECTON



TRACY MURPHREY



TOSCHA STINNETT

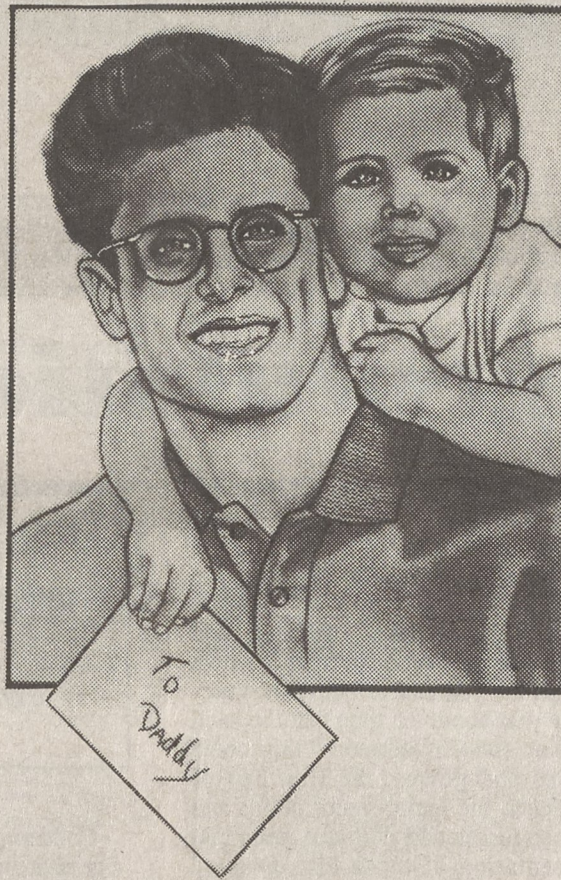
needy individuals and to deserving community projects in Cleveland County. A total of 6,000 hours of service will be volunteered by the League's 103 active members and 126 sustaining members to promote the successful projects.

The Ball originated in 1946 when 31 young ladies from Western North Carolina were presented to society. Inspired by the late Isabel Hoey Paul and patterned after the annual debutante ball in Raleigh, the ball has become a well

established social event which follows months of parties and two days of activities in Shelby on Ball weekend. The gala events are enhanced by elegant decorations, elaborate menus and the best available music.

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