

## Weekly Tip

Winn Dixie will host a cookout Saturday from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. to show appreciation to the KMHS football players and cheerleaders. Free hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided for all shoppers and students who visit the store during those two hours. Harris Teeter will serve free cake and ice cream Saturday to all customers and guests. The shopping treat is one of many prizes and special prices on offers during Harris Teeter's 55th anniversary celebration. Prizes include a year's supply of premium Hunter All Natural Ice Cream to a customer at each of Harris-Teeter's 133 stores. One of these customers will also win a 1991 Limited Edition Oldsmobile Cutlass 442.

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## SHE HAS TICKLED THE IVORIES FOR 33 YEARS

### KM Baptist honors Edie

Edie Bridges has played an estimated three million notes on the organ at Kings Mountain Baptist Church the past 33 years. That's an estimated 256 days of non-stop tickling the ivories.

She was honored Sunday night in "An Evening With Edie." The congregation honored the veteran organist who is retiring with a petite diamond butterfly pin, a "Book of Memories" signed by friends and red roses.

Paying tribute to the popular musician and retired first grade teacher were Eoline Keeter Hord, a longtime friend since their college days at Mars Hill Junior College; Rev. and Mrs. Bob Collins, Rick Harwell, and Virginia Crawford. Anne Hord Gamble, chairman of the program committee made the special presentations, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Hord; Amy and Edward Covington, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Tindall, Mrs. Faye Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phifer and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crawford Jr., all members of the committee. Ed Covington, chairman of the board of deacons, was master of ceremonies. Also assisting at the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Benton and

Carole Dixon.

Special entertainment was presented by the Church Choir Mrs. Bridges directed for a number of years, and the former Junior Choir of members now adults. Singing children's songs they learned as children, the concert was a surprise to Mrs. Bridges. The reunion of members of the Junior choir spanned several decades. Among members of the original choir were children of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bridges and Eoline Hord and the late Dr. D. F. Hord.

Married in 1946 to retired hardwareman J. C. Bridges, Edie Franklin Bridges met her husband when she came to First Baptist Church to work as educational secretary to Rev. L. C. Pinnix. J. C. Bridges was a member of the congregation. A native of Hickory, Mrs. Bridges graduated from Lenoir Rhyne College. She joined the KM School System as a first grade teacher at West School in 1958 and retired in 1983 after 25 years.

When Kings Mountain Baptist Church was organized in 1958, she became organist for the church and has played at most every Sunday service since, at many funerals and



**EDIE BRIDGES**  
Retiring as KM Baptist organist

weddings, also directing the two choirs. She also played the organ for the church's Sunday School program conducted at Kings Mountain Hospital.

Mrs. Bridges says she plans to sing in the choir with her husband now that she has retired from the organ and will continue her volun-

teer work as a reading tutor, a job she loves and started when the program began at Mauney Memorial Library. An avid reader, she is enthusiastic that her 42-year-old student is doing well. Active in a number of community programs,

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## KM election set Tuesday

Kings Mountain citizens will go to the polls Tuesday to elect a mayor and four council members from a field of 16 candidates.

In an unusual election year due to redistricting of five wards, the outcome could seat five new faces at city hall on an eight member board with two incumbents whose seats are not up this year and one newly-appointed councilman.

Voters in Ward One will choose their representative from Ward One, the new minority/majority ward which will seat a black for the first time in the city's history.

In Ward Two, voters will also elect their representative.

All registered voters may cast ballots for the two At-Large positions and the mayor.

All candidates have conducted vigorous but quiet campaigns with no apparent controversy, distributing campaign literature and knocking on doors in the final weeks of the campaign. All said at a recent candidate forum they support the city manager form of government. The candidates include three incumbent commissioners.

Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Voting places are the Community Center (East Kings Mountain precinct) and the

Armory (West Kings Mountain precinct). Election officials will be in the lobby of city hall to take changes of addresses and residents with changes of addresses will cast ballots at city hall.

Vote totals will be posted in the lobby of city hall after 7:30 p.m. Tuesday night.

Election Board chairman Becky Cook said if questions arise about the correct addresses of voters that voters will be asked to supply proper identification. Cook will be assisted by Tim Miller and Chuck Gordon at city hall. Registrars are Hilda Moss at the Armory and Connie Putnam at the Community Center. Judges are Joyce Dye and Louise Dover at the Community Center and Betty Spears and Mercedes Humphries at the Armory.

Former commissioners Jim Childers and Scott Neisler and Gilbert Hamrick are in a three-way race for mayor. Childers says his business and council experience will be needed to push for annexation, extension of utilities, and in pursuing economic development in the next four years. He said he would form an active redevelopment

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## Kings Mountain People

### Miles Scism KM's 'body man' for 33 years

Patterson Grove body shop owner Miles Scism practices what he preaches to his students in auto body repair at Cleveland Community College.

"I tell them to do the best job they can," he says.

The philosophy has been highly successful for Scism, who has been fixing cars for 33 years. His customers return time after time to have body work and car repairs done on their vehicles by a professional who takes pride in every car he turns out in his busy shop.

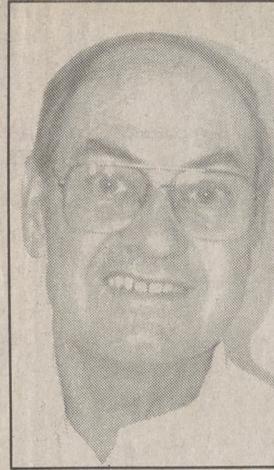
Scism has owned and operated his own business off the Highway 74 West Bypass at Patterson Grove for eight years, now a partnership with his brother, Gene Scism. Before that he worked for a number of years at Wade Ford and got into the business with Lewis Motors, a Ford dealership in Gastonia where he served as assistant body shop manager in the mid 1950's.

Scism said he always liked tinkering with cars but his maintenance job in the Army whetted his appetite. He came home from the Army after the Korean Conflict and went to Howard Business College but missed his work in heavy duty auto mechanics and when a job came open at a Ford dealership he jumped at the chance to work on cars again.

When he isn't putting in long days at his shop he stays busy restoring a 1966 Ford Comet convertible which has just a little over 50,000 miles on the odometer and is a beauty. His wife, Dora, and their daughter, Brenda Hayes, never worry about cars breaking down and repair bills because Miles keeps the Scism cars and truck in top shape.

Five weeks ago Miles underwent major heart surgery at Carolinas Medical Center but is back home recuperating. "It was good to get back at work this week but the Doctor (Mayse) has told me I can't work but half days for a while," he said. Scism said he appreciates his brother and part time helper,

Sherman Jenkins, but is ready to get back to his regular routines. Sitting at home in front of the television set is not one of his favorite pastimes. He had rather weed the



**MILES SCISM**

garden or flower beds and mow the yards at his beautiful country home he built on 26 acres of farmland 15 years ago and a short distance from his garage.

Scism teaches aspiring mechanics two nights a week, illustrating the lessons with films on how to estimate costs of repair jobs and supervising the students as they actually make repairs on their own vehicles. "I tell them they need patience and practice and they need not expect to be professionals over night. It takes work," he said.

Scism also goes to school, attending repair courses on a regular basis and recently earned a plaque from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence in body repair, painting and refinishing, a school he completes every four years and is certified. He also completed recently a Unibody repair course in identifying and analyzing damage, welding and collision repairs.

A Kings Mountain native, he is the son of Mrs. Gettys Scism and the late Mr. Scism, and graduated from Bethware High School in 1951. He grew up on a farm and helped his father at the old Scism Cotton Gin. His wife works at Hamrick Industries and their daughter, Brenda Hayes, works in the accounting department of Kings Mountain Hospital. Brenda and Richard Hayes have an 11-year-old son, O'Brien, a KM Middle School student and the Scism's only grandchild. Miles has one brother, Gene; and one sister, Sue Hughes of Cleveland, Tennessee.

Before building their home, the Scisms lived on Shelby Road and were active in Bethlehem Baptist Church. They are active in Patterson Grove Baptist Church, where Scism is an assistant Sunday School teacher of young men and assistant adult director.

Even after working long hours on a customer's car, Scism relaxes at home working on his own car. He also finds gardening the perfect place to unwind.



**ANGELA STRICKLAND**

### Angela still needs your help

Kings Mountain's Angela Strickland will undergo a bone marrow transplant October 25 in Minnesota.

A donor has been found for Angela, who suffers from aplastic anemia; however, a fund drive to help cover her family's part of the \$200,000 operation is lagging.

The staff and students at East School, who are spearheading the fund drive, urge all citizens to give to the fund being handled by Carolina State Bank. All checks should be made to "COTA for Angela" and mailed to Carolina State Bank, P.O. Box 340, Kings Mountain, 28086.

The Strickland family needs approximately \$75,000. Their insurance company will pay the remaining costs.

Thus far, only \$3,000 has been raised.

The East School staff has set up a booth at the Cleveland County Fair, sponsored by General Tire Company of Charlotte, Angela's father's employer. Donations will be accepted at the fair booth and there will be a drawing Saturday for a set of tires and other prizes. Donors do not have to be present to win.

The staff of East School urges all industries, churches, civic organizations, and individuals to give to the fund so Angela will have a chance to live a normal life.

"Today Angela needs your help," said a school spokesman. "Tomorrow, it could be one of your loved ones. May God bless you for giving."



**TANK DEDICATION** - Community Services Director Tom Howard, his secretary Ashley Chambers and Mayor Kyle Smith, right, hold up a decorated cake which was cut and served to visitors following the dedication Tuesday of the city's new water storage tank on North Piedmont Avenue.

## New \$733,000 water tank dedicated by KM Tuesday

City officials dedicated the new five million gallon \$733,000 water storage tank Tuesday morning, Mayor Kyle Smith marking the site with a plaque.

The 40.5 feet high tank has a circumference of 455.3 feet and elevation of 1,111 feet. Constructed with water bonds and finished during the past seven months, it increases the city's water storage capacity to nine million gallons.

The mayor pointed to the adjacent two million gallon tank built on North Piedmont Avenue in 1967 and in the distance the two million gallon tank on Grace Street built in 1982. Now that the new tank is in operation, Smith said the city can shut down the 24-year-old adjacent tank for sandblasting, painting and needed repairs.

W. K. Dickson Company of Charlotte was project engineer, Hickory Construction Co. was general contractor and Anderson Brothers was electrical sub-contractor. Chuck Neelis, building a 24 million gallon tank in Columbia, S.C., was foreman for the project of which Alex Burkley and David Pond were project designers and Eddie Taylor was field inspector. Mike Beard was superintendent of the project for Hickory Construction, assisted by Curt Eckard.

Also present for the brief ceremonies, followed by the cutting of a tank-decorated cake, were Bessemer

City Manager Ralph Messera, Bessemer City mayor John Clark, Bessemer City councilman Roy Bullard, Shelby councilman Bill Weaver, County Economic Development Director Joe Fendrick and his assistant, Barbara Danner; Billy King, school board chairman, and Dr. Jane King, representing the school system; county commissioner Joyce Cashion; city planning and zoning board chairman Wilson Griffin; city council members Al Wretz, chairman of the utility committee; mayor pro tem Elvin Green, Fred Finger, Norma Bridges and city manager George Wood; Ernest Rome, of Ar Knitwear, representing local industry, city personnel director Charles Webber, fire chief Frank Moss, and utilities department heads Karl Moss, public works superintendent; Walt Ollis, water and sewer; and Jim Mancy, gas and electric; and other candidates for city office, including Scott Neisler, Gilbert Hamrick, and Jerry Mullinax.

The mayor said the public is invited to attend the dedication October 15 of the expanded water plant facilities and on October 29 of Pilot Creek improvements, all paid for from bond monies. Smith said the last bond project to be completed will be substations and electrical improvements and dedication of those facilities will be in the "very near future."