



Betsy Wells, left, presents Martha Lee Scruggs with the "Distinguished Woman" award from the Cleveland County Commission for Women.



Doris Cooper, left, presents Joyce F. Cashion with the "Distinguished Woman" award from the Cleveland County Commission for Women.

Women honored for service

Joyce Falls Cashion and Martha Lee Scruggs, like the 10 other Cleveland County women honored for distinguished service Saturday, were cited for making positive contributions in their communities for many years.

Mrs. Cashion, Kings Mountain grocer, has been active in the Cleveland County Democratic Party for many years and was the first female party chairman. She has served on the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners since her election in 1984 as its first female member.

Mrs. Scruggs' role in the Grover community endeared her to the many residents of the area as organizer of the Grover Woman's Club and an active Grover School volunteer. Her community involvement was praised by club member Betsy Wells, who recalled that Mrs. Scruggs initiated a town improvement program that included refurbishing the fronts of the Main Street buildings and painted the

buildings herself. Wells said that Scruggs is regarded as a "legend" in the American Red Cross she serves as executive director. Scruggs established the Winter Night Shelter in Cleveland County.

Cleveland County Commission on Women hosted the banquet and presented awards to honorees at Cleveland Country Club. Senator Helen Marvin was guest speaker.

Other women honored for service were Dorothy Edwards, retired Gardner-Webb College educator; Patty Neal Dorian, executive director of the Cleveland County Abuse Prevention Council since 1985; Aileen W. Ford, the first woman to be elected to the Shelby City Council; former teacher Rosalynd Nix Gilliatt and partner for many years at Gilliatt's Florist; Ellen P. Powell, retired superintendent of Cleveland County Schools; Author and former editor Grace Rutledge Hamrick, first woman to serve as president of the UNC alumni Association; Doris B.

Borders, county register of deeds; Rep. Edith Lutz, is the first woman to represent Cleveland County in state government; Dorothy M. Roark, former administrative officer in the U. S. Air Force, former editor for educational television, and former director of development and public information for Cleveland Community College, and State Senator Helen Rhyne Marvin, former shop owner, teacher and academic department head at Gaston College who is completing her eight term as a state Senator representing the 25th District.

"Whatever their backgrounds, in some strong way these women have all supported and encouraged other women and have made life better not only for women but for all of us here in the county," said Shirley Lail, co-chairman of the Commission and associate director of admissions at Gardner-Webb College.

Lail said that recognizing the 12

honorees as a group will hopefully offer encouragement to other women quietly enhancing the quality of life through their efforts and provide leadership role models for young women to follow.

Making the presentations were Debra Blanton, Doris Cooper, Connie Goforth Greene, Jeanne Kincaid, Shirley Lail, Robert Miller, Jeanne Patterson, Esther Plummer, Beverly Shuford, Kay Kiser Wallace and Betsy Wells.

Each honoree stood with the presenter at the podium and accepted a framed plaque which included a photograph. Each honoree also was given a white corsage. Families of honorees were also recognized. State Rep. Jack Hunt and Mrs. Hunt were special guests of Mrs. Lutz.

Wells, Kings Mountain teacher, said the Cleveland County Commission on Women was established by the county commissioners in 1978 to identify and respond to the needs of all citizens in Cleveland County with the greatest emphasis being on the needs of area women.

New books at library

Bergstrom, Louise. **SECOND SPRING** (Avalon Books, 1992).

Andrea Holmes suppresses the idea that Aunt Lucy is trying to fix her up and agrees to accompany her on a tropical cruise to Belize. When she arrives on the boat and meets Mike Harding, a witty and handsome writer, their attraction to each other is instant and her suspicions about Aunt Lucy's intentions are confirmed. But when a former boyfriend shows up on board, too, she is terribly confused - in more ways than one!

Blair, Alma. **BEYOND LEGAL LIMITS** (Avalon Books, 1992).

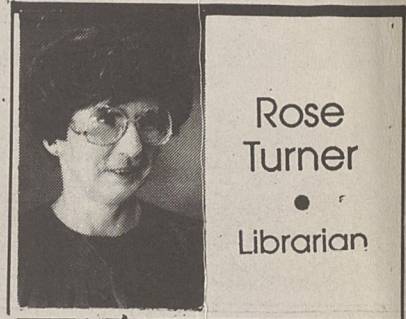
Harried attorney Carol Reynolds thinks she is doing Alex Winters a favor when she executes eccentric Victoria Templeton's new will after hours. The elderly spinster is one of Alex's most important clients, and if she is intent on finalizing her will tonight, Carol is sure it won't do any harm. Maybe it will finally get her boss to notice her. Twenty-four hours later, Victoria is dead, Alex is in an uproar, and Carol is in a whole heap of trouble.

Boeckman, C.V. **HOUSE OF SECRETS** (Avalon Books, 1992).

The rundown house near Aunt Elizabeth's ranch unsettles Chelsea Parker. She is sure the place is part of her past, but she has never been here before - or has she? She has no memory of her first five years, and Chelsea knows only what her well-meaning aunts have told her. Her parents were killed in a plane crash. But the longer she stays in Texas, the clearer it is that information about her childhood has been withheld. Chelsea must learn the truth, but she isn't prepared for what she finds out.

Cook, Robin. **BLINDSIGHT** (G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1992).

Just when you thought it was safe to go back to your doctor or your hospital, Robin Cook produces a new thriller that will make you think twice. Set in Manhattan, Blindsight tells of city forensic pathologist Dr. Laurie Montgomery's battle to foil a plot of unimaginable evil.



Rose Turner
Librarian

Everitt, Majorie. **COUNTRY BLUES** (Avalon Books, 1992).

When Perry Lucas runs his car through Lauren Boyd's rosebushes, she is dismayed, to say the least. She thought she might meet some resistance from her new neighbors in Piney Ridge, Missouri, but she didn't expect they would try to mow down her house! Despite their rocky introduction, Perry and Lauren manage to mend their fences in time for the grand opening of Country Blues, Lauren's antiques and folk art shop. Soon her business is booming. But not all natives are friendly. To many, Lauren is still an outlander, a weird California transplant.

Hammon, Irene. **SPOTLIGHT ON LOVE** (Avalon Books, 1992).

It's a dream job in a dream location, and Kendall Williams can't believe her luck. She has been invited to direct a production of *Brigadoon*, one of her all-time favorite musicals, on the island of Maui in Hawaii. Just one more thing would make Kendall's happiness complete. Nathan Reed, son of the show's producer, is one of those rare handsome men who seem unaware of his effect on women. Kendall has never fallen so hard before, but Nathan is as self-contained as she is expressive.

Janke, James A. **MCHENRY'S LAST SHOOT-OUT** (Avalon Books, 1992).

Fed up with the harsh existence of the Arizona desert, Jason McHenry sells his ranch and boards a stagecoach bound for Chicago. His fellow passengers include a city slicker and his pretty daughter, a cavalry officer, and a

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