

RAMSEY HONORED BY FAMILY - Cecil B. Ramsey, right, spent 22 years behind the wheel of a Carolina Freight Carriers truck from 1951-1973. To honor him for all his years of hard work for his family, his children made a donation in his name to the Carolina Truck Museum. Ramsey received a Carolina jacket with his name and the years he served on it, a hat and his name will be placed on a plaque at the museum. Howard Harrill, left, line driver manager for Carolina, made the presentation last week. The children, from left, Peggy Hambright, Brenda Belt, Marlene Wellman, Bill Ramsey, Jim Ramsey and Cecil H. Ramsey, surprised their father with the ceremony and then took him to lunch at the Triple H Restaurant. Ramsey, who now lives in York, S.C., made his family's home on Mary's Grove Rd. in Cherryville when his children were growing up. (Photo by Marcia Martin)

Young artists receive honors

Members of the Young Artists Junior Music Club, students of Mrs. Marshall C. Gore, received honor awards at the National Federation of Music Clubs Junior Music Festival. Four students were Gold Cup winners, with Erin Lovelace winning the larger 30 point Gold Trophy.

The Festival, held at First Baptist Church in Gastonia, promotes excellence in musicianship and continuing interest in musical studies. Students perform from memory in closed auditions for judges selected by the Federation. Classes range in difficulty from pre-primary to musically advanced and are open to pre-school students through age 18. Students are graded on their own merits and abilities and may compete for scholarships at certain advanced levels.

Erin Lovelace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lovelace, Fallingwood Drive, Kings Mountain, was the winner of the 30 point Gold Trophy for her performance of "Jazz Cat" by Rollin and "Waltz" by Kabalevsky. Erin is a students Kings Mountain Middle School. She is a former winner of the 15 point Gold Cup in 1989, Gold Certificate of National Honor, Gold Recital Pin, Silver Note Trophy, and Piano Teachers Forum Honors Award. This year marked her sixth consecutive superior rating from the Federation. Erin has studied piano with Gore for six



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years and is the president of the Young Artists.

Josephine Chan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Man Chan, W. King St., Kings Mountain, won the 15 point Gold Cup for her performance of "Shadows on the Moon" by Garrow, and "Dance" by Kabalevsky. She is a student at Kings Mountain Middle School and a former winner of National Honor, Piano Teachers Forum Honors Award Pin and the Silver Note Trophy. She has studied piano with Gore for three years.

Olivia Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Kelly, Iowa St., Bessemer City, and a student at Bessemer City High School, won the 15 point Gold Cup for her performance of "Shadows on the Moon" by Garrow and "Dance" by

Kabalevsky. She also won National Honor for her superior rating in the Festival this year. She is a former winner of the Silver Note Trophy for excellence in practice. She is active in music in her church and a past winner of school talent shows. She has studied piano with Gore for three years.

Lea Randall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Randall, Costner Drive, Bessemer City, won a 15 point Gold Cup for her performance of "Cathedral in the Rain" by Stewart and "Dance" by Kabalevsky. She is a student at Bessemer City Central. She also received the National Honor Award. Former awards include the Gold Recital Pin, the Silver Note Trophy for practice, and the Silver Note Trophy for progress. She has studied with Gore for six years and is active in music in her church and community.

Those students receiving a superior rating in the Festival this year are: Josephine Chan, Justin Chan, Matthew Echols, Olivia Kelly, Beth Lovelace, Erin Lovelace, Nicole Martin, Hope Randall, Lea Randall, Aaron Sellers, Drew Thomas and Allen Ware.

Students who received a rating of excellence are: Erin Anderson, Hannah Cartee, Leanne Farris and Angela Smith.

All awards and trophies will be presented at the spring recital on May 22.

Elizabeth Maxwell carried on

Ed. Note - This is the last in a series of eight winning essays by Kings Mountain students on "Famous Women of the Revolution." The contest was sponsored by Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter DAR.

By LINDA PHANNARETH
West School 5th Grade
Elizabeth Maxwell was born in 1733 in Pennsylvania, but she lived and died a Tar Heel. Her parents brought their son and daughter down the Old Trading Path to Rowan County in North Carolina.

Elizabeth married Robert Gillespie. Event though he just moved to North Carolina, he was already a man of some means. He had bought several lots. On one of them he built a tavern.

Robert Gillespie and Elizabeth Maxwell Gillespie's life together was a short one, only three years. He left with Colonel Hugh Waddell to fight the Indians. He was killed and scalped by them. That left Elizabeth a widow with two small children to bring up. She showed her business ability, however, in the administration of Robert Gillespie's will.

Another Pennsylvania family was the Steel family, spelled Steele by the next generation. The parents had come from Ireland. They left three older children there, but brought five others to Pennsylvania. Then they moved on to Salisbury. One son remained in Pennsylvania. When he came down to visit his family, he liked North Carolina so much that he resolved to make it his home too.

Perhaps William Steel's enthusiasm for Salisbury was due for the most part to the magnetic personality of the young widow, Elizabeth Maxwell Gillespie. At any rate, they got married in 1763 and became business partners as well as marriage partners.

William and Elizabeth kept the tavern in Salisbury. Both of them were friendly, energetic and very much interested in the affairs of the Carolina Colony. Here "they caught the vivid impressions of moving events and passions of the hour."

It was in this tavern that Daniel Boone, John Dun, and other famous Tar Heels did things. The Steele Tavern was a famous place in those days.

William Steele was more than a tavern keeper. He was an able and well-liked man who made a place for himself in history. In 1773

William died. This was before the Revolution had completely developed.

The death of William Steele left Elizabeth Maxwell Gillespie Steele again a widow with children to bring up. Her first two were just about grown but her son by William was only nine years old.

In 1783, John married and became a merchant at Cross Creek, now Fayetteville.

The years went by and Mrs. Steele continued to carry on at the tavern.

In the early mornings, a lonely rider waited news. The news, when it came, was discouraging. Americans were retreating before

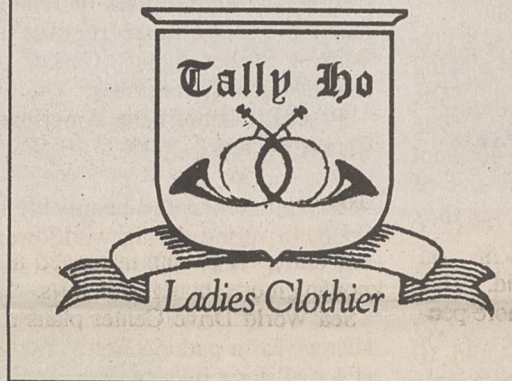
Cornwallis. The lonely rider was General Nathaniel Greene. His worn out soldiers were retreating. General Greene needed replacements. Money and inspiration were the things most needed for victory in his battle. Not knowing which way to turn, he turned his horse towards Salisbury and soon stopped at Steele's Tavern. While he was there, Mrs. Steele overheard him talking and later took out two bags of gold and silver coins, savings of her lifetime. She offered them to him. General Greene took them and used them for his soldiers. With it, he was able to drive Cornwallis away from Carolina.

Mrs. Steele died in 1790. She was a Tar Heel who was never forgotten because of her contribution to General Nathaniel Greene.



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KM Hospital receives grant

Cleveland County's three hospitals—Kings Mountain, Cleveland Memorial at Shelby and Crawley Memorial at Boiling Springs—have received grants totaling \$31,303 from The Duke Endowment which awarded grants totaling \$3,954,629 to 178 hospitals and 48 children's homes in North and South Carolina.

Kings Mountain received \$7,898; Shelby received \$22,641, and Boiling Springs received \$765.

Gaston Memorial Hospital received \$37,569.

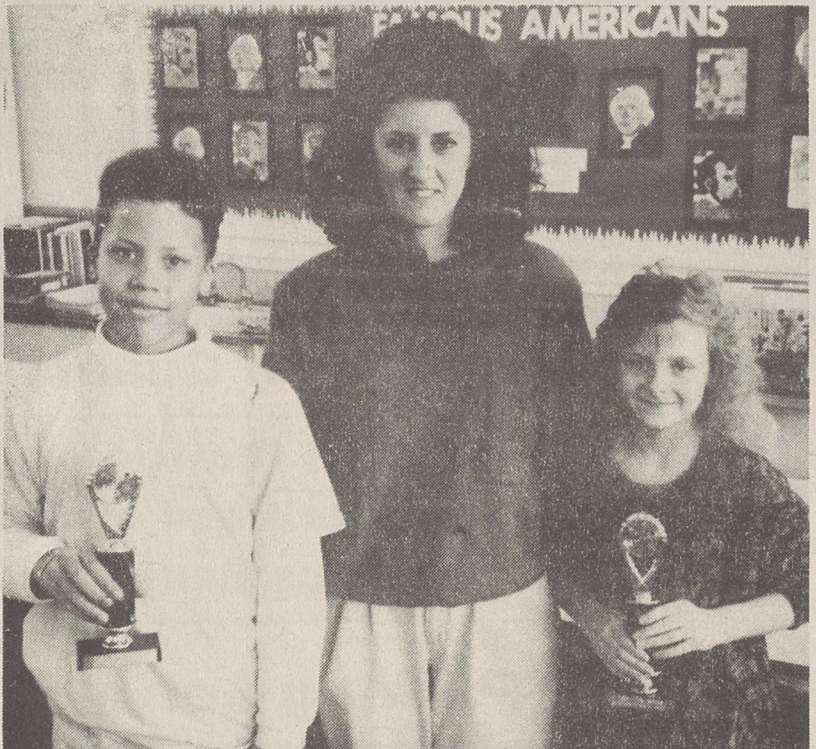
Hospital grants ranged from a

high of \$69,288 to Carolinas Medical Center at Charlotte to a low of \$281 to Northern Wake Hospital, Wake Forest.

The grants were approved by the Endowment's trustees at their March meeting.

Eugene W. Cochrane Jr., director of the Endowment's Hospital

Division, said, "These grants are based on the amount of charity care each hospital provides. Since 1980, our funding in this area has doubled; from \$1.3 million to \$2.6 million. This, of course, means that hospitals are dealing with more and more patients who can not or do not pay."



SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS - East School Science winners Anthony Ashe, left, and Brandi Dimon are congratulated by their teacher, Dorcas Beasley, for their projects, "Drink Up" and "Evaporation."

It's a girl for Sellers'

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Sellers of Kings Mountain announce the birth of their daughter, Brooke Olivia, March 23, 1992, Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte.

The baby weighed two pounds, one and one half ounces. She is 13 1/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Gene and Thelma Sellers and Ned and Scottie Yarbrow. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Aileen Sellers, Mrs. Mary Wilson, and Mrs. Ethel Yarbrow, all of Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Sellers is the former Shannon Yarbrow.

Womanless wedding set

A Womanless Wedding promises to be plenty of laughs, say White Plains Shrinettes who are sponsoring the fun evening April 11 at 7 p.m. in B. N. Barnes Auditorium.

Proceeds benefit the White Plain Shrine Club and its project for children.

Tickets are available at Center Service, Oil Express, City Auto & Truck Parts, Allen's Florist, Warlick & Hamrick Insurance, McGill Service Station and K.M. Pool. Advance tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. Tickets at the door will be \$4 for adults and \$3 for children.

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