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The Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce inducted four men into its Sports Hall of Fame Monday night at the Community Center. Gary Stewart, left, chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, and Art

Weiner, back, guest speaker, are pictured with inductees Eugene Goforth, Sara Kate Lewis (representing the late Hugh Ormand), Shu Carlton and Otis Cole. More photos on page 1-B.

Four join KM Hall of Fame

Four men were inducted into the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce Sports Hall of Fame at the fifth annual dinner and induction ceremony Monday night at the Community Center.

Baseball greats Hugh "Red" Ormand and Eugene Goforth were joined by basketball star Otis Cole and former KMHS football coach Everett "Shu" Carlton.

Art Weiner, former All-American receiver at UNC and KMHS football coach in 1951, was the guest speaker.

All four inductees were labeled as winners.

Ormand, whose award was given posthumously to his sister Mrs. Sara Kate Lewis, was a baseball star at Trinity College (now Duke University) from 1921-23. He led the Methodists in hitting all three years and was All-State two years. He went on to play professional baseball at Reading, Pa., and Beaumont, Tex. before returning to Kings Mountain to become a player-manager for several successful semi-pro teams at Margrace Mill.

"Hugh was a three-sport star, but his love was baseball," said his nephew Charlie Carpenter, who inducted Ormand. "I didn't get to see

him play much baseball. My biggest sports memories are of quail hunting. He really loved to hunt."

Former KMHS basketball coach Bob Hussey, now an assistant at Virginia Tech, inducted his former player Otis Cole. Cole led Hussey's three teams at KMHS to a combined record of 65-7 and two Southwestern Conference championships.

"Otis Cole never played on a losing team," Hussey said. "He was not only a great player but he made everybody else better. He was very unselfish...a team player. He would

accept any role you gave him."

Cole was a natural guard but had to move to the center position for his junior and senior years because of the team's lack of height.

"It's not how big you are, but it's how big you play," Hussey remarked. "We had good guards but no inside game. But Otis stepped forward to become our center and the only thing that changed was that we went from an okay team to a championship team."

Cole said he accepted the award with a "sense of humility. This is a special tribute...the most presti-

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Janie, 90, still going strong

When company comes at Kings Mountain Convalescent Center Janie Jackson, 90, greets them with a big smile.

The Kings Mountain woman, honored on her 90th birthday Sunday with two parties, joined in the singing of her favorite Psalms with other members of Boyce Memorial ARP Church and reminisced about family history with 25 family members.

"Janie is the historian of the family," says her sister Mrs. John Hoyle of Shelby.

It isn't long before a visitor to Janie's comfortable room soon finds out that the Jacksons came to America in 1770 from Ireland. Janie has assembled the Jackson family tree, tracing the family's lineage to David Jackson.

And Janie is not only proud of her heritage and Kings Mountain roots but her long service to the old Margrace Mill, where she worked in the weaving plant for many years, and her church, where she has been an active member all her life until three years ago when she

entered the nursing home.

Janie loves to do needlework but "some" failing eyesight prohibits that activity now but she continues to read from the Psalms and other church literature. Her hearing is so keen that she can detect her brother Howard Jackson's footsteps when he walks the hall to her room. Although in a wheel chair, she never misses the church services at the nursing home and always asks for Psalms to be sung.

Sunday her family cut a birthday

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JANIE JACKSON

Kings Mountain People

Hallie can't separate work from private life

By ELIZABETH STEWART
of The Herald Staff

The Kings Mountain District School's social worker's reputation as a "giver" is well known.

Hallie Blanton listens to problems that she can't solve at times and can't leave them at school when quitting time comes.

"It's a profession that I love but one that is hard to separate from my personal life," said Blanton, the school system's first social worker who came to her present job 17 years ago from the Gaston County Department of Social Services.

She estimates that she serves approximately 600 children during a year's time and sees neglect, abuse, and hunger. For seven years she has volunteered at Cleveland County Residential Services and currently is the president of that agency which provides a home for mentally retarded people who can't get the special care they require in their own homes or with relatives.

The "hats" Hallie wears are ideally tied in with her work as a caregiver. She directs people of all ages to agencies that can help them and works one-on-one with special children.

Chairman of the Kings

Mountain Crisis Ministry Board, she is in the position of assisting school children and their families in getting money for rent payments, medicine, utilities, and food on the table. Hungry children can't learn, says Hallie.

Growing up in Kings Mountain the daughter of Hal Ward, now of Homestead, Fla., and Margaret Williams, she had the propensity for helping people. She majored in sociology at Lenoir-Rhyne College and earned her graduate degree at UNC in Chapel Hill. Going to work for the Kings Mountain system, from which she graduated, was natural for her. She has worked for three superintendents, Don Jones, Bill Davis, and Bob McRae.

Her keen interest in children spurred her involvement in the Kings Mountain Concert Association of which she is president. She helped organize the association that brought the Symphony to Kings Mountain and works behind the scenes for two concerts each year, one for children and one for the public. The Charlotte Symphony will be presenting a public concert Thursday night at 8

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HALLIE BLANTON

City joins county EDC

City Council Tuesday night bought a \$3,000 seat on the soon-to-be new Cleveland County Economic Commission and also entered into a mutual aid agreement with Kings Mountain Police Department and its sister town of Grover's Police Department.

Explaining that the county board of commissioners recently endorsed a bold plan that will change the way the Economic Development Commission operates, City Manager George Wood recommended the Council join the effort. Wood also endorsed KMPD Chief Warren Goforth and Grover Chief Paul Cash's mutual assistance agreement. There is no expenditure involved in the Grover agreement.

Mayor Scott Neisler said that Joe Hendricks' retirement from the EDC board comes as the commission is poised for a substantial restructuring including more municipality input and more control for the commission's new members. Hendrick began his career in local government in the early 1950s working as city clerk and treasurer for the City of Kings Mountain.

Now solely an advisory board whose director reports to the county commission, the new EDC will oversee the work of its staff and will include representatives from three municipalities, Shelby, Kings Mountain, and Boiling Springs, the Cleveland County Chamber, and the Cleveland County Sanitary District. The number of members would be limited to nine. The county board of commissioners would fund the balance of the operational cost and would appoint four non staff members. Smaller municipalities in the county may be offered one, non voting seat on the board.

County Commissioner Charlie Harry had made the proposal to the county commission which it unanimously accepted the same day Hendrick announced his retirement from the \$64,290 annual post he took in 1988 after 20 years as county manager. Harry said the changes would enhance the effec-

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New cab ordinance is approved

Taxi cab operators may find the city's newly-adopted ordinance harsh but City Attorney Mickey Corry says stiffer rules are needed state-wide to protect the public riding in cabs and keep down liability costs to cities that franchise taxi operations.

Corry drafted the 15-page ordinance amending Chapter 17, "Vehicles for Hire," of the Kings Mountain Municipal Code and it was passed unanimously by City Council Tuesday night.

The new ordinance spells out that Kings Mountain taxi drivers must present with applications a copy of a recent medical examination. Corry said he knows of no municipality that requires drug testing for cab drivers but thought it not unreasonable to require that cab operators undergo a physical examination which would answer the question of alcoholic or narcotic use.

A much more detailed annual cab inspection is also required. The ordinance insists that cabs run properly and be properly identified with the names visible to police and the public. The driver's picture must be prominently displayed inside the cab, along with posted rate schedules. Copies of the rate schedules must also accompany the application.

The ordinance does not limit the number of cabs which can be operated in town and Councilman Fred Finger asked why not. "Cab fees will have to go up for the drivers to comply with these rules and no one will make any profit if we don't limit the cabs," he said.

The action Tuesday was the result of a 60-day moratorium on taxi franchises to give the attorney time to rewrite the ordinance.

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State primary set Tuesday

Kings Mountain and No. 4 Township voters will join their neighbors from across North Carolina at the polls Tuesday in the May Democratic and Republican Primary contests.

The polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

Precinct polling places are: East Kings Mountain at the Community Center; West Kings Mountain at The Armory; Grover at the Rescue Squad building; Bethware at David Baptist Church fellowship hall; and Waco at Waco Town Hall.

The official Democratic Primary ballot for federal, state and county offices lists 46 candidates for 14 races.

The official Republican Primary ballot for federal and state offices lists 19 candidates for seven races.

The non-partisan Board of Education ballot lists five candidates for three positions up for grabs on the county school board. They are Hoyt Bailey, Charles H. Beam Jr., Robert Cabaniss, Doris Davis, and Tommy Greene.

Voter interest is high in this area in the new District 37 Senatorial race where former nine-term State Senator J. Ollic Harris of Kings Mountain is challenged by Kings Mountain resident Bruce Scism.

The winner will face the winner of the Republican contest between Dennis Davis of Lattimore and Dick Hoagand of Forest City in November. The 37th Senate district, where there is no incumbent, now includes most of Shelby, Kings Mountain, Grover, Boiling Springs, Waco, Lattimore, Casar, and all of Rutherford County.

The race by 11 Democrats for three seats on the Cleveland County board of commissioners is also a hot contest which may or may not be settled in the Primaries. If runoffs are necessary, they would be held on June 2. The three Democrat nominees will face three Republican challengers in November.

Voters may vote for three in the county commissioner race which includes Jerry O. Adams, Doyno Allison, Joe Cabaniss, Bob Chadwick, Cecil D. Dickson, Coleman Goforth, Sam H. Gold, Gale Kirk, Robert Morgan Jr., of Kings Mountain, Jack Spangler, and E. T. Van Hoy. The incumbent commissioners are board chairman Cabaniss, Spangler, and Republican Charlie Harry.

Of the 11 candidates, a majority

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