



Members of the Class of 1942 of Kings Mountain High School gathered for a 50 year reunion Saturday. Front row, from left, are four former faculty members, Mrs. Carl Finger, Mrs. W. T. Weir, Mrs. Tolly Shuford, and former principal J. E. Huneycutt. Second row, Betty Moore Jordan, Martha Walker Devenney, Dorothy Costner Champion, Virginia Roberts Frederick, Margaret Ware

McKeever, Grace Allen Talbert, Frances Edens, and Betty Thomas Lovelace; and third row, Florence Rhea McSwain, Leonard Abernethy, George Lattimore, Garrison Goforth, John Alwan, Margie Gibson Yancey, Thelma Sipes Hallman, Furman Wilson, G. L. McDaniel Jr., Ed Smith Jr., Gene Mathis, Ben H. Goforth Jr., and Martha McClain Mathis.

Class of '42 holds reunion

The year was 1942 and Kings Mountain High School graduates received their diplomas and went to war.

Fifty of the 67 class members survived four wars. Twenty-five members of the class returned for the 50 year reunion Saturday to reminisce and to reflect on the memories.

Ben H. Goforth Jr. presented the program, "We Survived," recounting humorous and serious moments and each class member contributed with family history.

The Class of '42 went to school at Central School. No one drove a car. Everyone walked to school or rode a bus or bicycle. Lunch room fee was a dime. There were no super markets, one bank, and no hospital. There were four practicing physicians in town, two drug stores, two dentists, and seven textile plants. Kings Mountain, Cleveland County, and the State of North Carolina were dry. Kids swam at Flat Rock, Muddy Fork, Lake Montonia and at creeks near their homes. It cost a quarter to go to the movies and a dime bought a teenager a huge milkshake at the drug store.

Trains stopped at the old Mountain View Hotel on a regular basis and hoboes were seen quite often by boys and girls walking home from the high school.

Wood stoves and kerosene heaters heated most homes. The ice man delivered ice and few families had running water. There was no air conditioning.

Goforth recalled that he and his class survived the Great Depression when jobs were scarce. "We thought we were rich if we earned 40 cents an hour."

It wasn't unusual to walk into a store downtown and see a live chicken and most folks had pigs, cows, and chickens. There were no shopping malls.

In recent years man has gone to the moon. People are living longer. Diversified industry has come to Kings Mountain, along with improved living facilities, schools, and interstate highways.

Goforth said the "good ole days" were times when people took time for their friends. "We live in a rush, rush world and we need to have reunions for the memories."

Grace Allen Talbert was chair-

man of the local planning committee which included Thelma Sipes Hallman and Betty Thomas Lovelace.

Martha McLain Mathis gave the invocation and Dorothy Champion welcomed returning teachers Mrs. W.T. Weir, Mrs. Carl Finger, Mrs. Tolly Shuford and former Principal J.E. Huneycutt and Mrs. Huneycutt.

Jane Talbert read "Reunion Ode" written by Betty Patrick Merritt of the Class of 1941 and Virginia Frederick conducted a

memorial service. Thelma Hallman lit a candle for each of the deceased 17 members of the Class of '42.

The class colors of red, white and blue were used on dining tables in the Holiday Inn. Memorabilia, including photographs and newspaper clippings, were conversation pieces.

John Alwan of Florida traveled the longest distance to attend the reunion. Lucille Gladden Falls, of Glen Burnie, Md., became sick while enroute to Kings Mountain and was unable to attend.

Time to check for termites

The arrival of spring is a welcomed change; however, spring brings with it unwelcomed guests. These pests are termites. Homeowners Beware: After a brief flight, the wings of the termite break off and they attempt to establish a new colony near a food source.

"Each year termites cause more than \$800 million in property damage," says Steve Taylor, Vice President, North Carolina Pest Control Association, "and that's far more than tornadoes and hurricanes combined." Termites abound in every state except Alaska and may be more visible at this time of year when young termites emerge from their colonies in mating swarms. "But even if you don't see a swarm," warns Taylor, "don't be lulled into a sense of false security."

Your home could be infested with termites or even carpenter ants and you might never see a swarm.

If you think you might have a termite problem, chances are you'll need professional help in identifying and eliminating the pests. Because they burrow deeply into the wood and often work undetected behind the walls of your home, they're both hard to locate and difficult to get rid of without proper equipment.

"If you suspect a problem," says Taylor, "don't delay calling an expert to check out the situation. Putting off will only give pests time to entrench themselves more deeply and do more damage." Call 1(800) 547-6071 for the number of a NCPA Member Pest Control Expert in your area.

Belts to host exchange students

ASSE International Student Exchange has qualified Steve and Susan Belt and their children as a host family for Silvia Ponce, a student from Oviedo, Spain. She will be attending Kings Mountain High School for the 1992-93 school year.

The Belt family lives in Kings Mountain with their three children, Kimberly, Mindy and Stephanie. Mrs. Belt is currently studying Spanish at a local university and has a true love for the Spanish language and culture. The family feels that this will be a great opportunity for them to experience another culture without leaving the USA.

and character qualifications necessary to be accepted as an exchange student by ASSE, and should arrive in Kings Mountain in mid-August.

ASSE, a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, provides student exchange opportunities for students from Scandinavia, Italy, France, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Great Britain, and Japan, as well as exchanges between Canada, New Zealand and the USA.

If you are interested in hosting a student from any of these countries or wish to obtain more information, contact Vanessa Barber at 704-278-9544 or call 1-800-333-3802.

BRIDGES

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is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Brantley of Swainsville and the late Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Matheny.

The bridegroom is the son of the late Irvin Herman and Ethel Eunice Falls. He is a 1954 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and served in the U. S. Army. A Past Master of Fairview Lodge AF&AM, he is the grandson of the late W. O. and Wynona Sanders Falls and Annie Huffstetler Patterson.

After a wedding trip to the Ozark Mountains, the newlyweds will reside at 112 Tack Court in Kings Mountain.



EAST SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR -- Jada Jackson's science fair project was judged a winner at East. A fifth grade student in Dorcas Beasley's class, Jada is the daughter of Phylis and Nelson Jackson.

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