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Music



## Adam, Eve and The Katydids

A while back I mentioned the fact (or fantasy) that Adam was the very first country singer. I had some folks who wanted to know more about it. They asked that I write more on the subject. I don't want to offend anyone, so I'll just say this is the way it could have been:

One day Adam saw a monkey with two sticks beating on a large hollow seashell. The monkey's old lady had a couple of ghorbs. They had dried in the warm sun. The seeds inside produced a rattling noise. She had one in each hand. She shook them in time with the thump of the sticks, which produced a bop bop sound. I'm sure you've heard of the Bop. That's the way it started.

As the rhythm got wilder, an owl joined in on the second and fourth beat. Off in the distance came another voice. Katydid, Katydid. Put them together. Who, bop bop, katydid.

Adam was amused at the sound and rhythm. Adams had some extra string left. He and Eve had used some of it to tie a leaf around their waists. Adam tied the string across the hollow tree. Now they had who, bop bop, katydid, twang. Later, Dwayne Eddy used the same twang on his guitar.

Adam and Eve joined in and began to chant to the rhythm. After a few hundred years it began to fit together.

Somewhere along the way, Adam began to sing. Then, Eve got in on the act. Adam was the first country singer, Eve the first female country singer. Together they were responsible for the duet. They performed every night in the Paradise Garden. They saved big on costumes. Everything they sang was original. The band didn't cost anything, and they didn't have to travel. Neither did they have to set up and tear down equipment.

Things went well for awhile. It was bound to happen. One of the fans was a snake in the grass. He began to tell Eve that Adam was untrue to her. This went on for a long time. Eve began to believe what this no-shouldered trouble maker told her. One day she asked Adam, "Have you been running around on me?" This shook Adam up and he said, "With whom?"

That could have been where those ole cheatin' country songs got started.

The one thing Adam had going for himself was that he didn't have a mother-in-law. He must have inspired a lot of singers and musicians.

## Basics to play at Air Show

"The Basics" will play Saturday and Sunday, September 26 and 27, for Phoenix Air Show '92 in Gastonia as part of the ground entertainment extravaganza. The performance will include 50's, 60's and 70's, Rock-n-Roll, Soul Beach and Country.

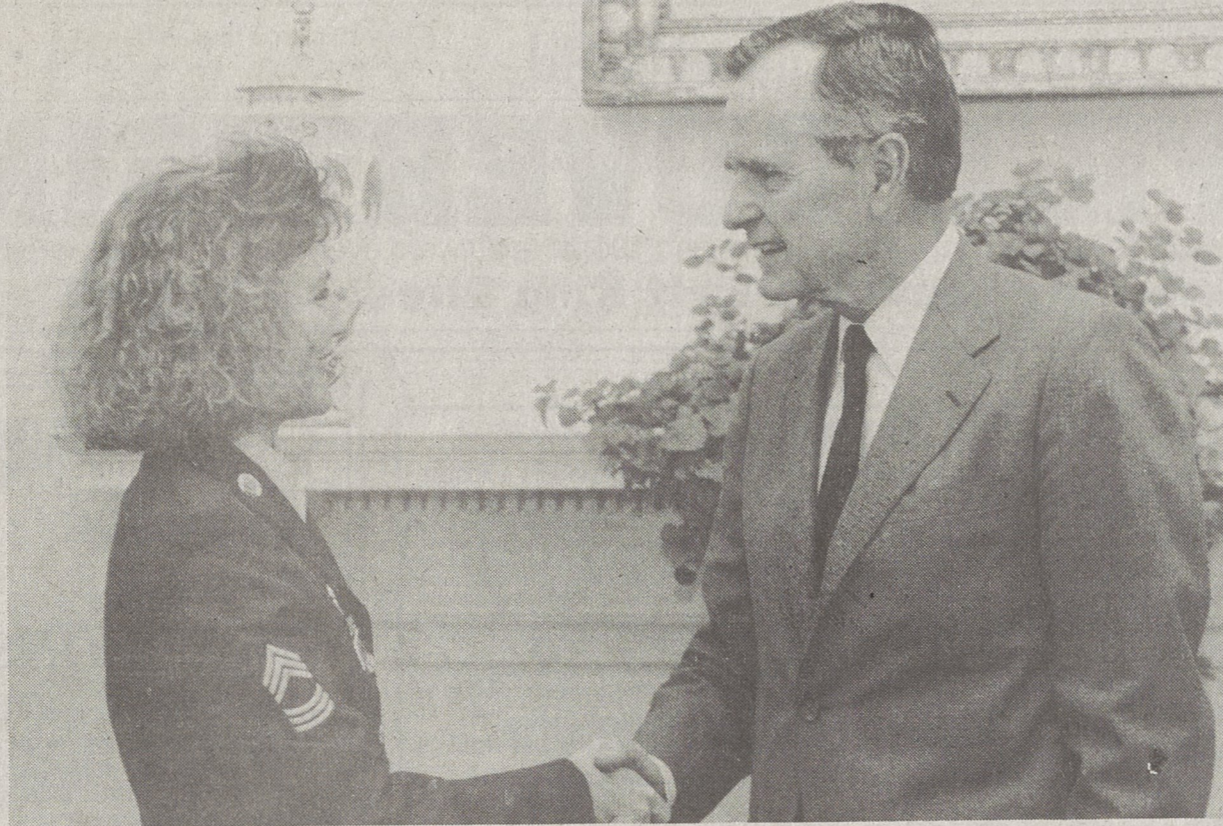
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**THANKS FROM PRESIDENT** - Donna Davis Hrynka receives a thank you from President Bush for her work in the "White House Communications," in which she served with Bush and former President Ronald Reagan. Donna was responsible for a letter from President Bush to the Class of 1952 reunion which she attended recently with her father, Patrick Davis, as guest of her mother, Hazel Greene Davis. Donna is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Greene of Kings Mountain, and the late Mrs. Lucille Davis of Chicago, Ill. She was house guest of her uncle and aunt, Bill and Shirley King, during her stay in Kings Mountain.

## Candidate to host barbecue for public

Gene Carson, a candidate for Gaston County Commissioner from the Crowder's Mountain

township, will host a barbecue Thursday, Sept. 17 from 5-8 p.m. The public is invited. His home

is located at 3718 Carson Road.

For more information, call Carson at 867-9602.

## Todd Bell enlists in U.S. Air Force

Todd D. Bell, son of Patricia Bell of Kings Mountain, recently enlisted into the United States Air Force, according to Ssgt. Taylor, the local air force recruiter.

Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six-week basic

training course at Lackland Air Force Base, near San Antonio, Texas, he will receive technical training in his designated career area.

Bell, a 1992 graduate of Kings

Mountain High School, will earn credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

## Leah S. Oaks completes Navy basic training

Navy Seaman Recruit Leah S. Oaks, daughter of Shilda J. and George D. Oaks of 816 Lavender Road, Grover, recently completed basic training at Recruit Command, Orlando, Fla.

During the cycle, recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields.

Studies include seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and first aid.

The 1992 graduate of Crest High School, Shelby, joined the Navy in June 1992.

## Leonard Wright enlists in U.S. Air Force

Leonard G. Wright, son of Leonard and Tina Wright of Kings Mountain, recently enlisted into the Air Force's delayed enlistment program, according to Tsgt. Mahoney, the local Air Force recruiter.

Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course at Lackland Air Force Base, near San Antonio, Texas, he will receive technical training in his designated career area.

Wright will earn credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

Wright, a 1990 graduate of Kings Mountain High School, is scheduled for enlistment into the regular Air Force in December.

## KM students graduate Law Enforcement course

Ramona Hagner and Chuck Melton of Kings Mountain graduated on July 28 from the Basic Law Enforcement course at the

Criminal Justice Academy of Gaston College.

Twenty-four students graduated in the class.



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