



MRS. GERALD SHANE HALE
(Jennifer Jill Blanton)

Blanton-Hale

Jennifer Jill Blanton and Gerald Shane Hale were united in marriage April 16 in the first wedding to be held at the Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

Rev. Claude McIntosh of David Baptist Church officiated the 4 p.m. ceremony.

Jacqui Gore and Matthew Echols, pianists, and Kevin Echols, soloist, presented the nuptial music which included "I Swear," "Cross My Heart," and "Like A River to the Sea."

The auditorium was decorated with pink New Guinea Impatiens, ferns, palm trees and Norfolk pines surrounded by heart-shaped candelabras. The heart-shaped arch was decorated with live ivy and Spirea. Silk floral aisle markers and floral arrangements on candelabras in pastel pinks, blues and yellows were provided by Dottie Elkins. Ivy and Spirea, along with summer arrangements enhancing the building, were provided by Selena and Tom Trott. Jeanette Ross contributed English ivy which adorned the Unity candle and lighted candles in every window.

The designer wedding gown chosen by the bride was white satin, featuring a fitted bodice with Basque waist overlaid in silk Venice lace decorated with hand-beaded pearls and sequins. The Cathedral train was edged with lace appliques covered with pearls and sequins. Rosettes topped off the train at the waistline. The bride carried a cascading bouquet of pastel pink, yellow and blue flowers made by the bride's mother.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Bonnie Gore presided at the register. Greeting guests was Lisa Rice, cousin of the bride, who also gave out the programs. Stephanie Echols distributed scrolls.

Johnny Hale, father of the bridegroom, was best man. The bride's aunt, Jenny Clapp of Laurel, Md., directed the wedding. Wesley Blanton, brother of the bride, was host and acolyte, assisted by Travis Black of Gastonia.

The bride's parents hosted the reception after the ceremony in the dining room of the Woman's Club. The theme of pastel pink, blue and yellow featured decorative details. The tables were overlaid with pale blue and white tablecloths centered with white lace baskets filled with colored candy. Pearlized balloons were tied to each basket and other balloons decorated the area. A pale blue bride and groom ice sculpture was the centerpiece for the refreshment table.

The groom's table was centered with a fresh arrangement of lilies, daisies, carnations and baby's breath. Baskets of favors and candy made by

Activities slated at Crowders Mtn.

A butterfly walk will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Crowders Mountain State Park. Participants should meet at the park office.

Naturalist Duane Flynn will lead a leisurely walk to see the butterflies and interesting insects found along the park trails. The walk will last about 1 1/2 hours.

A stream study will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. Participants should meet at the park office.

A park ranger will lead a study of aquatic life in the park's main stream that feeds the lake. Parents are encouraged to let their children get wet as they assist the ranger in sampling the water for strange-looking aquatic creatures. The study will last about 1 1/2 hours.

For more information, call 853-5375.

Bats! Bats! Bats! at KM State Park

Bat enthusiasts are invited to join in the fun and learn about bats - the valuable exterminator of insects - Saturday, May 21.

Participants in this Wildlife Watch program also will be able to build a bat house for their yard to possibly attract a small colony. Participants are asked to take a hammer. Other materials will be supplied.

The program fee is \$7 per bat box and registration is required by May 13. Participants should meet at the recreation building in the campground by 10 a.m. for the two-hour program.

To register or for more information, call the park office at (803) 222-3209 between 11 a.m. and noon or from 4-5 p.m.

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Day Care Center planned at Old Park Grace School

Rose Burris learned as a young child what a difference a role model can make in a life.

Now, she wants to become one herself by opening a 24-hour day care at the old Park Grace School near Kings Mountain.

Burris, 39, has signed an agreement to buy the property but her plans have hit a snag since she planned to use her inheritance to fund the project. The money has been held up in probate.

The Kings Mountain woman will take her plans to Kings Mountain City Council May 31 in the hope they can provide some suggestions for funding her 24-hour day care, 7-24 Quality Care.

"The reason I have values is because as a preschooler I had a positive force in my life at Davidson School and at Old Ellis Chapel Church," said Burris.

"These were marvelous people that helped shape my early life," said Burris, who wants her almost three-year-old daughter to have the same chance.

She said she had a support group outside a family and every child deserves the same.

Burris plans to incorporate seminars for parents and children in the program and offer service to parents at all hours of the day and night.

Since she doesn't have a business degree, the Minority Business Administration in Charlotte is helping her with the details. She has also been in contact with the N. C. Department of Human Resources, Division of Facility Services, Child Care Section.

A single parent, Burris was forced to quit school and take care of an ill stepfather. She never got back to high school because in 1972 she gave birth to a son, Victor Bell.

"When I had my son, I thought what a marvelous thing God had done," she said. "I began a continuous search for knowledge. Parenting is something you never

Rose Show set at Cleveland Mall

The Cleveland County Rose Society will present the 21st annual show Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29, at Cleveland Mall.

There is no admission charge and all show roses will be available for sale starting May 29 at 4 p.m. Rose arrangements and bud vases will also be available to the public at a nominal charge.

Dolores Hamrick, publicity chairman, said the preparation room will be open at the mall from 6:30 a.m.-10 a.m. and entries will be accepted from 7 a.m.-10 a.m. on May 28. A judges' brunch will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The show opens to the public from 1-9 p.m. on May 28.

The Sunday afternoon show on



ROSE BURRIS

learn 100 percent. Each child is different."

In 1973 she earned her GED from Cleveland Community College. Her son graduated with honors from high school and she was working in Charlotte and writing poetry as a hobby. A publisher liked her work and she was about to sign a contract when her father and stepmother became ill. Four years ago, she left behind the job in Charlotte to provide 24-hour care to her father and stepmother. Her daughter was born August 12, 1991. Her father died last May but Burris still takes care of her stepmother. She plans to use the inheritance she receives from her father to open the day care.

One of 13 children, Burris learned early the value of hard work. She grew up on the Plonk Farm near Bethware School in Kings Mountain and took care of the younger siblings.

"I guess that's why I love children so much and still want to take care of them," she said.

The Park Grace building, which is a 6,042 square foot facility, will easily accommodate 200 children and 25 staff persons.

May 29 will be open to the public from 1-4 p.m.

Hamrick says you don't have to be a member of the Rose Society to enter roses in the show. Novice entries are welcome.



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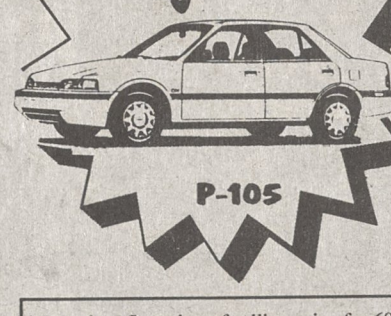
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