

Social Happenings

■ Feb. 23 - Gastonia Chapter 955 of United Daughters of the Confederacy, 1 p.m., North Main Street Baptist Church, Highway 273, Mount Holly. Speaker Scott Elkins.

■ Feb. 23-27. "My Fair Lady," Dover Theatre, Gardner-Webb University, 8 p.m. except for Sunday 2:30 matinee. \$5 adults, \$3 students and senior citizens. For information call 434-4372.

■ Feb. 24 - Adult dance, Grover Rescue Squad, 7-10 p.m. Music by the Ordinaries. Free.

■ March 2 - Southern Arts Society, 7 p.m., Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

■ March 16 - American Legion Auxiliary, 6:30 p.m., American Legion Building. Covered dish. American Legion birthday party.

■ March 18 - Spring greenhouse tour, 1 p.m., Kings Mountain State Park. Free for ages 6 to adult. No registration. For information, call 803/222-3209 between 11 a.m.-noon and 4-5 p.m. daily.

■ March 18 - Spring backpacking trip, Kings Mountain State Park. Register by March 16. Meet at campground parking lot by 9 a.m. Saturday; return by 2 p.m. Sunday. 18-mile trail, moderately strenuous. Take camping gear and four meals. Ages 17-younger must be accompanied by adult. Fee \$10 adult, \$5 17-under. For information call 803/222-3209 between 11 a.m.-noon and 4-5 p.m. daily.

■ March 24 - Women's History Month luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Family Life Center, First United Methodist Church, 190 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia. Adults and older students. \$10 includes lunch and program. Speaker Dr. Patricia A. Skinner, President, Gaston College. Tickets available at all Gaston County Public Library branches. Deadline for tickets March 15. For information, call 922-3621 weekdays 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

■ March 24-27 - "Woman Called Truth," Cleveland Community College auditorium. 7:30 p.m., March 24, 25 and 27; 2:30 p.m. March 26.

■ March 25 - Night music, Kings Mountain State Park. Meet in farm parking lot by 7 p.m. 1 1/2 hour-program. Take flashlight and hot drink. For ages 6 to adult. Register by March 23. Free. For information call 803/222-3209 between 11 a.m.-noon and 4-5 p.m. daily.

■ March 27 - Kings Mountain Woman's Club, 7 p.m., "Volunteers for Education" program by Betty Gamble of KM Schools and John Pinkerton of Reliance Electric. District art winners to be recognized.

■ April 29 - March of Dimes walk-a-thon. Sign up for Kings Mountain Police Dept. team at KMPD. Register 8 a.m. April 29 at Cleveland County Courthouse. For information on walking or sponsoring call Marty Blanton or Theresa Long at KMPD, 734-0444.



REV. AND MRS. ELBERT MILLS

Golden Wedding Day Feb. 5 for Rev. and Mrs. Elbert Mills

Rev. Elbert and Bertie Mills of Kings Mountain celebrated their golden wedding anniversary February 5. They were married February 5, 1945.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall of Missionary Methodist Church of which they are members. Hosts were their six children and their spouses: Mr. and Mrs. Don Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Sessoms, Wanda Guy, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Mills, Floyd Mills and Bill Mills. The family also includes 20 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Mills is retired from Rauch Industries.

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Katie Mauldin and Tara Early presided at the guest register. Meleah Mauldin and Ray Tallon distributed programs.

The bride's parents hosted the reception at Vail Commons on the Davidson College campus.

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Humes Houston Jr. of Raleigh, formerly of Mooresville, are parents of the bride who is the granddaughter of Humes Houston and Mrs. Eugene Roberts, both of Kings Mountain. A graduate of Mooresville Senior High School and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, she is employed by Microtest. She was a member of Chi Omega.

The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Frances Alexander of Mooresville and Roy Alexander of Charlotte and grandson of Mrs. Sarah Brawley and Mrs. Ruth Alexander. A graduate of Mooresville Senior High School and North Carolina State University at Raleigh, he was a member of Delta Sigma Phi. He is employed by Union Federal Savings Bank.

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"I get a big kick out of the new commercials about how good heat pumps are," says Bob Murdock. "I had \$8,000 worth of heat pumps and I almost froze to death."

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Real people with real stories insist on natural gas for comfort and value.



Black history program at library

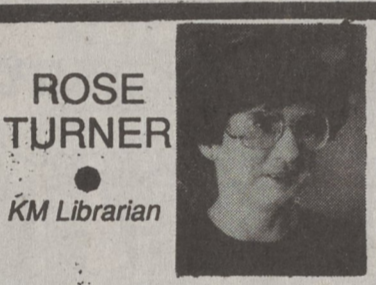
Mauney Memorial Library begins a new tradition in celebrating Black History Month as we recognize a local author, Mrs. Faye Webber. Mrs. Webber will speak at the Josephine E. Weir Auditorium at Mauney Library Thursday, Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m. Following the program, the Friends of the Library will serve refreshments.

Mrs. Webber recently completed a novel entitled "Martha Wilson." Set in the present time, "Martha Wilson" tells the story of a specific black family, but the themes are universal and deal with family, love, aging, and coping with the problems of life. Mrs. Webber has already begun her second novel which is set back in the 19th century with historical background.

Mrs. Webber will not only talk about her writing and her experiences, but will also recognize black leaders in our community and point out the importance of their work. She points out that black people occupy significant positions in the life of the community which promote the general welfare.

In conjunction with Mrs. Webber's speech in celebration of Black History Month, the librarian will talk briefly about a new collection of books which will be displayed on tables in the auditorium. The books were purchased through a special LSCA grant received from the State Library for the purpose of enriching the collection of black history books and materials so as to provide more adequate information to our Afro-American citizens. The collection includes not only books on history and culture, but also practical information on health and beauty, social life and custom, as well as children's books, biographies and poetry.

The library must maintain a well-balanced collection of Afro-American materials including the classics as well as current titles, so that it can be a source of inspiration and assist black people to overcome obstacles, to climb the ladder of success, and to attain a more fulfilling life. Carl Rowan, a black newspaper columnist and author of a biography of U.S.



ROSE TURNER
KM Librarian

Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall entitled, "Dream Maker, Dream Breaker," believes libraries can play a powerful role in the black community. He says, "The library is the temple of learning, and learning has liberated more people than all the wars in human history. A black person who wants to be liberated first needs to get learning. If he does it will make him a formidable force against a would-be aggressor."

John Hope Franklin, one of the country's most distinguished historians and author of the classic "From Slavery to Freedom," laments the funding of new jails while the public library is losing support. He says, "That money should be spent on libraries and other educational institutions to help get kids off the street and away from potential trouble, and to give them a choice for the future. America is heading for real disaster if it doesn't begin to change its priorities and rectify some of the serious defects in our society."

Civil rights leader and Georgia Congressman John Lewis says, "For many black kids, libraries can offer a haven from the danger of the street, and even a way out. They can plant the seeds of knowledge that can suggest another road to life."

In order for the library to become the cornerstone of the community it must serve all segments of the population. With our program celebrating Black History Month, and our new collection of books on black history and culture, we are reaching out to the Afro-Americans in our community to provide educational, informational, and cultural materials which will enrich their lives and motivate them to greater achievement.

Navy Ensign Roderick L. Boyce, son of Janice S. and John Eury of Kings Mountain, recently completed the Officer Indoctrination School at Naval Education and Training Center,

Newport, R.I. The 1986 graduate of Kings Mountain High School joined the Navy in October 1994. Boyce is a 1991 graduate of East Carolina University, Greenville, with a BS degree.

CRUSADE

February 23 thru 26

THE PRAISE OF THY GLORY OUTREACH MINISTRIES



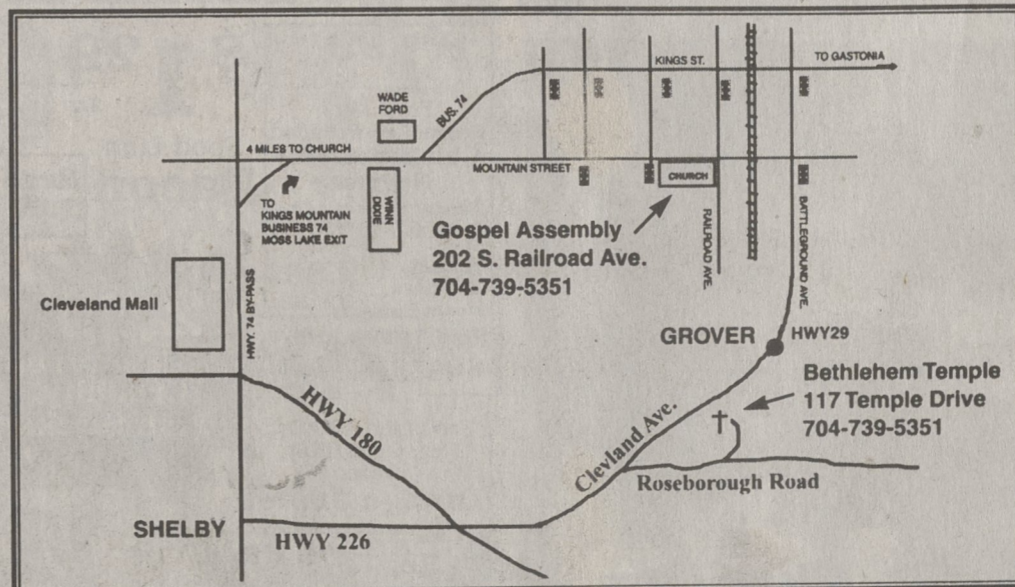
PRESENTS

Evangelist Alex Brintley, whose father in the Gospel is Pastor William N. Podaras, a prophetic teacher, of the Gospel Assembly in Kings Mountain. Alex is the son of the late Bishop L.C. Brintley. Bishop Brintley was a well respected man of God with fellowships spreading from Detroit, Michigan to the Islands of Haiti and Jamaica. Alex is also spreading the word with several youth crusades in 1995.



Evangelist Alex Brintley

February 23-25 at Bethlehem Temple at 7:30 p.m.
February 24 Minister A.T. King - *Miracle Night*
February 26 RALLY at Gospel Assembly at 2:00 p.m.



Various Youth Choirs singing at each service.
Nursery Provided

- A Gospel Assembly Outreach -