



Gwynell Oliver
Oliver honored Sept. 2 on her 78th birthday

Gwynell Robinson Oliver celebrated her 78th birthday September 2 at a family party at Stowe's Fish Camp.

Hosting the party were her five children: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Whitworth, all of Kings Mountain, Marlene Benton of Gastonia and Darlene and Joe Killian of Clover, SC.

The Killians, who were vacationing in Miami, Fla., surprised Mrs. Oliver with a dozen red roses which were delivered to the dining table.

Mrs. Oliver, widow of Ray Oliver, also has nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Davis gives legislative update to Kiwanians

Education and tax relief figured prominently in both the House and Senate this year, State Senator Dennis Davis said in an update on this year's legislative session to the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club Thursday night.



Davis, who has been a public school teacher for the past 25 years, discussed his efforts to improve the state's educational system.

"The backbone of education in North Carolina is the public school system," said Davis.

"We need to give local school officials more authority and more flexibility."

Davis reviewed the series of tax relief measures passed by the General Assembly this year. He noted that a family of four with an annual income of \$25,000 would now pay 33 percent less in state income taxes.

Davis paid special tribute to his predecessor, former State Senator Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain.

"Hardly a day passes when someone doesn't ask me how Ollie is doing," he said. Senator Harris has a sterling reputation in Raleigh."

Harris was presented an honorary membership in the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club in 1987 and is the only honorary member in the club's 55-year-old history.

Davis, of Lattimore, represents Cleveland and Rutherford Counties in the North Carolina Senate.

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WILLIAMS

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Williams said he wants information on how many children are up for adoption in Cleveland County and how many adoptive families have applied here and particulars on the adoption process and what he called safeguards to prevent "blackmarket" adoptions.

He also is requesting that the board hold a retreat planning meeting at the close of the September meeting to plan a day's trip to the Grove Park Inn in Asheville and suggested that a facilitator for the retreat come from Gardner-Webb University. Williams chairs the committee.

In his memorandums, Williams also wants the county attorney to explain the statutes involving care of rest home and mentally disturbed patients, particularly any liability that the county might have regarding crimes committed by wandering patients.

Williams is also questioning the \$9,000 purchase of office furniture and computers, the use of cellular

phones, a \$4,000 travel and subsistence budget and wants copies of a funding break-down for the depart-

ment's recently obtained Kellogg, state, federal and county dollars.

County officials eyeing sites for recycling center

Cleveland County officials are looking at three sites in Kings Mountain for a possible manned recycling center.

Mayor Scott Neisler said he is opposed to two of the proposed sites but has asked county officials to investigate the possibility of obtaining a right-of-way from Southern Railway for the third site.

The recycling center would be placed on city property and would be paid for by a \$15,000 grant the county has obtained.

County health officials Sam Lockridge and Marty Allen visited the sites this week and met with the mayor, Interim City Manager Gary Hicks and interim planning director Jeff Putnam.

Neisler said officials are looking at city-owned lots in the Linwood Road area near WBB trucking which he says is not a desirable location because it is in a residential section; at the old Roller Mill property across from Plonk's General Store in the downtown area and also at property off the spur line at the old Elmer Lumber Company property.

"I object to a recycling center downtown and a recycling center in a residential area," said the mayor.

"I hope that someone will develop that Roller Mill property for a new business sometime."

Neisler said the matter could come up at Tuesday's September Council meeting at City Hall.

Letter to Editor

Writer disagrees with Heffner

To the Editor:

Jim Heffner made several points in last week's column (Sept. 14) with which I take issue.

First of all, the "raw deal" Sen. Robert Packwood (R-Oregon) is getting consists, in part, of a \$69,000 annual pension that he will draw until he dies. He was allowed to resign rather than face his accusers in public. If the Senate Ethics Committee had believed for one minute that the accusations were false, then Packwood would have been given his day in court.

There are several possible reasons why the accusations are just now being brought to light. Each woman might have thought hers was an isolated incident. Some might have been afraid no one would believe them, given Packwood's stature and long career in the Senate. Some might have been afraid an attempt would be made to damage their reputations. And some might have been brought up the way so many of us were, believing they had to take that kind of treatment.

There is a world of difference between telling a woman her dress is pretty and putting a hand under that dress. The first action is a compliment; the second constitutes sexual harassment. The differentiation is easy to make.

And what kind of specious reasoning connects the First Lady with increased sexual harassment charges? The same kind, one supposes, that holds President Clinton responsible for legalized abortion.

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LIFE MEMBERS - These Legionnaires in American Legion Post 155 were presented lifetime memberships by Post 155 Thursday. Their years of service in the world's largest veterans organization, numbers more than 300. Of the group, above, both J. Ollie Harris and J. T. McGinnis have been members over 50 years. From left to right, Larry Deaver, Clyde Morrow and Bob L. Ramsey. Back row, Claude S. Pearson, Whitey Hogue, Harris and McGinnis. Not pictured: Charlie Mashburn.

Former resident Yvette Cooke Teacher of Year

Yvette Roberts Cooke has been awarded Teacher of the Year at Trindale Elementary School in Trinity. The award was voted by Mrs. Cooke's peers.

Mrs. Cooke teaches learning disabled, mentally educable, behavioral and emotionally handicapped children. She has been in the North Carolina School System for ten years.

Daughter of Phyllis Campbell and Kenneth Roberts and granddaughter of Mrs. Ray Henderson and Mrs. Eugene Roberts, Mrs. Cooke is married to David Cooke and they have two sons.

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