



BRANDI SHEA TRAVIS

## Travis-Black

Danny and Rhonda Travis of Lincolnton announce the engagement of their daughter, Brandi Shea Travis, to Michael Dale Black, son of Craig and Debbie Beam of Kings Mountain.

Miss Travis is enrolled in her second year of paralegal training at Gaston College. She is active in the Choir of Lincolnton Pentecostal Holiness Church.

The bridegroom-to-be is in his second year of training in the Industrial Engineering program at Gaston College. He also attends Lincolnton Pentecostal Holiness Church.

The wedding will be an event of October 12.

## MELTON

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The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Randall of Kings Mountain and the granddaughter of Mrs. Charles E. Wharmby of Gastonia and Howard Randall of Kings Mountain. She is a 1995 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and attends the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She is employed by Food Lion.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Melton of Kings Mountain are parents of the bridegroom. A 1995 graduate of Kings Mountain High School, he is the grandson of Rev. and Mrs. Clint Day of Bessemer City and Mr. and Mrs. George Melton of Kings Mountain. He is employed by Overnight Transportation of Gaffney, SC.

The newlyweds are at home in Kings Mountain.

## Mrs. McGinnis hosts Open Gate Garden Club meeting

The Open Gate Garden Club met on September 11 with Mrs. Paul McGinnis. After a delicious dessert course was served to 17 members, Mrs. Eugene McCarter, President, welcomed members.

Mrs. McCarter presented an interesting program on "Wildflowers in North Carolina." She stated that there are 2,945 species of flowering plants. Usually the native wildflowers grow only in the particular habitat to which they are adapted. The varied environmental conditions in North Carolina influence plant distribution. The three geographic provinces - the mountains, the Piedmont and the coastal plains - all grow their own native plants. Depending upon the area of

origin of the colonists, one particular plant may have several common names. "Buttercup" has been given to several plants belonging to yellow flowered species.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation started a Wildflower Program in 1985. Many of the state's roadsides are beautiful during the growing season. The Wildflower Program is financed from the sale of personalized license plates.

To start a wildflower bed, plow up the soil very well. Add lime, if soil is acid, and fertilizer with 1-2-2. Fumigate the beds with Methyl Bromide to

keep down weeds and grasses. Sow seeds from September-November or from March-May. Mulch with pine straw.

Timely tips were given by Mrs. Eugene Roberts. Now is the time to clean up flower beds and fertilize lawns. Tulip, daffodils and hyacinth bulbs should be planted soon.

The beautiful arrangement "Call to Autumn" consisted of an assortment of wildflowers such as Brown-Eyed Susans and yellow daisies with greenery.

Door prizes were won by Mrs. Tom Trott and Mrs. Robert Davies.

## Kings Mountain Garden Club holds first meeting of year

The Kings Mountain Garden Club held its first meeting of the new club year last Wednesday at Mauney Memorial Library. Hilda Leonard, hostess, served apple dapple cake with whipped cream, candy corn, party mix and a mixed fruit punch.

Lynda Mauney Frye was welcomed as a new member.

For the program Mary Pat Elledge introduced Mauney Librarian Rose Turner who gave an overview of gardening resources available at the library. Turner gave a brief history of herbs, noting that herbs can be used in practical ways involving cooking and medicine or in more artistic ways that spark the imagination such as the references to herbs in literature by great writers like Milton, Tennyson, Shakespeare and Chaucer. Herbs can be utilized as preservatives and aromatics, as well as being the object of hobbies like home gardening and alternative landscaping.

Turner referred to a number of books he had on display. Books available for checkout on herbs include "The Essence of Herbs" by Ruth Wrensch given by the club in memory of Howard Jackson; "Using Herbs in the Landscape" by Debra Kirkpatrick and "New Age Herbalist" by Richard Mabey.

On the subject of general gardening she referred to books such as "Please Don't Eat My Garden" by Nancy McCord, "A Southern Garden" by Elizabeth Lawrence and "Hardy Perennials" by Richard Bird.

There are numerous good videos on gardening

including a series on "Yardening," "Guide to Good Gardening" and "Square Foot Gardening." Turner showed club members portions of a video entitled "How To Grow and Cook Fresh Herbs" which pointed out that there are qualities related to good soil for herb growing. The soil must be fertile, requiring 5 to 10 percent of organic matter. It must be deep, reaching a depth of 10 to 15 inches and it must be well drained, with brown soils being preferable to gray soils.

All culinary herbs except tarragon and mint can be raised as seedlings, an option which is cheaper and offers a greater variety than buying them from another source.

However, two words of caution were offered concerning the roots of homegrown seedlings. Avoid letting them become root-bound or losing a portion of the root during transplantation. Containers for the seedlings should be at least two inches tall with a hole in the bottom for drainage. Since the use of outside soil introduces the risk of bringing in disease, a homemade mix of one part vermiculite, one part perlite and one part commercial potting soil is preferable.

An alternative to containers for seedlings is pellets. The advantage is that transplantation is not necessary, but the disadvantage is the expense if many are used. The top of the refrigerator is a good place indoors for germination to take place. Seedlings should be started six to eight weeks before time to plant outside. Seedlings generally flourish more under fluorescent lighting than in natural sunlight on a windowsill.

Some home gardeners prefer to grow from seeds, most of which should be planted in the spring. The seeds should be covered with a layer of vermiculite twice the thickness of the seed itself. They usually come up in two to three weeks.

The advantage of seedlings over seeds is that the gardener gets a jump on the growing season, gaining five or six weeks. When they are planted outside, compost and perlite should be added to the hole. Seedlings should be watered in immediately and not allowed to dry out for several weeks, after which time a normal watering routine can be established.

Ellege thanked Turner and presented her with a handpainted clay herb pot.

In the absence of President Sara Simpson Jeanne Ware presided. Grace Mitchell read the minutes and Hilda Leonard gave the treasurers' report in the absence of Judy Whisnant. Annual club dues are being collected. Ware handed out new handbooks and announced that for the October meeting the club is encouraged to support the Woman's Club Festival October 16. Members are invited to attend a program that day at the Woman's Club at 2 p.m. featuring the judges for the floral displays.

Members closed the meeting by remembering those who could not be present, including Pat Crosby, who is in the ICU at Presbyterian Hospital, and Gerry Werner who is recovering from eye surgery.

## Briefs

### KM American Legion Auxiliary to meet

Girls State and Boys State Citizens will present the program Thursday at a 6:30 p.m. covered dish supper for members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Unit 155 President Myrtle Christenson has arranged the program at the American Legion building.

The public is invited.

### Activities planned at Crowders Mountain

The following activities are planned for this weekend at Crowders Mountain State Park.

Saturday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., the park will have its annual Big Sweep clean-up and volunteers are

needed to help. Areas will be assigned and trash bags provided.

A fall wildflower hike will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. The group will view colorful wildflowers in open areas and roads within the park. Wear comfortable walking shoes and clothes. The hike will last about an hour and a half.

For more information, call the park at 853-5375.

### Wild Kingdom co-host at Schiele Museum

Peter Gros, co-host of Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom, will be at Schiele Museum September 28 from 1-5 p.m. He will bring with him a ferret, prairie dog, an alligator snapping turtle, a Burmese Python and a Siberian Tiger Cub. Admission is free.

The museum is located at 1500 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia.

### H.E.L.P. available to adult caregivers

A support group H.E.L.P. (Helping the Elderly Live Productively) is available to all persons who are aging or helping care for an aging person.

The group meets the third Tuesday of each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Aging/Senior Center in Shelby.

H.E.L.P. is sponsored by Cleco Primary Care Network, Inc., Cleveland County Health Department, Cleveland County Council on Aging, Cleveland Home Health Agency, Inc., Cleveland Center and Life Enrichment Center.

For more information, call the Council on Aging at 482-3488.

# Crisis Awareness EXPO

Kings Mountain Hospital will host a "Crisis Awareness Expo" Saturday, September 28 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Kings Mountain Hospital. You'll have the opportunity to meet and learn about the people and agencies who protect our community's health and safety. Entries from the Kings Mountain City Schools Art Contest will also be displayed in the front lobby of the hospital. There will be demonstrations and exhibits, weather permitting, from such agencies and organizations as:

- Kings Mountain Hospital
- Cleveland County Red Cross
- Kings Mountain Rescue
- Cleveland County Hazardous Materials Team
- Kings Mountain Police Department
- Carolinas Medical Center Helicopter Ambulance
- Carolinas Medical Center Neonatal Transport
- Kings Mountain Fire Department
- N.C. National Guard, CoB, 505ENG
- Lifeshare of the Carolinas, Organ Donation

FREE ADMISSION

Saturday - September 28, 1996 - 1pm - 5pm



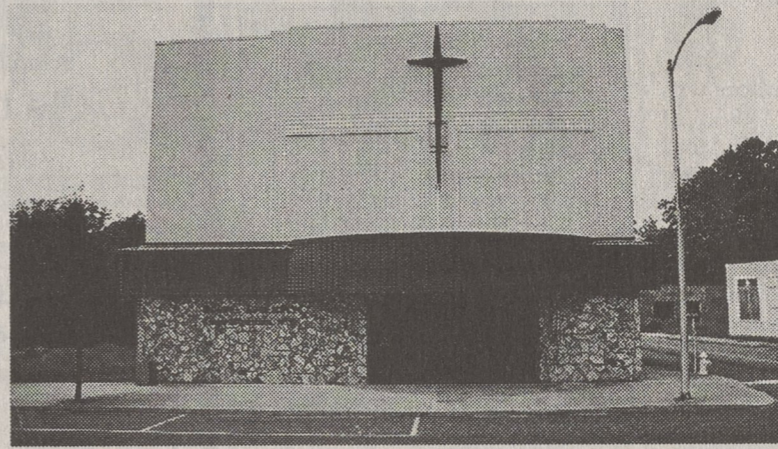
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And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:32



Wisdom knowledge and understanding shall be the stability of the times & the strength of salvation. Isaiah 33:6

## Gospel Assembly

202 S. Railroad Ave.

Downtown Kings Mountain

(704) 739-5351

September 19th - 22nd

Thursday - Saturday 7:00 p.m. Sunday 2:00 p.m.

You are invited to hear:

### Ken Austin

Boise, Idaho

Called to preach at the age of 12. The Lord has called him to outreach to the brethren who have left organized religion.

Called in 1990 to minister the order of the early church for the bride today.

Now ministers from Boise, Idaho.

### L.G. Ketrone

Gilroy, California

Former Morman, former Hells Angel. Friend since 1964 with Ken Austin - Pastored in Stockton, Modesto & now Gilroy, California. He has a real shepherd heart for the people of God.