

Room lights up when Lib Mayes enters

Her Kings Mountain friends know Elizabeth Clark Mayes, 88, as a gracious lady who radiates warmth when she enters a room.

Her eyes twinkle as she remembers, relaxing with her daughter and friends, of many happy memories.

Although she doesn't golf in retirement, she still loves to play bridge, getting together with friends during the holidays because she says Kings Mountain is where her heart is.

Mayes calls The Pines retirement home in Davidson her home away from home but every chance she gets she heads her car toward Kings Mountain.

"I remember some of our first Christmases in Kings Mountain over a half century ago," said Mayes, who said one of her first presents was a tree that was a present from banker Frank R. Summers.

"Mother has always been big on decorating for Christmas and our home was always festive during the holidays and the table was always full of good things to eat," said daughter Anne Mayes Ware of Concord. One unusual tree was made of oil cloth. Another children's tree was a plastic design topped with tiny cars.

Decorating was just one of many talents of Mrs. Mayes. She and her sister, Mary Wagner, learned to cook when they were 11 and 12 years old. After their mother died they were "Moms" to five brothers and ran the household for their father, doing all the baking and housekeeping.

At age 12 Lib was baptized along with her siblings in the Catawba River in Iredell County. She remembers that day very well. The children of Leslie and Charlie Clark wore white. The seven children also helped raise cotton and corn on the Eufola Farm near Statesville

After her marriage to H. Carl Mayes, Lib "lived in a lot of places" but it wasn't until they moved to Kings Mountain and later bought their summer home at Blowing Rock that she learned to play golf.

"Daddy bought Mother golf clubs and a golf cart, he kissed her goodbye every time she headed out the door even if she was only going to the garbage can and never played golf with her," said Anne, who recalled that Lib beat her sister Mary once on the golf course and scored three holes in one. Lib said she was just lucky because Mary was the real athlete in the family.

Carl Mayes worked in high-way construction and quarrying in several Southern states and was one of the first people employed when Superior Stone, now Martin Marietta in Kings Mountain, was founded in 1939. He was associated with the old Superior Stone Company operation for 42 years, retiring at Kings Mountain in 1964. Praised as one of the most experienced, widely respected production men in that organization, he died in 1988.

During the war years the Mayes family lived in Mayesville between New Bern and Camp Lejeune and Carl Mayes worked around the clock.

"We lived in a doll house almost but I remember the Christmases when Carl closed the plant for two hours for the Christmas dinner and we fed everyone from that small kitchen," said Mrs. Mayes. Mrs. Mayes said her husband helped build several military bases in eastern North Carolina. Mayes also helped build Superior Stone's first quarry at Rock Hill and then moved to Kings Mountain in the spring of 1940 to build the Kings



ELIZABETH MAYES

Mountain plant. The Mayes family friendships included many people associated with those plants. In Kings Mountain the late J. H. Arthur was associated with the plant here and Arthur's wife, Lib Arthur and Lib Mayes became fast friends.

In the early days Mrs. Mayes said her husband used dynamite crates for office furniture because there was no money for real furniture and they used the crates in their apartment. She served many meals to quarry workers from dynamite crate tables covered with pretty cloths.

"Even if money was scarce, we had a wonderful time," she said. A charter member of the Kings Mountain Garden Club, Lib's talents include floral arranging and her flowers were usually the talk of the town at floral shows at the Woman's Club of which she was a member. Natural arrangements are her specialty. For Thanksgiving, she likes to arrange a cornucopia for the dining table which features vegetables listed in the Bible.

Long active in Central United Methodist Church, she was president of the women of the church. One of her special

memories was an experience on an airplane. She recalled that she promised God she'd serve another term as Women's Society president if He spared her life during a bad experience on a flight. Enroute to her daughter's in Georgia, the landing gear jammed and the plane made an emergency landing.

"Just get me home I told God and I'll take that church job another two years," she said. She was enroute to Valdosta, Ga. to drive back to Kings Mountain with her daughter and three children. "It took us five hours and we had to belly land," she said. Friends told her later that they saw the report on television and witnessed Lib sliding down the chute with only the hat on her hair a little askew.

"I really didn't want to get back on a plane but I did," said Lib, who has flown numerous times to such faraway places such as Australia since that experience in the 1960's.

Family is priority for Lib Mayes who has two children; Anne, who is married to Moffatt Ware Jr. of Concord;

and Bud who is married to Becky Mayes of Wilkesboro. The grandchildren are Trip Ware of Charlotte, Carl Scott Ware of Wrightsville Beach, Sabrina Ware Herndon of Pineville and daughter, Christina; Clark and Gina Ware of Concord and children, Haley and Carly; Todd and Pam Ware of Lancaster, SC and children, Ashley, Elizabeth and Luke; and Sean Mayes of Bradenton, Fla. Lib's brother, Alex and his wife, Mary Evelyn, come from Louisville, Ky and sister-in-law, Allison Clark, comes from Statesville for holiday gatherings.

A big family Christmas celebration is on Lib's agenda and another big event is her grandson, Sean's wedding in April in Bradenton, Florida.

Although Lib is planning no special event for her birthday January 17th, her friends and family are and who knows they may even decide to take Lib to the Kings Mountain Country Club golf course to try for a repeat performance of a hole in one.

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He is a 1993 graduate of Lakeshore Central High School of Angola, N.Y.



ESSIE STEWART

Stewart notes 100th birthday

By Alan Hodge

Not many people can claim to have been around when the first airplane flew or when the Titanic went down, but Essie Stewart can.

Born November 29, 1898 in York County, S.C., Stewart just celebrated her 100th birthday. The oldest of ten children, Stewart grew up on the farm of her parents John C. and Lela Wells in the Bethany area.

"It was a big farm, but I'm not sure exactly how many acres we had," Stewart recalled. "We raised cotton, corn, and cows mostly."

Sisters still living from those farm days are Cora Long of Saluda, S.C., Vida Stewart who lives in York, and Edna Barry of Kings Mountain.

After her agricultural upbringing, Stewart made her way to Kings Mountain with husband David Lester Stewart.

"I came to Kings Mountain when I got married around 1918," Stewart said. "We lived there until 1938 when we moved to Gastonia. My husband was in the construction business and I always stayed at home."

Along the way, Stewart had five children. Two sons, Campbell and Lloyd are deceased. Still living are daughter

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