

Scisms win Farm Family of the Year



The Cleveland County Farm Bureau has presented the Farm Family of the Year award to Jack and Mona Scism and honored Mr. Scism with a distinguished service award. From left, Farm Bureau President Ronald Price, Dana Floyd, the Scism's daughter; Al Floyd, son-in-law; Neal Scism, son; Mona and Jack Scism; and Dennis Martin, vice-president of the Cleveland County Farm Bureau.

The fourth generation farm family of Jack and Mona Scism of the Patterson Grove Community is Cleveland County Farm Family of the Year.

The Cleveland County Farm Bureau recently honored the Scisms who have given a combined total of nearly 80 years of service on the agricultural board. Scism, who has served every office on the board multiple times since 1972 and on the state board since 1982, was also recognized with the prestigious Distinguished Service Award at the board's annual meeting at the Cleveland County Extension Office in Shelby.

Mona Scism also became active on Farm Bureau committees in 1972 and is the first female to serve as president of the agricultural board. She is also active on state women's committees.

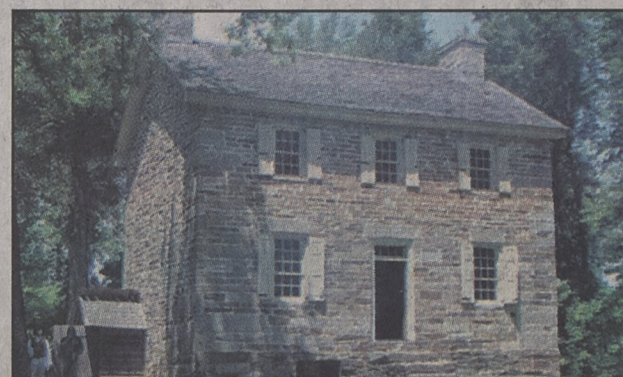
Jack said that his family's cows got out of the pasture and he went to his neighbor's house, Mona's family, to get the cows back home and met his future bride. The two be-

came high school sweethearts and were wed 56 years ago. The Scism farm was founded by his grandfather who walked with everything he had including the cows and pigs from Double Shoals to the Patterson Grove Community to begin farming cotton, soybeans, wheat and barley. Presently, the Jack Scisms cultivate 200 acres of hay and operate three turkey brooder houses on their 800 acre farm. Mr. Scism was a certified seed grower for 30 years.

The Scisms are parents of two children, Neal Scism, who works full time with his parents on the farm, and Dana Scism Floyd. They are active in Patterson Grove Baptist Church.

Making the presentation, Farm Bureau President Ronald Price said that "Farm Bureau has been Jack Scism's cause for many years. He has given a lifetime of service and leadership to Farm Bureau and we all look to him for guidance and leadership."

Howser House open on Saturday



Kings Mountain National Military Park announced recently that the Howser House will be open for visitors on Saturday, Nov. 26. This 1803 stone house, located in a remote area of the park, is only open to the public once or twice a year so this is an opportunity for the public to explore the house and appreciate its architectural talents.

Members of the Parks' Friends organization, the Brigade of Friends and other Park volunteers, will have the house and grounds open to the public. Reenactors will be on site to provide live history demonstrations and the Log Cabin String Band will be performing old-timey music from 11-1 p.m.

The Howser House is not handicap accessible and parking is limited. Visitors may

reach the house from Rock House Road, off SC 216 (Battleground Road). Parking is located near the entrance to the house. A shuttle service from the parking area will be provided to the house. Good walking shoes are recommended.

The stone house was built by a Revolutionary War veteran and stone mason Henry Howser. Its thick, sturdy, stone walls conveyed prosperity and affluence at a time when most were living in log houses. The home remained in the family for several generations, and was one of the more prosperous farms in the region.

In the event of inclement weather the house will not be opened. For more information about this event call 864-936-7921 or visit www.nps.gov/kimo.

Community Service Day



Community Service Day for Girl Scout Troop 20004 on Nov. 12 featured three special projects.

The troop began the activities by assembling shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child after shopping for items for children. The next project was repainting the rusty letters and cleaning out the weeds around the Welcome to Kings Mountain monument at the National Guard Armory. The third project for the day was painting fire hydrants.

"Our girls had a great time painting hydrants and the monument and packing boxes for Samaritan's Purse," said Michelle Ford, leader.

KMHS Class of 1951

Forty-one classmates, spouses and friends of the Kings Mountain High School Class of 1951 gathered on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011 to reminisce and celebrate 60 years since graduation from Kings Mountain High School.

The celebration was held at Boyce Memorial ARP Church with a luncheon served by Keith Falls and members of the reunion committee. After lunch, a

video was shown of the 1951 annual pictures. Photographs of class members were posted on a wall along with remembrance pictures of deceased members. Rance Henderson was master of ceremonies.

Candles were lit in remembrance of the 30 deceased members of the Class of 1951.

Black and gold table coverings with

miniature school buses and yellow mums decorated tables.

Paula Wilson, Dot and Paul Ham's daughter, took photographs of classmates and guests.

Members of the reunion committee were Dorene R. Ballard, Dot Ham, Jake Hord, Rance and Betty Henderson, Dessie Loftin, Betty Cash Mitchell and Jeanene H. Wilcox.



60th REUNION OF CLASS OF 1951 - Pictured are returning graduates of the Class of 1951 of Kings Mountain High School at the recent reunion. Row I, from left, Sarah Kincaid Bush, Evelyn Short Wright, and Peggy Miller Pruitt; Row II, from left, Dorothy Tesseneer Humphreys, Dorothy McCarter Ham, Betty Ledford Henderson, Pansy George Cunningham, Dessie Morrow Loftin, Dorene Ross Ballard, Rheta Gamble Warlick, Nadine Scruggs Bagwell, Anais Green Duncan, Jo Ann Falls, Mary Hayes Greene, Willard Upchurch, Joyce Lovelace Babb, Sue Sipes Wilson and Jo Ann Hayes Harrison; Row III, from left, Peggy Cloninger Harmon, Gwendolyn Grice Watts, Bobby Stringfellow, Bobby Edens, Juanita Gunnells Blanton, Betty Greene Sherer, Betty Cash Mitchell and Ken Pruitt; and Row IV, from left, Steve Jones, Charles Wright, Rance Henderson and Clifton Morgan.