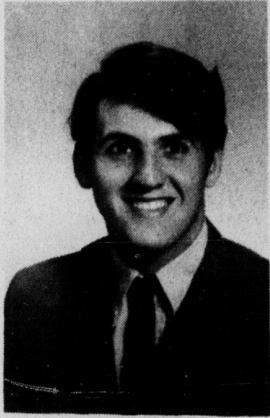


# GROVER NEWS

by Jackie Rountree

In Grover, July 4, 1972. When, in the course of human events, some went east and some went west, I'd be the cuckoo in the nest, if I tried to tell where all some found rooms and rest. Were it not for The Cockrell Kids and all their kids, Grover would be vacated by vacationers. Boots, unquestionably, is the winner of this week's "Hostess With the Mostest To Be Hostessed" Award. Lt. Col. Bill Cockrell, his wife, Rita, and their children, Bill, Kelley, and Dawn, came in from Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas week before last for a preview visit. Last Thursday they returned for their full length visit. Brother Andy, his wife, Bobbie, etc., and their line-up of Shelby, Drew, Bart, and Gene arrived later in the week. Sister Starr Peeler with Charlie and Leah and Eric joined them on Sunday, along with Mrs. Jones (Boots' Mother), and Boots' sister, Muriel. That extra spurt of sunbeams we enjoyed Sunday was, no doubt, abetted by Fred. The Grover and his frisky flock will be leaving Wednesday for Fort Monroe near Norfolk where they'll be living for a year or so. Andy will fly the coop Friday to return to Tampa. Bobbie, etc., and Bunch will stay for a longer visit. If Boots had had another Kiddle rocker I could have received a better report on the fun they had at Charlie and Ann's Saturday Night when they got together for a "That 'Ole Gang of Mine" session. I had Laura with me at Boots'. Two-year olds and one rocker were not seemingly the beginning of a beautiful friendship. Boots may have to add a rumble seat to the rocker. Bobbie's etc. may be a double etc. Boots sub-let the whole-hostessing thing to Fain and Carolyn Monday Night. All of them migrated to Charlotte for the Fourth to the Charlie Peelers to continue their pursuit of happiness in being unites. To borrow a quote from a fellow Jackie--"How Sweet It Is"--How sweet it is for a Nation's Unity to begin with Family Unity. To borrow a quote from another Fellow Being--"What God Has Joined Together, Let No Man Put Asunder."--To join in the mutually understood and accepted universal quote, unite with me in a United Hallelujah! Amen! States---Got a beautiful post card from Piccola Bialock from Hawaii. She was to visit four of the islands within an eight day period. The post card was a scene of The Naniloa Surf and The Naniloa Hotel. In the Hawaiian language Naniloa means "very beautiful". Isn't it very beautiful that Hawaii can unite with us? And isn't it "naniloa" that Becky Scruggs and the whole bus load are at liberty to unite with the State of Alaska in such a jolly outing of learning more about all of us? Prudence, indeed, has dictated that this become a well-established procedure. America The Naniloa! Bess, Mrs. Crisp and Marge, Lillie Mae and Lucille K, tried

## Floyd Writes Hit Song



Mickey Floyd

to take in all the 13 originals, but more or less concentrated on N. C. and Virginia. From the tip of Blowing Rock to the shores of Outer Banks, they returned to Grover United and with Thanks, Bess was particularly excited about beholding the spot where the Arctic Ocean and The Gulf Stream come together. How's that for Unity?? If anybody finds any Scotch Bonnet Sea Shells, this group would like to have some. Did you know Mary Houser and I like Sand Dollars---and silver dollars, ten dollars, \$20, \$100, Certified Checks, Savings Bonds. We were so glad to hear that Agnes didn't mess up for Bub and Bryte's visit to Richmond and their fishing at Cape Hatteras. They surely plan to open a Fish and Corn Curb Market. No corn crop ever received such united TLC. Bessie Hicks was telling us that Sharon Gold had a rough flight from Washington, D.C. Sha, John, and Lois went on to Florida to spend a vacation times with the Richard Golds. I saw a little boy out in front of Bessie and Warren's the other day, and without the first wonder, I knew it was Richard's---a definite look alike. Our door bell clanged last Thursday afternoon after office hours and I was sure we'd get our hedge trimmed. It was Bobby Ridgeway. The hedge is still a shag. He wanted to swap a Siamese Tom washpot, cook stove, or anything else with an authentic distressed look. Bill Neal, indefinitely of Chapel Hill, his laundry lady, Morton, and their son, Matthew, have been Homecomers -in - Town for several days. After a year of teaching, Bill learned there's a lot more to learn, so he's going back to school some more. The Wray Goforts were Homecomers again over the week-end. Thelma's home again too. Mark Meharg did not come to Grover. Went to Alabama instead. Anyway, Optician Tom was eager to see Grover. Martha Herndon Wright came back and brought Charlie with her. Sady and Bill McCarter went to Winston-Salem and came back. Annette Harry Woods came back too---She and Don and Christy, Terry and Bess had a Lake Wylie outing Saturday and then a Lake Norman outing Sunday with the Don Harrys, Philip, Maria, and girls shall return. Gen Tate Duncan came back for a first-of-the-week visit with Fannie. Jolley and the two girls came too. We started July out on a jolly note. We at least had a unified glimpse of each and all some time during the day Saturday. Jolley Joe jumped with Cindy, plus Friend Richard on their way to Beech

Carl Phillips, nationally known recording star from Nashville, Tennessee, has announced that his next release was written by Mickey Floyd of Kings Mountain. Mickey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Floyd. He is currently stationed in the U.S. Air Force, and now stationed in Ecklin A.F.B., Florida. Phillips has contacted Four Fellows Production Company, stating that his record company was interested in signing Mickey to a writing contract. Pete Floyd, Mickey Floyd reports that he is negotiating with them. Current hits of Carl Phillips include Mem'ries For A Dime and Bread For Baby, which are doing well on the charts. His next release will be heard publicly for the first time during the Freddy Hart show in Spartanburg, S.C. on July 16, at the Memorial Auditorium. Carl is also to be featured in the up-coming Four Fellows movie Sign-Off. He plans to be in Kings Mountain around July 13 - 14 to confirm final plans for the movie.

Mountain for Old Times' Sake, Bubba bounded in before they jumped into the car to get to Boone before noon. Bubba and Ginger united with John and Margaret and Ashley at Cherry Grove where they had already united with Tom and Eric Bryant. That's when we united with Laura, Richard, Cindy and Joe jumped in again Sunday. There was a note from them saying so when we came in from Dixon Homecoming. If you saw the Miss N.C. Pageant, Richard was a set designer and the strong man in the carnival scenes. Speaking of Dixon Homecoming---We went. Glenn went to the revival series to lead the singing. The singing got so revived they'll be going every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. to sing. This is an inter-denominational opportunity to unite in song at the Dixon Chu-

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