

Hospital Employees Honored

Kings Mountain Hospital honored its long-term employees last Thursday at a drop-in party and presented service pins to cap the event.

20-Year Pins went to Mrs. Edna J. Childers, Miss Diana Gamble and Mrs. Beaulenia Adams.

15-Year Pins were presented to Mrs. Shirley McMurry, Mrs. Elizabeth Dawson, Mrs. Ida J. Long and Mrs. Avalonia H. Weaver.

10-Year Pins - Mrs. Eunice Lockridge, Mrs. Martha Cash, Mrs. Vernia Philbeck, Mrs. Barbara Bumgardner and Mrs. Raynell Floyd.

5-Year Pins - Mrs. Edna V. Barry, Mrs. Eva P. Gantt, Mrs. Ozena G. Adams, Mrs. Nellie M. Williams, Mrs. Norma Dedmon, Mrs. Carolyn Kuykendall, Cleveland Mackey, Mrs. Dortha Wells, Mrs. Nellie Mayes, Mrs. Patsy Herndon and R. Ragan Harper Jr.

Sprouse Society Inducte

The Gamma Beta Phi Society of Gaston College, an honorary scholastic and campus services organization, recently inducted 28 new members.

Membership in the society is based on scholastic merit - the student must maintain a 2.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 on 12 quarter hours of work completed - and campus leadership. The society promotes scholarship, leadership training, and community involvement through its membership.

A Kings Mountain student, Steve A. Sprouse of 108 Owens Street was inducted into the society. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sprouse.

Mrs. Luella J. Bryant of Lincolnton is President of the Society and Mr. O. J. Davis and Mr. Russell Keck of the Gaston College faculty are the Society's campus advisors.

Marriage Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Burns of Kings Mountain announce the marriage of their daughter, Charlotte Joann, to Boyd Edward Maloney Jr. of Patterson Springs.

Probate Judge W. R. Douglas of Gaffney, S.C. performed the ceremony Sat., Dec. 29.

The bride is a 1972 Kings Mountain high graduate and is employed at Universal Manufacturing of Shelby. She

is the granddaughter of the J. H. Burns and O. H. Burtons of Gastonia.

The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Helen Maloney of Patterson Springs. He is the grandson of the Brodus Bowns of Patterson Springs and the Maloneys of Cherryville. He attended Crest high and is also employed by Universal Manufacturing of Shelby.

The couple will make their home in Patterson Springs.

Bridesmaid Luncheon Held On December 22

A bridesmaid's luncheon for the attendants at the wedding of Debbie Timms and Kyle Milner, was held on Sat., Dec. 22 at the home of Mrs. R. G. Franklin and the co-hostesses were Mrs. Jack White and Mrs. Tom Tate.

Christmas decorations were used throughout the house with small arrangements of holly and ivy on each of the bridge tables that were used at the luncheon. The hostesses

gave Debbie a corsage and as the guests arrived, punch was served in the den.

The twenty two guests were seated and served a main course luncheon. Debbie took the occasion to present her gifts to the bridesmaids who were Miss Sharon Timms, Miss Tara Timms, Mrs. David Dunbar, Miss Ann Young, Miss Sally Strom, Miss Jane Nesbitt and Miss Wendy Smith.

Activity Agenda

Circle 1, First Presbyterian Church meets on Mon., Jan. 7 at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Charles Neisler.

Circle 1, Central United Methodist Church meets on Mon., Jan. 7 at 3 p.m.

Circle 5, First Presbyterian Church meets on Mon., Jan. 7 at 3 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Thurman Scism.

Circle 2, First Presbyterian Church will not meet as scheduled on Mon., Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m. but will be replaced by a general meeting of the Women of the Church.

Circle 2, Central United Methodist Church meets on Tues., Jan. 8 at 10 a.m.

Newcomers Club meets on Tues., Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Womans Club for installation of new officers.

Circle 3, Central United Methodist Church meets on Wed., Jan. 9 at 10 a.m. at the church.

Kings Mountain Garden Club meets on Wed., Jan. 9 at 3 p.m.

Open Gate Garden Club meets on Wed., Jan. 9 at 3:30 p.m.

KMFD Report

The Kings Mountain Fire Department had it a little easier in 1973 answering seven calls less than 1972. The total calls answered this past year was listed at 115.

Station Chief Charles (Pete) Peterson gave a breakdown of the calls: 56 house fires, six businesses, six factory blazes, 20 car fires, 20 grass, woods and trash fires and seven false alarms.

The New People

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Curtis Pearson, Shelby, daughter, Dec. 12, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. David E. McCarty, Shelby, son, Dec. 21, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. James Edward Ellis, 38 Chesterfield Ct., Kings Mountain, son, Dec. 21, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex A. Bolden, Shelby, daughter, Dec. 21, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Archie, Shelby, daughter, Dec. 21, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Flay G. Carpenter, Shelby, daughter, Dec. 22, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Yoshihiro Miwa, Shelby, daughter, Dec. 22, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy R. White, Shelby, son, Dec. 22, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Pearson, Shelby, daughter, Dec. 22, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Belton, Shelby, son, Dec. 23, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Little, Shelby, son, Dec. 25, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Bumgarner, Shelby, daughter, Dec. 25, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy T. Page, Shelby, daughter, Dec. 25, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Alvin Hord, Shelby, daughter, Dec. 25, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Alan Laws, Box 182, Kings Mountain, daughter, Dec. 25, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lee Binetsch, Shelby, daughter, Dec. 26, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Wayne Whetstone, Shelby, son, Dec. 26, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Freeman, Shelby, son, Dec. 27, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. James Clarence Mann, Shelby, son, Dec. 29, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Lowe, Shelby, daughter, Dec. 30, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Reed Caldwell, 304 Somerset Dr., Kings Mountain, son, Dec. 30, 1973.

Seated Just Under Dome



by Sylvia Holmes

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I felt great sympathy, several weeks ago, when Jay Ashley wrote in his column about the poor seats he received, by way of a mail order, to the Liza Minnelli concert at the Charlotte Coliseum. You are not alone in your dilemma, Jay.

My family felt the same way two years ago after we ordered top price seats to see "Jesus Christ, Superstar" under the same domed roof. We could almost put out our hands and touch the aforementioned roof, except that we were too busy trying to see the show, by peering around the lighting scaffolding that blocked half of our view of the performers, from our seats that were definitely to the side.

Oh boy! Did we feel sorry that night for those who had medium or low priced seats. The mediums must have been out in the corridors or on the stairways and the lows must have been out in the parking lot hearing the show by remote speakers.

We did try, prior to the show, to remedy our poor situation but it was a sell out performance so we had no options. At home I keep diagrams of the seating plans of both Ovens and the Coliseum so that I can immediately locate the position of our seats whenever my mail order tickets arrive.

Oh yes, I continue to order by mail because I was assured one day by the ticket clerk over there that mail orders are fulfilled right on time and often prior to the booking office opening to the public so she said there would be no point in driving over to KM just to make reservations on the spot. Who can afford that

luxury now in view of the gasoline situation?

I read recently that the Ovens-Coliseum complex are planning to try the tikecron computer booking method this year. Out-of-towners at selected locations (Shelby and Gastonia were mentioned) would be able to reserve selected seats on the spot for a minimal extra fee. If the method proves satisfactory, it will become a permanent fixture. Hang on there Jay, this might be your salvation.

My most recent venture for some culture in Charlotte was last Sunday afternoon when daughter Lindsay and I went to the matinee performance of The Nutcracker being performed by the Atlanta Ballet augmented by young local talent.

We had good seats at Ovens. My ticket order was mailed in well on time and duly the little envelope arrived with two tickets for seats on the eleventh row which is very near the front as rows go and it was only the bouffant hairdo of the lady in front of me that obscured the view of the dancers from time to time.

I had seen the Atlanta Ballet performing on Jekyll Island last summer and was greatly looking forward to seeing principals, Rose Barille and Ronald Jones, in the leading roles as was advertised beforehand. I was absolutely

furious when we were seated and reading the playbills only to discover that the two aforementioned dancers appeared on Friday night and on Saturday afternoon with alternates for the Saturday night and Sunday matinee.

Had this information been made public beforehand I could have selected to attend another performance. As it was, we saw Ronald Jones in a cameo part as the candy cane but Rose Barille did not dance at all. The two alternates were very good especially Anne Burton as the sugar plum fairy, but it's the principal that counts and I feel that the ballet was falsely advertised. An individual feels absolutely powerless to do anything about this kind of situation and we are subjected to these changes without prior consultation.

I fully understand that dancers have to share the choice roles and newer younger dancers have to get experience but let them do that in Atlanta where they perform on a regular basis and not on tour. It has been two years since the Nutcracker was seen in Charlotte, presented then by the North Carolina School of the Performing Arts. Isn't it ridiculous that this state supported school, which gave a splendid performance, has only once been to Charlotte

which is the largest city in the state? Their performances are limited to the Winston-Salem area where the school is located, Raleigh and perhaps one other locale such as Greensboro. Charlotte should be a regular spot on their itinerary at least once every two years.

Meanwhile we can hope that the Atlanta Ballet will return again but they need to work a little more with their local supplemental dancers. Youngsters who played as children were all auditioned locally and their amateurishness was very apparent and at many times distracting. The young girl in the leading role was the only one who seemed comfortable on stage and she gave an excellent performance despite all the others who looked as if they were taking part in ritual yearend dancing seminars.

Every other minute a child is born with a birth defect, says the March of Dimes.

The March of Dimes wants that all mothers, especially those with a history of miscarriage, premature delivery, stillbirth, or toxemia during previous pregnancies should get early, regular prenatal care.

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