



MAKING SHRINE 100 RACE PLANS—These three Gaston Shriners stand in front of a Shrine 100 race sign at Smith Chevrolet in Gastonia and all three are hard at work making plans for this year's race at Carolina Speedway which will benefit the crippled and burned child. Left to right, Joe Reep,

president of the Gastonia County Shrine Club, Howard Hand, vice-president of the Gaston County Shrine Chapter and Jim Fulghum, general chairman and president of the Gaston County Shrine Club. A whopping success last year, this season's race on May 15 is expected to draw the biggest crowd

Ledford, Glass, Terry, Blalock Win Awards

Basketball standouts Kathy Ledford and Butch Blalock copped two trophies each and Hal Glass and Ronnie Terry shared the most valuable wrestler award at the ninth annual Kiwanis Club basketball-wrestling banquet Thursday night at the Woman's Club.

Ledford and Blalock both received the best free throw and most valuable player awards for their teams.

Terry Holland, head basketball coach at the University of Virginia and former Davidson mentor, was guest speaker for the event. Trophies were presented by Kings Mountain High basketball coaches Blaine Froneberger and Allen Dixon and wrestling coach Bo Goforth.

It was the second straight year for MVP honors for Blalock, who has copped virtually every award possible in his senior season at KMHS. A 32.5 point per game scorer, Blalock was All-Southwestern Conference for the past two years, MVP in the conference, All-State, MVP in the Marion Civitan Classic and honorable mention All-Southern.

"About the only honor left that he could receive is to be chosen for the East-West game," noted Coach Dixon, "and from what I've heard he'll get that honor as well." Blalock's scoring average was the best ever in the 20-year history of the SWC and he set school records for most points in a single season (778), most points in a single game (46) and most career points (1,372).

A 6-2 guard who played forward most of high school career because of the Mountaineers' lack of height, Blalock has already inked a grant-in-aid with Western Carolina University. WCU head coach Jim Hartbarger says he feels Blalock is the best recruit he's landed since he's been at the Cullowhee school and WCU sports information director Steve White predicts Blalock will be the school's next Henry Logan.

Ledford, like Blalock, was All-Conference two years running and she finished second in the conference scoring race with an average of better than 14 points per game. She led the league in scoring, point-wise, during the regular season.

Kathy, tagged by Coach Froneberger as the "greatest competitor I've ever had", was held under double figures only twice and that came while she was suffering from a severe ankle injury. "Most athletes, boys or girls, wouldn't have played with as critical an injury as Kathy had," noted Froneberger, "but that just goes to show you what kind of a competitor she is."

A three-year starter for the Mountaineers, Kathy also plays the number two position for the KMHS girls tennis team which is in its first year of SWC competition.

Glass and Terry, the smallest performers on the wrestling squad, helped lead the Mountaineers to the best record in their short wrestling history, a 5-6 mark. Both were All-Conference.

"We don't usually like to mention records," noted Goforth, "but we're proud of this record because it's our best ever. We've improved each year since we started the wrestling program."

The Mountaineers tied for second place in the SWC with a 3-2 record.

In addition to the trophy presentations, all senior members of the basketball and wrestling squads were awarded plaques and All-Conference certificates were presented to Blalock, Ledford and Sandra Byers for basketball and Glass and Terry for wrestling. Letters and stars were also presented.

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First round play is underway in the first annual Member-Member golf tournament at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Two 18-hole matches are scheduled in the championship flight and three pairings are set in the second flight. Championship flight losers will form the first flight and second flight losers will form the third flight.

John Howze and Darrell Austin were low qualifiers for the event with rounds of 73, 73 and 74 and have been given the favorite's role.

That twosome will draw a bye during first round play, along with the team of Mickey Powers and Parks Neisler. Championship flight matches which must be completed by May 1 include Snooks McDaniel and Jim Lybrand against John McGinnis and George Plonk and Ragan Harper and Grady Howard against Al Grigg and Jay Powell.

Eddie Anderson and Roland Turner drew a second flight bye. Second flight matches include Gene Timms-Stonewall Jackson against Carl Devane-Lee McIntyre, Larry Dunn-Don McGinnis against Walter Harmon-Tippy Francis and Jim Testa-Charlie Wilson against Brian Bickley-Jerry Ross.

Dates for the fourth annual Member-Guest tournament have been set for July 20-21.

YOU KNOW ITS TIME FOR A CHANGE

But Maybe You Don't Know

CHARLES L. PEELER

Candidate For The Office Of Sheriff

Cleveland County



He is a Cleveland County native — son of a Deputy Sheriff. At age 40 he is young enough to be active but old enough to have the maturity needed for the office he seeks. He is a graduate of Belwood High School and a charter member of Aldersgate Methodist Church of Shelby. He is a Thrity-Second Degree Mason, an armed forces veteran and a member of the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, American Veterans and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is married to the former Joan Propst. The Peelers have two children and reside at 1315 Wesson Road.

Charlie knows it is time for a change and he outlines his platform point by point. He promises to dedicate all his energy and effort toward making Cleveland County a better, safer and more pleasant place to live.

Platform:

- 1 — I will give the people of Cleveland County 24-hour, seven-day-a-week protection with honest law enforcement.
- 2 — I will continuously seek the most modern equipment and the most dedicated personnel available.
- 3 — I will strive for a close working relationship within the Sheriff's Department and a better relationship between the Sheriff's Department and the citizens of Cleveland County.
- 4 — I favor the placing of a resident deputy sheriff in each of the county's townships to provide more adequate protection for the people of each community. Every Deputy will be encouraged to know his community and his people and will be required to be available at all times.

5 — I believe that the duties of a deputy sheriff are full time duties and cannot be performed by part time deputies.

6 — I also favor using deputies for more nighttime patrol duty. I want the people of this county to feel completely secure in their homes through the most vulnerable hours of darkness.

7 — I pledge to the citizens of this county more service for tax dollar spent and I will work with the county manager and county commissioners and all citizens for continual progress not only in the Sheriff's Department, but in the county as a whole.

Statement:

I have taken leave from my job to campaign for this important post. I am paying for my campaign with my own savings and with contributions from my supporters. I am not campaigning on taxpayer's time nor am I using taxpayer's equipment. And naturally I do not have a staff of tax paid workers assisting me, but I will devote my full time to the task ahead until after the election and if elected I will be a full time Sheriff.

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