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Clinic Thursday

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## Roamin' Around Town



### With Darrell Austin

(Ingredients: There will be bits of news, very little wisdom, some humor and comments, some views from other editors. Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but please avoid an overdose.)

Rusty Baumgardner, first year student at the Naval Academy Prep School in Newport, R.I., recently wrote his father for two things ... the Bible and a subscription to the Herald. His dad sent him both.

When we ran Gary and Lib Stewart's picture a few weeks ago when they were named co-editors of the Herald, some of their friends were ribbing them about how Gary's bad picture made Lib look so good. James Ledford said "putting Gary's picture beside of Lib's is kind of like planting an onion in a patch of daisies."

Hall Goforth of Kings Mountain has quite a record in Sunday School attendance at First Presbyterian Church. Sunday, he received his 40th year perfect attendance pin. That's right, 40 years and no misses. That's consistency.



Do you recognize this kid? I was his neighbor on Fulton Street for 18 years. I considered him a rival when it came to the girls, because with his sheepish grin and fast moves on the dance floor at Lake Montona, he was tough competition. I won a few and he won a few. Who is he and where is he now? See page 2-A.

Grace United Methodist Church had a pinto bean supper last Friday night. They had beans with cornbread, slaw and all the trimmings. Rev. George Sherrill kept going back for seconds, thirds and fourths. Finally his wife said, "George, with all you have eaten, aren't you embarrassed?" "Not at all," he said. "I told them I was getting it for you."

(To comment in this column, write Roamin' Around Town, P.O. Box 752, or give me a call at 739-7486.)

## Lions Sponsor Glaucoma Clinic

A free glaucoma clinic, open to the general public, is slated for Thurs., Sept. 27th, from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Kings Mountain Lions Club is sponsoring the clinic which is aimed in early-detection of glaucoma in adults 35 and older.

The check-up requires only seconds to complete and will be conducted by representatives of the Cleveland County Health Department.

## United Fund Kicked Off

Kings Mountain United Way for 1980 seeks a total of \$55,000 for 22 agencies and was kicked off by campaign workers at a luncheon Wednesday at North School.

This year's goal is \$500 more than the successful drive of 1979 which was over subscribed and recorded 130.64 percent of goal.

Campaign Chairman Dr. Terry Sellers and United Way President

Bob Boggan echoed their "excitement of the quality and caliber of leadership for the campaign" at the kick-off which featured distribution of pledge cards and other materials to workers in numerous divisions.

Showing of the United Way film, "A Little Miracle," which co-stars veteran Kings Mountain actor Hal England and Mickey Rooney, opened the kick-off and President

Boggan said the film reflected the kind of spirit which exists "in our own people."

Divisional chairmen who were recognized were Becky Scism, advance gifts and correspondence; Mike Napier and Connie Putnam, city employees; Evelyn Hamrick, commercial; Mark Wilson, hospital; Alex McCallum, industry, and Dan Brady and Charles Mauney, co-

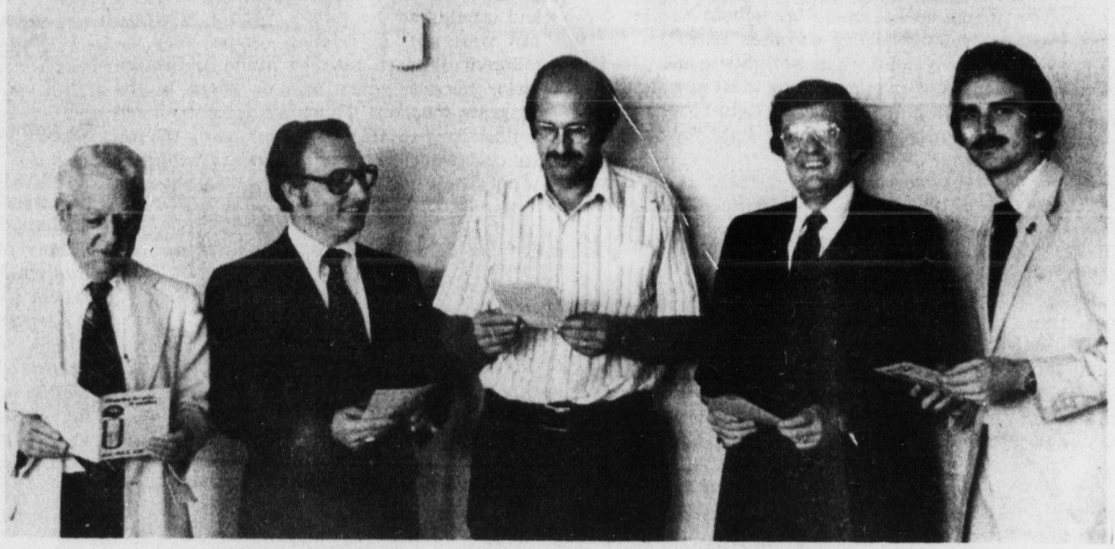


Photo by Katrena McCall

UNITED WAY KICK-OFF - Kings Mountain's United Way Campaign for 1980 is now underway. Pictured at a United Way kickoff luncheon are, from left, Bill Russell, treasurer, Rev. Bob Boggan, president, Rev.

Gary Bryant, campaign chairmen-elect; Rev. Calvin Bacon, guest speaker, and Dr. Terry Sellers, 1980 campaign chairman. The drive seeks \$55,000 for 22 causes.

## KM Man Volunteers For Hurricane Duty

## Thogmartin Meets Fred

By GARY STEWART  
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The steak and eggs Joe Thogmartin had for lunch Thursday in Mobile, Ala., tasted as good as anything he's eaten in quite a while. For five days before that, his diet had consisted of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and canned chicken.

Thogmartin, a Gaston County native who owns his own chimney-sweeping business in Kings Mountain, was called to Mobile two weeks ago along with other members of the American Red Cross to minister to victims of Hurricane Frederick, which caused billions of dollars in damage to that area of the state.

It was the fifth hurricane Thogmartin's been in, including four as a Red Cross member. The other one, and the worst, was in Corpus Christi, Tex., in 1961. He was in the Air Force then.

Thogmartin spent 10 days in Mobile, working in an evacuation center and surveying damaged property. He and others braved 100 mile per hour winds at no pay to serve the victims. Most of the time was spent without the benefit of electricity or phone service.

He left here on Wed., Sept. 12, and flew to Montgomery. He had to drive the final 180 miles as the Mobile airport had long been closed.

"We didn't have any traffic problems going down," he recalled. "Most of the traffic was going north out of there." Over 320,000 people reportedly left the area.

"Winds were already picking up and the electricity was off in several places when we got there at five o'clock," he said. "That evening I was sent to an evacuation center north of Mobile. The wind blew almost all night and we lost part of the roof of the community center we were using."

Glass windows on all sides of the center were boarded up, but the winds pulled the plywood off and shattered the glasses. But no one was injured.

"The house right across the street completely lost its roof," said Thogmartin. "Tree limbs were everywhere and all the streets were blocked."

The next day, Thogmartin and other volunteers went to the hardest-



JOE THOGMARTIN

hit areas, began a damage assessment survey, and offered food, housing, clothing and whatever else was necessary to keep the people going.

Thogmartin recognized many of the volunteers as those he worked with a week earlier in Hurricane David at Charleston, S.C. "I met people from Oregon, Los Angeles, Iowa and just about everywhere else in the country," he said.

Five days after Frederick moved on, Thogmartin said 98 percent of Mobile was still without electricity. The National Guard was called in to protect businesses from looters.

Ripoff artists from out-of-state came in selling a pound of ice for two dollars and the Mobile city council had to pass an ordinance to prohibit it. The city began handling the ice business free of charge.

"I heard reports of people almost rioting waiting in line to get ice," Thogmartin said. "They needed it to keep their food from spoiling."

After completing his damage assessment survey, Thogmartin

worked with disaster welfare inquiries, helping locate people who had not been heard from.

"There were a lot of cases where people in service were calling the Red Cross because they hadn't heard anything from their parents," he said. "We would find out the status of their health and welfare and report back."

With no electricity, Thogmartin said his baths were very cold showers and cooking facilities were zilch. Thus, the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Thogmartin said cleanup of the area will take months, and estimated the damage in Mobile alone to be over a billion dollars.

The city of Mobile has huge oak trees lining the streets," he said. "It looked like someone jut came in with chain saws and pruned every one of them. Limbs were everywhere."

"Whole neighborhoods of people would get together and help each other clear trees off roofs," he added. "You just couldn't believe all the fallen trees and powerlines."

Thogmartin said only a few deaths were attributed directly to the hurricane.

"The problems came after the storm," he said. "There were a lot of chain saw accidents when people started going out to clear property. Hospitals were overrun with people from chain saw accidents. And there were a lot of car accidents because all the traffic signals were out. I know of one case where a mother and all of her children died in a house fire because of using gas by some improper method."

By the time Thogmartin left Mobile last Thursday at noon, he said some humor had begun to come back into the lives of the people. "A lot of signs were going up saying 'Frederick hell, that had to be a woman,'" he said.

One good thing came out of the storm, he said. "I ran out of cigarettes and wasn't able to go purchase any for a couple of days, so I quit smoking. I had been smoking for 20 years," he said.



SPEAKER - Rev. Calvin Baker, pastor of Trinity Assembly of God of Charlotte, challenged United Fund volunteers at last week's kick-off luncheon for the 1980 campaign which seeks \$55,000 in the KM area.

## Pearson Wins Grid Contest

Bobby Pearson of 914 Henry Street hit the tie-breaker on the nose to win last week's Herald "Pick the Winners" football contest.

Pearson and six other contestants correctly predicted 15 of 19 winners in the third contest. The Georgia Tech-Florida game ended in a tie.

Pearson predicted 35 points to be scored in the South Carolina-Duke game, which the Gamecocks won 35-0. Ironically, that game was one of the four Pearson missed, as he picked the Blue Devils to win. His other misses were Chase's upset loss to R-S Central, Appalachian's win over Western Carolina and Gardner-Webb's loss to Mars Hill.

Other persons missing just four games, but losing out on the tie-breaker, were Donald Phillips of Clover, S.C., Michael Lowe of Grover, Jay Roark of Grover, and Carl A. Layel, Curt Pressley and Lois Carpenter, all of Kings Mountain.

As winner, Pearson will receive a \$75 check, which can be picked up at the Herald office anytime Thursday.

The fourth contest is inside today's paper. All contestants are urged to carefully read the rules, as many have been disqualified for one reason or another. Most disqualified entries come in past the Friday noon deadline and others have been disqualified because they have been typewritten. Entries may be mailed to Football Contest, P.O. Box 752, Kings Mountain 28086, or brought by our office at 431 North Piedmont.

## Grover Postmaster

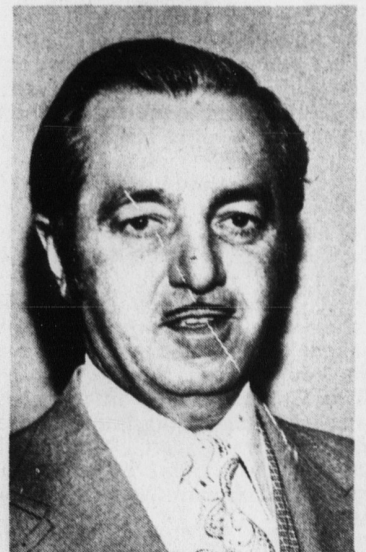
## Hambright Elected

Grover Postmaster Fain Hambright was recently re-elected to the office of National Vice President of the National League of Postmasters.

Hambright has served as chairman of the organization's national convention for the past several years. At the recent convention, he was returned to the Board with the largest number of votes.

As a National Vice President of the Postmasters, he will serve with eight other Postmasters elected nation-wide to direct the activities of the nearly 30,000 postmasters.

Postmaster Hambright has received numerous awards and citations, among them the prestigious National Postmaster of the Year award and the Order of the Vest, the latter given by the nation's airlines in recognition for the promotion of improved mail service.



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