



**DISPLAYS TROPHIES** - The North Carolina Motor Carriers Association's 41st Annual State Truck Rodeo was held in Greensboro at the Four Seasons Mall. Each of the Company Fleet Champions competing admired the first place championship trophy in his class of competition and the large Grand Trophy. A Western Auto Supply Co. Rodeo Contestant, James M. Bridges of Kings Mountain, who drives out of their Gastonia terminal is shown admiring the golden trophies above mentioned in the four axle tractor-trailer class.

**Awarded BA Degree Recently**

Marcia Kim Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robinson, Jr. of Gastonia, former residents, was awarded the Bachelor of arts degree from Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Ga. recently. Miss Robinson, a history major, has just returned from two

weeks of exploring the Florida Keys with a fellow Scott graduate.

She is granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Hayes, Sr. of Kings Mountain and of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robinson, Sr. of Gastonia.

**OBITUARIES**

**MRS. AMANDA NEAL**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Amanda Gertrude Foster Neal, 73, of Gaffney, S.C., sister of Lewis D. Foster of Grover and Mrs. Claude Bell of Kings Mountain, were conducted Thursday at 4 p.m. from Cherokee Avenue Baptist Church by Rev. Stuart Kersey, Rev. Clarence Hampton and Rev. Robert Ivey, interment following in Frederick Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Neal died Tuesday in Cleveland Memorial Hospital. She was a native of Cherokee County, a retired textile worker and a member of Cherokee Avenue Baptist Church. She was daughter of the late Fletcher and Mosteller Foster.

Also surviving are her husband, John L. Neal; two sons, Jack E. Neal of Rock Hill and Roy M. Neal of Gaffney; one daughter, Mrs. Betty Parker of Gaffney; two sisters, Mrs. Wilson Randall of Shelby and Mrs. George Hampton of Blacksburg, S.C. and five grand-

children. Shuford-Hatcher Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.  
**HOWARD S. HUFFSTETLER**  
Funeral services for Howard Samuel Huffstetler, 64, of Rt. 3, who died Sunday at home, will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. from Mary's Grove United Methodist Church of which he was a member.

Rev. Howard Kiser and Rev. Rowe Teague will officiate at the rites, and interment will be in St. Mark's Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Mr. Huffstetler, son of the late W.M. and Julia Baity Huffstetler, was semi-retired from Cleveland Lumber Company.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ruth Ramsey Huffstetler; one son, Don Huffstetler of Shelby; four sisters, Mrs. Dewey Barrett, Mrs. Floyd Wright, Mrs. Howard Foster and Mrs. Paul Ledford, all of Kings Mountain, and one grandchild.

Carpenter's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**South Atlantic Turtles Clicking**

**John Henry: "What Economy Crunch?"**

There's been a lot of poor-mouthing about the economy nationwide and statistics proved a cause for concern.

But the crunch apparently hasn't been felt at the turnstiles in the South Atlantic League and pumped up about it all is the man who presides over the eight-member league, John Henry Moss.

Several of the teams, including Gastonia, might not be quite up to snuff in attendance but, generally speaking, the figures are positive.

The addition of Macon and Charleston helps and the baseball fever in Greensboro, a Yankee-backed operation, is running amuck.

"That's the fertile spot, no question about it," said Moss with the second half of the split season cranking up this week. "Already, Greensboro is approaching 100,000. They've had fantastic crowds through great promotions. Of course, the best promotion is their first place standing all season long."

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Moss has always taken genuine pride in the fact that many of the players from the old Western Carolinas, which he founded, bled and steered through the good and lean years, not only made it to the big time, but have cut niches for themselves in the majors.

Names like Bobby Bonds, Nolan Ryan, Steve Carlton, Al Oliver and Freddie Patek just to mention a few.

John Henry feels that the current crop of South Atlantic major league potential looks promising. He'd have to start with the Greensboro outfielder, Don Mattingly, a .400 hitter for the Hornets, also unbeaten pitcher, Dave Schmidt of Asheville, Charleston catcher, Denny Porter and brother of the Kansas City Royal receiver, Darrell Porter. Also Otis Nixon, fine third baseman at Greensboro and a North Carolinian.

The Cardinals' Dave Kable, who had a good chance of



**JOHN HENRY MOSS**

passing his 20 home runs last season, pitcher Scott Wigoni and infielder Mike Alters also have the makings of big league players.

In making plans for the 1980 South Atlantic League season," says Moss, "I was optimistic about the chances of an impending dip in the economy picture. At the

present time, I see no reason for altering that stand. It looks absolutely fabulous."

But then, John Henry is the type of guy who'd jump from an airplane chute-less and count on sprouting wings to soften the fall.

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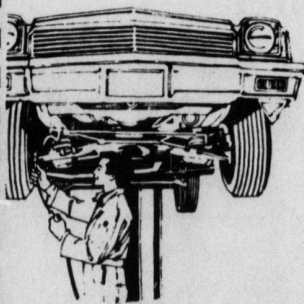
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