

She's 100, And Will Be Around Much Longer

BY ELIZABETH STEWART

Laugh a lot. Keep in touch with old friends.

Don't smoke or drink or worry much.

Go to church and Sunday School.

And just let it happen.

That's the philosophy of Mrs. Delia Lovell McClanahan, 100.

The silver-haired lady has done just that. And if she has her way she'll be around a lot longer.

"Mrs. Mac," as she is affectionately called by her friends, renewed acquaintances this week with longtime Kings Mountain friends, Katherine and Aubrey Mauney, and visited in other areas of the state during her annual summertime visit with old friends.

Flying across the country



DELIA McCLANAHAN

from her home in Farmersville, Texas, population 3,000, is nothing new for this spry, former minister's wife who does her own shopping, lives alone in a big two-story house, walks four blocks a day, fries her own chicken, reads without glasses, hears without a hearing aid, and visits the elderly in a nursing home, even if the "elderly" are years younger, and all past her century mark which she celebrated on March 14th.

But, "Mrs. Mac" enjoys her longevity and laughs at the stunned surprise that always shows when someone's told she's lived at least 20 years more than time has written on her face or in the deep waves of her thick silver hair.

She knows she doesn't look 100, much less act like she's ready for a rocking chair—unless it's on a plane going somewhere to see somebody.

"I had not visited my Kings Mountain friends and those in Bessemer City, Granite Quarry and Salisbury for about four summers so I just decided I'd get on a plane and come to see them all," said Mrs. Mac as she relaxed on the sunporch of the Mauney home on Gaston Street.

Before his death, Rev. Mr. McClanahan was pastor for 10 years of Bessemer City's Grace Lutheran Church. "Mrs. Mac" has many friends in the Bessemer City-Cherryville area and has known Katherine Schenck Mauney since Mrs. Mauney was a little girl growing up in Greensboro. Mrs. Mauney's father, the late E. A. Schenck, was pastor of a church in Greensboro and "Mr. Mac" was pastor of a church in nearby Gibsonville. Mr. Schenck and Mr. McClanahan were in seminary together.

"Mrs. Mac" has always loved to travel, recalling the days of long ago when she traveled to school and back each day in a covered wagon. "Papa's wagon had a horse up in front instead of a motor but he always picked up the children along the way," she recalled. Graduating from college shortly after the turn of the century, she taught for 10 years before she met and married her husband and settled down to being a minister's wife for 55 years.

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Photo by Lib Stewart

RUNS FUEL TRUCK—Virginia Black refuels another city vehicle, above, as part of her new job in the city street department. She enjoys her non-traditional role. She also letters and puts up signs.

5-Foot-2, Pretty... And Doing Man's Work

BY ELIZABETH STEWART

Move over men. Traditional men's roles in the city street department are now being handled efficiently by two five-foot two females. And pretty too.

Crystal Porter Scoggins, 21, and Virginia Black, 27, both of Kings Mountain, are both petite but Street Foreman Supervisor Jack Williams and Department Head Ted Huffman have no qualms about their expertise with a truck or bushhog equipment.

Crystal, who came to work six weeks ago, started learning about a tractor at the age of six when she tried to help her dad, landscaping contractor Charles Porter. "I used to help plow the garden and sow the grass as a youngster and it's always been my ambition to be a long-distance trucker," she said.

During the past six weeks Crystal has handled the grass cutting and operated a city dump truck, reporting to work at 7:30 a.m. A 1977 graduate of Burns High, she enrolled in a Licensed Practical Nursing class at

Cleveland Tech but quit to get married. She plans to enroll in a diesel mechanic's class soon and wants to pursue her goal to become a full-fledged longdistance trucker. She loves the outdoors and praises the city street crews and her bosses, Huffman and Williams for "giving me this chance."

Crystal can change a tire and describes herself as a "pretty good lady mechanic." She wears a hard hat like the men and enjoys her work.

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Mrs. Baird At Workshop

Margaret Baird, a home economics teacher at Kings Mountain Senior High School, was one of 30 occupational food service teachers selected by the Department of Public Instruction to participate in a six-day workshop in Raleigh June 14-19. The Institute was designed to focus on an update of commercial food service practices and equipment, requirements for employment in the various food occupations, and the most recent teaching materials available. The Institute was held at the Velvet Cloak Inn and on location in fourteen different service operations in and around Raleigh. Instructors included various restaurateurs, institutional food service managers and editors of national food service publications.

Conducted by the National Restaurant Association under contract with the Division of Vocational Education, State Department of Public Instruction, the meeting was directed by Richard Gaven, Division Head, Chicago, NRA and Walter Ashecraft, Director, Human Resources, NRA. Ms. Jean Mullen, Home Economics Education Consultant with SDPI coordinated the project.

"This has been one of the most exciting in-service activities I have ever been associated with. The NRA has done a superb job in planning and conducting the Institute. Such special training sessions are essential to prepare teachers in providing realistic learning activities that will help qualify their students for employment in food service occupations," Ms. Mullen said. The High School Food Service Course is designed to train students for immediate employment in the food industry



GARY STEWART



LIB STEWART

Herald To Discontinue Tuesday's Publication

The Kings Mountain Herald will return to a weekly paper effective next week, Publisher Garland Atkins announced today.

The Herald will no longer publish a Tuesday paper, but will continue to concentrate on providing the best of local news coverage in the Thursday edition.

Along with the announcement of the weekly schedule, Atkins has announced two staff changes within the organization.

Lib Stewart, veteran women's editor and co-editor of the Herald since September of 1979, has been named editor of the Cherryville Eagle, a sister newspaper of the Herald.

Gary Stewart, veteran sports editor and photographer and co-editor of the Herald since September of 1979, will serve as editor of the Herald.

Although the paper will carry a Thursday dateline, Atkins said it will actually come off the press early Wednesday afternoon and will be on the newstands by mid-afternoon.

Readers and advertisers are urged to follow the new deadlines, which are:

Advertising deadline: 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Deadline for social news, such as weddings and engagement announcements: 5 p.m. Monday.

Deadline for news, 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Current subscribers will receive their paper for six months after their current subscription expires. New subscription rates are \$8.32 per year in North Carolina and \$9.36 per year out of state.

Any readers with news items, or story and/or picture ideas, are urged to call the Herald at 739-7496 or come by our offices at the intersection of East King Street and Canterbury Road.

Big Fourth Celebration Set In City Saturday

The Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department has planned a big Fourth of July Celebration Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. at the Deal Street Recreational Complex.

All-day events are scheduled for all age groups.

An exciting fireworks extravaganza at 10 p.m. will climax the day's activities.

Pool, field and special events are scheduled. Awards will be presented to winners of most events.

Pool events include: 10 a.m. - Spring board competition.

11 a.m. - Big Splash. 11:45 a.m. - Orange-Spoon race.

12:30 p.m. - Inner Tube race. 1 p.m. - Penny dive.

1:30 p.m. - Address from Mayor John Moss and City Commissioners.

2:30 p.m. - Public swimming at Deal Pool.

2:30 p.m. - Water slide in front of the Community Center.

Field events include: 3 p.m. - Pie eating contest. 3:30 p.m. - Watermelon eating contest.

4 p.m. - Greasy pig chase. 4:30 p.m. - Goat chase. 5 p.m. - Chicken chase. 5:30 p.m. - Bunny ambush.

rabbit chase (for girls only). 6 p.m. - Greasy pole climb for ages nine through 11, 12 through 15 and 16 and over.

6:30 p.m. - Three-legged races and sack races.

7:30 p.m. - Water balloon toss. 8 p.m. - Egg toss.

10 p.m. - Fireworks extravaganza.

Special events include championship putt putt golf and a horseshoe pitching contest. Horseshoe divisions include men's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles. Trophies will be awarded to first and second place finishers in each division.

The Recreation Department will be sponsoring a big trade lot yard sale beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing until 9 p.m. Any groups or individuals interested in selling articles are urged to contact the Recreation Department at 739-6995 or the Neighborhood Facility Center at 739-3549. Spaces will rent for \$4 for the entire day.

Belvin Eaves of Eaves School of Martial Arts in Shelby will give a martial arts exhibition. He holds a first degree black belt in Japanese Shotokan, Korean Tae Kwon Do and a second degree Black Belt in American Karate. He has won a number of tournaments in the area.

Franklin Ware Retires After 35 Years With ESC

Franklin L. Ware, 65, Kings Mountain native, enjoyed his first full day of retirement Wednesday after a career spanning 35 years with the Employment Security Commission.

On Tuesday, he retired as manager of Shelby's Employment Security Commission where he had served for 14 years.

Mr. Ware, of 815 W. Mountain St., says he plans to exercise his hobbies of gardening and bee keeping and he and his wife plan to do some traveling. Mrs. Ware, the former Eddys Latham, retired this month after a 29-year career as an English teacher at Kings Mountain Senior High School.

Relaxing in his home, Mr. Ware said he could look back over many happy years of public service since he started work for the ESC in Gastonia in August 1946. He has also seen many changes with the advent of computers replacing manual tabulation, and increased services from the traditional employment service phase of the operation to



FRANKLIN L. WARE

the unemployment division, job training through CETA funding, and the work incentive program for AFDC clients for the Department of Social Services.

Ware said he came to the program during a number of social and industrial transitions and he saw the steady rise of minimum wages and the arrival of Equal Employment Opportunity,

among other things. He has also been the labor force in Cleveland County grow from 28,000 to 38,500 and watched Cleveland County make the transition from a primarily textile and agricultural area to a diversified industrial area.

He has witnessed good economic times and periods of recession.

Growing up during the Depression Years, his first job at age 16 was as a roofer and his wages were 20 cents an hour. After school jobs and during the summertime he worked for Summitt's Nuway, a combination drug store and grocery, for \$2 a day to earn pocket money while a senior at KMHS. He learned the roofing trade from his father, the late F. Luther Ware.

After graduating from Erskine College, Due West, S.C. in 1938, he taught mathematics and coached basketball in Saluda County, S.C. and Mecklenburg County. He earned \$75 a month and his room and board cost him \$17.50 a month.

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