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Doing Man's Work



Photo by Lib Stewart

STREET WORKER-Crystal Porter Scoggins stands in front of the city truck which she operates as a member of the city's street department crew. On almost any day Crystal can be seen cutting grass with the city's heavy equipment.

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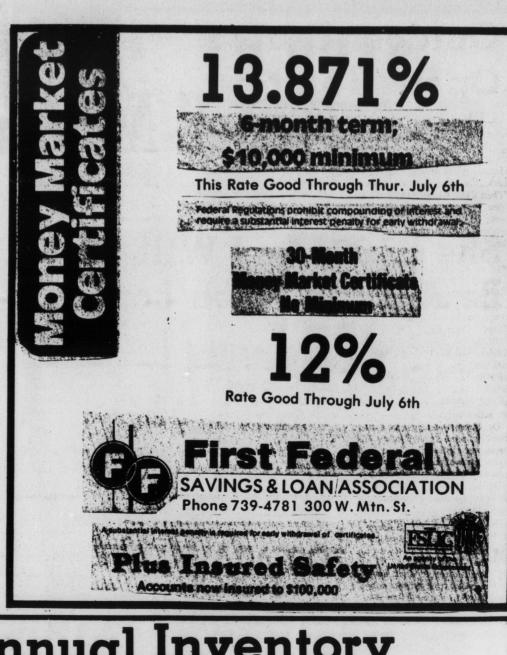
Virginia Black joined the street department a month ago. It's her responsibility to make and put up street signs, replace those signs torn down, run the fuel truck and clean the curbs. She does a man's job and likes it, giving up secretarial work to go outdoors.

A graduate of Crest High, she has three children, Timmy, age 7, Rodney, age 8, and Lynn, age 9. She is also a petite five foot two blonde.

"Both women hold jobs which once were held only by men but the city is an equal opportunity employer and these two women qualified for the positions and we are quite pleased at their onthe-job performance," said Huffman. The Public Works Department employs only two women "in the field". Two women work as gas meter readers in the Gas Department.

"I applied at several construction companies before I came to the City of Kings Mountain and could not get a job because they were afraid a woman couldn't handle it. I'm very grateful to the city for giving me a chance and I plan to do the best job I know how," said Mrs. Black.

Huffman said both women hold good work records, are reliable, and met all the qualifications for their jobs. "We're quite pleased to have them in the Street Department," he added.



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