

Mrs. Curry Honored On Her 80th Birthday

Mrs. Lillie Curry of Kings Mountain was honored Sat., Mar. 27 at the Kings Mountain Senior Citizens Center on her 80th birthday.

Attending were her 10 children, 56 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives.

Each of Mrs. Curry's grandchildren and great-grandchildren presented her with a red silk rose and money, and she received money from all of her 10 children.

Mrs. Curry's two oldest grandchildren, Mrs. Sarah Roberts and Mrs. Linda Williams, were in attendance, as well as her youngest grandchild, Shannon Moore.

All of Mrs. Curry's children live in the Kings Mountain-Gastonia area. They include Mason Lewis Curry, Robert Eugene Curry, Raymond Curry, Virginia Freeman, Mattie Adams, Jessie Moore, Mary Francis Curry and Evelyn Gordon.

Mrs. Mary Francis Curry was hostess for the day.

"All in all, it was a very enjoyable day," Mrs. Curry said.



LILLIE CURRY

Mauney Memorial Library Notes

By MARY JANE CARBO

"Libraries will get you through of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries". These words to the wise, from the authors of the *Next Whole Earth Catalog*, express the thought that we at Mauney Memorial Library would like you to remember as we gear up to celebrate National Library Week this month.

Where else can you learn how to: paint a portrait, cook exotic dishes, raise exotic fishes, interview for a job, start a business, save money on your taxes, repair your car, prune your fruit tree, trace your family tree or even build a house? And all of it absolutely free of charge.

Mauney Memorial Library is sponsoring several activities during National Library Week, April 18 through 24. Help us to celebrate by participating!

For the youngsters, a new session of Preschool Storytime will begin Wednesday, April 21 at 11:00 a.m. "Foolish Friends" is the theme for this four-week program. Any child aged 3-5 may attend and take part in silly stories, songs and games that are sure to raise a smile. Registration is required, so sign up your child soon!

For adults, Tuesday, April 20, will be a date to remember. Afternoon and evening activities will give citizens a chance to reflect on the changes in their communities as King's Mountain and Cleveland County move from an agricultural to an industrial area. What directions would we like to see King's Mountain take? "Changing Com-

munity Values in an Age of Technology" is the title of the day-long program, which is part of a continuing series of similar activities being sponsored by libraries throughout Cleveland County, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information about the program, or if you or your group would like to sign up for a tour of King's Mountain Military Park plus a picnic supper there, contact Maryjane Carbo at the library, 739-2371.

The entire family should enjoy taking advantage of our Annual Used Book Sale, which is slated for Friday, April 23rd on the front porch of the Mauney Memorial Library from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. A wide selection of used books will be available: romances, former best sellers, children's books, non-fiction etc. And the price is right too; hardback books are 25¢ apiece; paperbacks are 10¢ apiece (or 3 for 25¢). The proceeds will go toward preserving and microfilming our old copies of the *Kings Mountain Herald* (our collection dates back to 1947), so you know that your quarters will be put to good use.

Finally, National Library Week is a good time to scout around your home, car or office for any overdue books you or your family may still have. Why? Because National Library Week will also be a Fine Free Week. Even if your books are five years late, you may return it to the Mauney Memorial Library without fear of penalty. So you see, the Mauney Library really will "get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries". Especially during National Library Week!

BEING BEST ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH.

In 1974 our coal-fired generating system was selected the most efficient in the United States.

It was selected again in 1975. And 1976. And 1977. And 1978. And 1979. And 1980.

The results for 1981 aren't in yet. But we expect to find ourselves on top again.

That's a great record. A record we're proud of... but not satisfied with. Because efficiency translates directly into dollars. And the more efficient we become, the less you'll have to pay for electricity. It's that simple.

HOW EFFICIENCY IS DETERMINED.

Virtually all power plants use some kind of fuel to produce heat, which produces the steam that turns the electric generators.

And a plant's efficiency is determined by the average amount of fuel it takes to produce a kilowatt-hour of electricity. The less fuel it takes, the more efficient the plant.

In 1980, Duke's coal-burning generating plants used an average 9,398 BTU's of fuel to produce each kilowatt-hour of electricity. Our nearest competitor used 9,580 BTU's to achieve the same result.

Let's translate that into dollars. If our system had operated in 1980 at the level of the second best company, our customers would have had to pay nearly \$1 million more a month in their electric bills.

THE TOP TEN.

Power companies are ranked not only on the basis of overall efficiency, but also on the performance

of individual generating units.

In 1980, the latest year for which industry operating statistics are available, six Duke units were among the 10 most efficient individual generating units in the country.

Nation's Most Efficient Generating Units for 1980	
1. Belews Creek 2 (Duke Power)	6. Marshall 2 (Duke Power)
2. Brayton Point 3 (New England Gas & Electric)	7. Marshall 4 (Duke Power)
3. Marshall 3 (Duke Power)	8. Trenton Channel 9 (Detroit Edison)
4. Marshall 1 (Duke Power)	9. Stryker Creek 2 (Texas Utilities)
5. Belews Creek 1 (Duke Power)	10. John E. Amos 2 (American Electric Power)

Source: *Electric Light & Power Magazine*

WHY SO EFFICIENT?

We're the only power company in the country that designs and builds its own plants. Which means we not only build those plants at a lower cost, we build them with efficiency in mind from the ground up. But good plants alone aren't good enough. It takes good people to operate them.

Highly trained people. Highly motivated people. And that's the kind of people we have.

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.

Winning those national efficiency titles was a significant achievement. That's one reason our electric rates have increased less than those of most other power companies.

Still, we can't rest on those laurels. Because even though it's getting tougher to top our own efficiency record, we know that even a slight improvement will result in millions of dollars of additional savings for our customers.

That's why we'll never be satisfied with just being best.



PAM HATCH

Pam Hatch Is Winner

Pamela Hatch, senior at Kings Mountain High School, has been selected as one of four scholarship recipients by the South Piedmont Chapter of the Professional Engineers of North Carolina.

Miss Hatch was also selected as a National Award finalist and her application has been forwarded to the National Society of Professional Engineers for their awards selection.

Miss Hatch received special recognition awards and a check for \$50 from the South Piedmont Chapter.

Miss Hatch carries a 4.0 grade point average at KMHS and had an SAT score of 770 in math and 690 verbal for a total score of 1,460. She plans to attend Virginia Polytechnic Institute and study Chemical Engineering.



ANGELA BLACKWELL

Angela Selected For Band

Angela Blackwell, ninth grader at Kings Mountain Junior High, was selected as a member of the N.C. State Honors Band. In order to be eligible for the Honors Band, one must be a member of the All-State Band and be selected to try-out.

Angela will spend a week-end at N.C. State University and will participate in the Honors Band Concert on April 25.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haskel Blackwell.

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