

NEW MEMBERS—The new members of the Kings Mountain Chapter of the National Honor Society are, front row left to right, Susanne Bolin, Cynthia Ann Childers, Karen Roper, Lisa Smith, Kelly Goodson, Joan Finger, Joanie Hamrick, Jerri Patterson, and Sharon Dilling. Second row, Clayton Ollis, Tim Plonk, Hamilton McGill, Dan Asycue, Chris Champion, David Peeler, Jimmy Lackey, Roger Grant, and Mark Cloninger. Absent, Penny Sanders, David Allen, Rebekah Ayers and Kevin Dixon.

NHS Induction Held

The Kings Mountain High chapter of the National Honor Society held its annual induction ceremony Friday in the KMHS media center.

Twenty-two members of the junior class were selected for membership. They include Joan Finger, Kevin Dixon, Kelly Goodson, Joanie Hamrick, Mark Cloninger, Sharon Dilling, Jimmy Lackey, Clayton Ollis, Dan Asycue, Lisa Smith, Susanna Bolin, Roger Grant, Tim Plonk, Chris Champion, Hamilton McGill, David Peeler, Jerri Patterson, Karen Roper, Penny Sanders, David Allen,

Rebekah Ayers and Patricia Childers.

In order to challenge high school students to use their scholastic opportunities to the best of their abilities and to recognize those who do so, the high school principals organized the National Honor Society in 1921. Members are chosen from those who do outstanding work scholastically and also possess to an unusual degree the qualities of good citizenship, character, leadership and service.

To become eligible for membership in the Kings Mountain Chapter, a candidate must

be a member of the junior class, have a scholastic average of 3.400 or higher, and have been a student in the school at least one semester.

Membership in the National Honor Society is the highest honor the school can confer upon a student.

The senior members of the Kings Mountain chapter are Pam Hatch, Sandy Appling, Laura Herndon, Lisa Roark, Laura Bumgardner, Janet Blair, Bob Smith and Christa Williams. Sponsors are Sara Griffin and Angel Teer.

Mrs. McCarter Elected

Margaret Goforth McCarter, who has contributed 35 of her 38 years of teaching to the city of Kings Mountain, was honored at the North Carolina Alpha Delta Kappa Convention held in Greensboro April 23-25 by being elected Director of District II.

There are six districts in the state. District II has 18 chapters in the following towns: Charlotte, Concord, Kannapolis, Belmont, Gastonia, Lincolnton, Albemarle, Salisbury, Monroe, Shelby, Stony Point, and Kings Mountain.



MARGARET McCARTER

Drop-In Shower Honors Bride-Elect Karen Crane

A drop-in bridal shower Friday at the home of Mrs. Orangel Jolly, 112 South Gaston Street, honored Miss Karen Crane of Gastonia, bride-elect of Kenneth Warren Bridges.

Approximately 25 guests called between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m. and showered the bride-to-be with many miscellaneous gifts.

The event was hosted by Mrs. Jolly, Ruth Gamble and Grace Fuller.

Miss Crane is a nurse at the Kings Mountain Convalescent Center.

The hostesses presented her with a cup and saucer from her china pattern, and a pink and blue corsage.

The Jolly home was decorated in Miss Crane's wedding colors of the rainbow. Pink, blue and yellow flowers were used as decorations throughout the house.

Punch, vegetable sandwiches, toasted nuts and mints were served.

Miss Crane and Mr. Bridges will be wed at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 29 at Bethany Baptist Church in Gastonia.

Miscellaneous Shower Honors Mrs. Whitaker

Angie Spencer Whitaker, recent bride of First Class Petty Officer Jeffrey C. Whitaker, was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower given by the bridegroom's aunts, Mrs. Iris Biddy, and Mrs. Ruby Barber, both of Charlotte, Sunday in the fellowship hall of Piedmont Baptist Church.

Iris Biddy greeted guests and introduced them to the bride. Donna Whitaker Parker assisted at the bride's table, which was covered in white overlaid with a yellow lace cloth.

The refreshment table was covered in yellow with white lace overlay. The center of the table held a candelabrum with white tapers. Ruby Barber poured pink punch from a crystal punch bowl at one end of the table. Her daughter, Susan,

assisted in serving decorated cake squares, sausage balls, nuts, chips and mints to the 22 guests who called between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m.

Floral arrangements of mums, irises and snowballs were also used in the decorations.

Angie and Jeff were married Sun., Mar. 14 at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Blacksburg. Angie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Spencer of Big Lake, Tex., and is formerly from Blacksburg. Jeff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Whitaker of Kings Mountain. Grandparents are Mrs. Otis Barber and Walter Whitaker, also of Kings Mountain.

The newlyweds are making their home in Charleston, S.C., where Jeff is stationed with the U.S. Navy.

At the state convention, a reception was held on Friday night honoring the candidates. The election of new officers took place on Saturday morning during the business session. A candlelight installation of new officers was held Saturday night during a formal banquet. A Sunday morning breakfast honored the new officers.

Mrs. McCarter's qualifications for this office include the following: Past President of Beta Chi, Kings Mountain Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa; Past Vice President of Beta Chi; Past Program Committee Member; Past Pledge Committee Chairman; Current Courtesy Committee Chairman; Tenth Anniversary Banquet Committee Chairman. Her professional organizations include National Retired Teachers Association, State Retired Teachers Association, County Retired Teachers Association, Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority for Women Educators. Mrs. McCarter's membership in civic organizations include the following: Open Gate Garden Club, Study Club, Woman's Club, and Mauney Memorial Library Board. She is a member

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Note 25th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Franklin Davis of 406 Pineview Drive celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Wed., Apr. 28.

They were honored at their home with a candlelight dinner given by their daughter, Robin.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis were married on Sun., Apr. 28, 1957 in a 5 p.m. ceremony in Grace United Methodist Church. The late Rev. W.C. Sides Jr. performed the double-ring ceremony.

Mr. Davis is retired from the U.S. Army and is now employed by Lil' General. Mrs. Davis is employed by the Y.M.C.A. in Gastonia. They are members of Grace United Methodist Church, where Mr. Davis serves as teacher for the Young Adults Sunday School Class, and youth counselor for the United Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Facts, Fallacies And Fancies



By JESSE A. KISER

Later in life, my father decided to get work in Kings Mountain.

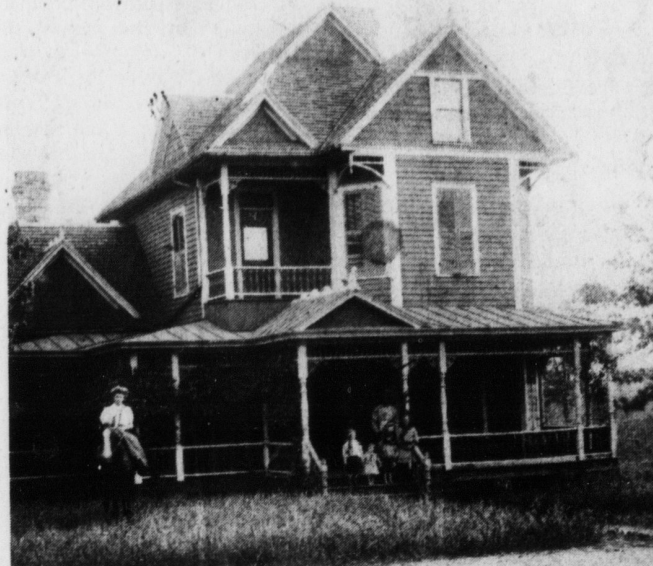
With a few clothes, a pair of broguean shoes and \$20, he began as a clerk in Mauney Brothers Store. In 1899, he and W.L. Plonk founded a general mercantile store, known as Plonk-Kiser. Then, in 1901 he and Floyd J. Mauney, a brother-in-law, organized a general merchandise store, selling groceries, millinery, farm equipment and such brand names as Schloss, Hart-Schaffner and Marks Clothing, Stetson hats, ladies shoes, Queen Quality, men, boys and girls shoes, Ralston, Crossett, Star brand shoes, Cluett-Peabody (Arrow) shirts, Blackcat hosiery, Blue Bell and Orr overalls and jackets, and many more reliable brands for families necessities.

Also, farm equipment such as IHC McCormick-Deering equipment, Tyuson-Jones buggies, Piedmont wagons, fertilizer (F.S. Royster brand), a fine line of staple groceries, candies, White Lily, Gold Medal flours, and some chewing and other tobaccos. They had men like Dave McIlwaine and Royster Tomes, who would deliver purchases to customers homes.

Miss Mamie Pollette, a very attractive lady from Baltimore, Md., was employed to manage the millinery department. Papa was successful in getting her to come and operate this phase of the business. She later married Dr. Luther P. Baker, and had a wonderful family of four sons and Peggy, a daughter.

Our father, while in this business, knew the customers and some of their buying habits so well that when they came into the entrance doors on the grocery side, in most instances he would know what they wished and many times would be posting the books of those buying on credit.

After the front of the building was remodeled with white brick in 1909, they purchased a large



RED HOUSE - Some of the members of the Kiser family are pictured above in front of the Red House, the Kiser home on West Mountain and Tracy streets. The lady on the horse is Lorena Williams, daughter of Uncle Jesse Williams. The horse's name was Maude. Jesse, Eugene and Arnold Kiser are pictured on the front steps with their maid, Carrie Ellis.

Mosler safe, where the records and important matters were kept. They also had three lock boxes for F.J.M., J.P.K. and L.A.K. for their personal matters. When some safecrackers were operating in the late teens, Papa would hang a placard on the handle on the doors reading "There are not any monies in safe, is not locked or combination used only value records." So no one ever attempted to molest the safe.

I recall that after Christmas he would take me with him in the buggy and visit their customers in part of Cleveland, Gaston and York counties. He would give the ladies a woolen shawl and the men a large leather pocket-book, known as an elephant ear.

The sales people in this organization were Lawrence Stowe, grocery, general merchandise, clothes, shoes and accessories; Mary Kendrick, who married Eugene Lipford, Miss Gertrude Ware, Miss Pollette,

Charles E. Warlick, Ora Rhea, Dave McIlwaine and Royster Tomes, draymen.

Sometime in the later teens, the Kiser-Mauney was dissolved and the firm was changed to Ideal Mercantile. As I recall, Ora Rhea and Charles E. Warlick were two of the principals, and others.

Uncle Floyd J. Mauney had a sub-dealership for Buick cars under C.C. Coddington of Charlotte, during the remainder of his life. He died July 8, 1921. He sold Buicks to S.A. Mauney, R.L. Mauney, D.C. Mauney and others.

Mr. Coddington was a promoter and when radio came into being, the first radio station was in Coddington, located at the intersection of North Graham and West Trade streets in Charlotte, and the call letters were WBT—"Watch Buicks Travel." I understand that was Mr. Coddington's suggestion, and a very good one.



KISER-MAUNEY STORE - This is a photo of the Kiser-Mauney Store, located in the Williford Building in downtown Kings Mountain. The identity of the lady is not known.

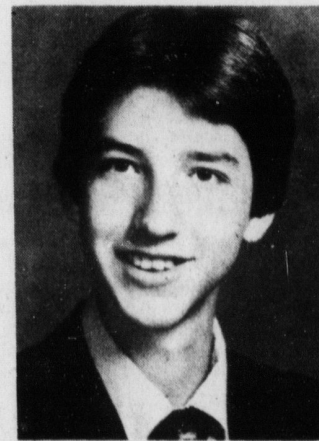
The man in the straw hat is Floyd J. Mauney and the man in the derby hat is Larkin A. Kiser, Jesse Kiser's father.

Shelby Exchange Club Smith Earns Scholarship

Robert Lee Smith, III, a senior and president of the student body at Kings Mountain Senior High, has been selected as "Youth of the Year" by the Shelby Exchange Club. At their Monday night meeting, he was presented a plaque and a merit awards check of \$750.00.

Smith also serves as president of the Beta Club, Secretary-Treasurer of the Search and Rescue Explorers Post 91, and is a member of the KMSH tennis team. He is a member of the Hi-Q team and was chosen "Most Likely to Succeed" by his senior class.

He has attended Tarheel Boys



BOB SMITH

State, North Carolina Governor's School in Winston-Salem, Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, and was named DAR Good Citizen for KMSH for 1981-82. Bob is a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, Science and Drafting Clubs, Human Relations Council, and Inter-Club Council. He was a Junior Marshall and last year's winner of William Danforth's "I Dare You" Award.

Smith plans to attend UNC-Chapel Hill in the fall and major in biology. He hopes to attend dental school and become an orthodontist.