

# The Home Is Where The Heart, Herons, Black Ducks And Sunsets Are

By JO HINSON

I walk backward toward the water to see the new chimney rising above the mobile home that has been our vacation place 16 years. I marvel at the rows of bricks where nothing had been, at the chimney that casts a new shadow.

It's taken my husband, Billy, and me seven years to make up our minds to leave our native Charlotte. A beautiful city, Charlotte, with world-class shops, restaurants and hotels. How could I give up street lights, the Mint Museum, South Park Mall, classes at Spirit Square and CPCC, the International News Stand

at Providence Square? Charlotte is only 45 minutes away, but I notice our retired lake friends avoid going there because of the heavy traffic.

I think Lake Norman lures people, once they get a taste of it. We spent the first summer of Billy's retirement at our lake place — the best summer of my life. I read, took naps, swam, and fished.

It was like stepping back 30 years. The pace was delightful. One of the best things was parking right at Belk's front door in Mooresville to shop. When we left at the end of summer, I vowed we would be back in the spring to build.

That was seven years ago. We teetered back and forth about building. People called, wanting to buy our place. We just couldn't give it up. I pored over 30 house plan books. Nothing worked.

Finally, Billy chose a plan, perfectly oriented to the lake, that gave me a little den — a real bonus.

We began our house last June, and moved into our mobile home. We made most of the major mistakes in building. Billy put it very well:

"We've lost some battles, but we're winning the war."

Yet, all the while, I was still doubt-ridden about moving.

While shopping for carpet in Charlotte, I met a lady who said she and her husband were building at the lake near us. I asked her how she felt about moving. "Nervous," was the grim reply. My feeling exactly.

Our dear friend of 30 years, Lynette Cooper, who has lived in our cove more than 15 years, has done all possible to make us feel happy these past months. Brenda and Bennie Sharpe gave a Neighbors Party, regaling us with food and a live band. Peggy Bailey invited me to a little get-together and to church.

Ada Myers gave us some of the most delicious home grown tomatoes

ever. I felt really part of the neighborhood when Peggy White called and asked me to pick her up (her car wouldn't start) in Mooresville, after which she brought us a delicious lemon pie. We discovered Joe's Barbecue and Harris-Teeter's chicken boxes in Mooresville, and Captain Pete's restaurant on Highway 150. Still, my heart was torn between the new house and Charlotte.

One day I stopped in Jean's Hallmark Shop in Mooresville. An attractive lady at the cash register looked familiar. I asked her if she was from Charlotte.

"No. I'm from Rhode Island."

"Rhode Island? Have you been here long?"

"Eight Years."

"Do you like it? I'm from Charlotte, and I'm having a hard time adjusting."

My heart must have been on my face.

"Oh, yes," she answered. "This is a lovely area. You're going to love it."

She gave me an assuring wink. I said I hoped so, while thinking, "easy for you to say. After eight years, any place would be home."

Billy and I cleaned up the new house after the dry-wallers. I walked about inside. Walking in that house is soothing. I wonder if it's because no one has ever lived there, so that there is no human residue, no aura of busyness, confusion.

"How can we not move into this house?" I asked. "It would be criminal, not to, after putting so much of ourselves into it."

I thought of all the times of elation when something got completed as planned, the sleepless nights when we worried about budget overruns, the hours of talking in an effort to solve problems.

A few days ago, I had to go to Charlotte. Driving in, I was very impressed by the new First Union skyscraper. There were the sporty little BMWs and the young people out for their daily run. Could Charlotte be a Yuppie city now? It didn't take us long to realize that a lot of the best Charlotte has to offer is out of the financial reach of retired people. Taxes on our home helped nearly double our house payment in 15 years. It occurred to me that perhaps we weren't leaving Charlotte, but that Charlotte had left us.

Later, I went by our Charlotte house to pick up winter clothes. I stood, staring out the window, thinking of friends and family who had moved away during the past 10 years. I thought about our new house, the friendliness of our new neighbors, the peace we feel at the lake, the family of black ducks we fed all summer, the sunshine and crystal autumn days, the rust red dogwood framed perfectly in our front door, the two blue herons, the pair of white egrets...

## Andrews Completes Course

Private Mathew C. Andrews, son of Rosemary Andrews of Mooresville, has graduated from a helicopter repair course at the U.S. Army Transportation School at Fort Eustis, Va.

During the course, Andrews learned to perform direct and general support maintenance on helicopters. Also, included was instruction in safety practices, usage of ground support equipment and special and precision tools.

Andrews is a 1986 graduate of Arlington High School in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

## Campbell Receives Assignment

Navy Petty Officer Second Class Michael A. Campbell, son of Alvin G. and Charlotte R. Campbell of Mooresville, route 8, has reported for duty with Fighter Squadron-143, Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia Beach, Va.

A 1977 graduate of Garinger High School, Charlotte, Campbell joined the Navy in January 1980.

## Louis Penley Dies; Rites Last Sunday

Louis Howard Penley, 68-year-old resident of Mount Ulla, route 1, died at 4:55 a.m. Friday at the Lake Norman Regional Medical Center in Mooresville.

Mr. Penley, after spending 26 years in the U.S. Army, retired July 1, 1967, holding the rank of sergeant first class at the time of his discharge.

He was a veteran of World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Demilitarized Zone in Korea.

During his years of military service, Mr. Penley earned the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Medal.

A native of Weaverville, Mr. Penley was born on July 27, 1919, a son of the late Heath and Jennie Edwards Penley.

Surviving are: the wife, Mrs. Lillian Basinger Penley; one son, Gary Penley of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Janie Nagle of Severna Park, Maryland; one brother, Walter Penley of Asheville; and one sister, Mrs. Irene Garrison of Derita. Four grandchildren also survive.

A funeral for Mr. Penley was conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of the Neill Funeral Home in Mooresville, with the Rev. John Cole, pastor of Centenary United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Centenary United Methodist Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

## Kimmel As Poe As Davidson

Kentucky actor Danaol Kimmel will appear as Edgar Allan Poe for an evening of scary storytelling Nov. 3 in Philanthropic Hall, a dramatic 19th-century building on the Davidson College campus.

The free one-man show will be presented at 10 p.m. by the Literary Arts Committee of the College Union.

Poe is widely known for his tales of the macabre, such as "The Fall of the House of Usher," "The Cask of Amontillado," "The Tell-Tale Heart" and "The Pit and the Pendulum."

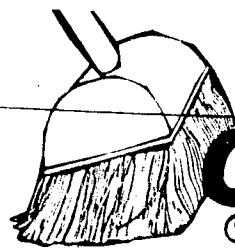
Kimmel appeared in the movie "Taps," acted in New York and he is now working in Louisville, Ky., for Walden Theater.

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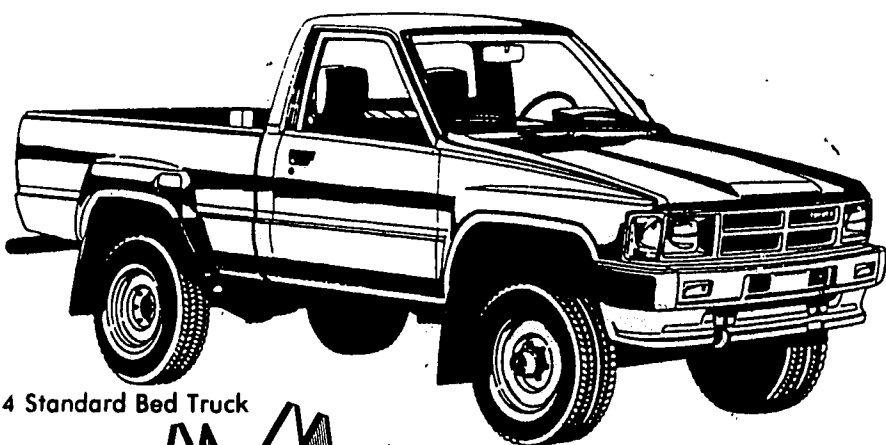
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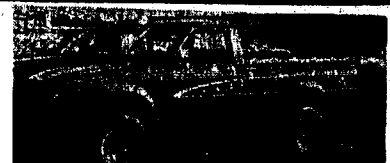
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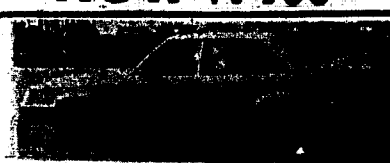
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