



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** — Joe Machnik, left, plant manager of Clevevont Mills, serves up a piece of birthday cake to employe Betty Whidden. Ms. Whidden was one of

the 127 original employes still with the company. The plant celebrated its first year in Kings Mountain with a birthday party Tuesday.

**Clevevont Mills** celebrated its first year in Kings Mountain Tuesday by serving cake and ice cream to its 556 employes.

Clevevont, a division of Union Underwear, began operation here in October of 1976 and 127 of the original employes are still with the firm today.

Joe Machnik, plant manager, said operations began here with a small group of employes who began what is today Unit 4000 in the sewing department.

## Happy Birthday, Clevevont

In the weeks to come, the number of employes grew rapidly and production began in the cutting, finishing and knitting departments. Machnik says the plant has developed to 60 percent of its capacity and predicts it will reach its full potential in mid 1978.

One of 16 plants in seven states which employs 14,000, Machnik says the plant here provides \$3.5 million per year to the Kings Mountain economy. The corporation, which has its

home offices in Kentucky, celebrated its 50th anniversary last year. The underwear manufactured by Clevevont is sold under the Fruit of the Loom Label.

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### KM Hospital Log

Patient List at Noon Wednesday:

**OCT. 2**  
Mrs. Janice Bell and Cecil Lewis Cole, both of Bessemer City; William Mitchem, Mrs. Raymond Galloway and Mrs. Mattie Carroll, all of Kings Mountain.

### VANDALISM

Kings Mountain Police Department reported one incidence of vandalism Tuesday night. Lamar Woods, of 1108 Northwoods, reported that a car window was broken at his home.

Sgt. Bob Hayes who investigated for KMPD.

Ross Potts, of 608 Phenix St., told police that a 12 gauge shotgun was removed from a bedroom closet, estimated value \$80. Mrs. Potts said a screen was cut from her residence to gain entrance between 2:30 and 4 p. m. Sept. 30.

Mrs. Larry Wright, of Chestnut Ridge Rd., reported that four hubcaps, were removed from her 1974 LTD while the car was parked in the Hospital parking lot.

### ACCIDENTS

Thirty accidents caused six injuries on state roads in Cleveland County during the week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2, according to Highway Patrol Sgt. M. K. Holcomb. Speeding caused the major portion of these accidents.

McGinnis St., reported that his Decca tape player was stolen from his 1970 model truck. Estimated value was \$70.

Harvey Williams, of 913 Holder Rd., Gastonia, reported incidents of shoplifting at a local shopping center. Three cartons of Salem cigarettes were removed by three suspects and recovered by the store manager.

Fred Jones, Jr., of 626 E. Gold St., reported a breaking and entering at Amos Traller Park where two Winchester rifles, shells, a carrying case, tackle box, and assorted coins and rings valued at \$500 were stolen from his residence. He said the vandals cut the screen to enter his home. The incident occurred between 8:30 and 9:30 p. m. Sept. 30, Jones told

## Vandalism Reports Under Investigation

Kings Mountain Police are investigating several incidents of vandalism.

James Allen, of Shelby, reported that his Midland CB Radio was removed from his Ford pickup truck while the vehicle was parked in a local shopping area Oct. 1. Vandals broke a vent glass to gain entrance. The radio was valued at \$127.

Emma Huskey, of Pine Manor Apts., told KMPD her purse was snatched at a local shopping center.

Barbara Williams of 402 E. King St., reported that her car tag was removed while the car was stalled on U. S. 74 East.

Edward Allison, of 509 Monroe Ave., reported that a window was broken in the back door of his residence.

Randy Strickland, 109

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## Lloyd E. Davis For District 2 Commissioner

During my last term as commissioner, the salaries of our department heads were between \$25,000 and \$30,000 per year. When checking at City Hall recently, I discovered that the salaries were well over \$70,000 per year, not including the Mayor's salary of \$18,900. It seems to me that this is entirely too much for a city of our size. I feel that we are paying part of these salaries from a Federal Grant, because I do not believe our taxpayers could afford this.

At the present we are paying more than \$70,000 annually to people employed by the City but never have and probably never will live within our city limits. They are citizens of surrounding towns.

We have numerous college graduates who were born and raised in Kings Mountain — both black and white — that are capable of filling these positions. WHY ARE THEY HAVING TO GO TO OTHER TOWNS TO FIND EMPLOYMENT? WHY AREN'T WE EMPLOYING THESE PEOPLE? They are our taxpayers and this is where their salaries should come from.

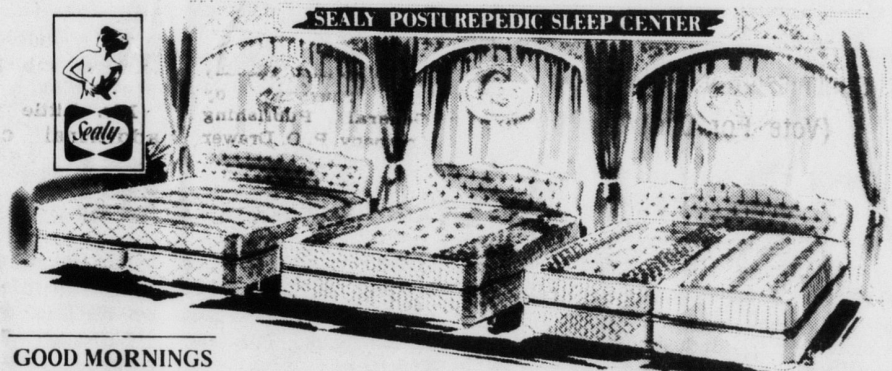
The figures mentioned here are not something I have heard — they are actual figures taken from the Payroll records at City Hall. If you find them hard to believe, you as a citizen have the right to go to the City Hall and ask to see the records. These and all other records of this nature are available for your inspection.

I feel that the above is something each of us should be concerned about. I feel that we should pay our employes good salaries but some of these are ridiculous.

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*Lloyd E. Davis*

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