

# Conner Trial Underway

The trial of Donald Conner, Sr., 45, and his wife, Betty, 43, is underway this week in Catawba County Superior Court at Newton.

The Kings Mountain couple is charged in the attempt to bomb the residence of Gaston County Sheriff Sarge Waldrep.

April 10.

Conner is charged with attempted malicious damage of occupied property by an explosive in connection with the April 9 attempted bombing of the east Gastonia home, while Mrs. Conner is charged with accessory after the fact.

prisonment.

Judge Lacey Thornburg revoked Conner's bond at the end of Monday's session and after jurors had been removed from the courtroom. Conner was arrested in Newton on Sunday night and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants. As a condition of his posting bond, Conner was not to leave Gaston county until his court date. He will remain in custody for the remainder of the trial.

The Conner trial is being held in Catawba County following a change of venue because of pre-trial publicity in Gaston County.

Prosecuting witnesses expected to testify this week include Jeffrey Thompson, 18, of Kings Mountain, who Monday pled guilty to the attempted bombing charge. Sentencing for Thompson has been postponed until end of the trial. The maximum sentence is life im-

After most of Monday was taken up with the selection of a jury, proceedings got underway with the sheriff's wife, Roimelle, and 14-year-old-son, Jeff, testifying how they found a tube wrapped with black tape with wires running from it on their back porch the morning

# Hygiene Program Approved

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both dry brushing and swishing with fluoride in a presentation before the school board. "By training our children in the early years in good dental health habits we have found the decay rate much lower," she said. Dr. Charles Blair, local dentist, concurred, noting that the decay rate is much lower in patients he has observed who participated in the public health program at school. "All local dentists endorse this program," he added, also pointing to the cost-effectiveness factor.

Replying to a question on board member June Lee, Mrs. Wilder said very little paperwork is expected of the classroom teacher and the entire program amounts to about 60 minutes per week. Mrs. Wilder visits elementary classrooms in the county periodically for screening of the children and all findings are reported to parents.

Supt. William Davis, in recommending that the board reinstate the brushing aspect of the program this Fall, noted that brushing was eliminated because board members at that time were unaware of the

minimum of time required to conduct the full program. "I think we as parents are all aware that the dental program is a crucial part of the instructional program," he added.

In another major action, the board approved, upon recommendation of Supt. Davis, an advisory board of 19 citizens to head up the KM Community Schools program and develop its policy. The new program, to be conducted at Central, North and East Schools, will be headed by Bill Grissom, Frankie Webster, Rosalee Garvin, Steve Moffett, Mike Garner and Amos Roberts at Central School; Elaine Grigg, Milledge Spires, Peggy McDowell, Marilyn Williams, Brenda Chapman, Annie Thoms and Mack Stewart at North; and Charles Ware, William Anderson, Jane Dixon, Yvonne Woods, Virginia Leach and Betty Greene at East School.

Dan Campbell, school psychologist, reporting after a two-month study of retention of students at the request of Supt. Davis, reported that less than eight percent

of elementary students in the system are being retained and recommended that the earlier a student is retained the more growth on standardized testing can be expected.

Campbell said that all data he has collected will be shared with individual principals and teachers "in order to further investigate the benefits versus the cost of retaining a student."

"There are so many varied reasons why kids are retained that his preliminary study can't pinpoint them," said Campbell, who said he felt it would require a year to come up with concrete recommendations.

# Wanted: House Parents

Johnny, his brother and two sisters came to the Shelter Home of Cleveland County when their mother became mentally ill and was hospitalized. The father had to continue his work and there was no one to care for the children. After 60 days, the mother was discharged much improved, and the children returned home.

Jane and Mary's parents divorced leaving them with grandparents physically unable to care for them. They came to the home while more definite planning was worked out for them.

The Shelter Home of Cleveland County needs your help, said a

spokesman this week, who noted that this home serves children from infancy to 16 years who are temporarily displaced (it can be their home for one week up to 90 days).

According to Mrs. Charles (Marilyn) Hamilton of Kings Mountain, officials are looking for a married couple to reside in the home with all expenses paid plus a salary. Inquiries or applications may be made by contacting Pat Martin, Executive Director, Shelter Home of Cleveland County, PO Box 2053, Shelby, N.C. 28150 or by calling Charles Rhoden between 9 a.m.

and 8 p.m. at 487-7221 or Mrs. Hamilton at 482-0068 after 5 p.m.

Mrs. Hamilton pointed out that the Shelter Home serves all of Cleveland County and its board members come from all over the county. The Home is also a recipient of the KM United Fund.

Mrs. Hamilton said that the Shelter Home had its beginning through the interest and concern of a group of citizens working through churches of the Shelby community. The proposed project was presented to the five major church denominations and full endorsement was given. It is a private agency operated by an

elected board of directors. Through a study of the community, it was established there was a real need for a home to house children in need of temporary care away from their own home. This need arises from many varied family disruptions. Parents may be separated or divorced, father or mother may be in prison, the child may be grossly neglected or abused, illness, physical or mental conditions are a factor. The Home fills a need as a temporary home until the child can return to his own environment.

According to a former housemother, the most important quality the house parent must possess is an unusual love for children, a person who realizes the immediate need for love, someone who cares enough to cope with both little and big problems, without giving up, a person who will be able to love even the unlovely. Patience is also an important qualification.

"The noble soul has reverence for itself." Friedrich

# Lithium Corp. Announces Four Promotions

Four promotions to management positions were announced today by Lithium Corporation of America.

Two promotions are in the Works Engineering Division at the chemical plant of the corporation at Bessemer City.

Don Markwalder has been moved up to Project

Field Supervisor. He formerly was Maintenance Supervisor of Fabrication and Construction. Howard Teague has been made Fabrication and Construction Supervisor. He formerly was leadman in the construction and fabrication group.

Other promotions include Harold Hipps who was advanced to

Production Supervisor of Area 2 Production at the chemical plant. Hipps formerly was relief operator in the Area 2 Production Division.

Leyton Temple was promoted to Biologist in the Research Department of the corporation. He formerly was a laboratory technician in the department.

# \$5-Million Industry Will Locate In KM

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The company presently operates 22 plants in seven countries; 17 are engaged in hydraulics, eight of which are located in the U.S. Other hydraulic plants serve Europe, the United Kingdom, Australia, Japan, Brazil and Canada. Research and development centers are located at Youngstown and Gloucester, England.

Capital equipment alone for the Kings Mountain installation will exceed \$2 million. The building will occupy 42,000 sq. ft. Approximately 50 people will be employed and will include machine operators, assemblers, test stand operators, inspectors, packers and shippers, tool grinders and supervisory as well as office personnel.

In addition to the manufacturing plant, a 63,000 sq. ft. warehouse will be erected on the same site for the company's first hydraulic parts warehouse. A portion of this area will serve also as a quick-service warehouse for the company's line of tank heads used by manufacturers of storage tanks and pressure vessels. Commercial

operates a similar service in Chicago, Hagerstown, Maryland, and Houston. Some 20 people will be required to run these warehouses when they are opened.

These products serve three general markets—manufacturers of machinery and equipment used by the construction, mining, transportation, materials handling and agricultural industries; authorized distributors of the company's hydraulic components; and fabricators of tanks. Typical applications for hydraulic equipment are excavators, continuous miners, earth movers, cranes, fork lift tractors, combines, oil field rigs, marine winches, loaders and refuse trucks.

Commercial maintains 14 district sales offices in North America. There are also more than 30 distributors in some 60 locations that handle these hydraulic products. Besides pumps and motors, the company also manufactures cylinders, control valves, hydraulic mine props, and a new group of variable displacement piston pumps that operate in high-pressure ranges. Other plants are located in Youngstown, Westerville and Hicksville, Ohio; Butler, Indiana; Benton,

Arkansas and Central City, Iowa. The Canadian plant is at Acton, Ontario.

The company was founded in Youngstown in April, 1920. It produces, also, underground support systems for tunnels, mines, shafts and hydroelectric projects; cold-formed metal shapes, upset forgings and, in Europe only, pre-engineered buildings manufactured to metric design. This June it was ranked by Fortune magazine as the 708th largest industrial corporation in the U.S. in terms of 1978 sales which were over \$209.5 million. Total employment throughout the world is 3,450.

In planning for the Kings Mountain facility, company officials are intent upon maintaining the natural beauty of the site and preserving the area's environmental balance. The manufacturing processes are not considered to be disturbing pollutants of air, water or noise.

Mayor Moss said Jerry King, director of the Kings Mountain Development Office, and John Barker, a Cleveland County realtor, were instrumental in interesting Commercial Shearing in the Gaston County-Kings Mountain area.

# Thank You

# From The Sourisands

The Onta Sourisond family from Laos were showered with furnishings and clothing on their arrival in Kings Mountain.

The refugee family is sponsored by First Presbyterian Church and is the second family from Laos to move to Kings Mountain under sponsorship of Presbyterians. "We appreciate everything that Kings Mountain people have done to make us welcome in this country," said Mr. Sourisond.

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