

### National Engineering Week Is Underway; 97 Programs In N. C.



**COMPLETES TRAINING** — Airman Barry G. Fowler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Fowler of 608 E. Lee St., Bessemer City, N. C., has received his first U. S. Air Force duty assignment after completing basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. The airman has been assigned to a unit of the Strategic Air Command at Carswell AFB, Tex., for training and duty in the supply field. Airman Fowler is a 1969 graduate of Bessemer City High School and attended Central Piedmont College, Charlotte, N. C. His wife is the former Phyllis Queen of Bessemer City.

RALEIGH — Engineering Week is appropriately observed during the month of February, the same month we celebrate the birthday of George Washington, who was not only our first president but reportedly among the first surveyors in the nation.

This surveyor, father of our country, would no doubt be astounded if he could see how far the overall field of engineering education has evolved since his time, especially in the past few years.

To realize these educational advancements, one need not look further than North Carolina's technical institute-community college system's offerings in the engineering technologies.

Of the 54 schools in the system, 39 offer a total of 97 programs in 15 engineering technology curricula. Among these curricula are environmental engineering, electronic engineering, instrumentation and civil engineering.

According to Frank A. Gourley, engineering technology consultant, Department of Community Colleges, because of the demands of our changing society, several new engineering technology curricula are being developed within the system. Among these curricula are plastics technology, designed for the state's fast-growing plastics industry; medical electronics, which involves the installation and maintenance of modern equip-

ment in hospitals; and marine electronics.

North Carolina has had to step up its education for engineering technicians due to the rapid industrial growth in the state. And on the other hand, industry is being attracted to North Carolina, in part, because of the availability of trained technicians.

To make certain the engineering technology programs offered by technical institutes and community colleges are tailored to fulfill the requirements of industry, industrialist with expertise in the various engineering areas take part in the development of the programs. They not only advise as to courses and course content, but they recommend the equipment that should be used. Mr. Gourley said, "We try to replicate industrial equipment, with people from industry revising equipment lists as changes are made."

Even though the prime objective of the two-year engineering technology programs is to prepare men and women for immed-

### Letter To Editor

TO: Martin Harmon  
Editor

Dear Sir,

Having noted with great interest the overflow of federal money which seems to be flowing in our nation at the present time, which late employment, there are other avenues they may travel after graduation. Two are mentioned here.

Appalachian State University has a unique bachelor of technology program designed for outstanding graduates of technical curricula. This program provides the second two years of education for those who have completed certain two-year curricula. It is designed to supply technical institutes and community colleges with occupational instructors.

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte offers an engineering technology program, primarily designed for those who hold associate in applied science degrees from technical institutes and community colleges. Three options are available at UNCC as two-year upper division (junior and senior) programs.

is the tax payers money being returned to the states. I was just wondering as to why our fair city hasn't as our neighboring city Charlotte has, ventured out for some of these funds in building a new police complex such as Charlotte has with the latest police technology. Having worked with numerous police departments throughout the United States, Europe and Asia, I feel that our city could use a new police complex. As I feel perhaps in many instances there are others who feel as I do. To work under conditions, where city government and the police department are housed under one complex it's very difficult to function properly. Therefore since Kings Mountain is growing by leaps and bounds, I feel as many others that our police department deserves the best as well as the tax payers. A new police complex, a new location, a new approach.

I for one believe that we have as a finer group of dedicated men in our police department of the City of Kings Mountain, as anywhere throughout the nation. And they deserve better.

Respectfully,  
E. H. Pearson

### Hawkins Rites Are Conducted

Funeral rites for A. R. Hawkins, Jr., 29, were held Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Faith Baptist church of which he was a member.

Rev. Robert Hicklen and Rev. Play Payne officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Hawkins died last Wednesday afternoon of head injuries, four hours after his clay-loaded 1971 International Dump Truck was struck by a northbound Southern Railway freight train at a crossing near Grover.

Hawkins, driver for Bennett Brick & Tile Company, died in Charlotte Memorial hospital.

Surviving are his wife, the former Diane Harris, who is expecting their first child; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hawkins; and two brothers, Billy Hawkins of Kings Mountain and Travis Hawkins of Gastonia; and one sister, Mrs. James Early of Van Wert, Ohio.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to the many friends and neighbors, to Drs. Hendricks, Durham and Lee and the staff of Kings Mountain hospital for their many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy at the sickness and death of our beloved mother and grandmother.

The Family of  
Mrs. Carrie Fryer 2:18

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