



1882 Landmark As Razing Began...

Landmark Razing Nearly Complete

Razing of Ware & Sons roller mill, one of the city's oldest landmarks at 91 years, is about complete. The property has been acquired for the central business district redevelopment project. A news account on the history of the mill appeared in the Cleveland County Centennial edition of the Shelby Daily Star. It reads: "What was perhaps the first grist and saw mill built in Cleveland County was that erected by Thomas Preston McGill on Possimmons Creek about six miles from the present town of Kings Mountain. The mill was operated by water power. In 1870, William Oates Ware, son of Alexander and Martha Oates Ware, and great grandson of Captain John Ware (spelled Weer) of Revolutionary fame, purchased the mill from Mr. McGill his father-in-law, and operated same until it was burned in 1880 by Calvin Neal, a war veteran, who worked for Mr. Ware. After the fire Neal moved to Texas and on his dying bed confessed to Ted Allen, another worker of the Ware mill, that he fired the mill, and on three attempts prior to that had endeavored to kill Mr. Ware, his employer. "In 1882, the Ware family moved to Kings Mountain and established the first industry in the community—a grist and saw mill



...And Job Nearly Done

Population

Greater Kings Mountain	21,914
City Limits	8,465

The Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the Special United States Bureau of the Census report of January, 1966, and includes the 14,990 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowders Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Kiwanis Talent Event Thursday

Students To Vie For Awards At 16th Show

Forty-six Kings Mountain students will compete for trophies in the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club's 16th annual School Talent Show Thursday (tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Central junior high school.

The students will perform in five divisions. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

Competing in Division I for third and fourth grades will be: Aaron Belt, drums; Angie McKinney and Brent Bell, a duet, "I Would If I Could"; Beth Bates, a jazz dance to "Don't Stop"; Bridgette Glass and Tina Benton, duet to "One More Chance"; and Edie Schronce and Kristal Hurstler, a song and tap dance.

Junior High students who will perform in Division II will be: Aaron Keemster who will play an original piano solo, "Lean On Me"; Robin Gordon who will sing, "Never Say Goodbye"; and Randy Carthen who will dance an original dance "Gimme That Beat."

Charles Ledford will dance "The Charleston" Mark Canipe will sing "O What A Happy Day," Angel Allen will dance to "Rumba Rhythm," Pam Morrow, Caroline Harper and Tracy will sing and dance to "Three Little Kittens" and Melissa Bowen will dance in Division III for First and Second Grades.

Performing in Division IV for Fifth and Sixth Grades will be: Ruth Barnett, Gail Jackson and Marcella Smith dancing to "Scorpion"; William McSwain will play a piano solo; Kim Gladlen will tap dance; Carol Bennett will present a reading; Pam Leach will tap dance and John Wofford, Vernon Bell and Darryl Friday will dance.

In the High School Division the "Soul Occasions" will play "Ain't No Sunshine When He's Gone" featuring Louise Young as vocalist. Others in the band will be Gary Strong, Fred Smith, Kevin Pace, Alvin Rhodes, Calvin Edwards, Mike Adams, Raymond Herndon and Freddie Wilson. David Lucas will sing "Love Story"; and a rock band composed of Randy Floyd, Sam Brodnax, Steve Allen, Frank Humphries, Mark Withers, Jerome Cash, Dale Yarbo and Diane Bolin will play "Then Changes."



PROMOTED — Col. Charles E. Painter, formerly of Kings Mountain, has been promoted to the rank of Colonel.

Col. Painter Wins Promotion

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio—Lt. Col. Charles E. Painter, a member of the Deputy for Engineering, Engineering and Support Division, has been selected for promotion to the rank of colonel. He is currently co-located in the Deputy for F-15 as chief of the Engineering Division, Joint Engine Project Office, Aeronautical System Division.

He served a tour in Southeast Asia as a navigator on a AC-119K aircraft prior to his assignment to Wright-Patterson.

Colonel Painter holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster. He was commissioned through the Air Force aviation cadet program in April 1956.

He attended Appalachian State in Boone, N. C., from 1952 to 1954. In 1969 he earned a bachelor and master of science degree in Aerospace Engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology School of Engineering at Wright-Patterson.

His parents, Mr and Mrs. L. W. Painter, live at 197 Cleveland Ave., Kings Mountain, N. C. His wife is the former Teresa G. Lorenzo of 407 E. Washington, Harlingen, Texas.

The Painters have two sons, Charles E. III, 16, and Robert L., 13. They live at 3181 Felton Drive, Dayton.

POLICE AUXILIARY
Kings Mountain Police Auxiliary will hold regular meeting Monday night at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

Funeral Conducted Wednesday For Businessman Hord Herndon

Funeral rites for Hord Herndon, 62, who died Sunday night of a heart attack, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Bethlehem Baptist church of which he was a member. Rev. Russell Pitts, assisted by Rev. L. D. Striggs, officiated at the funeral services, and interment was in Bethlehem cemetery.

Mr. Herndon owned an operated Herndon's Trading Post and Trailer Court on Margrace Road. He was a native of Cleveland county, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Maxie Herndon. He was a veteran of World War II. Surviving are his sister, Mrs. Hunter Wells of Kings Mountain. *Continued On Page Eight*

Canvas Tonight For Oak Grove Fire Equipment

The Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department today will launch a community-wide project aimed at raising \$15,000 for two pieces of fire-fighting equipment which will put them "over the hump" in equipment needs.

Chief Wayne Self said 100 volunteers will begin a 800 house-to-house solicitation for funds to purchase a quick dump water truck and a brush fire truck. The campaign will continue through the month of May.

Letters have been mailed to all families in the community explaining the drive and funds needed, Self said. The letter further states that the annual membership drive has been postponed until October in order to concentrate on the immediate need for equipment.

District directors for the campaign are John O. Patterson, Gilbert Patterson, Rush White and Howard Hamrick.

Chambers Shot In Leg Saturday

Kings Mountain police are searching for clues into a Saturday shooting of a Route 4, Kings Mountain man.

Lawrence Chambers reported to police that he was walking south on Margrace Road about 4 p.m. when he was shot in the leg.

Chambers told police that as he started to cross the highway a car approached and as it passed he heard a shot. He said he thought at first the car had back-fired but then felt a sting and saw blood running down his leg.

Chambers went to a nearby grocery store and was taken to Kings Mountain Hospital for treatment.

Police said Chambers reported that he did not know what kind of car approached, but said it was a brown color. He could not identify anyone in the car.

Police further noted that they believe Chambers was not shot by persons in the car but by someone who might have lived close by and was possibly out in a field shooting.

Several other incidents kept police busy during the past week. An employee of Adams and Orr Cab Co. reported Thursday that someone stole a .32 calibre pistol, valued at \$40, out of a desk drawer as he was out of the office for a short time. He noted there were three people in the office when he left and the same three were there when he returned.

Dutch Bennett of 35 Dixie Trailer Park reported Friday that someone stole six sets of uniforms out of a city garage truck sometime between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 7 a.m. The truck was left parked inside the fence at the city garage. Value of the clothes was \$70.

Bill Childers reported Saturday that someone stole his pickup truck, valued at \$900, which was parked in the parking lot of Childers Heating and Roofing. The truck was later found blocking the road on Barnette Drive.

A guitar, amp and radio were reported stolen from the home of Mrs. Nick Boyle at 204 Catherine Street Sunday. She told police she left the house at 2 p.m. and when she returned at 4, the items were missing.

Larceny of a watch was reported by Georgia Green of 802 Princeton Drive Monday at 12:30 p.m. The watch has since been *Continued On Page Eight*

Building Bought For CBD Project



WINS MASTER'S — Mrs. Peter Hauser has received her Master's degree from North Carolina State University at Raleigh.

Master's Degree To Mrs. Hauser

Mrs. Helen Goforth Hauser, Kings Mountain native and wife of Peter Hauser of Raleigh, has received her Master's Degree in vocational education from the Department of Technical and Industrial Education at North Carolina State University.

She teaches home economics at Sanderson high school in Raleigh and is certified now to teach home economics, Introduction to Vocations and Industrial Cooperative Training.

Mrs. Hauser is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Goforth of route 1.

Hauser is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hauser of Kings Mountain, is working toward a doctorate degree in chemistry at North Carolina State University and they are residing at 804 Chamberlain street in Raleigh.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER
The Dixon Presbyterian Church choir will sponsor a spaghetti supper Saturday at 6 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. There will be no charge but donations will be accepted for the piano fund.

Mrs. Finger, Mrs. Baker Charter Members Of Thursday Book Club

Kings Mountain's oldest club—the Thursday Afternoon Book Club—will soon mark its 60th birthday.

Only two of the original 24 charter members—Mrs. L. P. Baker, Sr. and Mrs. Fred Finger—remain active today in the organization which numbers 20.

Mrs. Finger gave a history of the club as the program for Thursday's meeting at the home of Mrs. L. P. Baker, Sr.

She reminisced about the early years of the club's organization when women wore hats and gloves to regular meetings and talked of her life in Kings Mountain as a bride. Mrs. Finger, the former Belle Miller, also remin-

Redevelopment Group Bought Mauney Building

Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission has acquired from Mrs. Sarah H. Mauney the building on West Mountain street now occupied by Mattie and Carolyn's Snack Shop.

Gene White, director of the commission, said purchase price was \$10,600 for the 2700 square foot building.

It is another of the properties scheduled for razing in the central business district redevelopment project, as are the neighboring property owned by Mrs. W. C. Putnam and the Schulman property occupied by Dellinger's Jewel Shop.

The Jewel Shop expects to build a building at the corner of West Mountain and Cherokee streets on the present parking lot Lewis Dellinger has purchased from Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association.

Mr. White said the Snack Shop building won't be razed until the other two properties are acquired.

This property excepting a ten-foot walkway will be offered for resale for commercial redevelopment.

Mrs. Plonk's Father Passes

Funeral rites for George W. Huntley, 61, of Clearwater, Fla., father of Mrs. David Plonk of Kings Mountain, were conducted Saturday afternoon from First Baptist church of Forest City.

Mr. Huntley, a retired realtor, died Friday morning following extended illness. He was a native of Forest City.

The Rev. Minter officiated at the final rites and interment was in Forest City cemetery. Besides his daughter here, Mr. Huntley is survived by his wife; one son, Bob Huntley of Stone Mountain, Ga.; one brother, Carl Huntley of Forest City; two sisters, Mrs. Ellie Moss and Mrs. Pate Smith of Forest City; and eight grandchildren.

Piano Pupils Win Top Ratings

Three piano pupils of Mrs. Martin Harmon won ratings of "excellent" and five others took "good" ratings at the annual piano contests sponsored by North Carolina Music Teacher's Association Saturday at Mauney Music Building on the campus of Lehigh Rhyne college at Hickory.

Winning "excellent" ratings were Kenny Mauney, Teresa Putnam and Jane Campbell.

Winning "good" ratings were Cindy Bolin, Gina Patterson, Angela Clark, Angela Shuford and Leanne DeVane. *Continued On Page Eight*

Library Week: Library Boasts 16,000 Books

By MRS. MILTON FRYER Librarian

Mauney Memorial Library

This is National Library Week as you perhaps have noticed on the attractive downtown posters contributed by the Kings Mountain High School Art Department under Mrs. Suzanne Wise.

Mauney Memorial Library, whose motto is "to bring People and Books together", would like to welcome all Kings Mountain area citizens to visit their public library. The library would also like to give these citizens a resume of its services and fundamental business operation.

Services:

1. Talking Books for the blind and physically handicapped

These book-records are sent to qualified persons, together with record player and catalog, on loan, free of charge from the N. C. State Library in Raleigh. The books may be returned also free of charge to Raleigh. The titles in the catalog cover a wide interest range: travel, fiction, history, sports, biography, religion, westerns and mysteries. If you know of someone who could use this service and derive pleasure from it, come to the library and help them sign up for this important step in their life.

2. Film strips for churches, clubs etc.

The library has a catalog of film strips on many subjects for your use. These must be ordered at least three weeks in advance of scheduled time, and there is a nominal charge for the use of these 16 mm. films.

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Escapee Still Unapprehended

Law enforcement officials continued to search Wednesday for 26-year-old Ronald E. Simer of Kings Mountain who escaped from a N. C. Department of Corrections work detail Tuesday afternoon near Earl.

Simer, who was serving a seven to 10 year sentence for breaking, entering and larceny, reportedly threw down his shovel and ran into some woods near Earl around 3:30 p.m.

The detail supervisor reportedly fired four shots at the fleeing Simer, according to Lt. Ronnie Whitaker.

Cleveland County Sheriff's deputies assisted Department of Corrections personnel from Cleveland McDowell, Burke and Rutherford counties in the search, which included the use of a light plane. Bloodhounds were brought in from the Morganton prison unit.

Simer is described as a white male, six feet two and 165 pounds. He has brown hair, hazel eyes and a tattoo on his left arm.

Little Theatre Thriller To Open April 13; It's "Dial M for Murder"

The Little Theatre has postponed this weekend's opening of "Dial M for Murder" and rescheduled performances for Friday, April 13th; Saturday, April 14th; and Sunday, April 15th. Shows will also be presented on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 19, 20 and 21. There will be no Sunday matinee on Easter Sunday.

Church To Face North Piedmont Razing Begins

First Wesleyan Methodist Church will begin construction of a complete new church plant in the near future, Lloyd E. Davis, a member of the church, said this week.

The church expects to build a complete plant, including sanctuary, educational building and recreational quarters. Mr. Davis said, on the property purchased several years ago from Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company. The tract is bounded by North Piedmont avenue, Waco road and Walker street.

Mr. Davis said plans are to build the new plant on the tract facing Piedmont and to recess the sanctuary from 100 to 150 feet.

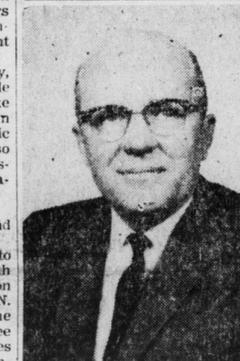
The present church plant on the south side of Waco road was built in 1923 and replaced a frame building on North Gaston street.

Mr. Davis said the church will offer the present plant for sale when the new quarters are occupied.

The church Tuesday bought permits to raze five dwellings on the property, which is also occupied by Yarbora Grocery and the former Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company office, now by Piedmont Lunch, at the corner of Piedmont avenue and Waco road.

Rev. Boyd Kistler is pastor of the church.

First Wesleyan Will Build Plant



Funeral rites for former District Court Judge Joe Mull were conducted Monday.

Judge Joe Mull's Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Joe Mull, 50, former District Court judge in the 27th Judicial District, were conducted Monday at 2 p.m. at Webb Chapel of the First Baptist Church in Shelby. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Cemetery.

Mull died last Saturday at his home after a nine-month illness. He had resigned as judge on Jan. 1, 1973 because of his health.

Judge Mull was elected to the bench in November, 1968, for a four-year term and was reelected last November. However, after undergoing surgery at Duke Hospital in Durham last summer and being under constant care of a physician, he resigned his post for health reasons.

Prior to his election as a district judge, Mull was judge of Cleveland County Recorder's Court for several years. Prior to that, he was engaged in a law practice in Shelby.

A graduate of Shelby High School, he received his BS in accounting at Bowling Green Business College in Bowling Green, Ky., and his law degree at Wake Forest University.

All district courts in the 27th Judicial District were closed Monday in memory of Mull.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Geneva Scaroy Mull of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Phil Van Dyke of Iraklion, Crete, Greece; his mother, Mrs. Carr Mull of Shelby; two sisters, Mrs. R. Griffin and Mrs. Ray Alexander, both of Shelby, and one grandchild.

Dick McGinnis Is Improving

Richard (Dick) McGinnis, 45, partner in McGinnis Furniture, is improving in Kings Mountain hospital where he was admitted March 26th after suffering a heart attack.

Mr. McGinnis was moved from the Intensive Care Unit this week into a private room. He is not yet allowed visitors.

Cemetery Clean-Up Is Now Underway

Mountain Rest cemetery is being readied for the Easter season and Sunrise services and Supt. Ken Jenkins is inviting citizens to remove Christmas flowers from graves.

Mr. Jenkins said that a large number of Christmas floral pieces are on the graves and should be removed as soon as possible.

Mike Muscat is directing a four-member cast in the murder mystery.

Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$1.25 for adults and \$1 for children under 12.

"Dial M for Murder" will be the final production by the theatrical group for the 1972-73 season.