



**SPECTRUM EMPLOYEES HONORED** — Pictured are four employees who received their Five Year Service Awards from Spectrum Textured Fibers, Inc. From left to right are: Sonja Short — Quality Control

Secretary, Lois Beck — Winding Department, Gene McNeely — Package Dye Clerk, Eugene Howell — Finishing Supervisor.

### 90-Year-Old Monastery

## Open House Sunday

**BELMONT** — The public is invited to an Open House from 2 to 5 p. m. Sunday, March 20, at the newly-renovated 90-year-old monastery of Belmont Abbey.

The renovation, completed in February, was the first for the structure, originally built by the first monks that came to Belmont. The bricks of the building were handmade

by the monks from clay on the property. The property was formerly the Caldwell Plantation.

The renovation, which cost about \$750,000, was limited primarily to the

interior. All interior walls and ceilings are new, in addition to new heating, air conditioning, plumbing and electrical systems. The original outside appearance was retained, with the exception of new tinted thermal polarized windows.

A portion of the interior brick walls have been exposed and are highlighted to show their natural beauty, and the wooden floors have been refinished.

The three-story building, which houses 26 monks, contains bedrooms on the third room; the second floor contains the Abbot Judge Cleary's office and rooms, community areas, a library, music room and others, and the first floor contains an infirmary, dining room, parlor, Abbot's office, chapel, and several other rooms.

The floorplan was redesigned and room sizes were changed so now there is room for more residents. The maximum capacity is 30.

Before the renovation was begun, tests showed that the building's original wood substructure and foundations were sound. Most of the monks living in the monastery teach at Belmont Abbey College, which is on the same grounds as Belmont Abbey.

Refreshments will be served during the Open House. Monks will be available to answer questions.

#### FAIL TO YIELD

Line Sgt. M. K. Holcomb of the State Highway Patrol reports for the week of February 21-27 a total of 23 accidents in Cleveland County. Failure to yield was the major cause of these accidents that injured seven persons.

### KM Airman Is Promoted

**WICHITA, Kan.** — Charles O. McClain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. McClain of Rt. 3, Kings Mountain, has been promoted to senior airman in the U. S. Air Force.

Airman McClain, a sheet metal specialist, is assigned at McConnell AFB, Kan., with a unit of the Strategic Air Command.

The airman is a 1974 graduate of Burns High School, Lawndale, N. C.



**NURSE'S AIDE CLASS** — Recently these adults completed a nurse's aide course and were awarded certificates. Pictured are: front row — L to R — Kathy Wright, Diane Stinson, Carolyn

Littlejohn, Sherry Patterson, Brenda Bianton, back row — L to R — Rachael Earnley, Roland Borders, Yvonne Floyd, and Gloria Wilson.

### Now Goes To House

## Coroner Bill Passes

The controversial Coroner bill introduced in the N. C. Senate by Senator J. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain passed the Senate vote last Thursday on the second and third readings and now goes to the N. C. House.

The vote was 44 to 0 giving increased powers to the coroners of Cleveland and Rutherford Counties. It approved by the N. C. House, the

new bill would give the coroner authority to remove a body from a scene where there is no evidence of foul play, sign death certificates and order autopsies either in the county or at the N. C. Medical Examiner's office in Chapel Hill. The Senate Bill does not take any of the present powers away from the medical examiner system but increases the authority presently given the

coroners here and in Rutherford County.

Local opposition has been from the Cleveland County Medical Society which sponsored a meeting last week with Chief N. C. Medical Examiner Page Hudson of Chapel Hill and local and area law enforcement agencies, in which state officials termed the new bill as not necessary and discouraged support.

### National Achievement Program

## Allison Wins Scholarship

Kevin W. Allison, senior student at Kings Mountain Senior High School and son of East School Principal C. A. Allison and Mrs. Allison, is recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship in the 18th annual National Achievement Scholarship Program.

The winner of this one-time award was chosen in open competition with all finalists in Allison's geographic

region.

The award was sponsored by Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation.

Over 55,000 black students enrolled in more than 6,000 secondary schools entered the 1977 Achievement Program by taking the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude

Test — National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test as high school juniors. In September 1976, the 1,500 highest scoring black students were named Semifinalists and by meeting further requirements, over 1,200 of these students advanced to finalist standing and qualified to be considered for Achievement Scholarship.

## Obituaries

### ROBERT C. CRAWFORD

Funeral services for Robert Clayton Crawford, 77, of Kings Mountain, formerly of Rockingham, were conducted by Rev. Roy Clark at 2 p. m. Thursday at Mark's Funeral Home Chapel in Rockingham.

Mr. Crawford died at 10:15 a. m. Tuesday at Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mrs. Lillie Crawford, 15 years ago.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Baner McDaniel Crawford of Kings Mountain; one son, Robert Lee Crawford of Columbia, S. C.; three daughters, Mrs. Doris Gathings of Morganton, Mrs. Kitty Bunn of Lilesville, Mrs. Shirley Leviner of Rockingham; one step-son, Lloyd McDaniel of Bessemer City; four step-daughters, Mrs. Bertha Rogers, Mrs. Julia Lockridge, Mrs. Inez Hutto, all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Lois White of Winston-Salem; three brothers, Frank, Paul and Harold Crawford, all of Moncks Corner, S. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Leona Humbert and Mrs. Dalia Wiggins of Moncks Corner, S. C.; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; 22 step-grandchildren and 24 step-grandchildren.

Interment was in Richmond Memorial Park in Rockingham.

### J. M. PONDER

Funeral services for J. M. Ponder, 84, of Rt. 1 Grover, retired farmer, were conducted Saturday at 2 p. m. from Sharon United Methodist Church by Rev. Joe Parker and Rev. Bill Haire, interment

following in the church cemetery.

Mr. Ponder died Thursday at 7:55 p. m. in Cleveland Memorial Hospital after five years of declining health and two weeks serious illness.

A native of Union County, S. C., he was son of the late John and Ada Wright Ponder and a member of Sharon United Methodist Church and Woodmen of the World.

Surviving are two sons, Edward H. Ponder of Asheville and Max Ponder of Orlando, Fla.; one brother, Lewis Ponder of Washington, D. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Grace Allen of Gaffney, S. C. and Mrs. Inez Mull of Homestead, Fla.; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### ARTHUR GAMBLE

Funeral rites for Arthur Gamble, 62, of Jamaica, New York, formerly of Bessemer City, were conducted Sunday at 2 p. m. from St. James Baptist Church, interment following in City Cemetery in Bessemer City.

Mr. Gamble died at his home March 6.

He was son of the late Ernest and Vernie McClain Gamble of Bessemer City and a self-employed dry cleaner and member of AME Zion Church in Bessemer City.

Surviving are two daughters, Machell Gamble and Monica Gamble of the home; two brothers, Leon Gamble of McLean, Va. and Ernest Gamble, Jr. of Washington, D. C. and one sister, Geneva Goode of

### Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rev. Timothy Good officiated at the rites. Withrow Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### THORNTON HARRILL

Funeral services for Thornton S. Harrill, 59, of Spartanburg, S. C., formerly of Kings Mountain, were conducted Friday, at 4:30 p. m. from Floyd's Greenlawn Funeral Chapel in Spartanburg, S. C., interment following in Fort Prince Memorial Gardens. Mr. Harrill died Wednesday in Spartanburg

General Hospital after several years illness.

He was son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Harrill of Kings Mountain, a member of First Presbyterian Church of Kings Mountain, graduate of Kings Mountain High School and N. C. State University. He was employed as an electrical engineer.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Cooper Harrill; one son, William Eric Harrill of Spartanburg; one daughter, Mary Ellen Harrill of the home; and one sister, Mrs. J. W. Dorton of Decatur, Ga.

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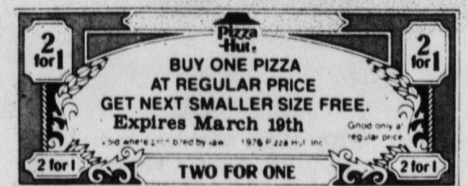
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### Mrs. Hullender

## Golf Chairman

Mrs. Belva Hullender, wife of SM-Sgt. James Hullender, formerly of



BELVA HULLENDER

Kings Mountain, who is stationed at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Miss. was elected golf chairman for the coming year at the Feb. 1 meeting of Marsh Islands Ladies Golf Association.

The Hullenders live on Beach Drive in Gulf Park Estates. Following retirement from the service in April, they will make their home on the coast.

Mrs. Hullender was the recent winner of the Ann Liversedge low net trophy in MILGA's club championship tournament.

SM Sgt. Hullender is son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hullender of Kings Mountain.