

New Harris Teeter Store To Open Its Doors Today

Harris Teeter More Valued Foods will open its new modern facility on East King Street with a ribbon cutting ceremony this morning at 8 a. m.

Hugh Ashcraft, president of the organization, other Harris Teeter officials and town officials will participate in the activities.

The new facility includes a 24,000 square foot building and a huge parking facility that will accommodate over 200 cars. In addition, shoppers will have access to

six streets for entering and leaving the store.

The store moves from its old location on East King into a store over twice as large. The old facility included only 9,500 square feet of shopping space.

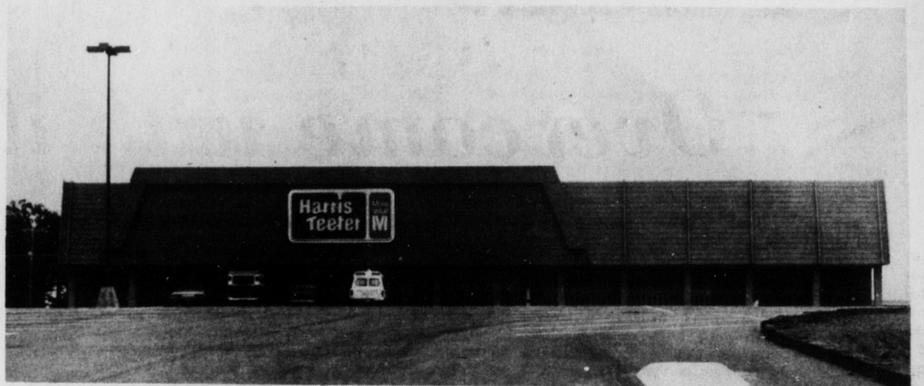
Store Manager Morgan Hollifield says the new store will offer "a larger variety of everything, including groceries, meats and produce, plus a parcel pickup service."

Harris Teeter More Valued Foods

operates 65 stores in North and South Carolina, plus one in Tennessee. The Kings Mountain store employs 56 persons.

The new KM store will be open 12 more hours per week than the old store. New store hours are 8 a. m. until 9 p. m. Monday through Saturday.

Craig Parker is co-manager, Russell Gray is meat manager, Ralph Hill is the produce manager, grocery manager is Dale Shank and head cashier is Barbara Jones.



Front view of new Harris-Teeter opening today

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Art Show Is Here On Friday

The Shelby Art League sponsored traveling art exhibit will open at the Kings Mountain Depot Center Fri., July 1.

Eighty artists from Cleveland County were invited to submit two pieces of their work to be judged by Edmund Lewandowski, chairman of the Winthrop College art department. A total of 40 art works are included in the exhibit.

A special preview of the exhibit is scheduled at the depot center Thurs., June 30 from 8-10 p. m. According to Mrs. Lawrence Patrick of Kings Mountain, "the preview audience will be by invitation only. The regular public showing at the center begins the following day."

The public will be able to view the art collection, which features works by Kings Mountains and Cleveland Countians, July 1-7 from 2-5:30 p. m.

Harvey Hamrick, president of the Shelby Art League, said the exhibit was created to give local artists a chance to show their works to local audiences.

Mrs. Patrick is in charge of the depot center exhibit and asks for volunteers to assist her throughout the showing here.

Cabbie's Van Not Eligible

Ronnie Gosnell feels he is being discriminated against.

The owner-operator of Kings Mountain Cab Co. said he has been visited by the city codes director, Al Moretz, and told to get rid of his "office."

Gosnell said his "office is the bed of what was once a bread truck." Gosnell located the van on a piece of property leased from Reynolds Realty Co. The property is beside One-Hour Martini on E. King.

"My bread truck van office looks as good as Price Cab's milk truck van office," Gosnell said. "But Mr. Moretz said I had to get rid of my van and put up a building if I wanted to stay in business."

Gosnell said he feels "his competitors" have put pressure on the city commissioners and the commissioners have applied pressure to the codes office to "come down" on Gosnell.

Moretz said he has "received a bunch of complaints" about the van being placed on the lot and that he had explained to Gosnell that "his office" was in violation of the code of ordinances.

"The type of business Mr. Gosnell is conducting is within the zoning code, neighborhood business," Moretz said. "However, trucks, vans, trailers and such being used as offices is in violation of the codes. As far as Price Cab's van-office, this one is here under the grandfather clause. It was here before that property was zoned."

Moretz said Gosnell will be given ample time to comply with the codes.



CARMET OFFICIAL — Jerry Schweiner, vice president and general manager of Carmet, a division of Allegheny Ludlum Industries, was in Kings Mountain Monday to announce the decision to locate a mine tool manufacturing industry here. Carmet's division offices will also be located here.

City Offers New Service

The city has a new service to offer. Grass and weed cutting on vacant lots.

Codes Director Al Moretz said citizens owning vacant property find themselves in violation of the code of ordinances when grass and weeds

grow taller than 12 inches. Moretz said citizens may call 739-6731 and hire a city employe with a Bush Hog for \$7 per hour to clear vacant lots. The fee is pro-rated as to the actual amount of time spent on the job.

Pastor Urges Demolition

Rev. R. E. Boggan, Jr., pastor of Central United Methodist Church, has written to Mayor John H. Moss urging the city to remove equipment stored in the former Lynch building to make way for demolition.

The letter commends the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission for removing obsolete buildings, but adds that the disturbing factor is the former Lynch building on Piedmont and Mountain Sts.

In his letter Rev. Boggan referred to an article in the Mirror-Herald (June 23) in which redevelopment commission executive director Gene White commented that demolition of the former Lynch building is being delayed until the city removes electrical equipment stored there. White speculated that the building possibly will not be demolished until the new governmental services facilities building is erected and the current city hall is turned over to the police department.

"That would mean our city would have to tolerate that hazardous

monstrosity for at least another year. That would truly be unfortunate," Rev. Boggan stated in his letter.

"You are certainly concerned about public sentiment over so much demolition of old buildings and so little evidence of new construction, and that is a legitimate concern," Rev. Boggan continues. "However, public sentiment is growing far more sour over delay in demolition of the afore-mentioned building than over the lack of new construction. Storage of electrical equipment is no justification for allowing this building to stand. A mayor and council as resourceful as ours in Kings Mountain will have no problem relocating those supplies."

Rev. Boggan's letter also comments that his church has spent thousands of dollars beautifying the church corner and urges the city to allow the redevelopment commission to level "this eye-sore immediately so that Kings Mountain can look with pride at this strategic intersection of our city."

Mine Tool Firm Will Locate Here

It's now official.

Carmet Mine tool Products Division will locate in the Kings Mountain Industrial Park.

In a special meeting at 2:30 p. m. Monday officials of the mine tool manufacturing firm met with city officials to make the announcement.

Jerry J. Schweiner, vice president and general manager, said the purchase of the former D-Rose Mobile Home plant off Bessemer City Hwy. was made last Friday and that from now until September 1 the plant will be prepared for the manufacture of mining tools.

"In two or three weeks we will look into employing maintenance, machining and general labor forces in addition to office secretarial and management personnel employment," Schweiner said. "We expect to begin operation about September 1."

Schweiner said both men and women will be employed in the operation and for the beginning the plant will operate a single shift each day, five days each week. "Later," he said, "we hope to expand operations to two shifts each day."

The plant will employ about 60 persons during its first months of operation, then, according to Schweiner, 90-100 persons the first year and within a three year period the employment rolls should be 200-plus, based on favorable market conditions. About 11 of Carmet's key employes will be sent to operate the Kings Mountain plant.

The D-Rose building, which has been empty since July 1976, contains 76,000 sq. ft. Schweiner said Carmet already has plans for an additional 7,500 sq. ft. of plant space for manufacturing, plus another building containing approximately 8,000 sq. ft. to house the corporate division offices.

The site for the plant is actually in Gaston County and that county's industrial facilities financing authority has given approval for the sale of up to \$2 million in bonds to assist Carmet with property and plant acquisition, expansion and moving in of key personnel.

This marks the first time the state-wide approved industrial bond program has been used in Gaston County. The issue was approved last year as a means of attracting new industry to North Carolina. The law permits counties to issue revenue bonds for industries without pledging the government's full credit to the success of the company. Under the law, if the industry defaults, taxpayers are not held liable for repayment of the bonds.

Carmet will stand behind the bonds, according to a staff attorney attending the meeting.

"We are looking forward to settling in this area," Schweiner said, "and to becoming an active part of the community."

Schweiner said the labor climate and both air and overland transportation for shipping were the keys in the Carmet decision to settle in this area. "We also liked the idea of so many other industries in close proximity. We sub-contract with other industries on occasion."

Carmet is a division of Allegheny Ludlum Corp. of Pittsburgh, Pa. The parent company recorded annual sales for 1976 of \$890 million.

Schweiner said the Kings Mountain plant operation deals with machining, welding, brazing and heat treating. The product to be manufactured here is mining tools for underground coal mining operations. The product is sold on

the world-wide market.

Before settling on Kings Mountain, Schweiner said Carmet officials examined possible sites in Pennsylvania, Indiana and South Carolina.

Mayor John H. Moss said, "We are happy to have Carmet as a part of Kings Mountain's industrial community to provide economic growth and job opportunity."

Rescuers Must Charge Fees For Services

Several months ago when the state set out new criteria for ambulances and related equipment and personnel, the funeral homes in Cleveland County decided it would not be feasible for them to continue providing ambulance service.

The deadline for this action is Fri., July 1.

Last week the county commissioners met with the heads of the various rescue units in the county and devised a plan to provide continued ambulance service all over the county.

The catch is, where the rescue service has been free in the past, there will now be a charge.

The Kings Mountain and Shelby rescue squads will cover the bulk of the territory in the county, while the units at Bolling Springs, Upper Cleveland and Grover will handle their respective areas.

The charges effective July 1 are:

— \$20 for each call inside the KMRS coverage area whether to Kings Mountain Hospital, any of the doctor's offices here or the KM Convalescent Center;

— \$30 for round-trip calls in the coverage area whether to the local hospital, doctor's offices or convalescent center and back home or to original pickup point;

— \$20 plus 50 cents per mile for calls anywhere in the coverage area to either hospitals or doctor's offices outside the area, such as Cleveland Memorial Hospital, Shelby, Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia, Charlotte Memorial Hospital, Duke Hospital, etc.

— No charge for first half-hour waiting time at hospital or doctor's office;

— \$5 for each half hour or portion of waiting time after the first half-hour.

Joe Hendrick, county manager and director of the county emergency services, said the rescue squads established the fees to be charged. The county will handle the billing. Funds received will be used to offset the cost of hiring three fulltime emergency medical technicians (EMTs) for each squad and to help provide maintenance of equipment and purchase of new equipment.

The three fulltime EMTs will handle the daylight hours, from about 8 a. m. until 5 p. m. All rescue squads are manned by volunteers and while the members rotate in

responsibility for calls on a 24-hour basis, these volunteers still must maintain their own jobs elsewhere.

The Kings Mountain Rescue Squad has operated free rescue and ambulance service for the past 19 years and members now express regret that fees must be charged in order that the service can be continued.

Further information about the new regulations and the fee schedule can be obtained by calling 739-2141.

Central School

Rec Program Begins

Pam Salyers and Phil Weathers, coordinators of the Kings Mountain District Schools summer recreation program at Central School, expect about 100 participants to register.

The program will run from July 5 through August 5, Monday through Friday from 9 a. m. until 12:30 p. m.

"Only rising sixth and seventh graders are eligible to register and participate in the recreation program at Central School," Ms. Salyers said.

Youth Drowns

A Kings Mountain youth, Kenneth Ray Roark, 16, drowned Sunday afternoon in the old city water lake on York Rd.

Det. Sgt. Richard Reynolds and Ptl. Mike Sanders, who investigated for Kings Mountain Police Department, said Roark, of 710 Bridges Dr., was apparently swinging from a rope and diving into the water with three other boys, all juveniles, who could not swim.

Young Roark is son of Harold and Helen Sipes Roark of Kings Mountain.

The accident occurred at 4:20 p. m.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 3 p. m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home by Rev. Paul Sorrells and interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Surviving in addition to his parents are his brother, Wayne, and sister, Cathy Roark, both of the home; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Roark of Grover and Jake Sipes of Kings Mountain.