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## Pressure Readings At Hospital

Kings Mountain Hospital will conduct free blood pressure checks next Tuesday (May 2) in connection with the observance of National Hospital Week.

The blood pressure readings, to be made by members of the hospital's nursing staff, will be held from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. at the National Guard Armory and the Kings Mountain Community Center.

Betty Slaughter, R.N., director of Nursing, explained that records will be kept and a card showing the blood pressure readings will be given to everyone who visits either of the two locations for the brief check. She said nurses will recommend that those who have abnormal readings should contact their family physician.

The program is being held with the support of the hospital's medical staff.

National Hospital Week will be observed by the nation's 7,000 hospitals the following week (May 7-13). According to Grady Howard, Kings Mountain Hospital administrator, the blood pressure check is being held early, in connection with the local primary election.

He said this was planned in anticipation of better public participation, and for the convenience of those who will be at these two voting locations on Tuesday.

Howard added that the hospital is conducting the blood pressure program to create an awareness for local residents to maintain good health.

## ...And Rescue Squad, Too

The Kings Mountain Rescue Squad will conduct blood pressure screenings for local citizens in May.

A free service, the screenings will be held from noon until 5 p. m. each Saturday in May.

Local and area citizens are urged to take advantage of this service. The Kings Mountain Rescue Squad headquarters is located on E. Parker St.

## Boggan Is Selected For Youth In Concert

Jeffrey Scott Boggan, son of Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Boggan, Jr., 103 E. Mountain St. Kings Mountain, has been selected to participate in the "America's Youth in Concert" 1978 program sponsored by the Universal Academy for Music, Princeton, N. J.

The purpose of the program is to demonstrate internationally the high quality and fine character of America's youth while enriching and expanding the musical and cultural horizons of the young musician.

Students from each state are selected for "America's Youth in Concert" by individual audition. There will be a performance at New York City's prestigious Carnegie Hall prior to departure for Europe. Students will concertize in London,

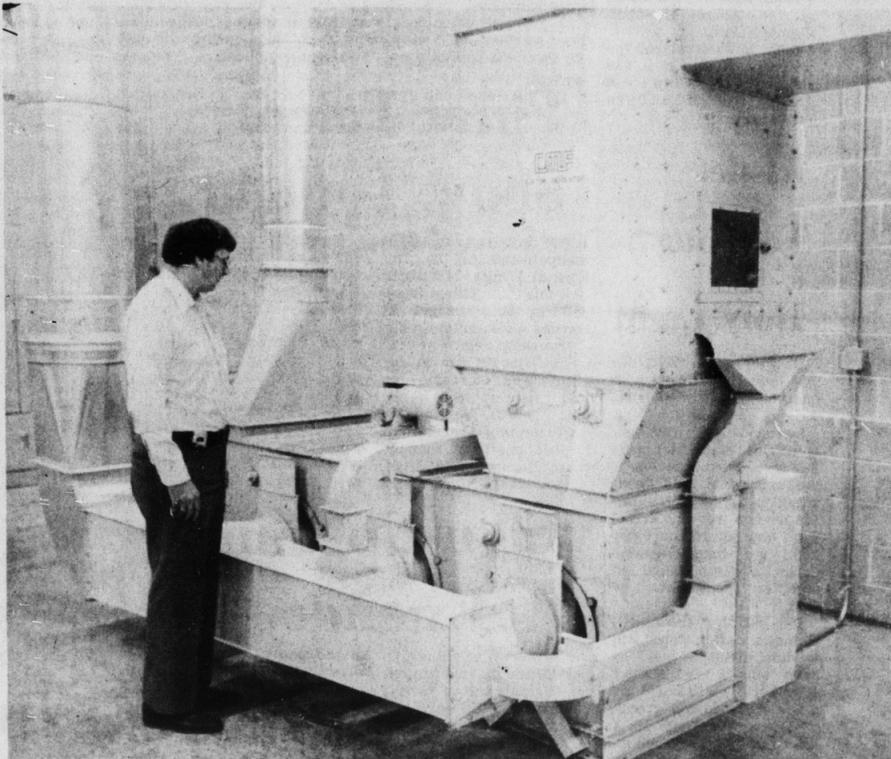


Photo By Tom McIntyre

**BRIDGES AND DE-DUSTER** - Charles Bridges, partner in Custom Metal Fabrication, Inc., of Kings Mountain, is shown here with the model Custom De-Duster at Har-Ray Mills in Grover. The De-Duster is

Bridges' invention and could be a revolutionary machine for cleaning raw cotton prior to the plant carding operation.

## Invented By KM Man

# The Custom De-Duster

By TOM McINTYRE  
Editor, Mirror-Herald

Charles Bridges might just have something of a revolutionary nature for the textile industry with his invention he calls The Custom De-Duster.

Bridges, a native Kings Mountain, is co-owner of Custom Metal Fabrication, Inc. located at the intersection of Floyd and Marie Sts. It was there in that 18,750 square foot building the De-Duster was born.

Just exactly what is the Custom De-Duster? It is a totally new concept in removing respirable dust, broken fibers and peppertrash from raw cotton before the material is sent to the carding department of a textile plant.

Dust removal before carding results in cleaner card room air and would mean a decrease in loss of production time on open end spinning frames from dust collection in the rotors.

The pilot model manufactured by Custom Metal Fabrication is now being tested at the Har-Ray Plant in Grover. Bridges said the machine

was installed there about three weeks ago after six months of testing at Custom.

Manfred Schmidt of Har-Ray said there should be some results for testing within the next week. Schmidt said Har-Ray was definitely interested in any type of new equipment that can deliver "cleaner air and higher production."

Bridges said the De-Duster removed about 20 pounds of dust, broken fibers and trash from 14,000 pounds of raw material during the initial test run.

"There are a couple of firms in Europe currently working on similar equipment, but to manufacture their machine they needed about \$100,000 worth of new equipment," Bridges said. "One of our units, without installation, will

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## KM Youngsters Read For N.C. First Lady

By ELIZABETH STEWART  
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Jimmy Cox, third grader at North School, admitted he was a bit nervous when he read to First Lady Carolyn Hunt Tuesday.

The wife of North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt quickly reassured the youngster, put her arm around his shoulder and said, "Just pretend I'm your Mama."

Other children in North School's primary reading program were more excited, than nervous. They had been eagerly awaiting her visit and could hardly wait to tell the news of the First Lady's arrival at noon.

"Today is April 25 and Mrs. Carolyn Hunt will visit us" was in bold letters on the blackboard in Vivian Gold's first grade classroom. Mrs. Hunt's first stop on her visit to Kings Mountain to observe the primary reading program and to set an example and encourage other volunteers.

Her visit came coincidentally at the end of Volunteer Week but was planned earlier and rescheduled due to the testing programs in the schools, said her administrative assistant Carolyn Harmon who was accompanying her.

"My but she's pretty," exclaimed Alfonzo Miller, as he waited his turn to read for Mrs. Hunt, followed by Shane Hammett who didn't get a turn because the bell rang.

North School was the First Lady's second stop of the day in Cleveland County and her third day on a six-day statewide tour of schools to view the adult volunteer program and boost volunteers.

Vivian Gold, first grade teacher at North, said Mrs. Hunt is her first volunteer in the classroom this year and says that volunteers are badly needed. In Rachel Gladden's third grade, numerous volunteers have served as reading tutors this year and Rachel, like teacher aide Dot Dixon, encourages more volunteers.

"We welcome volunteers at North School," said Principal Richard Greene, and "only requirement is a love for children," he said as he greeted the First Lady, assisted by Supt. William Davis, Mayor John Moss, Senator J. Ollie Harris, Senator Helen Rhyne Marvin, and Rep. Edith Lutz. After lunch in the school cafeteria, Mrs. Hunt spent a busy two hours listening to children read, a "love" which she and her husband share. Both Governor and

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## City Board Accepts Plans

By TOM McINTYRE  
Editor, Mirror-Herald

City Commissioners Monday night voted to accept site plans for two separate residential sections proposed for construction.

The first plan approved was submitted by W. H. Weaver Construction Co. of Greensboro. The Weaver site, named Battle Forest Apartments, is located on the east side of Hwy. 161 north (Cleveland Ave.). Weaver plans to construct 46 apartment units on the almost seven acres of property.

Al Moretz, city engineer and codes director, said Weaver plans to build 12 two bedroom units, 20 one bedroom units and four one bedroom units for the handicapped. The site plan also proposes 82 parking spaces.

"These units would be for rental by moderate income individuals and families," Moretz said.

Street construction and other city codes stipulations have been agreed to by Weaver Construction. Maintenance of the property will also be handled by Weaver.

The second site plan, although not as complete as the Weaver plan, approved Monday calls for 50 units for low income individuals and families.

This group, named Carolina Garden Apartments, is to be located adjacent to the northern boundaries of the Northwoods Subdivisions.

Moretz said the plan calls for seven one bedroom units, 14 two bedroom units, 12 three bedroom units, and 17 four bedroom units.

The sites for both Battle Forest and Carolina Garden apartments were rezoned about four months ago to comply with construction proposed, according to Moretz.

In other action, the board approved rezoning two separate sections of property upon recommendation of the zoning and planning board.

The first request was from David and Peggy Bayne to rezone approximately 1,400 feet of land east of the I-85 and Hwy. 161 intersection from R-20 to H. I. The Baynes plan an expansion of their trucking facilities. They are owners of Carolina Western Express of Kings Mountain.

The second rezoning matter came from Foote Mineral Co. and con-

cerned roughly 57 acres adjacent to Foote property off Grover Rd. The request, which was granted, called for rezoning from R-20 to H. I. Hal Plonk served as agent for the Plonk heirs, owners of the property discussed.

Maynard Tipps, an attorney from Charlotte, and Walt Cook, Foote operations manager, appeared at the public hearing Monday to explain the proposed use of the property.

Foote plans to expand its surface mining operation onto the 57 acres and use part of it as storage of waste materials from the mining operation. The waste will be used as landfill. Foote also plans to leave a 100 foot strip bordering Grover Rd. as a buffer zone and to plant trees along the strip. Cooke said the waste storage (landfill) was "most important" to the economics of Foote Mineral Co. Nearby storage would save the company considerable expense created by having to haul waste to distant landfills.

Cooke told the board "Foote's present surface mining site guarantees us at least 40 more years of steady results, but the adjacent property also contains a considerable deposit of the minerals we mine."

He said if the new property is mined it will be done underground rather than surface style, so there will not be deep pits created bordering the highway.

## County Dems Will Gather

The Cleveland County Democratic Convention will be held Sat., April 29, starting at 12 noon, at the Historical Museum (Old County Courthouse). Special speaker for this meeting will be the Honorable Harlan Boyles, treasurer of North Carolina.

Delegates are reminded they may obtain credentials starting at 11 a. m. Each precinct will have special seats.

Any resolutions should be typewritten and submitted to Secretary Ruth Anthony said Party Chairman Joyce Cashion.



JEFFREY BOGGAN



Photo By Lib Stewart

**READS FOR FIRST LADY** - Chris Barrett, third grader at North School, reads for North Carolina's First Lady Carolyn Hunt on her visit to the school Tuesday to encourage more volunteers in the primary reading program.