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Steve's Retiring At Griffin's

Steve Rathbone, veteran Griffin Drug Company "Steve Of All Trades" is parking his Mopad the last Friday in August.

The personable and versatile "soda jerk", maintenance man, and deliveryman for Wilson Griffin at Griffin's is retiring, after 34 years on his job.

"I'm really going to miss everyone but I have made a lot of friends during the 34 years I've worked in downtown Kings Mountain. My doctors tell me I need to take care of my eyesight," he says.

Steve suffers from retnitis pigmentosa of the eyes and his failing eyesight over the years has prohibited him from driving a car except for four years from 1948-52. Five years ago he bought a Mopad and recently got a new model which he operates about 25 miles a week during his delivery route in and around Kings Mountain, where he has delivered everything from sundries to medicines.

He's putting a for sale sign on the Mopad this week.

Before purchasing his Mopad, Steve pedaled a regular bicycle all over Kings Mountain and his bike was a familiar trademark to the downtown business district. "I've delivered just about everything the store sells on that bike", he recalls.

Steve, who moved from Gastonia to Kings Mountain when he was four years old, is the son of Mrs. Carol D. Rathbone and the late D.V. Rathbone. His parents retired from the Old Dilling Mill and Steve and his mother and two brothers, Bobby and Paul Rathbone, continue to live in the family home at 28 Bennett Drive. Steve has two sisters who are married and another brother who is married. He and his family are active in First Wesleyan Church.

Steve came to work for the late E.W. "Doc" when he was 19 years old. Now 53, Steve recalls "Doc" as a "good man to work for" and said he has enjoyed his association with E.W. Griffin, Jr. (Wilson) ever since Wilson graduated from Pharmacy School and joined his father in the business. Steve said his first job was as a stock boy and recalled how he loved to deliver five cent cokes, five cent chips and five cent coffee to the girls who worked across the street in the old Bell Telephone Building. (Southern Bell used to be located upstairs in the former Sterchi Building across from Griffin.) Steve also recalled his excitement when Griffin's moved into its present new building from next door (where Scissor Smith is now located).

Steve said that all the changes at the drug store have meant faster and improved service for the customer and he considers his employers his "good friends", as well as the many folks he has worked with over the years. Griffin's has maintained the traditional corner drug store atmosphere as a place neighbors gather to chat over coffee.

What does he plan to do upon retirement?

Steve said he plans to stay at home, enjoy himself, go bowling and "shoot some pool." Steve bowled regularly on Lil Dan's team in Gastonia until the team disbanded this season.

Retirement will be a real adjustment for Steve, who has worked all his life. But he looks forward to it.



WHAT WILL YOU HAVE, PLEASE? - Steve Rathbone, above, also doubles as a soda jerk at Griffin Drug Co., where he went to work at the age of 19 over 34 years ago.

Jaycees Give To Boys Club

A check for \$360 was presented to the Kings Mountain Boy's Club by the Kings Mountain Jaycees Monday night.

Brad Tate, Jaycee President, said it is the second consecutive year that the local civic club has made a contribution to the three-year-old club for youth in the community.

Sharing in the presentation ceremonies at the regular meeting at Holiday Inn were State Vice President Joe Walker.

Past State President Jim Godfrey, District Director Larry Hamrick, Jr. of Kings Mountain and External Vice President Bob Maner of Kings Mountain.

Dr. Paul Hendricks is president of the local Boys Club which operated for the first two years of its organization as a unit of the Cleveland County Boy's Club. The local club now functions with its own board of directors.

Central School Principal Glenda O'Shields is vice president, Lavon Strickland is secretary and Tommy Bennett is treasurer. Some 25 local citizens serve on the club's board of directors.

Kings Mountain Boy's Club has an active membership of 140 boys with a membership of 280. Headquartered at Central School, the club is open five days a week in the summer months and four days a week in the winter months with Danny McDowell as director and with programs in athletics, arts, crafts, etc.

The club is open on Saturdays from 10 until 3 p.m., on Sundays from 10 until 3 p.m. and during school sessions after 4 until 8 p.m.

Numerous Kings Mountain civic clubs have contributed to its operation and Kings Mountain Boy's Club is also a recipient of United Way contributions.

For the first time this summer the Boy's Club will offer a soccer program to interested young athletes.



JAYCEE OFFICERS - New officers of the Kings Mountain Jaycees are pictured above. Front row, Bob Maner; President Brad Tate and Tom Bennett. Back row from left, District Director Larry Hamrick, Jr., Carl Plonk, Johnny Gamble, Lou Sabetti, Jr. and Stephen Huffstetler.

Rash Of Thefts Reported

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was stolen containing tools. The truck was apparently used to haul merchandise from Barnette's. Police recovered the truck at Floyd and Laura Streets.

At 8:45 a.m. Wednesday, Southern Bell Telephone officials reported to KMPD that someone had removed the mail from their mailboxes.

Childers Heating, 309 Canslr St., reported to KMPD at 8:45 a.m. theft of a two ton air-conditioner and set of hand-trucks valued at \$1050 taken during a break-in.

City Motors on York Road called KMPD at 10:20 a.m. to report that a vehicle belonging to Gary McSwain of Route 3, Shelby, had been stolen. The 1979 Olds was valued at \$5100. Police recovered the vehicle.

Burlan Corporation, 300 N. Piedmont Ave., called KMPD at 11:45 a.m. to report that someone broke the lock from the storage door. Nothing was missing.

Nicholson Heating, 901 Henry St., called KMPD at noon Wednesday to report the theft of a tire truck and tire rim valued at \$150.

Wade David Benge, of 526 17th St. Hickory, reported to KMPD at 5:01 p.m. that his overnight bag was stolen from a vehicle owned by Billy Sellers, 802 Monroe Ave.

At 6:30 p.m. Robert Robinson, of Route 3, Lincolnton, reported that wheelcovers valued at \$260 were taken from his car parked at J and D Warehouse on Slater St.

In other reports of vandalism: Margaret Wyatt, 123 Ark St., reported that someone cut the cablevision wires going into her residence.

Phillips 66 Service Station, King St., reported two incidents of larceny of \$10.02 and \$18.43 worth of gasoline.

George Ramsey, 407 E. Ridge St., reported damage to property. He said that a Charlotte Observer mailbox at the Pantry was damaged.

Patricia Shaer, of 1404 Northwoods, reported larceny of a bicycle valued at \$130.

Roy Toney, 507 Gantt St., reported larceny of a golfcart valued at \$500.

Corner Pantry, King St., reported that a City of Kings Mountain dump truck struck a neon sign at the store doing some property damage. The driver was listed as Tom Pressley.

Tom Barnette, 115 Waco Road, reported that a front window was broken out of his furniture store on N. Piedmont Ave. Estimated damage was \$500.

Faye Wellmon, 803 First St., reported that a vehicle operated by Rob Sparrow, backing, hit her gate, cornerpost, and damaged eight feet of a chainlink fence at her residence.

FAMILY REUNION

The descendants of the late W.M. and Charity Kellar Hord will gather for a family reunion on Sunday, Aug. 12th. Lunch will be served at the Picnic Shelter at lake Montonia at 1 p.m.

Board Approves Issuance Of Bonds

The city board of commissioners approved Friday the issuance of \$2,230,000 in industrial revenue bonds after request from the Kings Mountain Development Corporation, a local, non-profit, industrial recruiting group which will lease the former Great Dominion property on Grover Road.

Thomas Tate, president of KM Development Corporation and members of the Board of Directors, appeared before the special noon meeting of the city commission.

Tate said the Raleigh-based Clancey and Theys Construction Co., acting as guarantor of the bonds, will sub-lease the property to Combustion Engineering Company. Branch Banking and Trust Co. has agreed to purchase the bonds.

Money raised from the sale of the bonds will be used for the purchase, renovation and expansion of the former Great Dominion building on Grover Road by Combustion Engineering Inc. of Stamford, Conn.

Drafts of the bond purchase agreement were submitted at the meeting by attorney Frank Meadows.

The city board had several months ago approved the project in principle following a joint public hearing with the Board of Cleveland County Commissioners which also approved the project in principle.

The Project will have a direct connection with the city of Kings Mountain, although located outside the city limits, in

that municipal water and sewage treatment facilities will be extended to and used by the new industrial citizen in addition to providing job opportunities to the citizens of Kings Mountain," said Mayor John Henry Moss.

"This is a happy day for us," said the Mayor, "because action by the commissioners today paves the way for new use of the former Great Dominion Building."

City Attorney George b. Thomasson told the board that the city is under no financial obligation in the transaction. He said the bonds mature in 25 years.

Combustion Engineering manufactures large scale boilers for power plants and the Kings Mountain facility on Grover Road will be used for a maintenance facility for their product.

Construction is underway on expansion of the facility from 42,000 square feet to 75,000 square feet and should be completed by mid-Fall. At end of the first year of operation Combustion Engineering is expected to employ 90 people.

The Mayor said that members of the Kings Mountain Development Corporation are to be "commended for the many hours they spend on such projects as this one announced today. Personally and on behalf of the city board of commissioners, I want to thank everyone who had a hand in bringing this important new industry to the Kings Mountain area."

Shawn Smith Selling Heralds

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two sells.

Subscriptions may also be sold to the Belmont Banner, Mt. Holly News, Bessemer City Record, Stanley News, and Cherryville Eagle.

Shawn said he got the paper selling bug from his two older brothers, who were highly successful in Herald subscriptions sales a couple of years ago. Rodney Smith sold 100 new subscriptions and Jerriah Smith sold 40.

Shawn, a ninth grader at Kings Mountain Junior High, said he preferred the cash to the bicycle and television set, has not decided what he will buy with his new bankroll. "Probably some things for school", he says.

Another Kings Mountain teenager, Larry Stone, 12, is close to receiving the top prize for selling 20 new Herald subscriptions. Stone had collected \$215.27 this week.

Subscriptions to the Herald sell for \$10.45 per year. No subscriptions for less than a year can be accepted. Renewals do not count in the contest.

All subscriptions must be turned in the Herald on Thursday or Fridays by 4 p.m.

Anyone entering the campaign who does not sell enough subscriptions to qualify for a bicycle or TV set will receive one half of the money collected, excluding tax.

Pick up your sales kit at The Herald at King and Canterbury Road and start winning like Shawn Smith and Larry Stone.

The 57 super salesmen in the Herald subscription contest who are calling on local people in the annual summer drive include:

Julie Ann Rosenbaum, Jo An Carmichel, Randy Mauney, Jimmy Hannon, Shawn Smith, Derek Reese, Darrell Martin, Lisa Messer, Michael Phillips, Bill Runyans, Dawn Morris, Maria Cable, Beth Parrish, Richard Dover, Tammy Moss, Melissa Breakfield, Shane Crocker, Stuart Spires, Carrie McMillan, Mary Frances Brown, Campbell Floyd Brown, Renee Barber, Amy Ford, Leigh Anne Stewart, Dee Stewart, Lynn Grigg, Chad Gass, Kevin Gass, Larry Stone, Dustin Mullinax, Terry Connor, Wanda Laughter, Regina Ross, Tim Moore, Karla Moore, Tammy Vestal, Billy Gean Foster, Ginger Baity, Aaron Anderson, Douglas Hammett, Matthew Stout, Michelle Latham, Lisa Blaine, Makalay Blaine, Reginnia Murray, Lisa Oliver, Bobby Gann, David Stout, Brandon Putnam, Chris Robins, Ruth Latham, Jody Richardson, Jay Richardson, Mary Frances Jenkins, Neal Anthony and Eric Ross.

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According to General Manager Schultz, to the casual observer the most interesting aspect of the data processing industry is "The Next Big Thing." The newest product is the IBM PC modems, multi-function boards, the most extensive program of its kind in the telecommunications field. Schultz said the modem is a lot more than a modem that slides into any available slot on an IBM, PC or IBM XT computer. It is an automatic, dial, automatic answer modem with a real-time clock to run your PC or XT on a schedule.

"We're real excited about this new product and look forward to working with U.S. Robotics", said Cablelink officials.

Cablelink Gets Big Order

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Cablelink is an equal opportunity employer with several women and minorities in supervisory and technical positions.

Cablelink of Kings Mountain is now a wholly owned subsidiary of Robinson Nugent, Inc., based in New Albany, Indiana, a leading internationally recognized manufacturer of sockets and connectors for the electronics market.

Cablelink has renovated a building owned by Mauney Hosiery on Childers Street and occupies 25,000 square feet of warehouse and factory space, leasing from Charles F. Mauney. William E. Solomon is Director of Operations, Joe Sturgeon is Senior Applications Engineer, Thomas A. Barbee is Accounting Manager, David Walker is Manufacturing Manager, Beverly Carter is Chief Inspector-Quality Control, Tinky Scarborough and Antwone Camp are members of the Sales Department, Wanda Hamrick and Steve Dameron are members of the Production Engineering Department, Maureen Schultz heads the purchasing department, Jane Clemmer and Evelyn Wright head the Accounting Department and Jane Clemmer heads up the Personnel Department. Plant supervisors are Schrell Smith and Patricia Hudspeth.