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## Bloodmobile To Visit

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will come to Kings Mountain Thursday, Jan. 10th for a one day visit at First Baptist Church.

Donors will be processed from 12:30 until 6 p.m. The goal of the collection is 150 pints of blood.

City of Kings Mountain employees are sponsoring a community-wide visit and volunteers from the community will serve homemade vegetable soup to all donors using the bloodmobile.

"Blood is urgently needed", said Mrs. Jim Scruggs, Cross Chapter Executive, who encouraged citizens to give blood and save a life.

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## Man Dies In Wreck

Horace Lee Martin, 65, of Route 1, York Road, was killed Monday night in an automobile accident enroute to church.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Oak View Baptist Church of which he was a member. His pastor, Rev. Robbie Moore, will officiate at the rites and interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

## CC Tax Listing Underway

Tax listing will continue in Kings Mountain and Cleveland County through the end of January.

Property owners may list their taxes every weekday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Governmental Services Facilities Center (new city hall) in Kings Mountain.

Special Saturday tax listing will be held at the Grover Rescue Squad on Sat., Jan. 12 and Sat., Jan. 26 from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Property owners who do not list their taxes by January 31 will be subject to a late-listing penalty.

N.C. Highway Patrolman J.D. Dunn said that Martin was riding in a 1969 Volkswagen operated by David Sloan Timms, 56, of Route 1, which was turning left into the Oak View Baptist Church parking lot on York Road. The Timms vehicle, traveling south on N.C. 161, was struck in the passenger door by a 1985 Plymouth operated by Jean Carlton Mobley, of 926 North Highland St., Gastonia.

Martin was killed instantly at 6:45 p.m. and both Timms and Mobley, 27, were treated for injuries at Kings Mountain Hospital where Timms was admitted.

Trooper Dunn said that when the Timms car was struck it rolled over and came to rest on its wheels in the roadway. The Mobley vehicle spun around and came to rest partially on the shoulder of the roadway.

Timms was charged with death by vehicle.

Mr. Martin, a bachelor, was son of the late Ambrose C. and Texie Martin. He is survived by three brothers, Thomas J. Martin, Ambrose Martin, Jr. and Donald Martin, all of Kings Mountain.

The family will receive friends Wednesday night from 7 to 9 p.m. at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home in Bessemer City.

Timms and Martin were on their way to Oak View Baptist Church to attend a Men's Sunday School Class supper when the accident occurred.



Aerial View Of Margrace Plant

## Bunch Buys Mills

Kelly Bunch, Inc. has purchased the old Margrace Mill and Pauline Mill plus 30 acres of land in the Margrace Mill area to develop a mini industrial park complex.

The sale was confirmed this week by Kelly Bunch, owner of the company, a partnership with his wife, Bernice, and their sons, Wendell Bunch, Philip Bunch, and Johnny Bunch and daughter-in-law, Diana Bunch, all of whom work for the family-owned business on Grover Road.

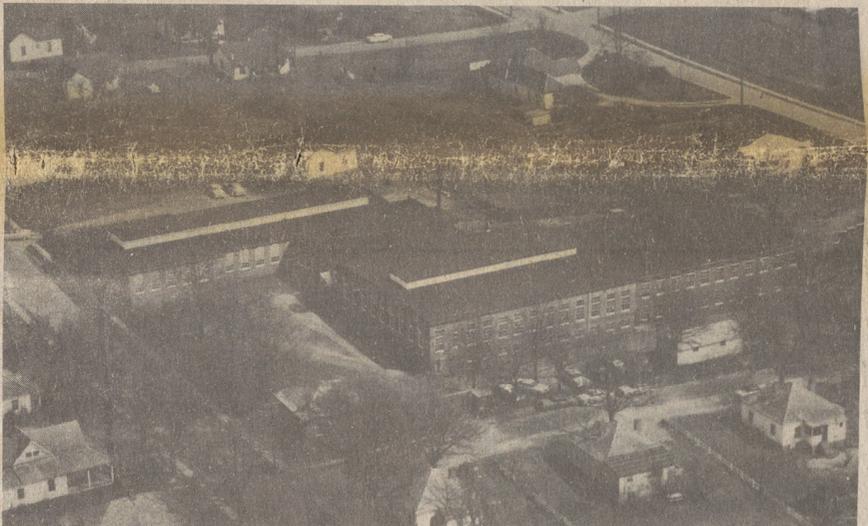
Kelly Bunch, President of the company, said that the metal fabrication sales and manufacturing the firm will move from its present location on Grover Road to the Margrace Mill location. He said the 335,000 square feet of floor space in the mill will be used by his company and part of the Margrace Plant and Pauline Plant will be available for lease to other firms and textile oriented companies.

Both the mills are to be rehabilitated and renovated extensively, said Bunch, who said that several firms are interested in leasing the space for commercial purposes.

The 30 plus acres of property Bunch acquired is located behind his house, on Margrace Road, and in the area of the new Junior High School and includes also a lake. Bunch says he plans to develop the area for new residences.

The Bunch family also owns the former Margrace Store, which is just across the street from the old Margrace Mill.

The present Bunch, Inc. building on Grover Road will be



Aerial View Of Pauline Plant

sold or leased, said Bunch.

Bunch, Inc. includes a commercial wood working shop which builds huge cab stands for Freightliner of Mount Holly for 11 different models. Bunch, Inc. also manufactures material handling equipment and special machinery for Reliance Electric Rubber Maid of Statesville, Fiber Industries and Eaton Corporation.

Kings Mountain's oldest mill, Pauline Mill, was built by the Neisler Family of Kings Mountain in 1919, who also founded the Margrace Mill. The mills were sold to several other

owners in later years and shut down four years ago.

"Our family is very excited about rehabilitation and renovation of these two mills which have been familiar landmarks in Kings Mountain for many years", said Bunch.

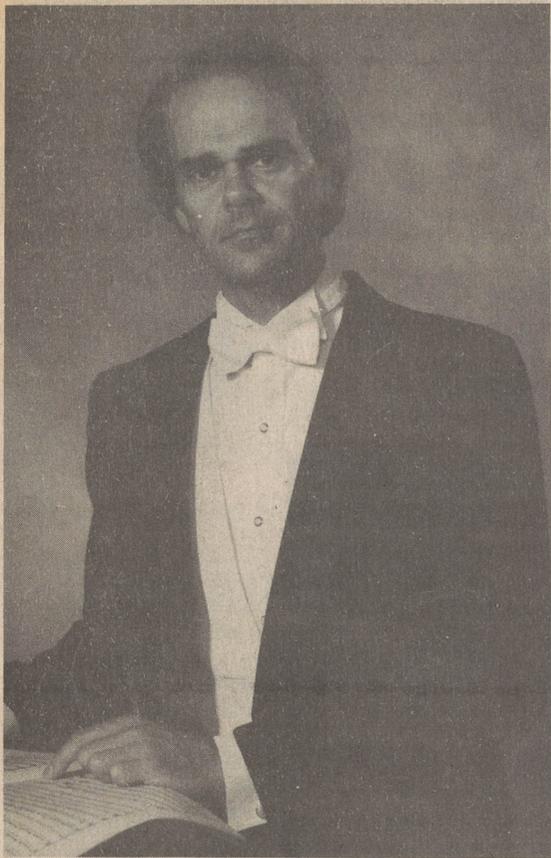
The industrial property was acquired from Victor Palmea & Company of Philadelphia, Pa.

Neisler Mills, Inc., was founded by C.E. Neisler. His father, Joseph Neisler, operated a textile mill in nearby Concord at the time of the Civil War. C.E. Neisler's wife was the daughter

of W.A. Mauney, who built the first textile mill in Kings Mountain in 1888.

Having learned the Textile Business under his father, Mr. Neisler ran his father-in-law's Mill in Kings Mountain and also six spinning mills owned by Mr. Mauney and others. In 1910 he founded the present Company, Neisler Mills, Inc., and with his own capital built another, the Pauline weaving mill, named in honor of his wife. The mill made cotton damask tablecloths and napkins. In 1919 the Margrace

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CONDUCTOR—Assistant Conductor Jackson Parkhurst will direct the N.C. Symphony Chamber Orchestra in a lively pops concert on Jan. 17th at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

## Symphony To Perform January 17 At KMHS

The North Carolina Symphony Chamber Orchestra is coming to Kings Mountain Thursday, Jan. 17th, at 8 p.m. in B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Under the direction of Assistant Conductor Jackson Parkhurst, the Chamber Orchestra will perform a lively pops concert featuring "A Star Is Born", selections from "West Side Story", "Moon River" and "That's Entertainment."

Tickets are on sale at \$5.50.

Also on the program are Mozart's Overture to "The Marriage Of Figaro", Bizet's "Children's Games Suite" and Bach-Cailliet's "Fuge In G Minor", and Johann Strauss' Overture to "Die Fiedermaus."

Tickets are \$6 at the door on concert night. Admission is \$3.50 for senior citizens and \$2 for students.

## Board Discusses Water, Sewer

Water and sewer were the main topics of discussion at Monday's regular monthly meeting of the Grover Town Council.

Mayor Bill McCarter told the board that the State of North Carolina has asked the board to supply information on estimated expenditures for water system improvements and expansion for the next three to five years so the state can better plan its fund allocations.

The board discussed possible lines that might have to be installed to supply water to new and existing housing developments and Commissioner Ronald Queen suggested purchasing some fire hydrants to be stored for use in emergencies.

In a related matter, Mayor McCarter said a tree recently fell on power lines at Pump Number One but that Duke Power, Southern Bell and the town had made the necessary repairs.

McCarter informed the board that real estate appraiser Ralph Gilbert had been in town for the past several days appraising property which will be used for right of ways for the proposed sewer system. Commissioners suggested that a special board meeting be called if Gilbert completes his work before the scheduled February meeting on February 4.

In other matters, the board: \*Authorized Mayor McCarter to offer to purchase a small tract of property which adjoins the proposed new recreation park.

\*Discussed having a community-wide observance of the town's Centennial. The town will be 100 years old on February 5 but commissioners agreed the observance should be in the spring. The town recently purchased a green Centennial flag and approved the purchase of 1,000 Centennial stickers to be placed on letterheads and water bills during the celebration

period. \*Authorized McCarter to look into the cost of a new police car.

\*Approved payment of \$350 to Pat Patterson for installation of Christmas lights.

\*Approved installation of a 12" metal culvert on Timberland Road to correct a water drainage problem.

## Mine Buys KM Brick

Kings Mountain Brick Company on Grover Road is now wholly owned by the parent company, The English Mica Company.

Matt Ferro, owner of The English Mica Company, Kings Mountain Mica Company and

U.S. Mica Company purchased minority stock in Kings Mountain Brick Company owned by Don McGinnis of Kings Mountain on Dec. 28th.

Kings Mountain Brick employs 40 people.