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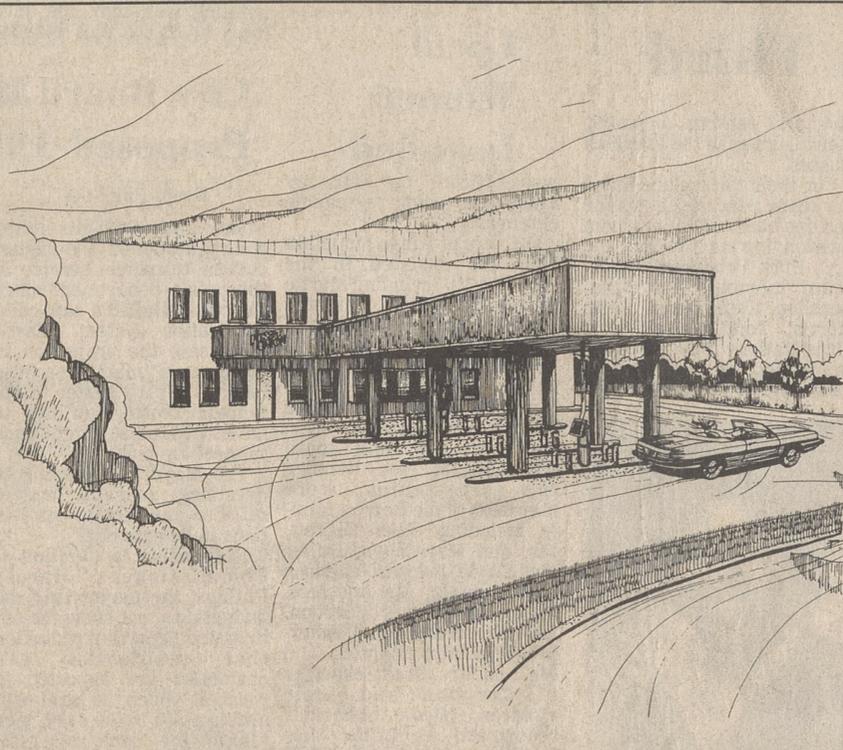
## First Union Expands

First Union National Bank is doubling its present parking facilities on N. Battleground Avenue and completion of a \$175,000 expansion program is expected to be completed by Labor Day.

City Executive John Young announced the bank's plans for expansion Tuesday.

Young said that directors of the bank approved the expansion to "improve the traffic flow and better accommodate our customers who have sometimes found lines long and heavy traffic congestion."

Young said the expansion will provide four drive-in lanes, one direct and three pneumatics, with customers having access from both the new entrance being created on the North side of Battleground and from the old entrance on S. Battleground.



Drawing Of First Union Expansion...

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## Man Killed In Shooting At Dance Club

John Charles Anderson, 27, son's body was conducted of 213 E. Parker St., was shot Tuesday.

Anderson was killed early Sunday morning in the parking lot of Country Roundup Dance Club on St. Luke's Church Road three miles north of the city.

According to Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, Anderson's brother, Ronnie Anderson, 30, of Grover, was shot in the right arm at the same time.

Lt. Bob Fortenberry, a detective with the Sheriff's Department, said the State Bureau of Investigation is assisting in investigation into the shootings but no arrests have been made.

Fortenberry said the younger Anderson, bleeding from the chest, then apparently climbed into the back of a Datsun pickup truck, which his brother drove to Kings Mountain Hospital.

Johnny Anderson died at 3:26 a.m. Sunday.

Ronnie Anderson is listed in good condition at Kings Mountain Hospital.

## Mrs. Ellen Plonk Dies At Age 99



MRS. C.S. PLONK

Mrs. Ellen Patterson Plonk, 99, would have celebrated her 100th birthday, Monday, June 23.

The well-known Kings Mountain native died Wednesday afternoon, June 11th, after being in declining health for sometime. She had just returned to her home on Route 3 after being hospitalized for several days.

The Plonk family, including eight children, 39 grandchildren and 66 great-

grandchildren, had planned a quiet birthday celebration for her on June 23 to mark her century of life.

Except one son, the late Fred W. Plonk, and one daughter, the late Willie Plonk Patterson, all of Mrs. Plonk's 116 direct descendants are still living. Her husband, the late Clarence Sloan Plonk, Sr., prominent farmer and livestock dealer died in September 1966 after more than 61 years of marriage to

the former Ellen Patterson and after living all his life in Kings Mountain. Mrs. Plonk and her late husband reared 10 children on the Plonk homeplace on St. Luke's Church Road. Mr. Plonk, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William L. Plonk, was one of 10 children and Mrs. Plonk, daughter of the late Ira Hardin and Angelina Whitesides Patterson, was one of 12 children.

Before her marriage, Mrs.

Plonk taught school at Patterson Grove Elementary School.

Born June 23, 1886, she was a graduate of Kings Mountain High School. For more than 30 years she and her family were members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church on St. Luke's Church Road five miles from Kings Mountain. During those years she taught Sunday School and played the organ for church service. After St. Luke's

Church was discontinued, 35 years ago, she transferred her membership to St. Matthew's Church, where she was active for many years as a Sunday School teacher and church worker. She was great-great granddaughter of Arthur Patterson, Sr. who fought in the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain. She was married April 20, 1905 to Clarence Sloan

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## Board Inspects Budget

Item-by-item inspection of the estimated city budget for 1986-87 got underway Monday night as the city board of commissioners held a two-and-one-half budget session, first of two planned, as they became acquainted with the many items involved in suspending (and collecting) \$14 million dollars.

The city board is expected to hold the second budget session Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers and formally adopt the 1986-87 budget after a public hearing Tuesday night, June 24th, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

A few questions by the board, Mayor John Henry Moss explained page-by-page the 55 page-thick budget and then the board went into executive discussions to discuss personnel changes in the "table of organization and various positions", Mayor Moss said a committee will review the recommendations and present them to the full board for action.

In presenting the budget review, the Mayor pointed out that increases are dictated by annual pay raises for all city employees, which they will receive July 1, increased cost of insurance

coverage for 160 city employees which amounts to a whopping \$466,976, and increased costs of energy to run the city.

Mayor Moss told the board that he appreciates, and he said he spoke on behalf of city employees, the board's approval of excellent fringe benefits to all city employees over the past 22 years. In addition to the three percent cost-of-living raise, a three percent merit increase for qualified permanent employees is slated to begin after Oct. 1, 1986. Additionally, all city employees receive seven paid holidays, paid sick leave, vacations, paid hospitalization insurance plus prescription drugs for every member of his or her immediate family at cost to the employee of \$2 per prescription and retirement benefits. Insurance is carried on a city employee for life after he or she works for the city 20 years.

No member of the six member board of commissioners commented on raises in any department for personnel, including projected raises of the city administration, which includes the six commissioners and mayor.

Commissioner Harold Phillips called attention to the fact that salaries are up \$38,000 in the Police Department.



COMMENDATION - Legionnaire Bob Davies of Post 155, left, codes officer for the City of Kings Mountain, presents framed commendations from the City of Kings Mountain to Ruth Gamble, center, newly installed state chaplain of the American Legion Auxiliary, and Arlene Barrett, right, newly installed state president, at the state convention in Raleigh during the weekend. Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Gamble also received long-stemmed roses from Post 155.

## Mayor Moss Praises Capital Outlay Budget

Mayor John Moss, presenting in detail the city's projected budget of \$14 million to the board of commissioners Monday night, said that the best piece of the city budget is found in capital outlay items which total \$480,485, up 23 percent from last year.

"It is in capital outlay that a city makes progress", said the Mayor, who noted that capital outlay includes long life equipment that enables the city to perform services at less cost and more quickly for permanent improvements like streets, sidewalks, and water and sewer lines.

Street improvements have high priority in the new budget with \$200,000 estimated for street paving and resurfacing, curb and gutter and sidewalks and \$43,000 earmarked for a street sweeper on lease purchase agreement, he said. He also said that the city is taking steps to develop its own waste sludge disposal system with \$80,000 earmarked for aerators and mixers and a sludge disposal and drying bed. He said that the Police Department, which has re-

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## KM Women Are Installed

Two Kings Mountain women - Arlene Barrett and Ruth Gamble - were installed as new state officers of the American Legion Auxiliary at the 66th annual convention during the weekend in Raleigh.

Mrs. Barrett, wife of Kings Mountain Police Chief J.D. Barrett, was installed as the new president and Mrs. Gam-

ble, widow of Leonard Gamble, was installed as the new chaplain.

They were presented commendation plaques from the City of Kings Mountain by Bob Davies, city codes officer, who was also installed as District 23 Commander during the American Legion convention, which was also being held at the North

Raleigh Hilton. Mr. Davies, Post Commander Whitey Hogue and Post Adjutant Larry Deaver presented Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Gamble with a dozen long-stemmed American Beauty roses from Post 155. Elizabeth Stewart, past state president from Kings Mountain, installed the

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