

# BLASTS

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He talked with Tracy Davis of the N.C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources Land Resources Division, who suggested that citizens provide a letter with the dates and times of the blasts and he could examine the company's records to see if the mining permits had been exceeded. Davis said his department had not received a complaint about blasting at Martin Marietta in the last three years and added that of the six or seven complaints the state receives annually about quarry blasting, almost none prove to be excessive.

A spokesman for Martin Marietta was quoted in a local newspaper as saying that the company had suspended blasting in the late 1970s and began blasting again in April.

In other action, the board:

\*Denied a rezoning request by Clinton Feemster which would have permitted placement of a mobile home on his property on Groves Street.

\*Adopted a resolution proclaiming October 13 as Mountaineer Day in Kings Mountain. Recreation Director David Hancock updated the board on plans and activities of the day.

\*Amended the city's Cafeteria Benefits Plan, an insurance plan which allows employees to have an amount of money taken out of their checks each week for medical reimbursements to help supplement regular insurance.

\*Approved repairs to the future Kings Mountain Historical Building at a cost of \$22,175.

\*Approved reimbursement of \$16,736.57 to contractor Marion Dixon for installation of water and sewer in the Deerwood sub-division.

\*Approved a three-year contract with Transco for Firm Supply Service of natural gas, and authorized a demand of 2,376 MCF per

day. City Manager George Wood explained that since de-regulation, cities can buy gas from any suppliers but, since Transco owns the lines which transport the gas, the city must reserve "so much capacity" to ensure an adequate supply on the coldest days of the year. Commissioner Al Moretz pointed out that the action doesn't mean the city is "going to buy 2,376 MCF from Transco all the time, but we have the option to."

\*Authorized the city to proceed with the gas line relocation project on Second Street and the Northwoods Interior System and Connection, with a goal of having natural gas available to potential customers in Northwoods this winter. The projected cost of \$75,000 is included in the city budget. Comm. Scott Neisler pointed out that many citizens in the area had told him that they needed financial help in converting to natural gas heat. Wood pointed out that Isothermal Development and Planning Commission has programs to assist low-income citizens and suggested that some citizens who have experienced extremely high heating bills may also want to consider securing home improvement loans and putting in proper insulation before converting to gas heat.

\*Approved a change order for water improvements on Walker Street, Waco Road, Garrison Drive and Roxford Road, increasing the cost of the project by \$37,456.14. The original contract amount was \$107,620.40 and there was an earlier change order of \$510.11, bringing the final amount for construction to \$145,586.65. Comm. Scott Neisler asked engineer David Pond, "is this the last change order are we going to keep having them?" and Pond answered that construction workers "ran into a lot of underground utility lines and fuel tanks that we didn't know anything about."

\*Approved a change order for an increase of \$12,430 in the cost of the Pilot Creek expansion and sludge handling project. The change brings the new contract price to \$3,118,920.

## Blanton Family Gets Together

Forty-three members of the family of the late R. Lee Blanton and Lizzie Lovelace Blanton got together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ranny Blanton on Patterson Road August 18.

The group enjoyed Earl Lovelace of Cherryville sharing information and pictures of the Blantons for several generations.

A very tasty meal was served at 6 p.m. from the covered dishes prepared by members of the family.

Much fun, fellowship and food was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Blanton, Mrs. Homer Sarrett of Mooresboro, Mrs. Buron Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. James Blanton, Shondee, Steven and Shane Blanton, all of Kings Mountain; Mrs. Roger Hayes of Cherryville, Vickie and Dawn Blanton of Clover, Mr. and Mrs.

Raymond Blanton, Mrs. Carl Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Blanton, Molly and Adam Blanton of Kings Mountain; Ina Blanton of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Steve Swager of Lincolnton, Wesley Blanton of Kings Mountain, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Blanton and Jennifer of Blacksburg, Va., Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Blanton of Bostic, and Les Blanton of Jacksonville, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Ranny Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blanton and Amber, and Robbie Hartley, all of Kings Mountain; Mrs. Gene Hartley of Hudson and Penny Blanton of Hilton Head, S.C.

Special guests present were Mrs. Brenda Lawson of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Evelyn Willis of North Brook, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lovelace of Cherryville and Mrs. Louise Owens of Kings Mountain.

## Scouts Honor Sylvia Holmes

The volunteer staff of the Pioneer Girl Scout Council honored Sylvia L. Holmes at a reception at the Program Center at Camp Rotary on Sunday, August 26. The event, planned as a surprise for Holmes, was a tribute her ten years as executive director of the council.

Kay Polhill, council president, presented Holmes with a framed Girls Scouts of the U.S.A. Life Time Membership Certificate. The certificate was a gift from the 13 service units within the Pioneer

Girl Scout. Emma House, council second vice president, coordinated the event which was carried out by Lincolnton Girl Scouts.

Betty Gamble of Lincolnton, Midge Yelton of Rutherfordton, and Brownie Smyre of Gastonia, all former council presidents commended Holmes for her outstanding efforts and talents as executive director. Personal greetings were read from two other past presidents, Betty White and Connie Gibbons, both of Gastonia.



**BETHWARE FAIR QUEEN** - Kimberly McDaniel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry McDaniel, will be queen of the Bethware Fair, which runs September 3-8 on the grounds of Bethware School. The event, sponsored by the Bethware Progressive Club, will begin at 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

## Mountaineer Day October 13

The Mountaineer Day Celebration for 1990 has been set for Saturday, October 13 in uptown Kings Mountain. Activities for all ages are being planned for the day which will begin with opening remarks by Mayor Kyle Smith, followed by patriotic music by the Kings Mountain High School band, under the direction of Chris Cole, and the High School Chorus, directed by Gene Bumgardner. Stage activities will follow throughout the day including entertainment from dance schools, shag dancing and square dancing exhibitions, gospel singing, coordinated by Evelyn Bridges, and a Mountaineer Day Costume contest.

The festivities will be entered around the Gold and Cherokee Street intersection with craft show and sale area set for the city parking lot on Cherokee Street. Several "old style" exhibits such as antique horse-drawn buggies, and a historic camp re-enactment area are

planned. Contest will include 'Ugly Truck', Dog Show, "Crank It Up Stereo Contest," Sponsored by Mobile Vibrations, and prize drawings throughout the day.

Wrapping up the day's event will be a street dance to the sounds of "Mink", an area band which performs a variety of beach, pop, top 40, and rock. The Fire Department and the Parks and Recreation Department will provide a fireworks show for the community around 9 pm and the street dance will conclude the day's events around 11:30 pm.

The Chamber of Commerce has agreed to assist in encouraging merchants to conduct Mountaineer Day has agreed to assist in encouraging merchants to conduct Mountaineer day sales, window displays, and to assist with merchandise for prize drawings. Local church and civic groups will be encouraged to sponsor food and other booths for fundraising events.

## Scisms Honor Mrs. Dellinger

Judy and Paul Scism honored Mrs. Scism's mother, Helen Dellinger, on her 65th birthday Saturday by a family lakeside.

Eighty-six relatives and friends attended, including guests from Kings Mountain, Morganton, Belmont and Shelby.

Mrs. Dellinger is a member of Patterson Grove Baptist Church

and is active in a number of church and community activities. She baby sits small children in her community.

She has four living children, including Judy Scism, Brenda Blanton, Gene Dellinger and Wayne Dellinger; and six grandchildren.

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