

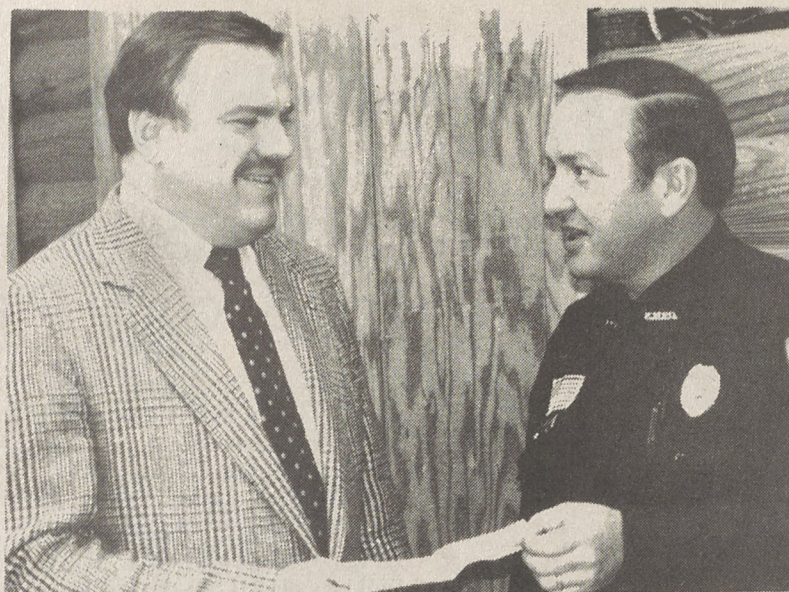
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INVEST-Financial Corporation, a nationwide provider of financial products and services to bank clients, has recognized Stephan Angelis for superior client service in 1990.

Located at Home Federal Savings Bank in Kings Mountain, Angelis was selected as one of 100 INVEST Representatives nationwide to receive this award.

A Clover, SC resident, Angelis is a member of INVEST's Chairman's Club, was Top Producer in the Southeast Region, and received the Sales Executive Award last year.

Angelis received a Bachelor of Science degree from University of Nevada at Las Vegas in 1982.



GIFT TO DARE - Jerry Hoyle, left, president of the Kiwanis Club, presents a \$650 check to DARE Officer Alan Hardin to be used for buying T-shirts for DARE graduates.

Stamp Business Good At KM Post Office

The new postage rates went into effect Sunday at midnight and on Monday the lines were long at Kings Mountain post office, according to Superintendent of Postal Operations Quay Moss.

Moss said the 4-cent stamp is a big seller and business has been booming since Friday for the "F" stamp worth 29 cents. On Monday Moss had to open three windows to sell stamps. Tuesday the lines were shorter, he said.

Business was so good Monday that the local post office ran out of 4-centers but 20,000 more were in stock Tuesday. Moss put in an order for more stamps Tuesday afternoon just in case the supply doesn't last.

The local post office also has in stock postcards for 19 cents, long and short stamped envelopes, rolls of 100's and 500's F series first-class stamps worth 29 cents, and the white make-up 4 centers which has no picture, just very small red

print: "This U. S. stamp, along with 25 cents of additional postage, is equivalent to the "F" stamp rate."

If you have unopened rolls, or books of 25-cent stamps, you can trade them in on 29-cent ones. But the new flower 29-cent stamp and the makeup stamp can only be used on domestic U.S. mail, including Desert Storm mail, Moss said.

New postage charts will soon go out to businesses and postal patrons by request at post office windows.

MERGER

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them to imply that that support is compromised by their position which favors multiple systems in one county."

McRae said if the state decides to fund one unit per county it would be difficult for Kings Mountain Schools to exist "indefinitely." "It would be hard to put a time line on it, but it would obviously mean increasing revenues to be able to afford to continue doing what we're doing."

Dr. Ellen Powell, Supt. of Cleveland County Schools, said she feels the merger talk will pass when the economic situation improves. "This merger idea has been kicked around off and on for years," she said. "I really think that it should be a local decision. I'm not sure how much money it would save, if that is the real purpose of it, but I don't think it would save as much as I've heard quoted."

A study of a merger of the county's three systems was done in 1982-83 and the three boards of education held some joint meetings in Shelby to discuss the idea. None of the systems gave the merger overwhelming support and Kings Mountain dropped out of the discussion after one meeting.

"My personal feeling, and I think I also speak for our board, is that any kind of a merger ought to be a local decision," McRae said. "We can see no substantial benefit for children of Kings Mountain Schools nor the entire Kings Mountain District Schools community."

Two county commissioners--Joyce Cashion and

Charlie Harry--had differing views on a possible merger. Mrs. Cashion, of Kings Mountain, said she is definitely against it and Harry, a resident of Shelby but a Grover businessman, said he personally favors it but feels it's an issue that should be voted on by the people.

"It's a proven fact that one school unit per county is not cheaper," said Mrs. Cashion. "I just think the bigger you get the less individual attention you get."

Mrs. Cashion said the governor's proposal only shifts the burden of financing school systems from the state to the county level. "It's all the same money," she said. "We're just the ones that's going to have to raise it. They're going to make us look like the bad guys."

"I'm hoping he doesn't push the issue, but he probably will," she said.

Harry said he would be willing to see the county fund multiple school systems for a short time while a merger is being planned.

"I personally am in favor of merger but I feel it's something the people should decide and not the county commissioners," he said. "I understand a majority in the county oppose it but if they stopped to look at the advantages and economics of it they would see it's a more effective and efficient way to run a school system. For instance, you'd have one maintenance department and one dietary department. The economics scale would come into play and the merger would offer a better opportunity for every child in the county to receive an equal education, and that's the main reason I support it. Folks are against it because they fear a loss of identity of the school. But Kings Mountain High would still be Kings Mountain High, Shelby High would always be Shelby High and Crest would always be Crest and the athletic competitions would always be there."

MIDPINES

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dential use and we urge the City of Kings Mountain to condemn this location since it is in violation of existing city codes."

Meantime, labor from the county prison department were picking up trash along Margrace Road in the area of the dump this week and 119 orange bags were filled with trash which reportedly fell from uncovered vehicles hauling trash to the dump. Local citizens complain that trash is scattered daily in front of residences along the dump route. "We would like to see the trash picked up along the road on a weekly basis," said Cobb, who says unless deputies enforce the ordinance making it unlawful to haul trash on an uncovered truck that the problem will be unchanged by a manned site.

County Commissioner Charlie Harry of Grover said workmen are ready to pour the concrete at the dump site and work is proceeding nicely. Harry said a county ordinance makes it unlawful to haul trash on the back of a truck unless the truck is covered. "I feel that public awareness is the biggest enemy we have in keeping our roadways clean, a problem all over Cleveland County," said Harry.

Harry said county commissioners visited two sites in the Kings Mountain area before making a decision on the Midpines site for a manned system. "The other site

was about 1 1/2 miles further away and we felt the Midpines site would be more accessible to all residents of the Midpines-Bethlehem area."

Mark Thompson is engineer for the project.

"It's a concern to all of us the de-

gree of litter on our highways but when the manned recycling center is in place and operational the county can better supervise the trash that is coming in and whether it's covered," said Alexander.

Wood said the city's litter laws apply only in the corporate limits.

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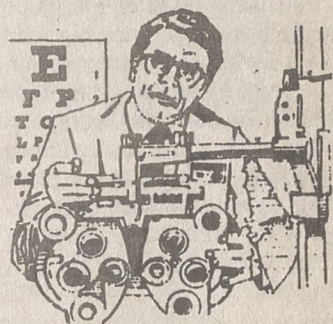
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JIM AMOS

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zoning board, but Crawford, who asked for rezoning to R-8 with a conditional use permit, was denied his request at Tuesday's meeting before the board passed unanimously the new ordinance with the extended amortization period and the new R-6 zoning suggested by Moretz.

City council's decision last Tuesday is seen as either a victory for neighborhoods or a blow to affordable housing and landowners rights, depending on who's talking.

"If you're going to have a manufactured housing park we want it to be built to standards," said City Manager George Wood. "What we're talking about is providing them with a good, decent place to live."

City officials say the three parks were built before the city passed its zoning codes. Amos, who bought his park in 1972 with four homes on it, located in an area with residences, a garage, industry and two churches. "At one time my park conformed but now they want to make Kings Mountain a Hollywood, California," said Amos, who says city council is crucifying mobile home parks and not public housing. "How can the city council take away our livelihood and housing for people who can't afford to live elsewhere?" asked Amos. Where will the people go?

"People just like the ones living in my little trailer park will be hurt. They make too much money for public housing and can't afford other apartments. A mother with three children told me the other day if my park is closed she may have to

take the children and live with her mother and the husband may have to move in with his mother," said Amos.

Withrow, who owns 21 mobile home parks in the Carolinas, accuses the city of taking action "politically popular" when neighborhoods complained about sewer pipes bursting and spilled raw sewage in the park. "If they had called me three months earlier or called in the Health Department it would have saved both of us legal fees," he said. Withers said neighbors' complaints were justified but he had repossessed the park just recently and was embarrassed to see the condition of the property. He doubts his park will be able to qualify with the more stringent R-6 MH zoning but has begun making major improvements this week.

"If these parks adhere to standards there's no way we will put them out of business," says Moretz, who said the new R-6MH zoning will provide for less density, 20 feet paved streets, paved driveways, underground utilities, buffer strips around the parks, a very nice neighborhood for people to live in."

"Our obligation as commissioners is to identify the problem and identify the standards we want," said Moretz, who said the city has an ordinance restricting new mobile homes except where a hardship case is established. The R6 code would establish mobile home parks in one area of the city, he said and fire protection would be covered in the new ordinance. Moretz said some of the present trailer parkers have no close fire hydrants. "The bottom line is why should people living in mobile home parks have an environment not at least adequate to those in stick built type subdivisions."

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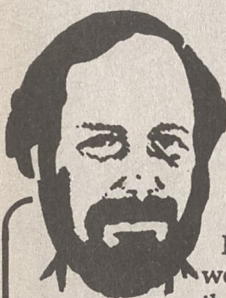
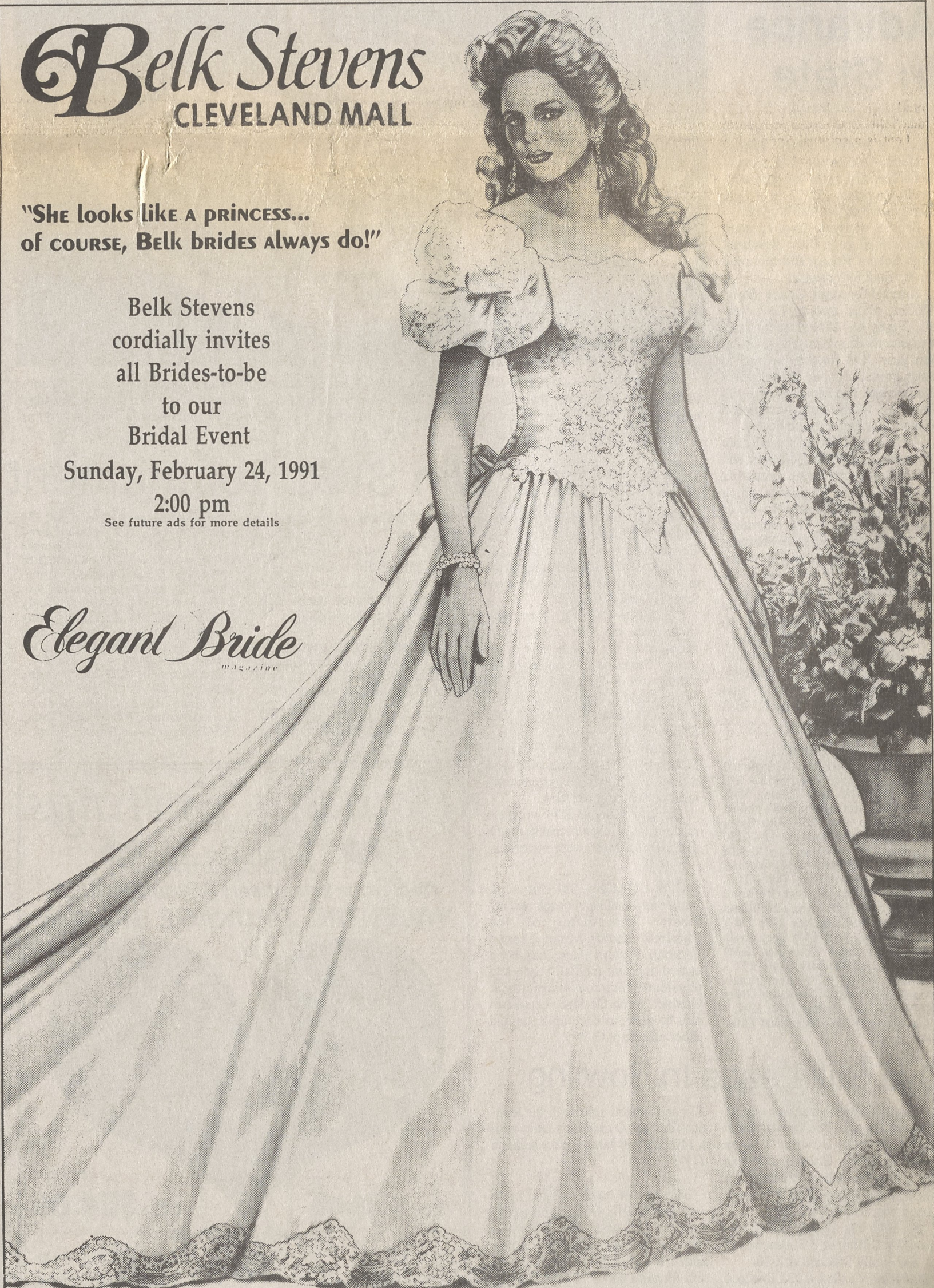
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