

JONAS

From Page 1-A

trades when the station first opened at 1215 Cleveland Avenue. His wife, Doris, was bookkeeper and Jonas handled virtually everything else, including advertising sales.

A native of Boiling Springs, Jonas was attending Gardner-Webb College when the chance came to work at WIS-TV in Spartanburg on a part-time basis. Scheduling, programming, and running an air shift were all in a day's work for young Bridges.

After high school classes in Boiling Springs he had worked part time at Shelby Station WOHs, then the only radio station in Cleveland County, and also at a Forest City station. His job was reporting play by play for the Shelby major league farm club games, now the Western Carolinas League. His co-anchor was Kays Gary, Charlotte Observer columnist, then sports editor at the Shelby Daily Star.

Sports broadcasting was a natural, then and now, for Bridges.

Jonas suffered a "busted nose" while playing college baseball. Last year he entered the hospital as an outpatient for nose surgery. Doctors discovered the tumor in its earliest stages growing in his throat. He required no treatments.

It was the second time that Jonas had been in the hospital for major surgery in two years. In 1989 he entered the hospital for angioplastic surgery and doctors discovered a blockage. He underwent emergency triple by-pass surgery.

"I'm lucky, but it's rough," said Jonas, who understandably misses his contact with radio listeners. Before the throat surgery, Jonas was experiencing some hoarseness which he blamed on talking too much on radio. Before his heart surgery, Jonas said he had experienced slight chest pains but blamed that on stress and promised himself he would slow down.

Slowing down is painful in itself for a busy person. Jonas recalls that he worked seven days a week to build the growing radio station in town. He takes pride in the community service program he initiated Tuesday night when the station broadcast the first city council meeting from City Hall.

Jonas organized the original Kingsmen Gospel Quartet of Asheville and has always featured gospel and country music on the air, a popular feature of WKMT. One of the first members of the Kingsmen group was J. D. Sumner of Sunshine Boys fame. Jonas said he had to make a decision back then to either sing or stay in the radio business. His choice was radio.

Bridges is backed up by an outstanding crew, he says.

Jim Arp, music director who features country music on the air, has been with Bridges for 23 years.

Jerry Bedsole, a 15-year veteran, features gospel music on his radio shows.

Gene Austin, also of Kings Mountain, is D. J. for the night shift. The local station, which broadcasts seven days a week, went nightly five years ago and is on the air from 6 a.m. to midnight. Southern gospel and country music are favorites of listeners in radio land and the disc jockeys and announcers play requests.

Alan Riffle, former professional baseball pitcher, recently joined the station to give expanded sports coverage. Riffle played AAA ball before he injured his arm. Riffle earned a law degree from Duke University and taught law at Western Carolina University but found that sports broadcasting was his field. Longtime friend of Jonas, he came to Kings Mountain to join his staff.

Bridges is married to Doris Summerlin Bridges and they reside on Moss Lake. They are members of First Baptist Church. Bridges was a city commissioner from Ward V in 1971-75. Their son, Rob Bridges, is district manager for Jones Intercable. Their daughter, Pamela Sardinia of Charlotte, is an aerobic instructor. Both children are communications majors. Sardinia formerly operated her father's radio station in Rock Hill.

Producing rodeos and playing golf are hobbies that Jonas plans to do now that he is slacking down on his work day. He reports to work every day as usual but has quit punching the clock.

Bridges calls himself a sports nut and he plans to continue to be Kings Mountain's number one sports fan in the stands but not at the microphone.

Slowing down is hard. At 61, Bridges plans to keep his heart in radio to assure Kings Mountain radio listeners his own special brand of entertainment.

BARRETT

From Page 1-A

clean up all the debris in front of his building," said neighbor Preston Childers. "It's still there."

The Compact residents opposed the request for rezoning last year and both the planning board and city council sided with them.

"We're not here to oppose a businessman's use of his property but we are concerned about the future use and what the outcome of rezoning could mean to the neighborhood," said Charles Stevens. "The Compact community has stood for 100 years. Will it be a residential area or a business area?"

Steve Poole, of Barrett Floor Covering, said that other businesses now exist in the area, including a greenhouse, service station and tanning salon. "We're just asking for more room to give service and 3/4 of these people here tonight are our customers."

Ruby Barrett said she and her husband, Jack, and their three children work in the business and have plans for expanding, doing architectural remodeling and computerization. Walter Stevens, of the

Barrett firm, said the company has no plans for outside storage, which under the city's zoning laws would mean the erection of buffers.

Faunce suggested that Barrett do some housekeeping. "This is a difficult problem with no happy solution. You have three different tracts." Joe Smith pointed out that general business zoning requires the erection of a eight feet high solid wooden fence.

Lou Ballew said she saw children playing near the business gate. Neighbors use the roads through the property and old playground area to get to homes and a nearby church. She asked both the Mount Olive Church and the business owners to work out their problems together and come up with a workable solution.

"I have to vote with these church people. The city hasn't complied with its own rules and is in all kinds of violations because we don't enforce zoning," said Pruette. At the urging of other members, both Pruette and Allison withdrew their original motions to give Barrett 30 days, instead of six months if the request is denied, to get his plats together.

Board Secretary Gene White said the city has a right to enforce regulations in the R-20 use

(Compact) district with limited powers as far as clean up and health hazards are concerned. He said that if the Barrett property is rezoned to GB the city would have more authority. "Property owners are taken to court for violations and the city is beginning to strictly enforce its codes," he said in response to question of Pruette.

Charles Stevens reminded the board that the Compact neighborhood is outside the city limits but in the one mile perimeter area. "We don't even have voting rights in town."

White said the residents could force the city to get the area cleaned up. He said the city is attempting to comply with all the ordinances on the books. "We have a lot of catching up to do."

"We kinda lost heart after you denied our request last year but have made some progress," said Mrs. Barrett.

White called the Barretts innocent victims. He said the Barretts bought the Compact School after it was used for commercial use and then the city annexed the area. The Barretts are now bound by city zoning rules in a non-conforming use area, which means they can remain there but can't expand or add on to the present building without

changing the zoning to general business. White says that when builders come to the city for permits the zoning is checked.

"The city is fighting something that has been neglected for years but we're making an effort," said White. "I sympathize with the property owners."

"We're looking now at Barrett's entire parcel of six acres and what we need is a clearer definition of the plat in question. If he will revise it maybe we all can work this thing out," said Faunce.

Although the planning board can make recommendations, the final authority on rezoning is city council.

Griffin Drug Center

- Prescriptions - Citywide Delivery
- Senior Citizen Discounts
- Cards & Gifts
- Soda Fountain - Sandwiches
- Ice Cream & Drinks
- 24-Hour Foto Finishing

Serving Kings Mountain Over 70 years

Griffin Drug Center

739-4721

Mon-Fri 9-6
Sat 9-5

129 W. Mountain St.
Kings Mountain

Subscribe To The Herald

CARTER CHEVROLET - GEO. INC. - HWY. 74 BY-PASS - SHELBY, NC - 704-482-4341

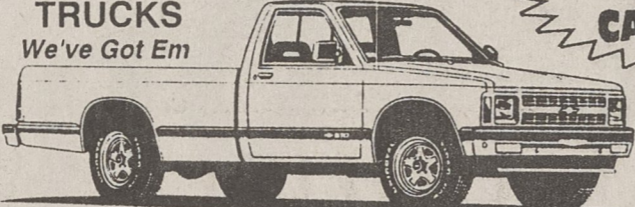
Mon.-Fri. 8:30-6 PM
Saturday 8:30-3 PM
SPRING BREAK-AWAY

SAVINGS

92 CHEVY S-10 TRUCKS
We've Got Em

30 In Stock

\$750 CASH BACK




Brand New 92 Chevrolet S-10 Value Leaders St # 4742

\$8220⁰⁰

92 CHEVROLET FULL SIZE TRUCKS

22 IN STOCK

Equipped - Not Stripped



Brand New 92 C1500. Power steering, anti-lock rear brakes, 4 speed automatic transmission, full wheel covers, A/C, factory bedliner, sliding rear window.

\$11,920

BRAND NEW '92 CAVALIERS



Automatic, 4 door, power steering, power brakes w/ABS, power door locks, AM-FM stereo cassette & more. #4762, 4763.

\$9999

AFTER \$900 CASH BACK

6.9%
GMAC Financing
Up To 48 Mos.

BRAND NEW '92 GEO STORMS

Unbelievable Plus Discounts



Automatic or 5-speed. All models qualify. Check out our stock.

\$1500 FACTORY CASH BACK!

BRAND NEW '92 BERETTA



5 speed overdrive, factory air conditioning, ABS brakes, power steering, AM-FM stereo cassette, bright red, grey cloth & much more.

\$11,480

CHECK US OUT!

BRAND NEW '92 GEO PRIZM



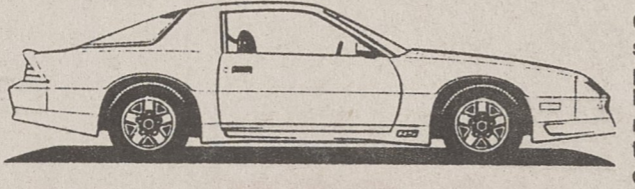
4 door, cold A/C, power steering, power brakes, floor mats, full wheel covers, sport mirrors, #4541. AM-FM stereo cassette.

\$10,880

After \$750 Cash Back Check Us Out!

REBATES UP TO \$1500

BRAND NEW 92 CAMARO RS



Overdrive transmission, air conditioning, power steering, power brakes, V-8 engine, RS model, 16" wheels & tires. AM-FM stereo cassette. 3 in stock.

\$13,290 AFTER \$750 CASH BACK

92 CAPRICE CLASSICS DEMONSTRATOR - 2 IN STOCK



DISCOUNT PLUS REBATE

BIG DEMO DISCOUNT

NO ADD ON STICKERS - NO GIMMICKS - FIRST TIME BUYERS/ COLLEGE GRADS/MILITARY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

87 PONTIAC SUNBIRD



2 door, auto, cold air, AM-FM stereo, cloth bucket seats, pin stripes.

\$3995

88 FORD RANGER



Red, short wheel base, 2 wheel drive, 5 sp. short wheel covers. AM-FM stereo cass., cold air cond.

\$3995

88 BUICK CENTURY



Automatic, PS, PB, AM-FM stereo, air conditioning, super nice.

\$4995

89 FORD ESCORT GT



2 door, GT model, bright red, 5 sp., cold air, pwr. steer/brakes, GT wheels, AM-FM stereo cass.

\$4995

86 PONTIAC PARISSIENNE
White, red trim, V-8, excellent cond.
\$4995

88 NISSAN SENTRA
2 door, dark blue, cold air, A/C, 5 speed, low mileage
\$6995

90 CHEVROLET CORSICA
4 dr, dk blue, automatic, PS, PB, AM-FM stereo, tinted glass, 35,000 miles.
\$7995

90 PONTIAC SUNBIRD SE
2 door, cold air, A/C, stereo, cassette, white, charcoal cloth, alum. wheels white.
\$7995

91 GEO PRIZM 4 DR.
4 dr, automatic, A/C, PS, PB, AM-FM stereo, silver, grey cloth, 3,000 miles.
\$9295

89 CHEVROLET BERETTA GT
White, automatic, air cond., cruise, tilt, stereo cass., 30,000 miles.
\$8,995

90 GEO TRACKER 4X4 CONVERTIBLE
White, black convertible top, grey trim, cold air, stereo, 14,000 miles.
\$9,495

91 GEO TRACKER CONVERTIBLE
Red, white conv. top, AM-FM stereo cass., 18,000 miles.
\$8995

91 CHEVY S-10
2 in stock, red or grey, V-8, power windows, red A/C, Tahoe, cass, cloth seats & chrome bumpers.
SAVE

CARTER CHEVROLET

Mark Carter - Conway Carter - Randy Gantt - Marty Marshall

HWY. 74 BYPASS - SHELBY 482-4341

Mark Johnson - Ray Walker - Joe Hamrick - Paul Carter

ALL PRICES + TAX, TAG, ADM. FEE. DEALER #1370