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Whew, it's hot!

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The heat hasn't broken any records, according to local weather buff Kenneth Kitzmiller, but we're getting there, he said Tuesday.

And air conditioners and fans are selling well, said Bobby Childers, owner of C & C Heating and Cooling in Kings Mountain.

"The business is real good, let's put it that way," he said this week.

Temperatures, according to WADA-Shelby, have been in the mid-90s since the middle of last week.

Kitzmiller said Monday had a high of 99 degrees and we haven't seen any moisture since July 6, which brought 0.11 inches, just a trace.

But things are starting to look a little cooler for this weekend. The forecast has a few clouds moving in Friday and Saturday, and with them, the temperature will be about 88 for a high and 70 for the low.

Childers had a few tips on how to best utilize air conditioners and fans to beat the heat.

"After about 90 degrees, you're just circulating air," said Childers. He recommended ceiling fans, which work well with or without air conditioning.

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Good economic news for KM

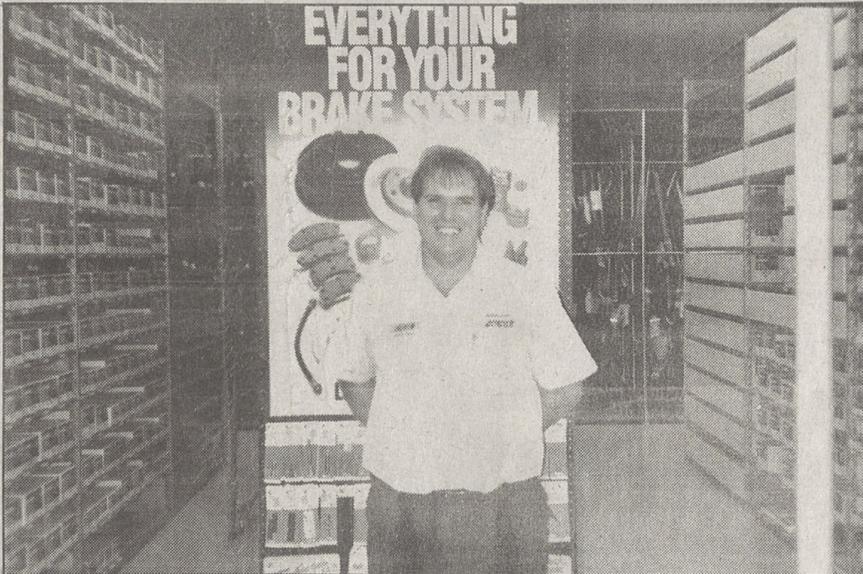
Plonk to expand KM store

Shades of Grandma's Day! Plonk Brothers is turning the clock back and will soon be offering a one-stop-shopping store and changing its name to Plonk's General Store.

The third generation Plonk, Carl Plonk, 29, grandson of the founder John O. Plonk Sr., got the idea to sell everything under one roof as his grandfather did before him. Plonk signed in June with The Cotter Company of Chicago, a national and international cooperative with buying power for over 10,000 member stores and an annual volume in excess of \$2 billion.

What this means for Kings Mountain customers of the 93-year-old firm, the city's oldest and operated by the family throughout its history, is that Plonk's is undergoing a major facelift and will soon departmentalize, offering everything from thread to crafts, variety merchandise, hardware items, picture frames, school and office supplies, postage stamps, flowers, jewelry, candies, luggage, fabric, brand name, high quality men's and ladies clothing, shoes, and infantwear. In addition customer services will include UPS and Federal Express shipping, bottled gas availability, custom framing, Cotter charge accounts, shoe repair, free alterations, and craft classes.

Refixturing and renovating the interior of the store got underway this week in the expanded Men's Department in the on-street corner building of the 15,000 square foot store on Railroad Avenue. Front awnings will soon stretch the length of the two buildings. About one-fifth of the floor space in the main department store will house ladies ready-to-wear. Other areas in
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Jake Call is manager of Advance Auto Parts which holds grand opening Friday at 10 a.m. in the old TG&Y building on Shelby Road.

Advance Auto Parts opens here

Advance Auto Parts will hold grand opening Friday at its 246th store at 1316 Shelby Road in the old TG&Y building.

A "ribbon" of 10 bills will be cut and donated to the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad at 10 a.m. and will mark the official opening of the store.

Mayor Scott Neisler and Jake Call, store manager, will share the scissors and present the \$200 ribbon to Greg Smith, representative of the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad.

"Advance Auto Parts has a long association with rescue squads," Garnett Smith, Advance president, said. "Arthur Taubman, who founded our company in 1932, was involved in the establishment of the first rescue squad in Roanoke, Virginia. We hope to work closely with these groups in all areas where we have outlets. We think they provide an invaluable service."

The newest Advance Store will be managed by Jake Call, formerly of Wilmington and a native of Hudson. Call has opened two other stores for Advance since he joined the firm three years ago. Call, who owned and operated Technician Shop in Granite Falls for six years, has built racing cars and raced in late model, stock, dirt, and duro events for many years. A certified technician, he has won 30 certificates in automotive mechanics.

"With my background in vehicle parts we take pride in offering a customer-service shop in over 6,500 square feet of floor space," said Call. He said one feature of the business will be a recycling center for old car batteries for which the company will pay one dollar each. The recycling department
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Carl Plonk stands in front of Plonk Brothers, which is changing its name to Plonk's General Store. Major changes are underway in the town's oldest business.

First Habitat home dedicated in town

By ELIZABETH STEWART
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Brian and Nancy Curry and their children, Latoya and Rodney, opened their new Habitat house for a tour of 75 people Saturday morning following a worship service dedicating the house built by caring hands of the community.

"It's a miracle," said Curry, describing his joy of being the occupant of Kings Mountain's first Habitat for Humanity house. Curry will be repaying an interest-free loan to Habitat and volunteering 500 "sweat hours" himself to help build another home going up in Cleveland County.

Mrs. Curry echoed her husband's joy and the children enthusiastically gave visitors a tour of the three-bedroom, 1,000 square foot house on North Tracy Street. The house was built with labor by Kings Mountain area volunteers, including young people from the carpentry class at Kings Mountain High School and donations by businesses and church people.

Mayor Scott Neisler said the movement by Kings Mountain people to share Habitat's theme of providing "a decent home for every family" was a moving, religious experience for the many people who participated and for him particularly.

"I get really choked up when I think of what has happened here," he said as he stood at the front of a huge tent that city workers put up to shield the 90-plus degree temperatures on Saturday from the group who gathered for the dedication.

"Unless the Lord build the house," said the psalmist, "those who build it labor in vain."

That psalm set the theme of the dedicatory remarks by Dr. Eric Faust, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, and the prayers offered by Rev. Bob Little, pastor of Central United Methodist Church, Rev. Bob Collins, pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist Church, Rev. D.C. Wilson, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, and by Rev. John White, who chairs the county's Habitat of Humanity Chapter.

"I have never in my life seen the cooperation that I've seen here - the white and the black, the rich and the poor," White said. "Everyone came together to build this house."

Neisler gave White a key to the city and an appreciation plaque from the city and White gave the Currys a key to their new home and a Bible.

The drive to build a Habitat for Humanity house in Kings Mountain began last spring when KM City Council voted to give Cleveland County's Habitat for Humanity the Tracy Street lot. By October, a foundation was in place and volunteers had begun building the house. It was built for less than \$20,000. Today, the house alone is worth nearly \$30,000.

"The Lord built this house," said Faust. "Not by a bright flash of light or a loud rumbling and shaking of the earth or by a sudden, dramatic appearance. The Lord built this house through the hands of ordinary people."

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Rev. John White presents the keys to their new home to Nancy and Brian Curry and their children, Rodney and Latoya, as Mayor Scott Neisler, second from left, and Morris Lacey, a member of the board of Habitat for Humanity, look on. Kings Mountain's first Habitat for Humanity house at 103-A North Tracy Street was dedicated Saturday.

Campbell at Demo convention

Rev. M. L. Campbell of Kings Mountain is a delegate from the 9th Congressional District to the national Democratic convention underway in New York City's Madison Square Garden through Thursday.

An active Democrat for many years, Campbell is among 98 delegates and 14 alternate delegates. North Carolina has the 11th largest delegation at the convention. Campbell is the only delegate from Cleveland County.

Campbell was chosen, along with the other delegates, at 12 district meetings throughout the state in May. The delegates were ratified at the state convention in June. The remainder of the delegation
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M. L. CAMPBELL

Ex-councilman Nicholson dead

Former city commissioner Corbet Nicholson helped organize the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad in the basement of the old City Hall in the 1950's when the first equipment was a donated ambulance, wooden splints, and bandaids.

The lifetime member and former Captain of the all-volunteer squad died at his home at 901 Henry Street July 13 at the age of 67.

Nicholson was employed as City of Kings Mountain Gas Superintendent in the early 1960's. He served on City Council from Ward 3 from 1973-87.

He was owner of Nicholson Heating & Air-Conditioning Company. He was a Mason, Shriner, veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, and a
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CORBET NICHOLSON