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## Transfer station dedicated

The James K. Downey Refuse Transfer Station, Cleveland County's first such facility, was dedicated Tuesday morning on North Piedmont Avenue.

City officials were joined by Downey's widow, Glenda, and other members of his family in unveiling a plaque honoring the late Sanitation Department Supervisor from 1980-89.

The transfer station is the culmination of two years of planning by City Council and city workers. The Public Works Department began road construction in 1991 and site construction got underway in March 1992. Contractors were Cleveland Container Corporation, Parker-D Fence Company, Dye Electric, and Leonard McSwain Septic Tank Company. Engineer was city engineer Tom Howard.

Howard, who presided at the dedication ceremonies, said savings from the project yearly will top more than the cost of the project, \$54,000. The refuse container will hold 45 cubic yards of composted refuse. A contractor will pick up and empty the container three times weekly, eliminating trips by city crews to the county landfill 34 miles away.

Howard said city trucks pick up refuse five days a week. Now, each of the city's three trucks will empty



Mayor Scott Neisler, left, and members of the Jim Downey family dedicate the city's new refuse transfer station in memory of the former sanitation department supervisor. Downey's sister Joyce Buckner, his son Kenny holding grandson Josh Jones, his wife Glenda, his sister Jo Ann Smith, his daughters Lynn Jones and Phyllis Downey, and his niece Susie Buckner, left to right, also participated.

seven cubic yards of compacted refuse daily at the refuse station and sanitize trucks and equipment at the end of each day. Howard said truck schedules have been rearranged to save the city in manpower costs and future capital investment.

Costs of the transfer station include the compactor, \$20,495; a 40-yard receiver \$4,280; site work, \$14,725; access road, \$8,000; and fence, \$5,000. In-house labor reduced the project cost.

The new facility has handrails and is enclosed by a locked, high fence. About 110 cubic yards of concrete forms the retaining walls and slabs. Drainage and sewer systems were added. The electrical layout was done by the city electric department.

Mrs. Downey said she was quite pleased the city wanted to honor her husband. "He would have enjoyed seeing this facility go up," she said. Among members of the family present were his grandson,

three-year-old Josh Jones; his daughters, Lynn Jones and Phyllis Downey; his son Kenny Downey; his sisters, Jo Ann Smith and Joyce Buckner; and his niece, Susie Buckner.

"Paying tribute to one of our own honors a dedicated worker who loved Kings Mountain," said Mayor Scott Neisler, who praised City Council and City Manager George Wood for the foresight to build the facility in today's climate

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## KM voters undecided

Nearly half -- 49 percent -- of voters polled in a survey conducted by the Kings Mountain Herald said they were undecided about who they would vote for in the race for President of the United States in November.

A poll of 100 Kings Mountain citizens was conducted last week by phone. The results showed that 18 percent would vote for Democratic candidate Bill Clinton, while 19 percent would vote for President George Bush.

Unfortunately, a significant 14 percent of those polled said they did not plan to vote.

There were a few survey participants who were not familiar with who was running for President.

One respondent said he had planned to vote for Ross Perot but would change his vote to President Bush now that Perot had taken himself out of the race.

Of those voting for Bush, one person said, "I'm conservative. I'm against socialized medicine and social programs. Mostly, I'm just voting against Clinton."

Another said, "He (Bush) represents my views. Clinton's too liberal."

Comments for Clinton included: "I just don't like Bush."

"Bush is out of touch."  
"I think we need a change."  
"I'm tired of the same junk that's gone on for 12 years and I'm sure not better off than I was 12 years ago."  
"Bush has not done what he said he would do."

"It's disappointing for the people who spent so much time on Perot's campaign. He brought out people who had never been involved in the political process. I'm afraid they won't get involved again."

"I'm encouraging Perot supporters to switch to Clinton."

"Clinton's choice of Senator Al Gore of Tennessee as his running mate will boost the Democratic ticket."

"The President is conservative. To me, Clinton is not. Most of the Perot people will fall in line behind Bush."

As in the rest of the country, Perot supporters in Cleveland County spent months collecting signatures and organizing voters for November. Now, they are weighing their choices. Some told The Herald they don't plan to vote in November.

## Kings Mountain couples visit Russia

David and Sarah Faunce came back from a boat trip down the Volga River in Russia with over 200 photographs, plus video tapes. And they said they should've taken more film.

"We could've taken more. We should've taken more," said Sarah.

The Faunces, along with Bill and Mary Mauney and Odus and Joanne Smith, took a tour on the Alexander from Moscow to Gorki and back to Moscow. Then they took the midnight train to St. Petersburg, which was the favorite part of the trip, said David.

St. Petersburg was more European, he said, with beautiful architecture. Peter the Great during his reign brought in architects from all over the world to adorn the city.

Whereas, Moscow was "drab" and more of the Islamic style of architecture, said David.

David said the Russians were busy renovating all the churches. Not only is there a religious resurgence, but the Russians wanted to spruce things up for tourists.

"It was really interesting," said David. The people were very friendly and interested in America.

Odus Smith said that an old woman came up to his wife and started talking in Russian. The interpreters said she was saying that Americans were good people.

"We heard that a lot," said Odus.

David said that Russia was not like Europe where most people could speak English. Mostly younger Russians could speak

English but the older ones could only speak Russian.

That didn't keep the group from bartering. Sarah bought lots of Russian hats. And she bought oil paintings at ridiculously low prices.

David said the Russians would trade for jeans, socks and t-shirts. They would come up to the Faunces and ask for dollars because they could trade the dollars on the black market for more.

Cigarettes were not in demand, but candy for young children was, said David.

The food was "eatable," said Odus. The beef was tough and from old cows, said David and

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David and Sarah Faunce in Russia.

## Charlie Campbell, land surveyor, dead at 93

Charlie Campbell, 93, was still driving a car two months before his death July 19 1992.

"Dad was a very independent man and my best friend," said son Ed Campbell. "He took pride in managing his own affairs."

Campbell still balanced his checkbook and traded cars. Until his recent illness his activity belied his years and still walked with ease the stairs to his second floor apartment on West Gold Street where he had lived 18 years. He drove himself to McGill Clinic the day he became ill. He died at White Oak Manor.

A familiar visitor at the Holiday Inn, Campbell took most of his meals there and enjoyed lunching daily with his son and friends. In an interview with the Herald on his 90th birthday, Campbell said he always took the long route home from meals, detouring through Kings Mountain National Military Park. It was a drive he loved, he said, especially in autumn.

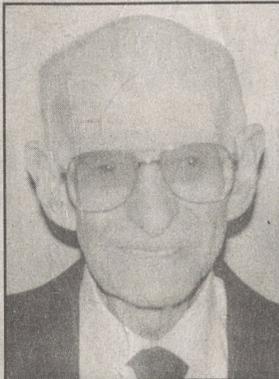
Friends regarded Campbell as "a walking history," said his son, since Campbell was acquainted with many people and their family lineage. On his 90th birthday friends and kin gathered at the

Holiday Inn for a big birthday party which included both Campbell and Hughes relatives from far and near.

A widower for 42 years, Campbell was married to Bertie Hughes Campbell, who died in 1951.

Born March 18, 1899 to E. L. and Mollie Lenora Ware Campbell, Charles Blackstone Campbell enlisted in the Army at age 15 and served during World War I during the days of Mexican rebel fighting. His job was to help protect the

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CHARLIE CAMPBELL

## US 29 land use ordinance approved by CC commissioners

A wide-ranging land use ordinance unanimously approved Monday by Cleveland County commissioners will regulate mobile home parks and prevent expansion of mines along a 6-mile corridor of US 29 between Kings Mountain and Grover.

The restriction was fought by Rednour Mining Company, which wants to expand its 10 acre mining operation by another 113 acres. Rednour officials say they aren't giving up the fight.

The new rules, enacted after two years of study and public hearings, now regulate everything from the placement of billboards to the way subdivisions are built.

The new rules state that no new mining can take place beyond the 2,060 acres on Grover Road now being mined without rezoning. Rednour would need to apply for rezoning to get permission to mine

on an expanded site. Nearby high tech Eaton Corporation and Dupont have expressed concern that vibrations and dust from the mines would harm their delicate equipment.

Rednour has argued that it already has state permits to expand the mine with tough guidelines controlling vibrations.

The new ordinance specifies a minimum lot size for mobile homes of 10,000 square feet for homes with septic tanks and 5,000 square feet for homes with water and sewer hookups. It also allows gravel roads and underpinnings made from any kind of suitable exterior building material. An earlier draft of the ordinance got opposition from mobile home park operators. It had required larger lots, paved roads, and brick or cement block underpinnings.

## Sale of city property expected to be on KM City Council agenda

Sale of city property to two churches is expected to be on the agenda for Tuesday night's City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Governmental Facilities Center.

Bynum's Chapel AME Zion Church and St. Paul United Methodist Church on Cansler Street want to buy parcels of land for additions to their church buildings. Council is selling the proper-

ty under the upset bid method following legal advertisements.

The Council will also be asked to authorize demolition of a house on city owned property once owned by A. B. Cline at Moss Lake. The city acquired the Cline property during negotiations to build Moss Lake and the Clines built a new home in 1973.



Mayor Scott Neisler cuts the ribbon for the newly opened Advance Auto Parts last week. Jake Call, left, manager of the new store and Greg Smith, representative of the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad look on. Advanced Auto Parts donated \$200 to the local rescue squad.

## Kings Mountain People

### The world has changed in Keeter's 96 years

By ELIZABETH STEWART of The Herald Staff

Wait until she's 100 and Mary Morris Alston Keeter, 96, will really celebrate.

Mrs. Keeter's life has spanned depressions, American wars from the Spanish American to the Gulf Storm, and two centuries. She has viewed Halley's Comet twice -- once as a girl in 1910 in Bertie County and more recently in Cleveland County near Bethware School.

In 1896, the year that Utah joined the union and Grover Cleveland was President of the

United States, she was born on July 21 to Mary Eoline Morris Alston and Joseph Jefferson Alston in Powellville in Bertie County near the Chowan River. At age 10 she was baptized in the Chowan River.

Miraculous changes have occurred during her lifetime, along with marvelous inventions. Transportation has changed from horse and buggy to automobiles and airplanes. Communication and entertainment have made the world smaller with movies, radios, television, VCR's, and telephone. Space flights put man on the moon.

Mrs. Keeter relaxed in her com-

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MARY KEETER