

Classmates reunited

Carl Wiesener, Kings Mountain pharmacist, graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy 50 years ago and is the fifth and only living pharmacist in his family.

Wiesener, who has owned and operated Mountaineer Pharmacy on West Mountain Street 23 years, says he was unable to attend his golden anniversary reunion recently at the College of Pharmacy in Memphis but he expects to attend the 60th.

While he didn't get to see all 16 living members of his 25-member Class of 1942, he had a reunion with the only woman graduate, Cara Trevathan Brown, of West Columbia, SC, who dropped in unexpectedly at his business to see him.

"Fifty years ago there were few women who went into this business but now the field is wide open and there are more women than men," said Wiesener. He traveled for 10 years with Abbott Laboratories after his graduation from pharmacy school. He said he helped open the two pharmacies at Eckerd's at Akers Center in Gastonia and at Dixie Village.

Wiesener had two uncles and two nephews who were active pharmacists. He has three children: Reb Wiesener and Carl Wiesener Jr. of Kings Mountain and Nancy Henley of Mount Holly and two grandsons, Matthew and Ben.

Although neither of his children followed in his footsteps, he plans to encourage his young grandsons

Modern Polymers joins recycling

Modern Polymers Inc. has joined an international recycling network, the Association of Foam Packaging Recyclers, and is providing a semi-trailer at Eastridge Mall for expanded polystyrene protective foam packaging collection along with Christmas trees and wrapping paper.

"Our Christmas collection campaign provides a good example of how we are building the EPS recycling system and public participation in it," said J. Mark Barrett, recycling coordinator.

Barrett said a collection area is set up at the plant and more will be located in area counties.

"AFPR members like us already collect 12 percent of all EPS protective packaging used in the United States. Over half this material is recycled directly back into new foam packaging products. The remaining material is used in durable consumer goods such as stuffed toys, bean bag chairs, video cassette cartridges and desk equipment," says Barrett.

Barrett said Modern Polymers, of 901 W. Academy Street, made international history in November when it joined AFPR as part of an international cooperative environmental agreement with industry groups from Germany, Japan and Austria.

"Our industry took this action to fight environmental trade barriers and help create jobs," said Barrett. "As a result of our efforts, EPS is now accepted as an international packaging material, meeting even the stringent German packaging regulations. This agreement reflects our commitment to see that EPS remains a sound environmental choice world wide as well as the best performing protective packaging material."

INDUSTRY

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The Burke family includes three sons, one daughter, and two grandchildren. Two of Burke's three sons are active in the family business.

The company has sales offices in Puerto Rico and sells also to Europe, South America and Canadian markets.

"We live only about a 20 minute drive from Kings Mountain and we are anxious to get back into the community," said Mrs. Burke.

Joe Cabaniss, chairman of the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, called the announcement of the new industry a welcome early Christmas present. "The impact of a company expecting to employ up to 100 people is good news," he said.

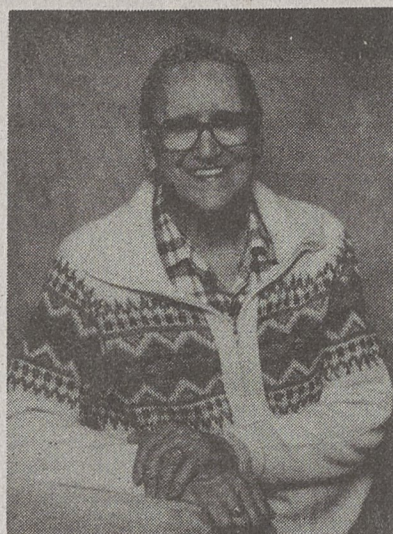
Mayor Scott Neisler and City Manager George Wood also welcomed the new industry. The mayor said the rapidly growing company would be a boon to the economy. "This is exciting," said Neisler.

"This Christmas present will be a vital part of the community," said Cabaniss who said the new industry in the existing industrial building will add to the tax base as an outstanding corporate citizen.

Houser was absent due to illness.

to follow in the pharmaceutical profession.

Ten members of the Class of 1942 returned to Tennessee for Alumni weekend recently. They included Grover Bowles of Memphis, Fred Harris of Springfield, Henry Hudson and Red Davis of Memphis, Parker Ballinger of Bastrop, Louisiana, Bill Stephenson of Indianapolis, Indiana, Kay Garmany of Lookout Mountain, TN, Carl's roommate Charles Bruer of Jackson, TN, Elmus Curtis of Selmer, TN and Brown of West Columbia, SC.



CARL WIESENER

Economic development director named

Steven G. Nye, Economic Development Representative with High Point Economic Development Corporation, will become Cleveland County's new director January 4.

Nye said he is looking forward to a new challenge and working with various communities and organizations, as well as Carolina Partnership members. He said he sees good growth potential in this area and is proud to be selected to be a part of that growth.

He and his wife, Linda, are both graduates of Western Carolina University. A native of Lumberton,

he began his career while earning his Master's of City and Regional Planning degree from the American Economic Development Council. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Metro YMCA and the board of management of Carl Chavis YMCA in High Point.

In addition to the recruitment of new businesses and investments, Nye is experienced in conducting a business retention program for existing companies and development of a marketing plan for the High Point EDC. He previously was Planning Division Manager,

Department of General Services, City of Florence, SC; Economic Development Planner, Planning Department, City of Florence, SC and Staff Planner, Anderson County Planning and Development Board, Anderson, SC.

Nye was hired by the Cleveland County EDC at the December 3 meeting at annual salary of \$45,000.

EDC Chairman Jim Crawley said the hiring of the county Economic Development Director culminates months of recruitment efforts in conjunction with two professional associations.



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