

JONI D SMITH

Smith turning bank into lawyer's office

The ground floor of the historic old bank building at the corner of Mountain Street and Battleground Avenue is being transformed into a lawyer's office by Joni D. Smith, one of two solo women practitioners in the county.

Smith, wife of Cleveland County Assistant District Attorney Chuck Wilson and daughter of Nancy and Joe Smith of Kings Mountain, is busy restoring the former bank lobby for a private office and reception room. The original marble floors and walls enhance the building which is being restored by Smith, her husband, parents, sister and brother-in-law, Jodi and Mark McDaniel and their sons, Joshua and Tyler, and Smith's brother, Rivers, a student at Appalachian State University.

"We like old buildings and are also restoring the former Marlowe home four houses from my parents on West Gold Street," said Smith, who said both homes are of the same vintage, dating in the 1930's. The old First National, then First Union building, was renovated in the 1940's but retains the same charm as banks from the early period of architecture.

A 1975 graduate of Kings Mountain High School where her classmates used to call her by her childhood nickname Sissy, Smith attended Pfeiffer College and ASU and earned her B.S. in criminal jus-

Lake problem being discussed

The siltation problem at Moss Lake was being tackled Wednesday by the Utilities Commission who were talking contracts with two dredgers who want to clean up the lake.

City Manager George Wood said that each year the water flowing from Buffalo Creek to the lake carries tons of sand from the dam and deposits on the lake's bottom. He said city officials have known about the problem since the lake was built but other priorities have kept the city from hiring a dredger for the lake.

Two people interested in the job were presenting proposals to the

tice from UNC at Charlotte. She graduated in 1992 from Campbell University School of Law and was a law clerk for the law firm of Corry/Cerwin before joining the firm after graduation from law school. Prior to attending law school she was a senior corporate training officer for Savings of America in Los Angeles and Charlotte, the largest savings and loan institution in the country.

"Ever since I was a little girl I dreamed of becoming a lawyer and having my own practice," said Smith, who, obviously, is excited. She will offer the public general practice of law, including wills and estates, domestic and family, criminal, property and corporate law. The firm will be open five days a week and offer Saturday hours by appointment.

After work Smith and her husband enjoy scuba diving and are active in Little Theatre. Smith plans to direct "Snow White" for the KM Little Theatre. They also are advisors for a senior high group at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of which they are active members. Smith enjoys needlework and stained glass hobbies.

Smith will feature a portrait of her great grandfather Rivers Henderson Buford in the decor. Buford served as Chief Justice of the Florida Superior Court in the 1940's and was on call to the Court even after his retirement.

utility board. Giving a company the rights to dredge on a permanent basis may mean the project could not cost the city a dime.

Also on Wednesday's agenda were a discussion of a new gas rate study and contract awards for gas line extensions on Oak Grove Road. Wood said natural gas rates continue to go up. The last rate study was done in 1989.

■ Grace United Methodist Church will hold Bible School August 2-6 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for children ages 2 - grades 6 and for adults. The theme is "Peter the Rock." The public is invited.

Obituaries

S.A. BURTON

CLEVELAND - Samuel Allen Burton, 84, of Cool Springs Rd., died July 15, 1993 at his home after three years of declining health and six weeks of serious illness.

Born in Rowan County February 6, 1909 to the late Noel and Maude Binkley Burton, he was a retired driver with Kerns Trucking Company in Kings Mountain. He was a member of Corinth Church of Christ where he served as Elder and had also been a Sunday School teacher. He was also a farmer. His first wife, Ina Painter Burton, died in 1968.

Surviving are his wife, Edith Allen Burton; two daughters, Nellie B. Mayes of Kings Mountain and Dollie B. Mayes of Shelby; three sons, Keith B. Burton of Belmont, Hoyle Burton of Amelia, VA and Thedus M. Burton of Kings Mountain; three step-daughters, Norma Lankford, Mary Lynn Swazy and Carole Hallyburton, all of Cleveland; one step-son, James Painter of Harmony; 11 grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mildred Pinkston of Salisbury; and four brothers, Clyde Burton of Woodleaf, John H. Burton of Salisbury, Milton Burton of Kings Mountain and J. W. Smith of Atlanta, GA.

The funeral was conducted July 16 at 7 p.m. at Eaton Funeral Chapel with Rev. Kim Pinkston and Rev. Derrice Monk officiating.

ROSETTA BELL

PONTIAC, ILLINOIS - Rosetta Bell, 53, of 1205 Nixon Drive, formerly of Kings Mountain, died July 13, 1993 at home.

The funeral service was on July 15, arranged by Duffy Funeral Home in Pontiac.

Daughter of Sadie Hatfield of Pontiac, Mrs. Bell was preceded in death by her father.

Survivors include her husband, Ray E. Ball of Columbus, Ohio; one daughter, Pam Bell of Kings Mountain; two sons, Larry Ball and Michael Ball of Kings Mountain; grandchildren, Justin Bell, Ashley Bell and Jessica Ball, all of Kings Mountain, and numerous brothers and sisters.

JOHNNIE WHITAKER

Johnnie M. Whitaker, 69, of 106 Sabre Dr., died July 13, 1993 at home.

A native of Gaston County, he was son of the late Thomas Martin and Ina Elizabeth Bowen Whitaker. He was husband of Christine Leary Whitaker.

He was a retired federal police officer and a member of Oak View Baptist Church. He was a Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are two sons, William T. Whitaker of Boilingbrook, Ill. and John T. Whitaker of Kings Mountain; four daughters, Nellie Dibble of Ruckersville, VA, Brenda Sammons of Muscatine, Iowa, and Lucy M. Williams and Tina L. Whitaker of Kings Mountain; one brother, Edward Whitaker of Washington; two sisters, Ruby Robinson of Kings Mountain and Mary Jane Williams of Gastonia; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. at Harris Chapel. Rev. Ralph Sparrow officiated. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

EMMA B. GOFORTH

Emma Bell Goforth, 69, of 608 East Gold Street, Kings Mountain, died July 15, 1993 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

A native of Kings Mountain, she was the daughter of the late Jonas and Hattie Mae Oates Bell. She was a homemaker and a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis L. Goforth of Kings Mountain; four sons, Doug Jenkins and Mack Jenkins of Bessemer City, Joseph Jenkins of Lincolnton, and Dennis L. Goforth Jr. of Bessemer City; three daughters, Brenda Goforth McNeely of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Sara Goforth Cash and Jerri Goforth Stunnett of Bessemer City; two brothers, Otto Bell of Kings Mountain and Henry Bell of Charlotte; a sister, Ruby Taylor of Kings Mountain; 17 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Ron Caulder Sunday at 2 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

JOHNNY MILLWOOD

BESSEMER CITY - Johnny Forest Millwood, 66, of 3834 Fairview Dr., died July 13, 1993 at Charlotte Presbyterian Hospital.

A native of Converse, SC, he was the son of Jack B. and Mary Ruth Millwood and was owner of Johnny's Welding Service. He was a member of Westview Baptist Church, Oasis Shrine, Whetstone Lodge 515, and a U.S. Army veteran.

He is survived by his stepmother, Edith Millwood; one son, William Paul Millwood of Terrell; one daughter, Pamela M. Roof of Shelby; six brothers, Jimmie Millwood of Charlotte, Pat Millwood, Joe Millwood, and Jerry Millwood, all of Bessemer City, Tommy Millwood of Dallas and David Millwood of Kings Mountain; and one grandchild.

The funeral was conducted Thursday at 3 p.m. at Westview Baptist Church. Rev. Jerry Millwood officiated. Burial was in Westview Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Gaston County, Box 3984, Gastonia, 28053, or to Hospice of Mecklenburg County, Charlotte.

CARL W. COFFEY

LINCOLNTON - Carl William Coffey, 81, of 3047 Laboratory Rd., died July 13, 1993 at Lincoln County Hospital.

A native of Lincoln County, he was the son of the late Jesse and Stella Austin Coffey. He was retired from Maiden Knitting and was preceded in death by his wife, Roberta Moore Coffey.

Surviving are two daughters, Janice Spake of Kings Mountain and Karlette Marsh of Lincolnton; two brothers, Floyd Coffey and Verley Coffey of Patterson; one sister, Annie Lee Bradshaw of Patterson; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Thursday at 3 p.m. at River View Baptist Church. Rev. Nathan May officiated. Burial was in Maiden City Cemetery. Memorials may be made to River View Baptist Church, 2230 River View Rd., Lincolnton, 28092.

JAMES DONALD BIDDIX

James Donald Biddix, 54, of 809 Ellison St., died July 19, 1993 at home.

A native of Pickens County, SC, he was husband of Wanda Gregory Biddix and the son of the late Charles and Gena Gillian Biddix. He was a textile employee and a member of Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church. He served in the U. S. Army.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two sons, Sammy Thompson and Wayne Thompson, both of Kings Mountain; seven daughters, Regina Humphries and Teresa Sawyer, both of Kings Mountain; Donna Camp of Shelby; Debbie Slater of Charlotte; Lisa Waters of Ohio; and Cindy Biddix and Nikki Biddix, both of the home; one brother, Lee Biddix of Grover; five sisters, Jackie Dye, Jo Ann Cody, Betty Houser, Rhonda Cox, all of Kings Mountain, and Sandra Thomas of Gaffney, SC; and 14 grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Harris Chapel. Rev. Jerry Morrow officiated. Burial was in Veterans Garden of Mountain Rest Cemetery.

DENNIS OWNBEY

Dennis Dale Ownbey, 39, of 117 Malory Court, Kings Mountain, died July 14, 1993 at home.

A native of Rutherfordton, he was the son of Mary Sue Ownbey of Rutherfordton and the late Ray Ownbey. He was employed as a welder.

Other survivors include his wife, Gale Taylor Ownbey of the home; a son, David Ownbey of the home; a daughter, Ginger Ownbey of the home; four brothers, William Ownbey, Tommy Ownbey, Donald Ownbey and Jimmy Ownbey, all of Rutherfordton; and two sisters, Minnie Wallace of Robbins and Kay Brooks of Forest City.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. H.F. Tutherford and Jack Crain Friday at Crowe's Mortuary and Chapel in Rutherfordton. Burial was in Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Rutherfordton.

FIRESTONE

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Kings Mountain plant will supply almost all the tire cord and industrial textiles for our operations in the Western Hemisphere," said Ono.

Also attending brief ceremonies before a ceremonial tree planting, a plant tour, and luncheon were Dr. Nobuya Yoshimura, vice president of research and development, Bridgestone Corporation from Tokyo; other company officials from Nashville, Tennessee; other state and local officials, including Mayors Scott Neisler of Kings Mountain and Jack Garland of Gastonia, City Manager George Wood, the Kings Mountain City Council, Gaston County Commissioner Porter McAtter, customers and suppliers, state business leaders and employees at the new plant.

The 416,000-square-foot facility is on a 78-acre site in King Mountain on property in Woodland Parkway purchased from Bob and Claude Suber. The plant will produce about 55 tons of tire cord a day and over 2,700 miles of industrial woven fabric a year for Bridgestone/Firestone tire and industrial rubber products plants as well as other customers.

Site preparation work for the plant began in September 1992 when construction crews began removing over 200,000 cubic yards of dirt for the plant's foundation, poured over 9,000 yards of concrete and erected 1,200 tons of structural steel.

As construction continued and production equipment was being installed, team leaders and employees were going through many hours of training for the new way of doing business at Kings Mountain.

The architects for the plant were Piedmont Olsen Hensley and the construction was led by McDewitt Street Bovis.

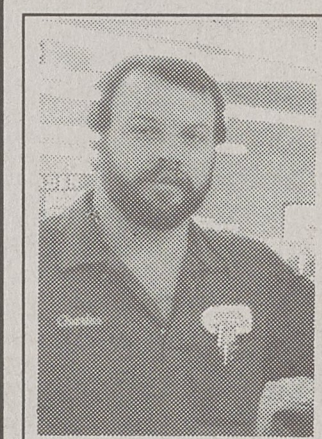
The Kings Mountain plant is one of 22 North America tire and diversified products plants operated by Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bridgestone Corporation. Nashville-based Bridgestone/Firestone develops, manufactures and markets Bridgestone, Firestone, Dayton, private brand and house brand tires, as well as a wide range of industrial and synthetic rubber goods.

Bridgestone Corporation, headquartered in Tokyo, is the largest tire and rubber company in the world.

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Kings Mountain Weather Report

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	July 13-20	Year Ago
Total precipitation	.35	.39
Maximum one day	.30 (15)	.25 (17)
Year to date	30.53	28.39
Minimum temperature	70 (20)	65 (25)
Maximum temperature	99 (13, 14, 20)	99 (13)
Average temperature	84.7	81.4

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