



HOWARD C. ELMORE

Phifer Hardware sold to Crouse hardwareman

Phifer Hardware, the city's oldest hardware and the second oldest retail business, has been sold to Crouse hardwareman Howard C. Elmore.

Elmore purchased the business for an undisclosed price from Menzell Phifer and his children, Don Phifer and Jean Phifer Bumgardner. Mrs. Bumgardner, who grew up in the business, will continue with the firm. Her father will continue on a part-time basis. Don Phifer has entered the real estate business.

Elmore expects to hire part-time workers and to expand the lawn and garden department and offer specialty fertilizer, plants and shrubbery.

"I want to offer the same friendly service that the Phifers have provided Kings Mountain people," he said.

Elmore, native of Lincoln County, formerly managed a hardware store in Lincolnton. He has been in the hardware business since 1976. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Elmore of Vale, he is married to the former Linda Freeman and they have two sons, Kyle, 8, and Kevin, who will be two in November. They are active in St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Crouse and will continue to reside on St. Mark's Church Road in Crouse.

Elmore says he sees the opportunity in Kings Mountain for a growing market and plans to build on the Phifer reputation for giving fine service to the community. "I am excited," he says.

Campbell Phifer, father of Wendell, Marriott and Menzell Phifer, launched his family in the hardware business in 1924, although he had been a hardwareman since 1906. Menzell Phifer and his two children have owned the firm since 1984 when the brothers retired from the business. Phifer's occupied its present spacious building in 1974, moving from a brick building on Main Street.

The sale was effective July 1.

Kerns Trucking recognizes outstanding drivers

Ten truck drivers at Kerns Trucking Inc. were recently honored with a \$500 bonus for outstanding performance in on-the-job driving. The bonuses are awarded annually to drivers who have driven accident-free and who have driven without contaminating any transported products for one year.

Winning the awards were Charles Barrett, Roger Bowen, Joe Brown, Tommy Brown, Leroy Byrd, Jerry Hendrick, Randy McMurry, Johnny Moses, Harold Perry and Ronnie Stokes.

"The award symbolizes notable achievement in driving ability, awareness, and professionalism. More importantly, it allows an honorable mark of experience and integrity to be claimed by a select group of people," said a Kerns spokesman.

Woodbridge golf tournament to benefit MDA

The 11th annual golf tournament to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association will be held Wednesday, July 29, at Woodbridge Golf Links on Camp Creek Church Road.

The \$50 per person fee includes golf cart, greens fee, golf tees, lunch, certificate, auction, hospitality cart and free drinks.

Registration gets underway at 8 a.m. and tee off time is 9 a.m. One Stop Food Stores and Budweiser is sponsoring the event for money to buy wheelchairs, braces, hospital beds and other orthopedic equipment and to provide summer camps for people afflicted with neuromuscular diseases.

Immunization program launched here

McDonald's and the Cleveland County Health Department launched a unique project Tuesday to promote immunization of all children by their second birthday against eight preventable diseases.

Bill and Bonnie Sherwood, owners of the three Cleveland County McDonald's, and Health Director Denese Stallings said the goal is to immunize 90 percent of all children ages 0-2 by the year 2000.

Stallings said that although great progress was made during the 1980's to achieve immunization of school-aged children, efforts for younger children have lagged behind. She said that between 40 and

60 percent of children in this state are not age-appropriately immunized.

"McDonald's is a kids place, so where is a better place to start the program," said Sherwood, who has invited Ronald McDonald to put on a magic show in the parking lot of the Cleveland Mall McDonald's on July 27 at 6:30 p.m. Ronald will stress the importance of having children vaccinated for diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, measles, mumps, Rubella and Hib disease. Nurses will be on hand to check children's records and refer them to the Health Department.

"This program will raise aware-

ness about the importance of receiving early immunizations and will result in more children protected against deadly childhood diseases," said Stallings.

Special tray liners and bag stuffers have been designed which explain which immunization children need and the recommended schedule for receiving the vaccinations. Coupons redeemable for free food at McDonald's are provided to parents when they bring their children in for immunization in the recommended time frame. An All American meal is given to the parent when the entire series of immunizations are completed on schedule.

Charles Philbeck, area immunization representative, said the first year goal is to raise the immunization level 12 percent. Cleveland County's level of immunization is 60 percent.

"Preschool immunization is a crisis situation," said Barbara Laymon of Raleigh, immunization action plan coordinator who read a proclamation from Governor Hunt at a luncheon meeting attended by representatives of the health department, county government, and community leaders Tuesday at the Cleveland Mall McDonald's.

A public/private partnership is the way of the future in Cleveland County," said Stallings. "We hope this will lead to other partnerships in the community."

Louise Heavner notes 75th birthday

Louise Heavner was honored July 14 on her 75th birthday with a dinner party at the MacGregor Downs Country Club in Cary. Hosts were her children and their spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchild.

The tables were decorated with balloons, party favors and flower arrangements of pink carnations. Highlight of the decoration was the two-tiered birthday cake.

Soccer camp set

Davidson Park will be the site of this year's soccer camp August 2-6. Kings Mountain High Coach Dan Potter will be the director in conjunction with the KM Parks and Recreation Department. Boys and girls ages 6 and older are encouraged to attend.

The camp will be held from 9-12 and the cost is \$30. Registration is Monday, August 2 from 8-9 a.m.

Soccer practice

Any students wishing to play soccer at Kings Mountain High School needs to go by the high school office to get the necessary forms in order to practice.

Practice will begin August 2 at 6 p.m. and will be held at Davidson Park until dark. Players must have a physical form, parent permission slip, and an insurance waiver completed and presented to Coach Potter on August 2.

Alumni game set

The first annual KMHS soccer alumni game is in the planning stages.

Old-timers from the previous four KMHS teams should begin to dust-off the cobwebs from their old soccer boots and prepare for the match of their lives.

The game is tentatively set for Friday, August 13.

■ Vacation Bible School will be held at Piedmont Baptist Church, 101 Benfield Rd., August 1-6 from 6-8 p.m. For more information call 739-4139. The public is invited.

■ East Side Baptist Church, 308 York Rd., will hold Vacation Bible School August 2-6 at 6-8:30 p.m. The public is invited.

The grandchildren shared memories of their growing up years visiting in Kings Mountain. Rev. Patricia Stone read an original poem dedicated to Louise.

Present for the occasion were Cary and Carolyn Kasdorf and Charlie and Lori Warlick from Cary, Pam and Jim Heavner from Chapel Hill, Casey Heavner from San Francisco, CA, Marilou and Kelly McFarlane from Corte Madera, CA and Wendy Heavner from Alexandria, VA.

Friends from Kings Mountain attending were Faye Payseur, Corky Crawford, Betty Brackett, Norma Guyton, Ethel Peterson, Ethel Tignor, Pearl Ford, Harriet Hagen and Rev. Patricia Stone.

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ROBBERY

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fleeing toward Slater Street in a blue or gray Ford Tempo.

"They asked us where was the big money and we told them that Thursday was a big day for cashing checks," said one of the clerks.

"We started walking to our cars and I looked around and a man grabbed me," said the woman.

The trio wore black masks and wore ski masks, black gloves and dark colored clothing.

Anyone with information about either of the robberies is asked to call the Kings Mountain Police Department, 734-0444.

BADCOCK

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89 years ago in Mulberry, FL, turned over the Mulberry store for a \$9,000 purchase price payable whenever possible.

The small business grew into the W. S. Badcock Corporation, the parent company of the home furnishing centers. Wogan Badcock carried on his father's traditions and policies by continuing to back up his business transactions with the slogan, "Badcock Will Treat You Right."

"We're still a success because our customer needs come first," says Holland, who said Badcock opened 20 stores in the past 12 months.

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MISSING MAN

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Juanita, who could not swim. They were on a motor boat when the girl reportedly lost an arm float, so they circled around the lake to retrieve it. The girl told police that they circled around the lake three times and she fell into the water.

Witnesses said the man jumped from his moving boat into the lake to get his daughter. "The girl said he had grabbed hold of her arm but then he lost his grip and she didn't see him anymore," Goforth said. A passing boater took the girl to the shore. She was treated and released from Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

Sinnorai, with the help of his brother-in-law, Khamphone Sonvichit, escaped from Laos over 15 years ago and became active in the Laotian community sponsored by First Presbyterian Church. That family helped many Laotians immigrate to the United States. Sinnorai married Sonvichit's sister, Bouavanh, in First Presbyterian Church.

His friends in the church describe him as a caring man dedicated to his family who loved to spend weekends with his wife and two daughters boating on Moss Lake.

Family and friends have kept a constant vigil on the lakeside this week watching the search for the missing man.

STEAK HOUSE

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"We think Kings Mountain citizens will enjoy the prime ribs and steaks cooked to order as well as other good food at the new Hungry Bull," said Hamrick.

A ribbon-cutting is planned for Saturday, July 31, at 10:30 a.m.

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