

Obituary

Spicer to open attorney's office

CCB announces increase in earnings

THURMAN LASSITER
Thurman Jackson Lassiter, 79, 103 Cloninger Street, Kings Mountain, died January 17, 1996 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

A native of Edgecombe County, he was the son of the late James William and Elizabeth Suis Lassiter. He was also preceded in death by a stepson, Danny E. Weaver.

He was a retired fixer at Rex Mill #2, a member of Pathway Baptist Church, and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Truesdale Lassiter of the home; a son, James W. Lassiter of Ohio; three stepsons, Clyde B. Weaver and Alvin C. Weaver of Gastonia and Charles L. Price Jr. of Lenoir; two stepdaughters, Phyllis Thompson of Dallas and Mary Ann Flowers of the home; two brothers, Charlie Lassiter of Wilson and Walter L. Lassiter of Fayetteville; three sisters, Macy Stewart of Texas, Gardine Clark of Orlando, Fla., and Betty Barns of Tarboro; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. James Hamrick Sunday at 3 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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"The opportunities are here in Cleveland County and we need to build on them" he said.

Cook also said he would push for cutting the fat from some county agencies with overlapping duties and functions. He said a thorough study is needed of all government agencies to determine budgets which are lean and those which are fat.

"Most importantly the county needs to look at its water supplies, particularly in Upper Cleveland which had citizens without good drinking water this past weekend," he said.

Cook said a priority should be a tie-in of water lines in Kings Mountain, Grover, No. 3 Township, and Upper Cleveland.

Diversified industry, a new tax rate structure and more jobs are acute needs, he declared.

Cook retired from Hoechst Celanese in the management area after 32 years. He was promoted through the ranks from production operator. Son of Mildred Howell Cook of Kings Mountain and the late Kings Mountain Police Sgt. Bynum P. Cook, he married Becky Thornburg 37 years ago. They have three children, Tracy Cook of Linden, Alabama, Terrie Cook of Kings Mountain and Tammy Mann of Charlotte; and one grandchild, Tyler Cook. The family is active in First Baptist Church.

Cook graduated from Kings Mountain High School and served four years in the US Air Force. A life-long Democrat, he worked and went to school at Gaston College and Cleveland Community College and took continuing education classes through Georgia State University, Rutgers University and N.C. State and traveled on his job for many years.

Alexander, wife of retired Kings Mountain Postmaster Charles Alexander, served on the county land use task force, is past president of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce and charter president of the Kings Mountain Board of Realtors. A licensed general contractor, she and her husband own and operate Alexander Realty and developed the prestigious Gold Run Community of homes in the Oak Grove Community, where they reside, and Brandonwood off Reliance Road in addition to apartments and businesses downtown.

The Alexanders have two children, Rev. Reg Alexander and Cindy Alexander Wood, and three grandchildren.

"There are just a lot of areas we need to look at in Cleveland County and it's encouraging to me that so many people have faith in my abilities. We all need that kind of loyalty and vision," she said.

Alexander, a Kings Mountain native and daughter of Mrs. Pearl Horne and the late Theodore Moss, graduated from Kings Mountain High School and immediately went to work at Elmer Lumber Company and took numerous continuing education classes over the years. She built her first house in 1955.

Alexander is also president of Cleveland Tomorrow, a director of First Union National Bank, a trustee of Gardner-Webb University, a member of the board of Cleveland Home Builders, Cleveland Chamber of Commerce and Kings Mountain Association of Realtors.

Kimberly McGinnis Spicer has opened an attorney's office for the general practice of law at 245 Battleground Avenue between McGinnis Department Store and Fred Kiser's Restaurant.

Wife of Eric Spicer, she is the daughter of John and Carolyn McGinnis and granddaughter of Mrs. Ethel McGinnis and the late Paul McGinnis of Kings Mountain and Mr. and Mrs. Belvin Strickland of Dunn.

Spicer earned her undergraduate degree in Health Care Administration from UNC at Chapel Hill in 1991 after graduation from Kings Mountain High School in 1987. She attended Mercer University Law School in Macon, Ga. and then transferred her last year of law school to Wake Forest University.

She will be open primarily on a



KIMBERLY SPICER

part time basis until the end of June. She is currently attending UNC at Charlotte as a part time student where she is taking the required accounting classes to sit for the Certified Public Accountant Exam. These classes will complement her emphasis in tax law in law school.

Spicer will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12 noon until 5 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 1-5 p.m. She is available evenings and on Saturday by calling 734-0119.

While in law school she worked as a summer intern for the District Attorney's Office in Cleveland County. She also worked as a summer intern for Charlie Horne at Horne, West and Horne in Shelby.

"I am excited about practicing law in Kings Mountain," says Spicer.

CCB Financial Corporation has announced that for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 1995, net income amounted to \$17,063,000, an increase of \$3,178,000, or 22.9% from the fourth quarter of 1994.

On a per share basis, income per share amounted to \$1.14 in the 1995 period, compared to 91 cents in 1994. Returns on assets and equity were 1.37% and 16.25%, respectively, in 1995 compared to

1.18% and 14.45%, respectively, in 1994.

For the year, excluding merger-related expenses of 49 cents per share related to the merger with Security Capital Bancorp in 1995 and 41 cents per share in bad debt recapture and merger-related expenses in 1994, income per share was \$4.36, an increase of 30.1% over \$3.35 in the comparable period of 1994.

WATER

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gallons of water a day but when it reaches the 6.4 million capacity the state would require plans for an addition to the water plant. Construction must start when the volume reaches 7.2 million on an average. However, Ollis said Spectrum, a big user of city water, is dropping its consumption constantly due to initiation of water savings methods and the recent closing of Clevefont Mills cost the city the sale of 600,000 gallons a day.

Councilman Phil Hager, who presided, said since there are no specifics and many "ifs" remain in the proposal that the item should be on the agenda Tuesday night.

"We don't want to put Kings Mountain in jeopardy for water but we want to be good neighbors," he said.

Ollis said he foresees nothing moving into the Clevefont plant any time soon. He said the bad sign is that machinery is being moved out of the plant on York Road by maintenance people who are on the job.

In other business of the meeting, the committee, including Hager, new member Norma Bridges and Dean Spears, authorized Ollis to move ahead on repairs to the Margrace sewer line on Cloninger Street.

With the city's annexation of the Margrace Village, it inherited outdated sewer lines and at least four houses on Cloninger Street are in trouble, he said. Ollis estimated that the work would cost about \$400. The city manager said that easements would have to be obtained for the city crews to work on private property.

"These are good people and they will be satisfied with the work you do," said Councilman Spears.

"We'll be going against our codes," said Councilwoman Bridges, who said that the city would, however, be repairing an existing system and that would fall under a grandfather clause.

Former commissioner and former chairman of the utilities committee Jim Guyton reminded that

sewers are behind the houses on Fulton Street also.

Ollis recommended the installation of a six inch line to serve four houses.

He said that hand digging would take awhile but he thought the work could be completed soon. Hicks said money is budgeted for the repairs.

A water supply plan required by the state and approved by the utilities commission will be taken to City Council for formal approval Tuesday night. Ollis said that due to a mixup the item never got on the city council agenda 18 months ago when the utilities committee acted on the plan in August 1994.

"The water plan is in good shape and I've talked with the state officials today and it seems that 116 areas of the state are required to complete a water supply plan but some have not started on them," he said.

Councilman Ralph Grindstaff presented a request from Hubert Toney for a water line expansion on Grace Street to serve 21 units of proposed new housing.

Toney proposed to pay for half the cost of the line and put all his units on city gas and utilities. That meets the inside city extension requirements.

Gas Supt. Jimmy Maney said that when the gas line was proposed sometime ago that there was an existing problem of a cathodic protection ground bed that must be relocated at the upper end of Toney's his lot. He said that if the property owners give a right-of-way to move the bed that it can be done very quickly.

"This project has been dragging on for two years and I hope we can move on it," said Grindstaff.

Ollis said the project design and submission to the state for approval could take about 90 days. More water is required for the new construction.

Hicks said that a moratorium on city gas taps had been lifted and the city would find the necessary cash to make the gas taps.

Hager asked that Toney present a proposal to Council at Tuesday's 7:30 p.m. meeting at City Hall.

Ollis reported that he had appealed January 4 a state penalty of

\$2995.53 for three violations of a permit limit for fecal coliform at the Pilot Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

He said a new permit limit was established a year ago and the level established on the permit is extremely low, 02 micrograms, but the city was cited anyway for exceeding the limit.

Since that time, however, the city has purchased a new unit, an automatic adjuster for the chemical addition which will monitor the sulphur dioxide gas to neutralize the chlorine.

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