

Briefs

Ribbon-cutting held by Benton Express

Benton Express Inc. cut the ribbon opening its first terminal in the Carolinas at the old Fredrickson building on York Road Monday at noon.

Mayor Scott Neisler, assisted by the firm owners Herb and Chip Matthews of Jacksonville, Fla., new terminal manager Steve Lemmons and other city officials led a brief opening ceremony prior to a barbecue lunch prepared by city councilman Jerry White. Mrs. White has joined the firm as office manager.

The 36-door terminal sits on 12 acres of land which Benton Express has an option to buy.

Lemmons sees the opening of the terminal here as "a stepping stone" to a move into the Carolinas. He envisions terminals opening in Greensboro, Raleigh, Greenville, SC and Columbia, SC.

"Do it right the first time" is the Benton banner which has gone up at the new location.

Lemmons said the business will offer overnight service to Tampa, Fla. where he says no carrier gives consistent service, and overnight service to Georgia.

Neisler called the firm's move to Kings Mountain positive and said the new business would leave a big mark in this area.

Benton is a 64-year-old trucking business which Chip Matthews said is successful because of the family spirit which sets Benton apart from the competition. "Over 500 partners, employees, push each other to drive safely and to work smart," he said.

Matthews said that the family looked at growth projections for the area and decided that Kings Mountain was the place to expand its operations.

CCB, Salem Trust complete merger

CCB Financial Corporation announced today the completion of the acquisition of Salem Trust Bank of Winston-Salem. The final exchange ratio is .36 share of CCB Financial Corporation common stock for each share of Salem Trust Bank common stock.

CCB Financial Corporation, with total assets of \$5.5 billion, is the bank holding company for Central Carolina Bank and Trust Company, which operates 161 offices located primarily in the Piedmont section of North Carolina.

CROW

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"We were lucky to get paper dolls or a rag doll for Christmas and so my first doll was given to me by Santa Claus when I was about 14 years old," she said.

Since that time Crow has collected an assortment of dolls in all shapes and sizes. She has one tiny baby in a cradle which plays music, a boy doll she particularly likes and dolls that are dressed in fur and finery.

At age 15 she learned the fine art of quilting from her mother. It was not until she was 30 that she started using quilting frames herself and fashioned a butterfly quilt. She hasn't stopped quilting for 70 years and turns out beautiful designs every time. She worked for Margrace Mill for a short time when she moved to Kings Mountain because "jobs were hard to find in the mountains."

The Crow family includes one son, Jay Queen and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her stepson is Dr. J. B. Crow of Earl and her stepdaughter is Macy Brooks of Shelby. Her family includes one brother and one sister.

"I don't really have any kin-folk in Kings Mountain but I consider all my neighbors my extended family," she said.

Mrs. Crow is active in the First Baptist Church Senior Citizens Club. Last year the club took a trip to Williamsburg, Va. and this year members plan a trip to Nashville, Tennessee. She never misses a Tuesday meeting when they head for the nursing home to entertain residents.

"I like to stay busy and some mornings I never turn on my television set," said Mrs. Crow.

She credits her longevity to volunteering wherever she can and being a good neighbor.



RIBBON-CUTTING - Dick Jones, Herb Matthews, Mayor Scott Neisler, Benton Express manager Steve Lemmons, office manager Becky White and city manager Jimmy Maney, left to right, participated in the opening ceremonies for the new Benton Express Inc. on York Road Monday.



GRAND OPENING - Dr. Kelvin Harris speaks at the grand opening of the new Gaston Women's Healthcare Monday.

Gastonia doctors open new facility

Gaston Women's Healthcare held a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday to celebrate the grand opening of its new 6,800 square foot facility at 2680 Aberdeen Drive, Gastonia. Mayor Jick Garland and Chamber president Tim Helms presided.

Founded in 1990 by Dr. Kelvin C. Harris, Gaston Women's Healthcare is dedicated to providing obstetrical and gynecological care. A Morehead Scholar at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Dr. Harris earned his Doctor of Medicine degree at the UNC School of Medicine.

Since 1990, the practice has expanded to include several new members. Dr. Lavern Jones, a 1994 graduate of Tulane University School of Medicine's Obstetrics and Gynecology program, has a special interest in high risk obstetrics and gynecological surgery. She also received degrees from Duke University and the Medical University of South Carolina.

Lynda Richardson Gross is a Women's Healthcare Nurse Practitioner. A graduate of UNC-Charlotte and the practitioner program at Emory University School of Medicine, she is certified to perform obstetrical and gynecological procedures. She specializes in well-woman exams, prenatal visits, breast exams and pap smears.

"We are excited about our new facility. With our dedicated staff and our new state-of-the-art facility, we can offer the best possible health care for our current and potential patients," Dr. Harris stated.

Tanning business opens on Beattie Rd.

Indian Summing Tanning, a new Kings Mountain tanning salon, has opened for business at 102 Beattie Road.

Tina Marques, owner and op-

erator, said her goal is to encourage winter tanning.

Marques points with pride to her six beds which she says are safer than sun. She said her 202 clients use the proper lotions to guard against aging.

"My husband and I built our shop and we enjoy having people come in and see what we have to offer," said Mrs. Marques.

Running a new business is challenging, according to Mrs. Marques. She also offers makeup, skincare products and Hot Skins Body Wear.

Eaton earns \$66 million on fourth quarter sales

Eaton Corporation has announced fourth quarter 1996 sales of \$1.72 billion compared to sales of \$1.66 billion in the fourth quarter of 1995. Net income for the fourth quarter was \$66 million, down 27 percent from last year's record \$90 million. Earnings per share for the fourth quarter was 85 cents, compared to \$1.16 in 1995.

Net income for the full year reached \$349 million, or \$4.50 per share, on sales of \$6.96 billion. Comparable 1995 earnings were a record \$399 million, or \$5.13 per share, on sales of \$6.82 billion.

Gaston County GOP sets precinct meetings

The Gaston County Republican Party will hold its precinct meetings on Saturday, February 15 at 10 a.m. in the Gaston County Courthouse.

All precinct Chairs and registered Republicans are invited.

Spring art show set at Gaston Museum

The Gaston County Art Guild is seeking artists from Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Cleveland and York counties for its annual Spring Art Show at the Gaston County Museum of Art and History, Main Street, Dallas.

The Guild will be accepting both 2-D and 3-D entries on Sunday, Feb. 23 from 2-5 p.m., and Monday, Feb. 24 from 5-8 p.m.

The show will open with a reception for artists and friends on March 2.

For more information and a prospectus call Dunja Earlye at 824-9068, Carol Stowe t 825-9573 or Annie Cowie at 825-0004.

Breast cancer program set at Cardiac Center

The Comprehensive Cancer Center at Gaston Memorial Hospital and Expressly For Women program are sponsoring "Breast Cancer Treatment Options: Why Was This Treatment Chosen For Me?," Thursday, Feb. 13 from 6-7:30 p.m. at The Cardiac Rehab Center, 1840 E. Franklin Blvd.

Dr. Sandy Schultz, surgeon, will explain what factors are considered when selecting the most appropriate treatment for breast cancer. The program is designed for patients and their families, the community and health care professionals. There is no cost. To register, call 834-3551.

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