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Strack gets serious with students

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Evangelist Jay Strack talked straight to students at Kings Mountain High School and the Middle School Monday and they listened attentively.

Strack, who is preaching a community-wide crusade which ends Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at John Gamble Stadium, used anecdotes to illustrate his message but when he got to the bottom line he was serious.

"I started in the seventh grade trying to fit in with the crowd, drinking, popping pills and partying but you don't prove your manhood or womanhood that way," he said.

"Life is tissue paper thin"

JAY STRACK

Strack dropped out of school twice, he said, but guidance from a teacher and coach and the experience of seeing his friends die of alcohol and drug abuse changed his life and he accepted Christ.

"I played every game my generation said play but I want to tell you that you are not bullet proof and life is tissue paper thin," he told the crowds.

Strack admitted he was a teenage alcoholic but he said

the night he flushed pills and booze down the toilet he learned that life can be more than cheap thrills and life in a bottle.

Strack said he was turned down by 13 colleges and Uncle Sam and finally got into college on academic probation and by God's grace earned his diploma after two years. "It's not how you start but how you finish," said the man who has a doctorate, has written 13 books and

taken his message of the saving power of God to 40 countries.

He came to Kings Mountain this week from Scotland and England where he led preaching missions.

Sunday night nearly 2,000 people filled Gamble Stadium for the opening of the five-night crusade sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association. Strack prefaced his message on a statement by Will Rogers who said that "we all don't have to be heroes. We can sit on the curb and clap when real heroes go by."

Going into Sunday's crusade, See Crusade, 2-A



STRACK SPEAKS TO STUDENTS - Evangelist Jay Strack speaks to about 1,000 students at Kings Mountain High School Monday on the first day of his evangelistic crusade in Kings Mountain.

A WISH COME TRUE

Cancer victim Steven Canipe gets gazebo, pier

by ELIZABETH STEWART
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Most teenagers would probably jump at the chance to fly to Disney World or the Grand Canyon but not Steven Canipe, 12.

The Kings Mountain Middle School sixth grader said he'd soon forget a trip but not what he wanted most from the Make A Wish Foundation - a gazebo and pier that overlooks a lake in front of his home on Ezra Road.

"Trips don't last forever but this gazebo sure will," he said Friday afternoon as he watched with pride as Ronnie Whetstone and Don Baber of Cleveland County Builders Association started the construction.

Saturday the building was almost completed as carpenters and Steven and his family were treated to hamburgers grilled by Ken Kriensy of Make A Wish.

Steven plans to fish from the pier and the gazebo will be a favorite spot for him and his parents, Barbara and Roy Davis, and his black and white dog, Oreo. Nearby is his paddle boat. Inside the gazebo he plans to work on Christmas card art that he started as a patient at Charlotte Presbyterian Hemby Children's Hospital or just hanging out there with his friends.

River rafting three times this summer, collecting clay mobile toys and building model airplanes and toys kept young Canipe busy. He also spent a week at a camp for children with cancer at Lake Lure and plans to keep in touch with his new friends.



GAZEBO FOR STEVEN - Steven Canipe, center, is getting his Make A Wish at his home on Ezra Road. Ronnie Whetstone, left, and Don Baber, right, are building a gazebo and pier for the young cancer patient.

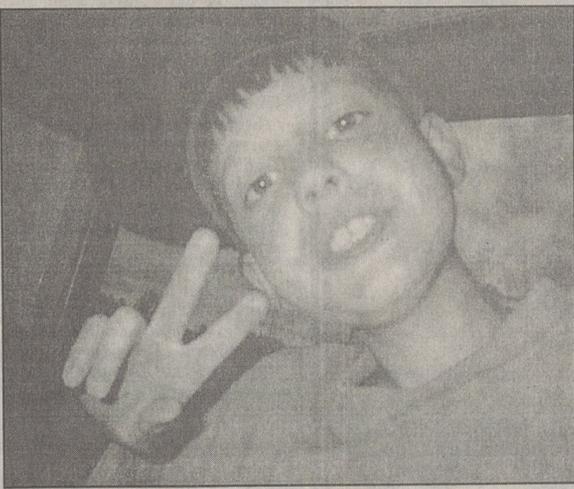
Diagnosed with Synovial Sarcoma of the nasal pharnax by his pediatrician, Dr. Martin Stallings in Kings Mountain February 21, 1996, Steven underwent surgery for removal of a lemon sized tumor, spent months last year at Charlotte Presbyterian Hospital and underwent chemotherapy treatments.

He learned to talk and walk, lost from 132 to 72 pounds, and started back to school last November.

Mrs. Davis said Steven's will to beat cancer, his upbeat attitude and his faith have kept them strong.

Davis said friends and neighbors, Lincolnton Express where

See Canipe, 2-A



STEVEN CANIPE

Kings Mountain textile leader H. Lawrence Patrick, 75, dies

Henry Lawrence Patrick, 75, founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of Patrick Yarn Mills Inc., died suddenly of a massive heart attack August 20, 1997 at his home at 523 South Battleground Avenue, Kings Mountain.

Born August 16, 1922 in Florence, SC, he was the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Paul Dickson Patrick. He was married for 51 years to Mary Helen Hambright Patrick who survives.

He graduated from Darlington Prep School and earned a B.S. degree in Physics from Davidson College and a M.S. degree in Industrial Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology. As a graduate student at Georgia Tech he was an assistant professor.

After college graduation he was employed as a consulting engineer by Timken Roller Bearing company in Canton, Ohio.

During World War II he enlisted in the Marine Corps. His scores from Officer's Candidate School, then the second highest on record, allowed him to enter as an officer. His service included, along with two other Marine Officers, the establishment of a school to train Marines in armored amphibious landings for use in the Pacific invasions. He was later made second in command of the Second Armored Amphibian Tank Battalion during the Korean Conflict.

After his military service he returned to Kings Mountain as president of Kings Mountain Cotton Oil Company. In the early 1960's he foresaw the diminished role of cotton and cotton oil in the area's economy and established Patrick Yarn Mills Inc. Patrick Yarn began as a small business built around equipment Patrick had to modify himself. Since then it has



LAWRENCE PATRICK

grown to international recognition for quality and innovation. His membership in professional organizations included The American Yarn Spinners Association. Patrick was highly respected in the textile industry and the business he founded holds U.S. and international patents and trademarks.

Among his accomplishments in local community service was his role on the board of the Cleveland County Chapter American Red Cross, President of Lake Montonia Club Inc. and leader of local Boy Scout troops, himself an Eagle Scout. He was a deacon and member of First Presbyterian Church, was President of the Men's Bible Class and placed his two cents, literally two pennies, under the first bricks laid in the church where his father was minister.

"He was a man noted for the respect he gave people of all walks of life, and provided opportunity and inspiration to individuals, acting on a personal level, always positive in his opinions and convictions, and made a place in the hearts of those who knew him, never

See Patrick, 2-A

Citizens voice concerns at meeting

The 40 people from Ward 2 attending the second town meeting Thursday were almost unanimous in targeting the Community Center and Deal Street Pool as two areas for cleanup in 1997.

Mearl Valentine, a former member of the city recreation commission, said he was delighted to see candidates get on the bandwagon for improvements to the Community Center and support a new pool.

But Valentine said what bothers him is that the city has hired a consultant to "tell us what we need and we know what we need."

Valentine said that concessions have not been available at the parks and portajohns are used for bathrooms.

"We need to address the recreational needs of our kids and get a plan going for year-round recreation," he said.

Janie Martin, of Lackey St., said she is also concerned about lots growing up not only in town but on the state right-of-ways at the bypass.

"Our side of town continues to deteriorate and it just seems that city officials pay more attention to other areas," she said.

"Who's dropping the ball in failure to keep those areas clean, the state or the city?" asked Peggy Gladden.

Martin said the city should crack down on code violators. She said she had written each commissioner about problems with high grass and only Mullinax responded.

Mullinax defended city employees who he said could not "come off some jobs" to answer immediately to a problem.

Elaine Jackson asked what the city was doing about the shell left standing by a fire at the old Pauline Mill and said the site was an eyesore.

Mullinax said City Attorney Mickey Corry has written a letter to the owners of the property telling them to clean it up. Mullinax said demolition is expensive and it's the property owner's responsibility.

James Self, of Fulton Street, a candidate for an at-large seat on the city commission, said weeds on the state right-of-ways are infested with rats and snakes. He asked others to join him in calling the state Department of Transportation and writing letters to elected officials to help clean up the mess.

Clarence and Sue Grigg and other neighbors on Cherokee Street reiterated their concern for muddy water.

"My clothes are dingy after washing them in muddy water and I plan to take my bills for more clothing and for dry cleaning to the city manager's office," she said.



TOWN MEETING - Mearl Valentine, standing, raises concerns about more recreation and better recreation facilities for children at the second town meeting held by Ward 2 residents Thursday.