

**WATER**

from 1A

Davidson Lake was built in 1954 with water pumped to city lake before being sent to town. Deal Street plant was upgraded to 2MGD at the same time. W. K. Dickson Engineers did the work.

The city fathers, uncomfortable with this arrangement since memory of the drought was very fresh, started seeking a more long-term solution to the city's recurring water shortages. With assistance of W. K. Dickson Engineers, they settled on the Clear Fork of Buffalo Creek seven miles west of town as the most dependable source within a reasonable distance. Even better, it occupied a drainage basin of over 60

square miles. Feasibility studies were done, plans drawn, approval of both state and federal agencies secured, bonds voted and sold, property purchased and construction begun. The work was contracted to Gillespie Construction.

Moss Lake Dam, backing up 1480 acres of some 12 billion gallons of water, the 4MGD Ellison treatment plant, 24 inch line to town and the 23MG storage tank at the present public works site, were on line in 1968.

Deal Street plant was oper-

ated on weekends until 1975, when all operations there were halted except for occasional use of the clearwell and associated pump. This was stopped in 1983 with the only use at that time being a fire department connection to this clearwell as an emergency supply.

The Deal Street plant and backwash-water tank began to need so much work in 1998-99 that the decision was made to tear down the building. The vintage plant - a Kings Mountain landmark - came down May 18.

**MEDICAL**

from 1A

Champion owns three lots of 90,000 square feet at Linwood and East End Drive.

The Planning Board continued a request for subdivision modification for several other East Kings Mountain residents. Planning Director Steve Killian said his department has on hand six subdivision applications and one zoning variance request from several families who want a variance on property between Linwood Road and Mountain Manor Subdivision. He said the 10 residences are on a private unmaintained and partially paved road and the city needs more information before it can proceed with the request.

**COMMISSION**

from 1A

Nye said the new building will be "relatively long," 370,000 square feet with a 200,000 square foot expansion.

The firm pays competitive wages with an excellent fringe benefit for employees and also will operate a company store on the site.

"This is just the beginning of more industrial development in Cleveland County," said Nye. He said several other companies are interested and he continues to submit the park for a variety of proposals.

With a high level of interest in new development, Nye sees the future bright for the industrial park.

**POULTRY**

from 1A

"The Hall of Fame Award is presented to a person who is a pioneer or leader in the Cleveland County poultry industry," said spokesman and retired poultryman Frank Spencer. "The recipient must be retired from the poultry industry to be eligible. The recipient's picture is placed in the main Cleveland County

Administration building as well as the poultry exhibit barn at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds."

This year's Hall of Fame inductee is Lee "Jim" Yarbro, Jr. of Kings Mountain. A native of Cleveland County, Yarbro has a long and illustrious career in the poultry business. Born of farming parents in the Bethlehem community, Yarbro continued the tradition that they gave him for hard work and right dealing.

Yarbro's own farming business got started after his return from a stint in the U.S. Navy during WWII. During the war, Yarbro married his wife the former Flora Lee Blackburn. After starting out with cotton, Yarbro built his first broiler house in 1957.

So successful was Yarbro that he was named Young Farmer of the Year in 1957 by the Kings Mountain Jaycees, and Farmer of the Year in 1993 by the Cleveland County Farm Bureau.

Besides his agricultural endeavors, Yarbro has also long been active in civic affairs. A lifetime member of Bethlehem Baptist Church, he also served on the National Broiler Council from 1964 to 1969.

Though his health is not what it once was, Yarbro still carries in his heart a love of Cleveland County and the poultry business.

"Winning the Hall of Fame Award is very much a highlight of Jim's life," Mrs. Yarbro said. "Since he lost his health he tends to get down and this honor certainly gave him a lift. It was a complete surprise. Having the family together for the announcement at the barbecue meant a lot to us as well."

Representing the hard-working and honest values that make agriculture and Cleveland County special, Yarbro is a credit to his profession and community.

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