

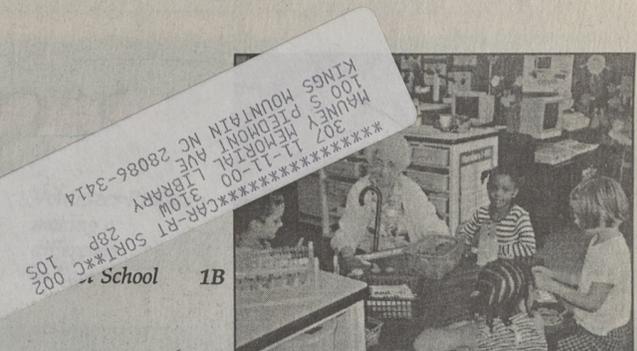
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SPORTS

Bessemer to honor its hometown hero

Atlanta Braves' all-star pitcher Kevin Millwood will be honored by his hometown of Bessemer City this weekend. A recreation park will be renamed in his honor, and Millwood's highly-popular youth baseball camp will be held. 8A



MILLWOOD

KMHS gears up for winter sports season

With football season history, Kings Mountain High's coaches and athletes now turn their attention to competing in the winter sports. The Mountaineer wrestling team, ranked third in the state, opens its season tonight at East Gaston. 8A. Look for a preview of the men's and women's basketball and swim teams in next week's Herald, which will be on the newsstands Wednesday morning.

SCHOOLS

District Secretaries meeting held in KM

Over 100 school secretaries from District II who are members of the North Carolina Association of Educational Office Personnel, Inc. met in Kings Mountain on Veterans Day. 1B

Elementary schools hold awards days

Kings Mountain District elementary schools held their first nine weeks awards days recently. See stories and photos on pages 2-8B.

LIFESTYLES

New EdenGardens library is 'quiet place'

Thanks to the efforts of Margaret McCarter and Joyce Van Dyke, residents of EdenGardens now have a spacious library where they can go for quiet reading and study. 2A

Hospice Food Sale is this Saturday

All good cooks in Cleveland County are encouraged to provide delicious food for the annual Hospice Food Sale which is scheduled for Saturday in Shelby. This is one of the biggest fund-raisers of the year for Hospice. 3A

Donations needed for the Tree of Love

Kings Mountain Hospital Auxiliary is again sponsoring its Christmas Tree of Love project to raise money for scholarships. For each \$10 donation an angel will be placed on the tree in honor or in memory of your loved one. 3A



ALAN HODGE/THE HERALD
Paul Fulton played a moving rendition of "Taps" to conclude the Veterans Day ceremony at Mountain Rest Cemetery in Kings Mountain. The event included dedication of a new monument to veterans in the cemetery.

Vets remembered for their sacrifice

By ALAN HODGE
Staff Writer

Men and women of the armed forces were remembered on Veterans Day with a moving ceremony in Mountain Rest Cemetery. In addition to words praising the sacrifices that our nation's service personnel have made over the years, the ceremony also saw the unveiling and dedication of a new veteran's monument.

Veterans of past wars, their friends and family members gathered at the acre in Mountain Rest Cemetery that is set aside for servicemen who have passed away. Over 150 gravestones mark the final resting spots of veteran in the acre of grass. Seventeen of the stones are over the graves of men killed in action. As an additional tribute, over 1,000 American flags were placed on the graves of all veterans buried in Mountain View.

Local veterans organizations were well represented at last Thursday's ceremony. Some who attended were Jimmy

Littlejohn, commander of AMVETS Post 955, past commanders of Otis Green American Legion Post 155 Bob Ramsey and Pete Morrow, and Charles Mashburn of VFW Post 9811. Keynote speaker for the event was Claude Pearson, commander of Post 155.

Martial music kicked off the gathering and was followed by words from Kings Mountain mayor-elect Rick Murphrey.

"We sometimes take out freedoms for granted," Murphrey said. "But we are free because so many put on a uniform and placed service to country first." Current mayor Scott Neisler used the parable of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples to illustrate service and how veterans were examples of this lesson.

"We need to think of veterans and how they washed our feet," Neisler said. "We need to reflect on the service they have shown us. We're here to thank those who served."

In addition to the parable,
See Veterans, 6A

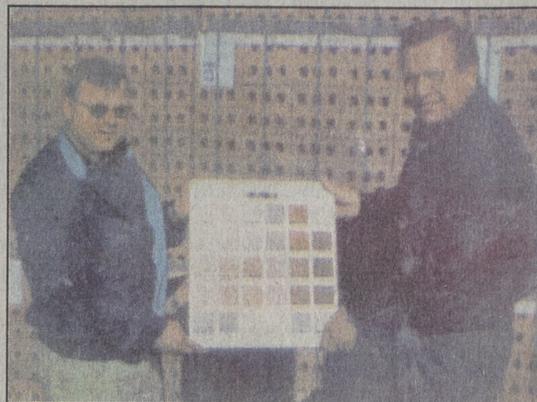
Local company to donate brick for Senior Center

BY ALAN HODGE
Staff Writer

The \$1.2 million Kings Mountain Senior Center took yet another step closer to becoming a reality when Cunningham Brick Company announced this week they would donate all the bricks needed for the project. The oldest brick company in North Carolina, Cunningham bought Kings Mountain Brick on Highway 29 near Grover in January, 1998.

In a letter dated November 12 to Jim Belt of the Senior Center committee, company president Neal Cunningham said that he was "pleased to offer any brick you need to build the new Senior Services facility at no cost." Other projects that Cunningham has donated bricks to include the Lexington YMCA, Davidson County Medical Ministries and welcome signs for the City of Thomasville.

"What ever color and ever how many it will take," is what Cunningham manager Dale Russell said was available for the project. "We want to do something for the community. It's a big thing to step up to the plate with a donation this early



ALAN HODGE/THE HERALD
Cunningham Brick Co. Cleveland Plant manager Dale Russell (left) and Jim Belt look over brick samples for the new Kings Mountain Senior Center. Cunningham Brick announced this week they would donate all the bricks needed for the \$1.2 million Senior Center project.

in the ball game. I've been here 26 years and I'm glad to see it happen."

The idea for approaching Cunningham Brick concerning a donation came to Belt as he was driving past the brick plant.

"It just hit me in the head as I drove by," Belt says.

The new Senior Center will

be a multipurpose facility with a large meeting room capable of seating 400 people. Cooking facilities will also be a part of the new building, a fact that will make it suitable for banquets. "We'll be going from 5,000 square feet in the current Senior Center to over 15,000 square

See Center, 6A

Handyman Heaven New Lowe's opens in Shelby

BY ALAN HODGE
Staff Writer

Handyman heaven came to Shelby Wednesday with the grand opening of a new Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse. Offering 150,000 square feet of total floor and garden center space, the new Lowe's was dedicated with a day-long celebration of special events.

Located just off Hwy 74 at 425 Earl Road, the new Lowe's was already packed with customers when ceremonies got under way at 10 am. Among the featured activities during the opening festivities were displays by several tool manufac-

turers, a Lowe's racing team NASCAR simulator, refreshments, and broadcast live from Lowe's by radio station WOHS-AM.

Other events that will take place through Sunday at Lowe's include workshops and seminars of different aspects of home construction and improvement. Demos range from backyard barbecue cooking lessons, to hanging wall paper and borders. Representatives from over one dozen manufacturers will be available for question and answer sessions.

Given the nature of Lowe's business, it was appropriate that Wednesday's grand opening had a unique twist on the

usual ribbon cutting ceremony. In place of a red ribbon, Shelby mayor Michael Philbeck was joined by a host of dignitaries and Lowe's officers as he put the saw to a red 2X4 plank. Sawing a board in this manner for store openings has been a Lowe's tradition for over 25 years.

Store Manager Stanley Crowder was proud of the features the new Lowe's would provide. He also praised his team of workers and the efforts they had put into getting the new store ready for customers ahead of schedule.

"We can carry many more
See Lowes, 6A



ALAN HODGE/THE HERALD
Dozens of dignitaries and hundreds of customers converged on Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse in Shelby for ceremonies dedicating the new 150,000 square foot store. Helping with the traditional Lowe's board cutting were, left to right, Joy Hall, Jim Crawley, Lane Alexander, Mike Philbeck, Rep. Debbie Clary, Rep. Jim Horn, Re. Walter Dalton and Sherry Crowder.

Dilling to represent KM in Thanksgiving Parade

Marylee Hoyle Dilling, a senior at Kings Mountain High School, is the 1999 Carolinas' Carrousel Parade representative for Kings Mountain.

Marylee will participate with 55 other Carrousel representatives from North and South Carolina in the selection process for the 52nd annual Carolinas' Carrousel Parade Queen. All representatives will ride in the Carrousel Parade on Thanksgiving Day at 1 p.m.

Marylee's school activities include National Honor Society president, Interact Club president, senior class vice-president, Student Participation Organization, 1999 junior marshal, Beta Club, varsity tennis captain, all-conference tennis team, band vice-president, drum major for the marching



MARY LEE DILLING

band, Morehead Award semifinalist, I Dare You Leadership
See Dilling, 6A



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