

Taco Bell, other businesses to build in Kings Mountain

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Construction and demolition projects have kept workers in the Kings Mountain area busy over the past few months. In addition to several new projects in the planning and building stages, Kings Mountain has seen some old structures come down. Both commercial and residential construction in and around town continues to thrive according to Steve Killian, planning director for the City of Kings Mountain.

One of the construction projects on tap is the new Taco Bell restaurant on York Road. To be built by Richardson Turner Construction Co., the Mexican eatery will be part of a three

phase five-acre development and is valued at \$220,000.

Another commercial building project in the works is an industrial building near Turbo Conveyor on Canterbury Road. Owner and businessman Tee Jay Redmond has ask for rezoning consideration for the project.

Highlighting the Kings Mountain healthcare scene, a new medical office complex is slated for construction at the corner of N. Watterson and W. Kings Street. Groundbreaking for the \$1.4 million structure is scheduled for the first of the new year, with completion this spring.

Though it's been a long time coming, completion of the \$3 million Holiday Inn Express at

I-85 and York Road is becoming a reality. With the roof finished and stucco applied, the project is approaching the 51 percent finished mark and will hopefully be ready for preliminary inspection by the December 31, 1999 tax deadline.

Residential home builders have also been busy in Kings Mountain. Henry Whiteside's Mountain Manor development off Linwood Road is entering its third phase with 41 new homes planned. Five are already finished. Crocker Ridge on Crocker Road is a proposed development with 76 homes projected. Both developments will be customers for Kings Mountain utility services.

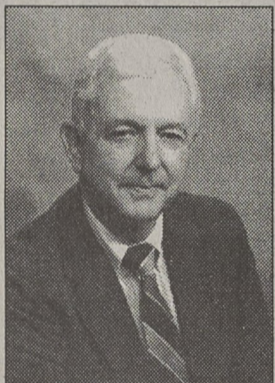
Contrasting with the number of new structures going up in

Kings Mountain are the old ones coming down. Businessman Mike Heath of Kings Mountain has overseen demolition of the old bus station and adjacent garage on his property at the corner of E. Kings Street and Piedmont Avenue. Also coming down bit by bit is the former Carquest building at E. King and York Road. Finally, the former Kings Mountain Motel in front of the Herald building was used as a fire training exercise earlier this fall and is gone.

At a time of year when construction generally tapers off, crews are still humming along in Kings Mountain. As city building codes and inspections director Holly Galloway put it - "things aren't slowing down a bit."

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Bo Burch and Rose Richardson of Eaton Transmission Division on Hwy 29 near Grover show just one of the over 60 gifts employees bought and donated to LIVE! in Shelby. LIVE! is a charitable organization that helps the elderly and ill maintain an independent lifestyle through volunteers.

Eaton Angel Tree benefits Cleveland County elderly

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As stacks of brightly wrapped Christmas gifts for the less fortunate were gathered in the Eaton Corp. Transmission Division lunchroom last week, it was obvious that once again the manufacturer was being a good corporate citizen in Cleveland County. Slated for delivery to LIVE! (Living Independently through Volunteers for the Elderly) in the Cleveland Home Health Building and to Cleveland Children's Homes, the presents were part of Eaton's annual Angel Tree program.

"We have a charitable donations program at Eaton that's managed by the employees," said human resources manager Bo Burch. "This is the seventh year we've had an Angel Tree."

Placed in the employee eating area on December 1, the Angel Tree was draped with tags marked with a gift wish from individuals in need. Employees drew off the tags and filled the

bill. Over 60 tags were drawn and gifts bought within two weeks. Employees who coordinated the program were Rose Richardson, Carl Fortenberry, and Rick Greene.

"We've all had a good year at Eaton and wanted to give back to the community," Richardson said. "We try to get any type of gift that's on the tag. In the past we've even gotten someone a bag of coal or some groceries." Other gifts that Eaton workers had bought for LIVE! and the children's homes included games, toys, and clothes.

"Eaton Corp. and the help they give others is a godsend to the people of Cleveland County," said LIVE! executive director Sara Ray. "They brought a hall full of gifts that are greatly appreciated. They are indeed Santa's helpers."

In addition to the help the Eaton gives at Christmas, they are also a United Way Fair Share giver and assist with the United Way Day of Caring program.

OBITUARIES

ETTA GLADDEN
KINGS MOUNTAIN- Etta Mae Lockridge Johnson Gladden, 86, 1000 First Street, died December 17, 1999 at home.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late James Sloan and Margaret Gardner Lockridge and the wife of the late Earl M. Johnson and Earl Odell Gladden. She was a former employee of Carlton Yarn Mill and Parkdale Mill for over 40 years. She attended Sparrow Springs Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughter and son in law Joyce Diane and Robert Szymkowski of Kings Mountain; grandchildren and spouses James and Angie Carrigan, Jr., and Kim and Danny Navy all of Kings Mountain; great grandchildren Ashley, Amy, Emily, Courtney and Brittany.

The funeral was conducted Sunday at 2 pm at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Roy Dean Clark and Rev. Earl Cook officiating. Burial was in West View Gardens in Bessemer City.

Memorials may be made to Cleveland County Hospice, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby 28150.

Sisk Butler Funeral Home of Bessemer City served the family.

EDWARD WIGGINS
SHELBY- Edward Yates Wiggins, 80, 708 Walker Drive, died December 18, 1999 at VA Medical Center, Asheville.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Elzie Anzie and Austrillia Putnam Wiggins. He was also preceded in death by a sister Jossie Lee Hamby. He was retired from Bost Bakery and Ora Mill and a member of the DAV. He was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII and served a tank destroyer crewman, and took part in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. He received the Eamet Campaign Medal with five Bronze Service Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and a Purple Heart.

He is survived by wife Lucille Allen Wiggins of the home; son and daughter in law Donna Green Wiggins of Shelby; sisters Elvaree Pillois of West Virginia and Annie Bell Womack of Morganton; granddaughter and husband Laura Wiggins and Shan Ford of Kings Mountain; grandson Jacob E. Wiggins of Shelby; great granddaughter Savannah Lynn Ford of Kings Mountain.

The graveside service was conducted Tuesday at Sandy Run Baptist Church Cemetery at 11 am by the Rev. R.W. Davis. Clay-Barnette Funeral Home served the family.

GEORGE HALL
SEABOARD, N.C.- George Perry Hall, 83, Seaboard, N.C., died December 20, 1999 at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville, N.C.

A native of West Columbia, S.C., he was the son of the late Alfred H. Hall and Hassie C. Hall. He was a World War II Navy veteran. He retired from Gay Implement Co. after 30 years of service and was a member of Seaboard Baptist Church where he had served as

a former Sunday School teacher and Deacon.

He is survived by his wife Marian Worsham Hall.; daughters Gail Bass and son in law Gary Bass of Chester, Va., and Edith Faye Hall of the home; son George Perry Hall, Jr. and daughter in law Karen C. Hall of Shelby; five grandchildren, Sheri Bass McHerron, Kevin Bass, Becky Hall, Lucy Hall, and Patti Hall. Two great grandsons Ryan and Logan McHerron; brother Harry Laverne Hall of Colonial Heights, Va.

The funeral will be conducted Thursday at 11 am at Seaboard Baptist Church by Rev. Bert Kirk. Burial will be in Cedarwood Cemetery in Roanoke Rapids, N.C.

Memorials may be made to Seaboard Baptist Church Building Fund, Seaboard, N.C. 27876.

Massey Funeral Homes served the family.

MOLLIE GOFORTH
KINGS MOUNTAIN- Mollie

Carico Goforth, 87, resident of White Oak Manor, died December 21, 1999 at White Oak Manor, Kings Mountain.

A native of Newton, N.C., she was the daughter of the late Samuel Commodore Carico and the late Julia Causby Carico. She was a member of Freewill Baptist Church in Bessemer City and a homemaker.

She is survived by son Clyde Wray and wife Addie of Kings Mountain; daughters Virginia S. Tumbleson and husband Bobby of Kings Mountain and Sybil I Huffstickler and husband Charles "Bill" of Bessemer City; sisters Madeline McPeters and Edna Wilkie both of Morganton, N.C.; also 10 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

The funeral will be conducted Thursday at 11 am at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel, by the Rev. Doug Allen. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

BRYONNA GOBLE
SHELBY- Bryonna Marie Austin Goble, infant, died December 19, 1999 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of Melissa Austin and Travis Goble.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her paternal grandparents Robert and Debbie Goble of Clover, S.C.; maternal grandparents Larry and Margaret Austin of Shelby; maternal great grandparents Annie Moss, and Dorothy Austin of Kings Mountain; paternal great grandparents Robert and Mossie Goble of Gastonia, Ervin and Sadie Simmons of Kings Mountain; aunts Patricia Jackson and Myra Austin both of Shelby.

The graveside service was held Wednesday at 2 pm at Westview Gardens by the Revs. Gene Ware and Michael White. Greene Funeral Service handled the arrangements.

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