

## HARRIS WELCO

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"We've been scaling down over the last year or so," said John Pandorf, general manager of Harris Welco.

Most of the staff has already been let go. As of the end of March, only 25 employees were left in the company, and half of those left at the end of May. Mostly just the office staff is left in the building. Only one employee will be transferred to the Ohio headquarters.

The company has done a little bit to help its employees find new jobs. The North Carolina Employment Security Commission visited to speak to the employees about finding new jobs, said Pandorf.

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The funding for the Abuse Prevention Council and the Kidney Association was cut in half in the current budget with the intent of eliminating it entirely in the 2003-2004 budget. The proposed budget for the coming year eliminated the funding for both organizations altogether.

The jail received additional funding for inmate medical care, as well as a new jailer position. The sheriff's department, Council on Aging, muse-

um, and Cleveland Community College also received additional funding.

Funding for the health department will increase by 4.41 percent, although funding for Medicaid will drop 2.63 percent. Social Service programs will receive a 4.5 percent increase.

Kings Mountain schools are expected to have approximately 68 more students for the coming year, which means that the school will have \$37,876 worth of additional expense. The county will be giving the school system \$7,890.72 more to help with the additional expenses.

County employees will be getting a two percent cost of living increase. Health care costs will also go up 12 percent for each employee. Two positions will be eliminated in the maintenance department, as a result of the contracting for the cleaning of the Charles F. Harry, III Administration Building.

Many permit costs will also go up. The improvement, change, upgrade, existing system inspection, water sample, pool, expired, and tattoo artist permits will all go up for the coming year. The fees have not been increased since 1999.

## WATER

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weeks. According to Ollis, the hopper was ordered two weeks ago but due to a mistake at the company, the wrong unit was shipped meaning a reorder was required.

The hopper will cost around \$10,000, according to Wells.

"It's going to be an expensive solution," Ollis said. "I don't think we have a choice."

Ollis said he understood residents not wanting to drink the water with the algae in it.

"I wouldn't drink it. I don't blame people for complaining," he said. Ollis said citizens should flush their hot water tank now and continue that process once a year.

Algae is usually not a problem until late summer though it has never been this severe before, Ollis said. He attributed the problem to the drought followed by excessive rainfall washing material off creek banks and into the water system. Tree sap and pollen are also part of the problem.

"You wouldn't believe the trees we've been getting," said Moss Lake Clerk John Clemmer. "I've never seen anything like it."

Clemmer has spent much of May and June dragging the logs to coves and ashore. He has also found rusted 55-gallon drums, tires and drink bottles. Clemmer said the water had a grainy appearance Tuesday morning.

Clemmer and Kings Mountain Police Lake Patrol Officer Sgt. Bob Myers are concerned that the debris is also a safety

hazard for boaters.

"It can do a lot of damage to the motor. If you hit one (log) just right, it could tear a hole in the boat," Clemmer said.

Moss Lake, which holds approximately 13 billion gallons of water, is fed primarily by Buffalo Creek and White Oak Creek, said Junior Henson, the water plant's operator in charge. It was built in the late 1974 to supply the town's water supply.

The county's landfill is not contributing to the problem, according to Ollis.

"I'm 99 percent certain (it is not)," he said.

Tests of nearby ground water and wells have indicated no runoff from the landfill.

City water customers are not the only ones feeling the effects of excessive rain. Farmers are experiencing lower than normal yields for some crops.

Killdeer Farms saw its strawberry crop cut by 25 percent this year, according to farmer Debbie Lineberger.

A lot of damage to the crop occurred recently when six inches of rain fell in 24 hours.

The Linebergers have not experienced problems with other crops like corn, beans, tomatoes and cucumbers.

"We were fortunate to get those planted at the right time," Lineberger said.

She said the farm's blackberry crop is expected to do well, also. However, a late freeze killed 90 percent of the peach crop.

According to Cleveland County Agriculture Extension Agent Steve Gibson, the rain has had a negative

impact on small grain farmers and on cotton growers.

"It's hard to know the yield lost yet," Gibson said.

The cool, damp weather has delayed the development of cotton which is a tropical plant. Gibson fears the rain will encourage the growth of fungus on grain crops like wheat, oats and barley.

The grain fungus can be toxic meaning the crop can only be used to feed some animals but not humans.

The wet weather and soggy soil has delayed planting for some backyard gardeners this year, however Gibson has a remedy for that.

"If they would adopt the farmers' practices, primarily low till, they could plant," he said.

The practice has been used since the 1960s and is an erosion control measure.

The rain has meant flooded basements and leaky roofs for some homeowners.

Nancy Avasiakong, a Cleveland County extension agent for family and consumer sciences, has received calls on both problems though more on leaking basements.

She recommends removing the water and determining the source of the leak. Saturated carpet may have to be taken up. Less drastic measures can include using a wet/dry vacuum, opening windows and turning on fans.

Avasiakong also suggests turning the air conditioner on when the humidity reaches 50 percent or greater.

The extension service has a free publication on mildew which can be obtained by calling 704-482-4365.

## RAINES

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able. They took care of me, fed me, clothed me," Butch Raines said. "It's my time to take care of him. What goes around comes around. Kids ought to help their parents."

The two sit side by side on the living room sofa. George Raines calls his son his "right arm." Butch Raines takes his father's hand and holds it. The elderly man's blue eyes twinkle. Look beside him and those same eyes and distinctive nose can be found on Butch Raines who has clearly inherited his father's features.

The father-son pair enjoy Sunday afternoon rides, especially those that end at a restaurant.

"One Sunday, I knew he wanted ice cream. I took the long way to Gastonia," Butch Raines said.

The "long way" ended at Tony's Ice Cream.

Neither man knows where the Sunday afternoon ride will take them.

"We take off. We may go to South Carolina. We may go to the mountains," Butch Raines said.

George Raines jokes that his son has a knack for discovering winding roads.

"He finds some of the curviest roads I've ever seen," the elder Raines said.

Butch Raines keeps his dad's favorite meal in mind when he schedules medical appointments.

"I know he likes to eat breakfast," the younger Raines said.

To accommodate his dad's love of the Pancake House, he makes sure appointments are in the morning.

Medical appointments and hospital stays have become a big part of George Raines' life lately. Difficult breathing and chest pain landed him in Kings Mountain Medical Center in May. After that, it was Duke Heart Center for a valve replacement. This was not his first surgery. In the 1990s he had a triple bypass.

After 17 days in Durham, George Raines was able to come home Saturday. By Monday, home health nurses and aides, along with therapists arrived, all eager to help him recover. Butch Raines was there with his dad, greeting the new people in their lives.

George Raines' two daughters and other son were at the house, also. Sue Raines Strickland spent Monday afternoon completing paperwork with home

health workers. Bobby Raines and wife Janice along with Martha Raines Myers mowed the lawn.

Despite his age, George Raines can clearly remember the births of all four. There was no hospital waiting room filled with anxious men pacing the floors.

Instead, the births were at home and George Raines took an active role.

When his eldest, Bobby, was born, he was by his wife's side, holding her hand. Several years later, when Butch, his youngest, was ready to make his first appearance in the world, the doctor was late.

George Raines jumped into his car, frantically looking for the physician. After he finally found the man and brought him back to the family's then Cherokee Street home, it was too late. Butch had already arrived.

During all four births, George Raines was frightened and excited. He knew the awesome responsibility that came with fatherhood. As a textile supervisor in the 1950s, he made little money but had four children to feed and clothe.

"I worked pretty hard. I don't regret it," George

Raines said.

He is quick to add that while his children's needs were met, they did not get everything they wanted. Looking back, the elderly man is not sure that is a bad thing.

"It goes to their head too much," he said.

The father of two boys himself, Butch Raines has looked to his father to learn to be a parent.

"Be nice to them. Help them any way you can," is how the younger Raines explains his parenting philosophy.

Unlike his dad, a divorce and working a swing shift meant he did not get to spend much time with Scott and Shane Raines as they were growing up. Since then Butch Raines has made up the time. Both young men have lived with their father since becoming adults.

"I enjoy both of them," Butch Raines said.

George Raines, a South Carolina native, has six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He and wife Ruth Morris Raines were married 54 years before her death on his birthday, Aug. 28, 1990.

## DADS

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farm.

"It was fun. We enjoyed it," he said. "It was hard work."

Each day, the whole family would get up early, sometimes before dawn, to start working in the fields. Mrs. Green would take care of most of the work in the home, but even she often worked in the fields with the rest of the family. She was also raised on a farm, said Green.

All of the planting was done with plows and mules, said Green. He said mules and plows do a much better job than tractors, even though the work takes longer. His kids still talk about planting the garden when they come to visit him, said Kathy Payne, activities director of White Oak Manor. The farm also had hogs and cows.

"We had plenty of what we needed. We didn't have a pile of money. Everyone worried about the mills being shut down, but we didn't worry because we still had plenty of food," said Green.

Even with all of the work they did at home, all eight children graduated from high school. Green now has numerous grandchildren. He came to live in White Oak Manor after he fell and broke his hip. His wife also lived in White Oak Manor until she died. He used to visit her frequently at White Oak Manor and bring in home-grown tomatoes for the staff.

Green has a daughter, Geraldine, who works on the dietary staff. She comes to spend time with her father every day. Even when she spent some time in the hospital recently, she still called to make sure he was okay.

Jeffries raised five children: four girls and one boy. Now, four of those children still live around here. Jeffries said he is proud of his children. All five of them graduated from Kings Mountain High School, and three of them went to college. They all now have good jobs.

Perhaps they learned their good work ethic from their

parents. Both of their parents always worked hard to support them. Jeffries worked as a subcontractor for his own business.

When they were not working, Jeffries said he enjoyed playing ball and fishing with his kids. He now has six grandchildren that he enjoys spending time with. In fact, he now has a new great-grandchild as well.

He likes to see the little boy, who is just learning to walk, said Payne. He was very proud when the boy was born.

"He was so proud, like a peacock," said Payne.

Poole raised three girls and one boy. He spent part of their childhood serving in World War II. After the war, Poole worked for Lily Mill for over 40 years. He raised four children--three daughters and a son--in the Lily Mill village, which used to be behind Shelby High School.

They lived on the edge of the village, where they had fruit trees and a farm. He raised his children in the same house where he grew up. He taught his children to hunt and fish, as well as clean and skin the animals they caught. His house was located right at the end of the paved road.

Of his four children, two of his daughters, Arvelena Proctor and Charlotte Heffner, still live in Shelby. His other daughter, Judy Bright, lives in Myrtle Beach, while his son, Gene Poole, lives in Wilmington. His children were raised on his war stories, and they watched him march in the Veteran's Day parades each year.

"Daddy's always been our hero," said his youngest daughter, Arvelena, in an earlier interview. "He raised us."

Their mother worked second shift at the mill and was not home when her children were many times, she said. Poole said that it took both parents to raise their children, though.

Poole's children visit him frequently, particularly the two daughters who live nearby.

"They're constantly dotting on him and taking care of him," said Payne.

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