

# Spectrum Celebrates Its 10th Anniversary

Spectrum Textured Products, Inc. announced on March 31, 1971 plans to construct a \$6 to \$8 million plant on a 40 acre tract of land on Waco Road.

Construction began in June 1971 and sales of yarn got underway in the Fall of 1971.

Originally, the company was owned by International Stretch Co. and Jack Karcher and Bishop Smith were leaders in Spectrum's move to Kings Mountain.

By 1974 the firm employed 500 people. In December 1974 the plant phased out its texturing

operations and phased out its cloth dyeing operation in May 1980.

Spectrum changed ownership in October 1972 when C. D. Blanchard and Associates purchased the company.

Blanchard, a graduate of North Carolina State University and Harvard School of Business, was at one time one of the youngest executives of Burlington Industries. President Blanchard, a native of North Carolina, has been called a dynamic leader and a "people oriented" executive by his

associates and employees. The primary owner of the company for nine years, he resides in New York City.

Jim Roark, secretary-treasurer, has been with Spectrum for nine years and Barry Westfall, Vice President of Yarn Sales, has been with Spectrum for eight years.

In 1978 the company name was changed to become Spectrum Fibers, Inc. with sales offices in New York City. There were also visible changes with landscaping and plant expansions.

A total of 268 employees work on three shifts to dye filament polyester yarns and spun polyester yarns. Spectrum has expanded its dyeing capabilities in the package dyeing department and its winding operations with addition of foster winders for spun polyester yarns.

Alex McCallum, personnel manager of Spectrum, joined the firm as assistant personnel manager and safety director in July 1974. He taught school for five years in Randolph County and was associated with Klopman Mills, a Division of Burl-

ington Mills, in Denton for two years as assistant personnel manager.

A native of Maxton, McCallum graduated from Parkton High in 1962 where he was active in sports. He holds an AA degree from Wingate College, Class of 1964, and an AB degree from High Point College in 1967. He became personnel manager at Spectrum in May 1978.

Mrs. McCallum is the former Kay Tinsley of Spartanburg, S.C. They are parents of two children, Joe, age 8, and Ann,

age three. They reside in Kings Mountain on Allison Court.

Active in community and civic activities, McCallum is a member of First Baptist Church, is active in the Babe Ruth baseball program, Jaycees, Kings Mountain United Fund, where he served for two years as chairman of the highly successful industrial division, and is on the board of directors.

McCallum is also a director of the Cleveland County Chapter of the American Cancer Society and served as chairman of a golf benefit for cancer patients. He serves as secretary-treasurer of the Blue Ridge Safety Council from a seven county area and on its board of directors.

Population	
Greater Kings Mountain	21,914
City Limits	8465

Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report for January 1980, and includes the 14,990 population of Rutherford County and the remaining 6,924 of Rutherford County in Cleveland County and Crowder County in Gaston County.



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# Spectrum Textured Fibers Locating Plant Here

## Bridges, Parker, Roberts File For City Commission

### Now Four-Man Race in Ward 5 For Commission

Three more candidates entered the political arena this week creating a four-man race for Ward 5 commissioner.

The new candidates joining Kelly Dixon and Howard Shipp in Ward 5 are Jonas Bridges, manager of Radio Station WKMT, and Charles W. Parker, who resides at 704 Landing St.

Kenneth Roberts filed for Ward 4 commissioner to challenge incumbent Norman King. Still unchallenged are Ray W. Cline, Ward 1 commissioner, W. S. (Seimore) Biddix, Ward 2 commissioner, Jim Dickey, Ward 6 commissioner, and P. A. Francis, outside-city candidate for election to the board of education.

Mr. Roberts is a partner with his father in Roberts Cash Grocery, is current president of KM Jaycees, and is a member of Kings Mountain Baptist church.

He served as an army paratrooper from 1957-59. Mrs. Roberts is the former Phyllis Henderson. They have two children, a boy and a girl.

Jonas Bridges came to Kings Mountain 18 years ago as manager of Radio Station WKMT. Previously, he had served in the Army during the Korean Conflict and worked for a Columbia, S. C. television station.

A native of Bowling Springs and graduate of Gardner-Webb college, he is son of Mrs. Robert Bridges and the late Mr. Bridges. He is a past president of Kings Mountain Lions club, the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, and served two terms as president of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association. He is a member of First Baptist church.

Mrs. Bridges is the former Dora Summerlin of Clover, S. C. They are parents of two children, Robbie, 14, and Paula, age seven, and reside at 803 West Mountain street.

In his filing statement, Mr. Bridges said: "I love Kings Mountain. They've been good to me. My only reason for filing is that I'm trying to practice what I preach daily on radio when I invite citizens to take active interest in city government and an offering in that capacity, I have no ulterior motives and no ax to grind. I am for continued progress of Kings Mountain."

Mr. Parker is an employee of Carolina Throwing Company. He is a navy veteran and member of Piedmont Baptist church.

The candidates to date: Mayor - Incumbent John Henry Moss and Robert G. Cox. Ward 1 commissioner - Ray W. Cline, incumbent. Ward 2 commissioner - W. Seimore Biddix, incumbent. Ward 3 commissioner - Incumbent T. J. Ellison and Wilburn Hamrick. Ward 4 commissioner - In-



CANDIDATE - Jonas Bridges, manager of Radio Station WKMT, paid his filing fee Wednesday afternoon as a candidate for Ward 5 commissioner.

### Plunk Rezoning Request Tabled

The city commission approved two requests for rezoning and tabled a third "for further study" Tuesday night.

Opposition was voiced by adjacent property owners to rezoning of 6.23 acres of land in Crescent Hill where Hal S. and Fred W. Plunk want to build 20 luxury apartments. C. B. Cash of Shelby would be building the townhouse apartments of one, two and three bedrooms ranging in rent from \$130 to \$150 per month. The complex, with 20 more apartments to be added later, would include a swimming pool and putting green.

George Thomason, representing property owners opposing the rezoning, said landowners with combined holdings of 91 acres in the area are opposed to the apartments being built there because "this would create a traffic problem and would decrease the value of property already there."

Bob Bradley, representing 82 property owners favoring the rezoning, said, "Kings Mountain is a growing community and needs some type of luxury apartments." "I see no reason why adjoining land would be devalued," he said.

Both attorneys presented petitions favoring or opposing the rezoning.

The zoning board had recommended approval of the rezoning.

On motion by Mrs. O. O. Walker, seconded by W. S. Biddix, the board voted to table the request for further study.

Ward VI Comm. Jim Dickey asked Mayor John Moss if a committee should be appointed to study the matter and report findings to the board. The mayor said he "would be happy to do so if a motion was made by the commission." There was no motion.

On the other two zoning matters, no opposition was voiced. (Continued On Page Eight)

### 46 New Voters Are Logged By Registrars

Forty-six new names were added to the city's pollbooks Saturday, first of three registration days for the May 11th municipal and school board elections.

Registrars will be at the polling places again this Saturday and on Saturday, April 25th to register new voters or to inscribe transfers.

Most activity Saturday was reported by George Hord, registrar in Ward V, who reported 19 names of new voters and one transfer.

Next busiest places were in Ward III where Mrs. Ruth Bowers added eight new voters to the books and recorded three transfers and in Ward IV where Brooks Tate added five names and made one transfer.

R. D. Goforth, Ward II registrar, added five new names and recorded one transfer.

Mrs. Guy Trout, Ward VI registrar, added six new names to the pollbooks, including her own and her husband's, and Ward I registrar C. L. Black reported three transfers.



### Linda Sellers Is Contestant

Linda Diane Sellers, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sellers, is eighth contestant for the title of "Miss Kings Mountain 1971."

Miss Sellers is a junior at Kings Mountain High school where she is active in the South Carolina Club, the Choir and Future Homemakers of America. She sings in the choir of Penley's Chapel Methodist church and will sing in the talent division of the Miss Kings Mountain Beauty Pageant April 24th.

She stands five-foot five inches tall and is brunette.

Other contestants for "Miss Kings Mountain 1971" to be crowned in Kings Mountain are: Thmas, Deborah Bur Ann Hudson, Renee Erin Ervin, Deborah Warren.

The judges' decision will be announced on April 24th at the high school.

### Wilco Truck Rental Firm To Build Here

By MARTIN HARMON

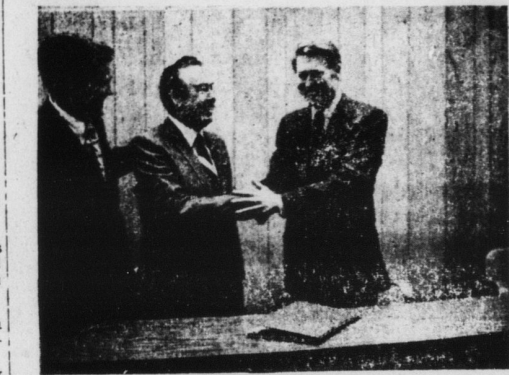
Wilco Truck Rental, home-based at Nashville, Tenn., will build a terminal on Charles street, Dexter Roger announced at City Hall Wednesday.

Wilco leases tractors and trailers to industries, has 11 tractors and 40 on lease to Kings Mountain firms now.

The firm has purchased a three-acre tract fronting on Charles street and Interstat. 85.

The building, to measure 78 x 70 feet, is expected to cost \$100,000. It will be of metal construction, with a drive-through wash bay, two drive-through mechanical departments, and a third section including offices, parts department, driver's room, and a fire storage room and rest room facilities.

A free education program, Mr. Roper says the Wilco company owns 2000 pieces of equipment. District manager is Robert L. Allin, of Charlotte.



NEW INDUSTRY OFFICIALS WITH MAYOR - Mayor John Henry Moss, center, shakes hands with Bishop Smith, Jr., president of Spectrum Textured Fibers, Inc., after he and John Karcher, left, executive vice-president, detailed their plans for becoming a Kings Mountain industrial citizen. (I. G. Alexander photo)

### Forty To Attend Art Seminar

Forty teachers from Kings Mountain Schools will attend an Art Workshop on April 19, 20, 21, 1971, at the West Elementary School, it was announced Tuesday by Donald D. Jones, superintendent of schools.

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These techniques will include some of the uses of crayons, water colors, poster paints, finger paints, colored chalks, and modeling clay. Simple craft techniques will be shown, giving teachers an opportunity to work with paper, paste and other materials to gain three-dimensional effects. All of the Art Workshop activities will be experienced which the teachers can relate to their own classroom teaching.

School officials responsible for the Workshop arrangements, in addition to Superintendent Jones, include Howard Bryant, Director of Instruction.

In addition to the 15 hour workshop the teachers are also planning to have a curriculum study of art at 3:45 on the afternoon of April 26 at Kings Mountain High School. Mrs. Margaret Powell and Mrs. Suzanne Wise will lead this study.

### Lake Recreation Plan Approved

The city commission, on recommendation of Mayor John Henry Moss, Tuesday night unanimously adopted a resolution approving recreation on the Kings Mountain Lake on Buffalo Creek.

The mayor commented: "With the lake project 90-plus percent complete, it is time to implement a program to utilize this most important project." He said the policy would insure the complete development of the Kings Mountain water project.

The resolution, as adopted, reads:

- 1) Plan total utilization of the finished water supply to serve and bring the full benefits to the citizens of Kings Mountain.
- 2) Develop the Kings Mountain water reservoir as a beautiful and exciting recreation area as permitted by the North Carolina Department of Water and Air Resources and North Carolina State Board of Health under the complete control of the city government of Kings Mountain working with a Kings Mountain Lake Commission with membership to be made up of Kings Mountain citizens.

The board also, on recommendation of Chairman Norman King, commissioner from Ward IV, entered into agreement with the N. C. Wildlife Commission, Division (Continued On Page Eight)

### Firm Textures, Dyes Filament; To Employ 175

By MARTIN HARMON

Spectrum Textured Products, Inc. officials announced here Wednesday they will build a \$6 to \$8 million plant on a 40-acre site the firm has optioned from H. O. Williams on SR 2034.

The company officials here were Bishop T. Smith, Jr., president, and John D. Karcher, executive vice-president. They are the owners along with International Stretch Products, Inc.

President Smith said the firm will texture and dye synthetic filament yarns for sale to the circular knit, warp knit and weaving trades.

The firm expects to go into production in the fall quarter and expects to employ 175 persons, about 70 percent of them women. They expect to begin hiring employees in June or July. Mr. Karcher said wage rates would average about \$2.20 per hour.

Kings Mountain was chosen as by far the best location after "we did a lot of looking". Mr. Smith explained, pointing out that Kings Mountain was chosen because of the enthusiasm of the mayor and members of the industrial committee, because of skilled labor in the area, and proximity of Kings Mountain to the firm's customers and other cities in contention were Wadesboro, Tarboro, Reidsville and Asheville.

"We mean to be community-oriented," Mr. Karcher declared. He said textured yarns which go into double knit fabrics now has an estimated 80 percent of the market.

Competitors in the field include Burlington Industries and Olympia of Spartanburg, S. C.

"But our real competitors are the Japanese," Mr. Smith declared, and offered a plea that some imports can be placed in these imports.

"We are a growing industry," he commented, pointing out that the market for these goods in men's clothing will burgeon within the next few years.

The firm will call for the installation of ARCT texturing and Gaston County Dyeing equipment. Production will begin during third quarter 1971. Initial annual production capacity will be 10,000,000 pounds.

Mr. Smith said plans call for doubling yarn dyeing capacity and construction of a piece dyeing plant along with additional auxiliary equipment by mid-1972.

Manufacturing facilities and offices of Spectrum Textured Fibers, Inc. will be located in Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Executive and sales offices will be located in New York City.

### When Specter's Mother Passes

Funeral rites for Mrs. Tinnie Bell Lucas, 82, of Buffalo, New York, mother of Rev. R. D. Lucas of Kings Mountain, were conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. from Pilgrim Baptist church in Buffalo, interment in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Lucas died Saturday in General Motors hospital following illness of one week.

Surviving, besides her son here, are her husband, Eugene Lucas; five sons, Alfred, James, Lewis, Herman and David Lucas, all of Buffalo; four daughters, Shirley and Linda Lou Lucas, Mrs. Louise Pearson and Mrs. Betty Bennett of Buffalo, N. Y.; 26 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

### Traffic Control Survey Approved

The city commission Tuesday night approved, after recommendation of Comm. W. S. Biddix, chairman, that a preliminary traffic flow and safety survey made of the city be submitted to the State Highway Commission for advanced planning and approval.

Recommendations, all approved, by the Biddix-chaired committee were:

- 1) temporary no parking will be installed on street from King until Candler street;
- 2) instead of temporary traffic light at intersection of Candler street and Waco road;
- 3) of 35 miles per hour on Candler street;
- 4) changing of lighting on the overhead bridge on U. S. 74 west and install lights if needed;
- 5) request the Highway Commission to install grates and storm drains on Highway 74 west;
- 6) refer a petition supporting a highway 74 bypass of Kings Mountain to Roy, DeMon, of the State Highway Commission;
- 7) install automatic gates at railroad crossings on Mountain (Continued On Page Eight)

### Ollie Harris, Jr., Has Developed Vista Villas In Pasadena, Texas

J. Ollie Harris, Jr., Kings Mountain native and son of State Senator and Mrs. J. Ollie Harris, was the subject of a feature story in a recent edition of the Pasadena, Texas News Citizen.

John O. Harris attended Davidson College and the University of South Carolina after graduating from high school in his home state. His wife, the former Jean Arthur of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, is a member of the Junior Forum, Rotary Annex, Epsilon Sigma Alpha and enjoys bridge and bowling with her many friends and neighbors. They have a daughter, Elizabeth, age two and a son, Johnny, age 11. Johnny attends the nearby Fisher Elementary School and is already planning a big summer when the school bells ring out for the final time this spring. Tennis, golf and swimming are favorite pastimes. Mr. Harris shares with his family.

Vista Villas, a prestige community developed by Mr. Harris, is holding the Grand Opening of Section II this month. Vista Villas is located at the intersection of Burke Road and Vista behind Bayshore Hospital. Homes are in the \$35,000 and up price range.

### Phifer Property Resale Thursday

Resale of the Martin Phifer property is scheduled for Thursday.

Present high bid is that of Hubert, Richard, William and James McGinnis at \$69,560 for the 131.6 acre tract.

The property is adjacent to Kings Mountain high school.

### G. H. King's Rites Conducted

Graveside rites for Grover Henry King, 73, of Lancaster, S. C., were held April 2nd at 11 a.m. from Mountain Rest cemetery with the Rev. Charles A. Graves officiating.

Mr. King was brother of the late Grady W. King of Kings Mountain, brother of Mrs. Anna K. Dilling of Kings Mountain and brother-in-law of Mrs. Grady W. King of Kings Mountain.

Mr. King was a member of a Lancaster hospital. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas King, Sr.

Other survivors include four brothers, Charles M. King of Concord and G. T. J. D. and W. C. King of Lancaster, S. C. and a sister, Mrs. Gene Williams of Charlotte.

### Stamey To Lead Baptist Series

Rev. James Stamey, pastor of Shelby's Elizabeth Baptist church, will be evangelist for revival services beginning Sunday and continuing through April 21 at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Services will be held each evening at 7:30 p.m.

Wayne Bryant, music director in Highland and South Gastonia schools, will direct the song service.

Rev. James M. Wilder, pastor, issued an invitation to the community to worship in the series of services. Mr. Wilder said the special services will open with observance of the Lord's Supper at the 11 a.m. hour Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Stamey has served the Shelby church since February 1967. He was educated in the Lincolnton schools, Gardner Webb and Carson Newman colleges and Southern Baptist Seminary. He has served as moderator of Owen County Baptist Association, Kings Mountain Baptist Association and as president of the Pastor's Conference of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association. He served churches in Tennessee and Kentucky before coming to Shelby in 1957 as pastor. (Continued On Page Eight)

### Terese Moore Wins Contest

Teresa Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Moore of Gaffney, S. C. and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Moore of Kings Mountain, won first place in the Junior Division of the South Carolina Hospital Association's Statewide Health Careers Poster Contest.

As first place winner, Miss Moore received a \$100 cash prize. Her poster will now be sent to Chicago, Ill. for competition in the National Health Careers Poster Contest.

The contest is held annually in an endeavor to promote interest in health careers among the youth of the state. Winners were chosen by a panel of judges from a total of 100 entries from junior and senior high schools over South Carolina.

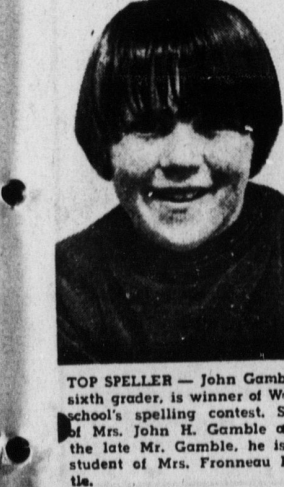
Cleveland County Memorial Hospital Administrator Eric L. Fischer made the award presentation to Miss Moore.

### Engineer To Submit Preliminary On McGill Plant Industrial Waste

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This plan is projected by the Dickey committee and will include a grudge road from E-20 to N-E



### Race Develops For Commander

Election Day is Monday at Frank B. Glass Post 9811, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and only one post is contested.

A race has developed for the command's post being sought by Ray W. Cline who has opposition from the present commander, Ben Case. Mr. Case is a write-in candidate.

Members will elect officers in post balloting from 1 until 7 p.m.

Other nominees, as submitted by a nominating committee, include: Senior Vice Commander - George Sellers; Junior Vice Commander - Earl Stroupe; Quartermaster - Earl Stroupe; Chaplain - David Delevie; Judge Advocate - L. C. Baker; Sergeant, Garvis Sentell; and Ben Case, three-year trustee.

Nominations remain open.

### TOP SPELLER - John Gamble, sixth grader, is winner of West school's spelling contest.

John Gamble, 11, of West school, is the winner of the school's spelling contest. He is a student of Mrs. Fronneau Little.