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## THE NEWS IN BRIEF

# Phenix Closing

### BAND CONCERT

The Kings Mountain Senior High Blazer Band and the Kings Mountain Junior High Ninth Grade Band will present a public concert on Thurs., Mar. 18 at 8 p.m. in B.N. Barnes Auditorium. The program will consist of State Contest Music Festival selections. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

### TALENT SHOW

The East School Talent Show will be held Thurs., Mar. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Central School Auditorium. Admission is 50 cents. The winners will advance to the annual Kiwanis Club Talent Show. Willard Boyles will be the Master of Ceremonies.

### RUMMAGE SALE

The Kings Mountain Fire Department will sponsor a rummage sale on March 27 in the field across from the fire department. In case of rain, it will be held inside the fire department. Clothes, furniture, cakes and pies will be sold. All proceeds will go toward the construction of a roof on the fire museum. Anyone with items to donate may call the fire department at 739-2552. Items may be brought to the fire station or firemen will pick them up.

### TALENT SHOW

The West School Talent Show will be held Thurs., Mar. 25 at 7 p.m. at Barnes Auditorium. Steve Baker will be the Master of Ceremonies and special entertainment will be presented by Kate's Skating Rink of Gastonia. Admission is one dollar for adults and 50 cents for students.

### ORIENTATION

Kings Mountain High School will have an orientation meeting for rising 10th graders and their parents Mon., March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

### Fund Drive

Westover Baptist Church of Kings Mountain is beginning a fund drive for a 12-year-old Shelby boy who was injured when struck by a car last week on Highway 150 south of Shelby.

Marty Dover, a seventh grader at Crest Junior High, remains in a coma in the intensive care unit of a Charlotte hospital. He suffered a broken leg and hip and other injuries.

The family has no insurance and the boy's father has been unable to work since the accident because of the need to be by his son's side.

Anyone wishing to make a donation may send their check to the Marty Dover Fund, in care of Westover Baptist Church, 1370 Westover Drive, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086, or call Rev. Roger Webb at 739-2187.

### SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The Grover Rescue Squad will have a spaghetti supper Saturday beginning at 5 p.m. at the squad building. Plates are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Spaghetti, roll, salad, tea and coffee will be served. For carry out orders, call 937-7632.

### TALENT SHOW

The North School Talent Show will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. Shirley Austin will be the emcee and special entertainment will be provided.

### HOTDOG SALE

Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Department will have a grilled hamburger and hot dog sale Saturday, March 27, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. For carry out orders, call 739-1416.

Burlington Industries has announced that it will phase out operations at its Phenix plant in Kings Mountain because of decreased demands for the yarns produced here, plus difficulties in further modernizing the 96-year-old multi-story plant.

Plant Manager Charles Kelly said at the same time that as many as 100 of the 245 employees at Phenix would be offered opportunities to transfer to the company's Mount Holly plant which is modernizing and expanding its facilities. The Mount Holly plant produces polyester-cotton yarns for outside yarn sales, and those yards continue to be in good demand.

Phenix employees will be interviewed individually over the next several days about their job run-out, possibilities of transfer either to Mount Holly or other Burlington plants in the area, or to other local companies. Those who cannot transfer will receive severance pay, profit sharing and retirement benefits for which they qualify.

Kelly said the company has no immediate plans for the Phenix plant. "Prior to announcing the plant closing Burlington made an exhaustive study among other divisions to determine possible utilization of the facility and equipment. We will work with the local chamber of commerce and other local and state agencies to find a use for the building," he said.

Dick Byrd, Community Relations Director, and Ed Murray, Vice President of the Denim Manufacturing Division, were in Kings Mountain Tuesday to announce the closing to the plant employees.

employees.

They said a number of other divisions of Burlington looked at the plant "to try to find some other use for it. But nothing has panned out," Byrd said, "but we will continue to work with the state, Chamber of Commerce and the City on possible prospects who can use the plant."

Dan Grady, Plant Personnel Manager, said the Phenix Plant has "a lot of good, well-trained people and we feel like we will be able to place quite a few people."

The operation will be phased out over the next two weeks, depending on how the production runs out, Grady said.

"That's very regrettable news," Mayor John Moss said of the closing. "The Phenix Plant represents a landmark as an industrial citizen of Kings Mountain. The city will be doing all it possibly can to find job opportunities for those who do not transfer to other Burlington plants."

The Phenix Plant was built in 1886 by the Freno Dilling family of Kings Mountain and operated for many years as the Dilling Mill. It was later sold to the Hamrick family. It was acquired by Burlington in 1946 and has been modified several times over the years.

The Phenix Plant is the third mill to close in Kings Mountain in the past two years. Neisco Industries' Margrace and Pauline plants closed in 1980, eliminating over 200 jobs.

## Harris On DOT Committee

Lieutenant Governor Jimmy Green announced today the appointment of Senator J. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain to the Special Committee to Study the Department of Transportation. Senator Harris and Representative Allen C. Barbee of Spring Hope will serve as Co-Chairmen of the ten member committee.

In naming Senator Harris to the Committee, Green called him "one of the ablest and hardest-working men in the Senate. His dedication to North Carolina and especially to the people of his district is uncompromising. I very much appreciate his taking on this additional responsibility."

Senator Harris is president and treasurer of Harris Funeral Home, Inc., in Kings Mountain. He has served five terms in the North Carolina Senate. During

the 1981 Session, he also Chairs the Senate Committee on Human Resources, and is Vice-Chairman of the Senate Committee on Senior Citizens Affairs. He represents the 25th Senatorial District which is comprised of Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln and Rutherford Counties.

The Special Committee to Study the Department of Transportation was created by the 1981 General Assembly. Its review of the Department in-

cludes revenues and expenditures; major personnel changes; use of state funds in relations to federal funds; and the actions of the Board of Transportation, among other things. The other members of the Committee appointed by Lieutenant Governor Green are Senator J.J. Harrington of Lewiston, Senator Craig Lawing of Charlotte, Senator Sam Noble of Lumberton, and Senator R.P. Thomas of Hendersonville.



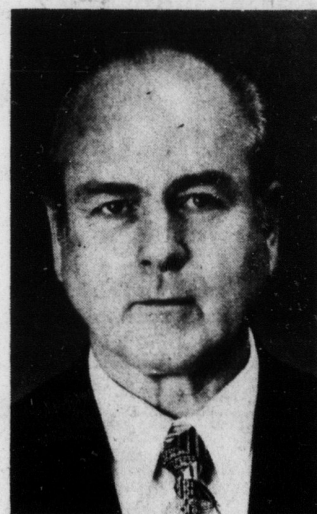
OLLIE HARRIS

## Bearden Services Held

Funeral services for Rev. William Clyde Bearden, 61, pastor of First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain, were conducted Wednesday at 2:30 at First Baptist by the Rev. E.B. Hicks, the Rev. Ray Linville and the Rev. Cline Borders. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Charlotte.

Rev. Bearden, a resident of 104 Country Club Drive, died at 6 a.m. Monday at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Oconee County, S.C., he was the son of William Robert and Hattie Orr Bearden of Greenville, S.C. Also surviving are his wife, Mrs. Essie Jackson Bearden of the home; one son, Harold Eugene Bearden of Charlotte; three brothers, Carlyle Bearden of Greenville, S.C., Christopher Bearden of Pelzer, S.C., and Wallace Bearden of Anderson, S.C.; and two sisters, Mrs. M.F. Ramsey of Greenville, S.C., and Mrs. Mildred Trotter of Greenville, S.C.



REV. CLYDE BEARDEN

He attended Gardner-Webb College, where he received the Suttle Bible Award. He graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College and Southeastern Theological Seminary.

He was a member of the General Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and was a former trustee of Gardner-Webb College.

He spent the first two years of his ministry as an evangelist. He served as pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church of Greensboro, Thrift Baptist Church of Paw Creek, Mount Home Baptist Church of Morganton, Balfour Baptist Church of Asheboro and Greenland Baptist Church of Charlotte before assuming pastoral duties at Kings Mountain First Baptist eight years ago.

In Kings Mountain, he was active in numerous church and community activities and was president of last year's United Way Campaign, which set a record for contributions.

Memorials may be made to the building fund of First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

## Tolleson Services Held

Funeral services for Mrs. George R. Tolleson of Columbia, S.C., were conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Columbia.

Mrs. Tolleson, 52, was the former Betty Lynch, daughter of Haywood E. Lynch, former editor and owner of the Kings Mountain Herald, and Elizabeth Simmons Lynch.

She was a native of Goldsboro, N.C. She attended Kings Mountain grade schools and graduated from Central High School in 1950.

She earned her A.B. in English at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro and received her Masters of Education degree from the University of South Carolina in Columbia. She was in the final year of her Doctorate in Education and was given the position of principal but was unable to accept because of her illness.

She was a teacher at A.C. Flora High School and W.A. Perry Middle School in Columbia.



BETTY TOLLESON

She was a member and historian at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are her husband, George R. Tolleson; four sons, Chip Tolleson, William Haywood Tolleson, Andrew Robert Tolleson and John Michael Tolleson, all of Columbia; one sister, Mrs. Lossie Lynch Harrell; neices, Amy

Kathryn and Jane Elizabeth of Atlanta, Ga., nephews Dr. William Mauney Herndon of Chapel Hill, Charles Ray Baker of Atlanta, Ga., Robert Edward Herndon, senior at N.C. State University, and David Andrew Herndon, freshman at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., children of her sister, Mrs. Jean Lynch Herndon, now deceased; and many aunts and uncles.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Greenlawn and Caroline Drive Hospice Program, the cancer group of Baptist Medical Center.

Attending funeral services from out-of-town were Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Baker, Mrs. Sara George, Mrs. Lenona Lackey, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Crawford, Mrs. Beulah Rhea Spiver, Mrs. Frances Payne Ramsey, Mrs. Frances Williams Crothan, Mr. and Mrs. Sam R. Harrell, Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch and W.M. Herndon Sr.



**TEACHER OF THE YEAR** - Joe Maher of Duke Power Company presents Meredith McGill with a certificate of recognition at the North Carolina Jaycees Awards Banquet February 19 in Greensboro. Miss McGill was recognized for her outstanding performance in her profes-

sion and community which led to her nomination as one of North Carolina's outstanding young educators. This is the ninth consecutive year the North Carolina power companies have sponsored the event in connection with the North Carolina Jaycees.

## Educator Of Year

Kings Mountain native Meredith McGill was recently chosen by the Greensboro Jaycees as "Outstanding Young Educator" and represented that city in state competition.

Miss McGill is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John C. McGill of Kings Mountain and is in her fifth year as a teacher.

Miss McGill was selected as Outstanding Young Educator by the Brooks Elementary School faculty and was later chosen by

the Jaycees as Outstanding Young Educator for the Greensboro City School System. She received her award at the annual Jaycees banquet on February 3 in Greensboro, and during the state awards banquet on February 19, she was recognized as a regional finalist in state competition.

Miss McGill has taught the last two years at Brooks School and previously taught for three years at McIver School in Greensboro.

She is a 1972 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and graduated from Appalachian State University in 1977 with a B.S. in Special Education. She received her Master's degree in Education Administration in 1981 from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

She is presently a resource teacher for the educable mentally handicapped and learning disabled.