

Waste Treatment Changes Hit Home

The bad news is Mooresville's four-year-old Rocky River Waste Water Treatment Facility is nearing its industrial waste limits.

The good news is town leaders understand the situation and have begun working on ways to avoid the problems created when a treatment facility no longer can accommodate new customers.

In waste plant years, Mooresville's facility is still in its adolescence, but recent industrial growth in the Mooresville area and a new set of state-mandated guidelines have teamed to make the Rocky River facility middle age before its time.

David Wagoner, superintendent of the local treatment plant, said this week that the Rocky River facility is nearing its heavy metals treatment capacity. The metals — copper, zinc, chromium, lead and others — handled by the treatment facility

are discharged by local industries, which use the metals in their production processes.

When the plant reaches its heavy metals capacity, no new industries that discharge the metals will be allowed to hook up to the Mooresville system. That means the industries, which must have treatment service, will locate somewhere else.

"Once you reach 100 percent, no more industrial permits will be issued in Mooresville. It's that simple," Wagoner said. "Right now, we're running between 60 and 70 percent on most of the metals, which means the town has to start thinking about how strict it wants to be in limiting new industries."

Wagoner explained that the Rocky River facility has state limits on the amount of each industrial metal it can treat. Currently, the plant is treating 71 percent of the nickel it is

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West-Side Diagonal Parking Proposed For Downtown Main

If conditions are right, parking on Main Street in Mooresville may soon have a new look.

The Mooresville Downtown Commission, at its monthly meeting Monday night, voted to ask the town to "pursue" a change in the parking methods used on Main Street.

If the town honors the request, its

first step will be to conduct traffic flow studies to see if any parking changes, and especially the one recommended by the commission, are feasible in Mooresville.

The commission's proposal is that diagonal "head-in" parking spaces replace the parallel parking spaces on the west side of Main Street. Parallel parking would continue on the east side of the street.

The proposal was presented at the meeting by commission member Ray Boone, who heads up the commission's parking committee. Boone said creating diagonal parking on the west side of Main Street will give the downtown area significantly more parking spaces where they are needed.

"We've looked at it and this seems to be the best approach," Boone said at the meeting. "The street is not wide enough to support diagonal parking on both sides and the need for additional spaces is greater on the west side."

The Downtown Commission's request is just that, nothing else. The commission is not a policy-making or governing board, but it is designed to serve as the voice of downtown merchants.

"I think it is appropriate that this request come from the Downtown Commission," Town Manager Rick McLean said.

McLean said a feasibility study on the parking situation should indicate whether or not diagonal parking or some other type of Main Street parking changes would be suitable for Mooresville.

If the town would have to hire

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Booker, Bryant Stand In Front Of Future Restaurant

Atmosphere For Dining? Take That Pew Nearest The Pulpit

From military base structure...to church...to restaurant — that's the evolution of the 781 North Main St. building that most recently housed St. Therese Roman Catholic Church.

Rick Bryant of Lake Wylie and his sister, Cindy Bryant-Booker of Davidson, purchased the Spanish-style structure last month and began renovating it into a 70-seat eating establishment.

The Rafter's Restaurant will open Dec. 1, Booker said this week, offering "good old Southern-style cooking."

Booker formerly owned and operated The Peregrine House, a Davidson restaurant, and she will bring her experience in the food business to The Rafter's that takes its name from the building's exposed interior roof beams.

For lunch, there will be deli sandwiches, a special plate, featuring a meat and two vegetables, hot dogs and hamburgers.

The dinner menu will be somewhat more elaborate, including steaks, the owners stressed. Natives of Mecklenburg County, Booker and Bryant are children of Mrs. Lucille Bryant of Derita and the late Dave Bryant.

Booker graduated from Garinger High School in Charlotte and attended the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Bryant attended North Mecklenburg High School near

Huntersville and received a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Booker and her husband, Ed, a Davidson lawyer, have three children.

Bryant is married to the former

St. Therese's congregation hopes to be in its new home on Brawley School Road by early December. Services are being held at Mooresville's Central United Methodist Church.

The St. Therese Parish was established in 1946, and the church was erected three years later, a portion of the structure having been brought here from the Fayetteville area, where it was a military facility.

Central UM Will Mark 110th Year

Central United Methodist Church of Mooresville is celebrating 110 years of mission and ministry in the Mooresville area.

As a part of this anniversary year, a special worship service is planned Oct. 18 at 7 o'clock.

L. Bevel Jones III, bishop of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference, will be the speaker. The Rev. Reginald J. Cooke, Statesville District superintendent, Conference, will assist in the service.

Prior to the service, members and guests will share birthday cake and ice cream at 6:15 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall.

Central was organized in 1877 by the Rev. T.L. Triplett.

Mission and ministry became the heart of the church from the beginning. Central has produced 10 preachers and missionaries.

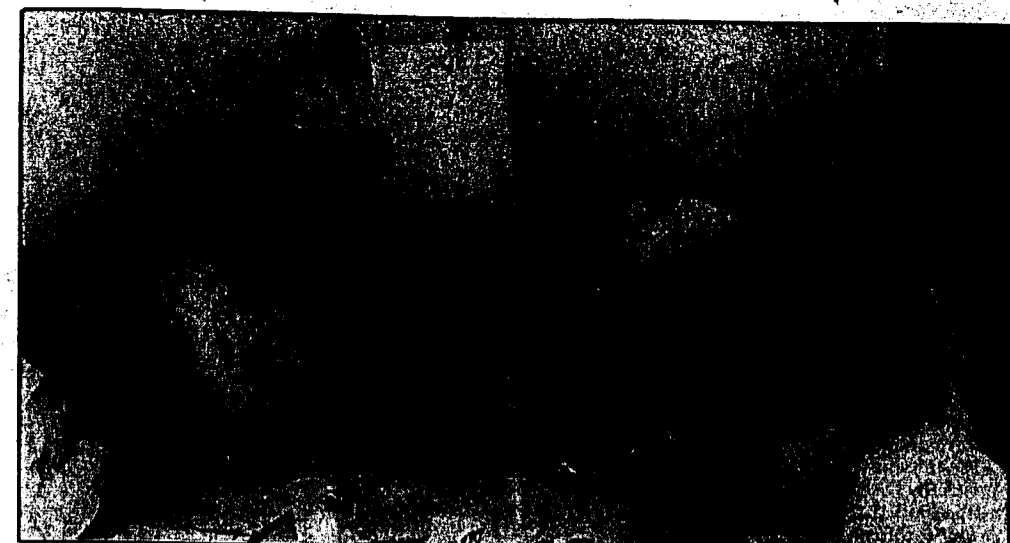
Three area churches — Triplett, Broad Street and Jones Memorial — are Central outgrowth congregations. Members of these churches have special invitations to attend the Sunday anniversary service.

The Central choir and choirs of

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BISHOP BEVEL JONES



Mazzola, Seated Center, Leads Seminar On Industrial Relations

Chamber's Much-Study, Some-Play Retreat Produces Program Of Work

Officials and directors of the Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce have collected the ideas, now they must shape those ideas into an outline of goals for the upcoming year.

Chamber leaders compiled pages and pages of suggestions, opinions, thoughts and comments last weekend during the organization's seventh annual planning retreat in Myrtle Beach. The information and recommendations collected during the retreat will be used as building blocks for the chamber in the formation of the 1988 "Program of

Work." The program of work sets the chamber's goals and agenda for the upcoming year. The overall chamber, and each division therein, uses the program of work as a guide for activities, projects and assignments throughout the year.

In previous years, information exchanged during the retreat played a key role in determining which projects were top priorities for the chamber. As was emphasized during each of this year's six planning sessions, the chamber has been successful at working toward its goals in the past and plans to continue setting its sights on issues and needs highlighted during retreat meetings.

Following that practice, the chamber should present a goal-filled program of work in January.

Sixty representatives from local businesses, financial institutions and town government took part in the retreat along with chamber officials. The retreat included three work sessions Friday night and three more Saturday morning.

Each session focused on one of the chamber's six divisions, with the division's vice president serving as the discussion leader. One of the committees that stirred the most interest during the retreat was the newly-created Industrial Relations Division.

Joe Mazzola, plant manager of Parker-Hannifin Corporation's local operation, will serve as the division's initial vice president. The purpose of the division is to increase community awareness of the role existing industry plays in the overall development of the Mooresville-South Iredell area.

"We put a lot of emphasis on recruiting new industry into our area," Mazzola said during one of the sessions, "but we need to realize how important existing industries are too. These industries are already operating in the Mooresville-South Iredell area and we need to make sure everyone knows they are a vital part of the community."

families are not alone in welcoming them. The entire community has maintained a vigil since the Neills left their Shepherd home May 5.

Larry Neill, 48, had suffered a progressive, nearly-always-fatal liver disease — primary biliary cirrhosis — four years. His condition worsened this spring, and his doctors estimated the remainder of his life at six months.

Six months from May is now. Instead of his life ending, Larry Neill's life with a new liver is beginning.

Talk about dispelling gloom! But the road to a new life was fraught with excessive misery and depression. And, while the news now is good, the road ahead is rocky.

Neill reported to Thomas Jefferson Memorial Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa. May 5 to await a

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Shrine Club Buys Tract Off U.S. 21

The 93-member Lake Norman Shrine Club has purchased a 15-acre tract of land as a site for a club house, according to Buddy Brown of Mooresville.

Brown serves as ambassador to the local club from the Oasis Shrine Temple in Charlotte.

The property, located just south of Mooresville, east of U.S. 21, was purchased from Craig Darkow, a former Davidson veterinarian now residing in Washington.

Already, a road into the property has been graded and graveled and the shoulders and banks of the roadway will be landscaped and seeded, Brown stated.

The club as yet has no set date for the start of a building program, it was stated.

Bill Turner, a resident of the Shearer's Chapel Road, is the current president of the club, while Hebron Mills of Davidson is the president-elect, scheduled to take office Jan. 1.

The club is presently meeting in the Institute Avenue building housing the Mooresville Masonic Lodge.

After The Valley Of Shadows, Neills Now Look To New Life

Gloom, despair, agony — oh, me — deep, dark depression, excessive misery.

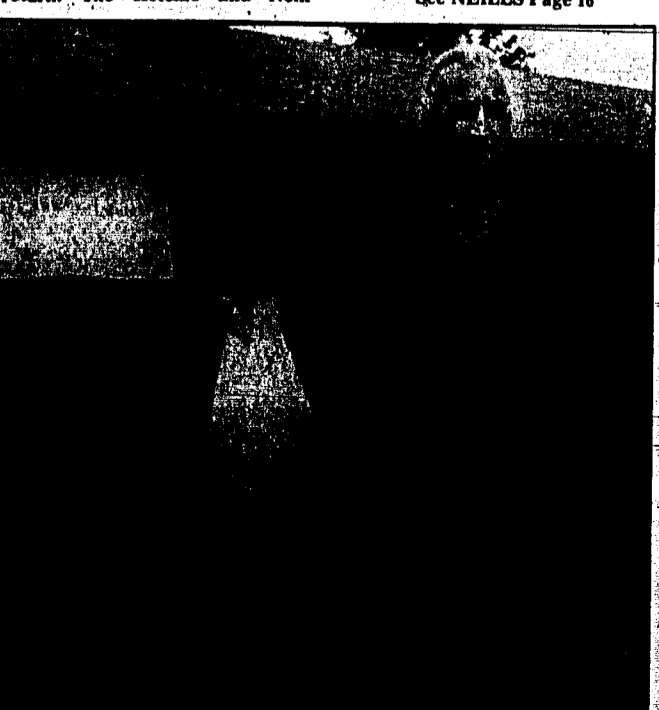
Is that how you think of news? If it weren't for bad news you'd have no news at all?

Then find your Shepherd News for a quick picker-upper:

"Mr. and Mrs. Cotton Ketchie met Mr. and Mrs. Larry Neill Friday at noon at the Charlotte airport and brought them home to the Shepherd community."

Home! The four-letter word goes a long way toward easing gloom and all the rest the Laura and Larry Neill have experienced of late. Friday, they saw their home on Barfield Road for the first time in more than six months.

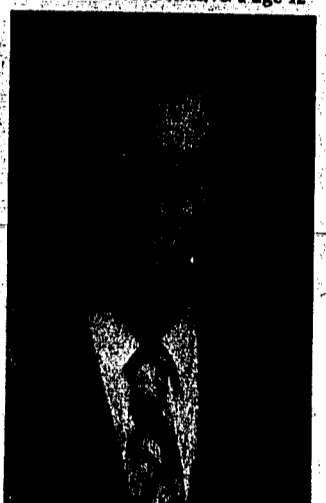
Cotton Ketchie and Laura Neill are son and daughter of Mrs. Helen Ketchie, who reported the Neills' return. The Ketchie and Neill



Laura And Larry Neill At Home, At Last

The other divisions of the chamber, and the current vice presidents, include community development, Joe Mott; economic development, B.K. Barringer; merchants division, Ron Johnson; organizational development, David

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JOHN NEWTON

Newton, 91, WW I Veteran, Dies Sunday

John Willard Newton died of a heart attack at his 422 South Church St. home here at 8 a.m. Sunday.

Mr. Newton, 91, was a member of the "World War I" as a member of Battery F, a unit of the 113th Field Artillery Battalion, 30th Division.

Now there are only two survivors of the unit that was organized in Mooresville and began its training here. They are Joseph Ballard of China Grove and McLin Choate of Danville, Va.

The battery held its final reunion here in mid-August. The members said their ranks were too thin and their health too fragile to continue their annual get-togethers.

A native of Cleveland County, Mr. Newton was born May 28, 1896, a son of the late William Graham and Mary Hoyle Newton. Prior to his retirement, he was employed at the

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Uncle Dan From Doolie Says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

The feller that runs the store carries a short line of parts for trucks and tractors. He's got a ring of fan belts on nails around the top of the meat cooler in back, and there's some shelves up front holding antifreeze and odds and ends like radiator caps, wiper blades, light bulbs and fuses. About once a month a salesman in a panel truck comes by and freshens up the stock. He made his run Saturday about the time the session got going.

It was Bug Hobkum that took note of store-bought signs on the sliding side door of the truck and on the double doors in back. They said "nothing inside this vehicle is worth losing your life over," and that give rise to a extra item on the agenda.

After the parts salesman left, Bug told the fellers them signs said somethin about where this country's going. Bug said he'd never so much as allow a dog around his house that anybody needed to beware of, and he was to old a dog to learn new tricks. But the move in this country is to shooting first and asking questions later, he said, and what we got to figure out is wuther this stand is more a cause than a cure.

For sure, Bug went on, turning the other cheek may stand us in good stead in the next life, but it don't help much in this one, especial if you wind up in court with two busted cheeks. Some of what we got in this life, Bug said, is gangs of good guys on big city streets prowling fer gangs of bad guys, and we got "protected by Smith & Wesson" warnings on hardware stores. We got ordinary working folks cussing and shooting one another on busy highways, we got routine executions and overcrowded prisons. What we ain't got is the cool and calm to work out how to be part of the solution

instead of part of the problem, was Bug's words.

Ed Doolittle spoke high of Bug's concern, but he took note that viewing with alarm is a long way from being part of the solution. If we want to get another angle on signs of the times, Ed said, we could look at notices on a church lawn he saw last week when he visited his daughter in the city. One said "children's dog show in church basement Friday," and the other announced "church women's flea market Saturday." Other than the wimmen holding a clearance sale after Friday's event, Ed said, he couldn't make out what them activities had to do with solutions.

The sad truth is, Ed declared, we got ourselves wound so tight and we're running so fast we won't take time to look at anything except them gaining on us in the next lane. For signs of the time, Ed said, take the report where 70 million Americans of driving age can't drive, and add the fact that most of em are out there behind the wheel anyway. Remind yourself that we talk so much about seat belts and big bumpers that we must of give up on preventing accidents and settled fer cutting down on the damage.

General speaking, the session was more cussing darkness than lighting candles, but Ed eased up with fillers from his latest batch of USDA pamphlets. One item said George Washington could broad jump 23 feet. Since George's time, declared Ed, we've had plenty of Presidents that could sidestep a hot issue twice that far from a standing start.

As for signs of the times, I took note that a old sign in the store bathroom still says "flush twice, it's a long way to Washington."

Yours truly, Uncle Dan

Cavin Funeral Homes Name General Mgr.

Major Hamilton has assumed his duties as general manager of the Cavin Funeral Home in Mooresville and the Cavin-McEwen Funeral Home in Huntersville.

He comes here from Lenoir, where he was associated with Pendry's Funeral Home.

A native of Crossville, Tenn., Hamilton is a son of Mrs. Mable Hamilton of Crossville and the late Ralph Hamilton.

A graduate of Cumberland County High School in Crossville, he attended the University of Tennessee in Nashville, Tenn., and graduated from the John A. Gunton Mortuary College in Nashville in 1970.

He and his wife, Linda, have three

son and three daughters — Frankie, Mark, John, Cindy Jennifer and Anastasia, and three grandchildren.