



HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU

A great big Santa looks down from a great big sign placed at 30 locations in Greater Gastonia. The signs are sponsored by members of the Gaston Merchants Association. Holding the

smaller sign are (left to right) Joy Barnes, Ted Leonhardt, Frank Mill, and Donna Lail while Paul White and Thelma Holland watch.

Santa Billboards Go Up

Billboards with a familiar face will be greeting visitors to Gastonia during the Christmas season. The Santa Claus billboards extend the message: "Shopping's Great in Gastonia."

Thanks to the chamber of commerce and the merchants association, 30 billboards have been erected at entrance and exit points along North Carolina and U. S. highways.

The signs nearest Gastonia are in front of Dixie Village shopping center, on 321 North at I-85, 321 South at Little Mountain Rd., and at the first Baptist Church on W. Franklin Ave. Others are pinpointed throughout the community.

The merchants headed by F. A. Whiteside as president and

the chamber trade committee headed by Paul White as chairman have undertaken the billboard project.

Trade Committee members in addition to White are Nathaniel Barber, Owen Bryner, Jerry L. Ellis, Robert Gault, Max Graham, Mrs. A. C. Hahn, Cliff Hearne, Paul Holbrook, Hugh Johnston, H. Glenn Powell, W. Roy Robinson, Leon Schneider, Richard Simms, and John Sorrell.

Paterson-Campbell Oil Company, Gastonia Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Watson Insurance Company, Southern Bell Telephone Company, Gifts Unusual, Matthews-Bek Company, and Canada Dry Bottling Company are the seven businesses sponsoring the project.

ABC Board To Build Three Liquor Stores

By RODNEY DELLINGER, Gazette Staff Reporter

The Gastonia ABC board selected three locations last night for future ABC stores, but the exact sites for the future buildings are still in question. The three new stores will be

built on East Franklin Ave., West Franklin Ave. and U.S. 321-North, but the landlords have not been selected for several reasons.

Two main considerations are parking facilities and easy access for customer convenience. Also to be considered are the buildings and the best offers from future landlords.

Walter Hendricks, chairman of the board, said one shopping center, in particular, wants the next store on their property and has offered to remodel a building according to ABC specifications at a very reasonable rate. The ABC store is expected to be a big draw in customers for other establishments in the general area.

However, Hendricks pointed out that the board's job is not to advertise its product, but merely to serve the public. "We will be obligated to consider the best offers for our needs because we are in business for the people of Gastonia with all profits going into the city treasury," the chairman said.

"Of course, parking, easy access and other items will be taken into consideration before we make the final decisions."

According to Hendricks, the board has been offered several sites in each of the three sections of the city where permanent stores are presently planned.

"We shall have our final decisions sometime next week," he said.

At the meeting last night, the board members also discussed employee benefits and store insurance, but reached no definite decisions.

After the meeting, all members inspected the temporary store on South St., which will open on schedule Dec. 1.

Everything is ready for opening day except the stock itself which will arrive in Gastonia the first of next week.

Six clerks for the store are now in training at Charlotte ABC stores and Hendricks reported that they are "getting along very well, according to officials there."

All the board members had high praise for the Mecklenburg ABC system which "has been a tremendous help to Gastonia." "They have offered us every

possible assistance and even loaned us some cash registers and a counter, ready made, in order to open our first store.

"Their help has saved us a great deal of time and possibly money," Hendricks concluded.

The indication, following the meeting last night, was that the next ABC store could be in operation within the next 30-60 days.

Jenkins Recovering

R. Bain Jenkins, president and founder of Jenkins Metal Shops, is in satisfactory condition at Beaufort Memorial Hospital, Beaufort, S. C., after being wounded in a freak hunting accident Monday on Hilton Head Island.

Jenkins, who with his son R. B. Jenkins Jr. was deer hunting at the North Carolina Hunting Club on Hilton Head, caught one pellet from a shotgun blast fired at a deer.

The blast was fired by his son, according to Beaufort County Sheriff's Chief Deputy G. J. DeBruhl.

DeBruhl said the deer apparently passed between the elder Mr. Jenkins and his son.

When the blast was fired, one pellet traveled down through the lung and lodged in the back.

Charles Bridges, plant manager of Jenkins Metal Shops, Inc., said today that he talked last evening with R. B. Jenkins Jr. in Beaufort. "He said that attending physicians are well pleased with the recovery so far," the plant manager reported.

Jenkins and his son had left Gastonia last Thursday for a fishing excursion on the Santee-Cooper River. The pair joined a hunting party at Hilton Head Sunday.

The accident occurred about 4 p.m. Monday. A well known member of the Gastonia business community, the metal shop founder is a former member of the Gastonia City School Board and has been active in other phases of civic life.

Rambling Rebels To Lead Parade

Gastonia's Rambling Rebels will march at the head of the Carolina's Carrousel parade in Charlotte tomorrow. This marks the 21st year for the state-champion drum and bugle corps to march in the parade, and some members of the corps haven't missed a parade during the entire 21 years.

Everett Jones, public relations director for the Rambling Rebels, said:

"We are both celebrating 21 years of activity. The North Carolina Legion's state-champion corps has paraded up Tryon St. in every Carrousel parade with the exception of one during the years. No other musical or marching unit — with some of the same members making each of these parades — can reach this unusual record. In appreciation for its continued support to the Carrousel, its officials again have placed it as the first musical unit in the parade."

The corps will leave from Memorial Hall by bus at 1 p.m. All members are to be in uniform when the bus leaves Gastonia. The Carolina's Carrousel Parade will be televised on WBTV starting at 3:15 p.m. and a former Gastonian, Clyde McLean, will broadcast the parade along with his associate from WBTV, Pat Lee.

This will be the first big parade for the corps since returning from the American Legion National convention in Boston, Mass., in September. There, the Rambling Rebels led the N. C. Delegation in one of the best Legion parades in years.

The corps commander is Jack Whitworth, Color Guard Captain, Roy Short, and the musical director is Leslie O. McCollum.

Worship Services Set

Gathering together to ask the Lord's blessing, Gaston Countians will worship in Thanksgiving services to be held in many communities of the county.

Scheduled here Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church is the annual union service sponsored by six "downtown" churches. The Rev. John N. McAllister of St. Mark's Episcopal Church will speak on the subject, "Hunger."

Leading the call to worship and invocation will be the Rev. John Kimbiri, associate minister, First Presbyterian Church. The host pastor, the Rev. A. Douglas Aldrich, D.D., will give the Thanksgiving greeting and benediction.

Dr. Joseph L. Griffin of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will offer the prayer of Thanksgiving. Leading the responsive reading of scripture will be First Methodist's Dr. C. C. Hebert Jr. Dr. Murray W. Griffith of First AR Presbyterian Church will give the offertory sentence and the offertory prayer.

Music will be provided by the Senior High

and Church Choirs and soloist William L. Blacklock of First Baptist.

An offering will be received to defray the expenses of the service.

BELMONT

Belmont's only Thanksgiving Day service will be held at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, where it is an annual event.

The pastor, the Rev. Robert S. Shelby Jr., D.D., will speak on "Thank God for the Unshakables." The Church Choir will sing "For the Blessings of These Days."

The service will be broadcast over Radio Station WCCG.

KINGS MOUNTAIN

The Holy Communion will be celebrated Thanksgiving Day at 10 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, Kings Mountain. Participating in the service will be the members of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Bessemer City.

The Rev. Robert Haden, priest-in-charge, said the special offering will go to Episcopal Child Care Services of North Carolina, Charlotte.

Billy Graham: World Is Facing A 'Final Shaking'

By PAUL SMITH, Gazette Staff Reporter

BELMONT — In this decade of the 20th century, "in the midst of our generation," the world is experiencing a "final shaking," evangelist Billy Graham told an audience of 1700 Protestants and Catholics at Belmont Abbey College Tuesday night.

"Things invisible and shaking are going on in our world," he said, basing his sermon on the Bible, Hebrews 12:27, which tells of a final shaking after which "those things which cannot be shaken may remain."

After receiving the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters (D.H.L.) from the Abbey, Graham noted the significance of the occasion — "a time when Protestants and Catholics could meet together and greet each other as brothers, whereas 10 years ago they could not," he said. The evangelist's first sermon at a Catholic institution was at the Abbey in 1963, and his return Tuesday was the climax of this week's Institute for Ecumenic Dialogue, a program sponsored in part by the Abbey and designed to promote understanding among Catholic and Protestant clergymen of the Gaston-Mecklenburg area.

Graham, freshly returned from his Japanese Crusade, said he "knew of no greater honor a North Carolina preacher, reared just a few miles from here (Charlotte) could have than to be presented with this degree. I'm not sure but what this could start me being called 'Father Graham'," he facetiously added.

In a serious tone, Graham said we are living in a "critical and crucial period in a busy world. And, I want to speak especially to the students tonight." Many students from Belmont Abbey and Sacred Heart College turned out to hear the Southern Baptist evangelist.

In a world that is being shaken, Graham said, there are some things that will remain. "When the people of Larvik, Norway returned to their bomb-shattered town after the war, their mayor addressed them from a rubble pile that had once been a city building. 'Well,' he said, 'at least the mountains are still here.'"

"The days will come, in which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down," Graham quoted again from the Bible, Luke 21, and outlined the problems facing the world today — Vietnam, the Middle East crisis, trouble in Rhodesia and Greece, a pessimistic atmosphere in the United Nations, and domestic problems with civil rights and poverty.

He added the growing population, doubling of scientific knowledge, automation, and religious deterioration as other elements

Belmont Abbey Confers Honorary Degree

that are "shaking" the world today.

"There are five definite things which will not be shaken, and which will serve as mountains on which to hold," Graham said.

"For one, the nature of God does not change," the evangelist pointed out. "God does not change to accommodate himself to the 20th century. Second, the Word of God has not changed. The Bible satisfies man's basic need to know God. Let this book loose and it has its own built-in power. This is the book upon which America has been built,

said Daniel Webster, and upon which the Western world was built.

"Human nature hasn't changed," Graham continued. "The spirit is sick with a disease called sin — that's what Christ-mas is all about."

"Moral law hasn't changed. Here we come to a problem students have today. 'Newsweek' recently said this expanding submission and permissiveness has caused more change in morals in the last 12 months than in the last 50 years.

"Finally, the way of salvation has not changed. I know how the ending of the book will be. The gospel that built this school and the gospel that brings me here tonight is still the way to salvation."

Before he entered the Abbey, Commissioner Graham was interviewed by reporters and asked what he felt was the clergyman's place in civic affairs.

"Well, I think it's up to the individual clergyman to take his own stand on these issues," Graham replied. "Personally, God has never led me to march, picket or demonstrate for a

particular cause. But, I do demonstrate, in a different way, and I think our demonstration is the largest in the world."

"What do you think of the clergyman's part in the military activism movement, like Father Jola Grupp's organizing of the people in Milwaukee?"

"I think ministers like Father Grupp have gone too far," Graham said. "They have hurt the civil rights cause by going too far in civil rights and anti-Vietnam demonstrations."

Finally, Graham was asked if he felt the action of the Rev. Dr. Catesworth Pinckney Lewis Jr. of Bruton Parish Episcopal Church of Williamsburg, Va., was out of line when the minister challenged President Lyndon Johnson Sunday before last to publicly "explain America's role in the Vietnam war."

"Yes, I think the minister's action was improper," Graham replied. "Something like this should have been done in private, but not before a captive audience. It was improper, I think, to put the President in that situation, and it was beyond good taste. However, I think Dr. Lewis didn't really mean to do that."



GRAHAM RECEIVES HONORARY HOOD. The Very Rev. J. J. Cleary, O.S.B., president of Belmont Abbey College, presents evangelist Billy Graham with the traditional doctorate hood during ceremonies at the college Tuesday night. Over 1,700 turned out to hear Graham, many sitting in the dining hall area where they watched on closed circuit television.

By Gastonia City Schools

Southern Accreditation Sought

By DAVE BAITY, Gazette Staff Reporter

Gastonia City Schools officials will find out next week if two years worth of effort in doing an intensive self-study of the school system will result in accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Worried on whether all levels of education in the city system will be accredited will be forthcoming at the annual meeting of the Southern Association to be held in Dallas, Tex., from Nov. 26-30.

SUPT. WILLIAM H. BROWN, discussing the project with members of the city school board this week, said he is hopeful the entire school system will be accredited. In the self-evaluation project some assets have already been tallied, he said.

The entire school system has been re-accredited under the latest state standards thanks to the project. He pointed out that many schools who hold state accreditation, hold that accreditation under the 1950 standards.

The Gastonia City School system year accreditation under the more stringent standards set by the state in 1963.

"Whether we get accreditation by the Southern Association or not, we have gained much from the two years' effort," he said.

IN THE two-year self-study, syllabi of all courses of instruction in the school system were written and plans laid for coordination of the educational process from grade one to grade twelve.

"We're already seeing results from our study. This study was done completely by staff and faculty. By looking at their teaching methods and materials,

they became aware of problems that existed and have made efforts to remove these problems," Brown said.

Should the Gastonia City Schools win accreditation by the Southern Association for its high school, junior high, and elementary education levels, it would be one of only 15 systems in the state to have achieved the feat.

High schools in the Gastonia city system have held Southern Association memberships for some years. However, the Southern Association has only recently undertaken accreditation of all levels of schooling.

THOMAS EDISON City School System holds Southern Association accreditation for its high school and elementary levels. A program is underway now to win accreditation for its junior high school.

Actually, it feels good for the Gastonia City system, but Brown is not one to overstate optimism. He said, however, that letters were received this month from the visiting committees of the Southern Assn. who surveyed the local school system.

The letters said the visiting committee reports on the Gastonia system have been reviewed and the schools have been recommended for accreditation by the central reviewing committee.

The indication was that the state committee would in turn recommend the schools for accreditation at the Southern Association meeting in Dallas this month.

The commissioners also approved a newly drawn fire district plan of the High Shoals Volunteer Fire Department. The plan was presented earlier, but approval was withheld apparently because the district overlaps that of the Long Shoals department.

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Building Permits

Headquarters for a textile machinery and parts manufacturing company will be under construction on Trakas Blvd. in the Westgate Industrial Center to be completed within six months.

Jerry Keller Real Estate secured a \$63,000 building permit to begin the structure for W. D. Lee and Company now located on N. Ransom St.

The company manufactures, sells, and repairs textile machinery and parts.

Warehouse remodeling for Frank H. Conner and Company on Gaston Ave. required a building permit of \$26,000, and a new service station on U.S. Highway 321 North took a \$19,500 permit.

Other building permits issued by the city are as follows: R. W. McLean, Johns Lane, remodeling, \$300.

Bernard Alm, 1212 W. 7th Ave., remodeling, \$150.

Charles A. Harrison, 255 Salem, residence, \$10,000.

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Boyce C. Fort, 606 W. Harrison, addition, \$2,500.

Bill Flynn, Ridgewood St., residence, \$14,000.

Ken Barnes, 625 W. Airline Ave., addition, \$20,000.

Ken Barnes, Children's Clinic, South St., remodeling, \$1,500.

Grady Childers, 821 N. Weldon St., remodeling, \$800.

Bobby C. Sisk, 306 Queen Rd., storage, \$500.

Charles A. Harrison, Inc., 2412 Vinton Drive, residence, \$10,000.

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Curtis Dunn, W. Fourth Ave., residence, \$4,500.

Paul E. Blanton, 2229 Sunset Drive, storage, \$575.

Lander Barnhill, 1100 Notting-ham, addition, \$900.

W. G. Herman, 1110 Greenwich Circle, storage, \$150.

James Gerukas, Paramount Circle, residence, \$20,000.

Tilden Palmer, E. Hemlock, addition, \$2,500.

Dance

The Gastonia Youth Recreation Council will sponsor a Thanksgiving dance tonight at Phillips Center beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Betty Wilson, advisor to the council, better known as "Gauks," said the Pines will provide the music. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the council or at the door, she said.

The council is composed of students from Ashley and Hunter Hills High Schools.

School Entered

Officials at Highland High reported a break-in at the school last night to Gastonia detectives this morning.

Missing are three adding machines. Details of the break-in are incomplete at this time.

City detectives are investigating.

Larceny

Gastonia city detectives arrested two Kings Mountain women Tuesday at the Dixie Village Shopping Center and charged them with larceny and concealment of merchandise.

Arrested were Joyce Ann Hall, 26, and Maxine Sue Ray, 22.

Both women are charged with two counts each and the total value of the goods involved was estimated at about \$15, according to Det. Capt. C. C. Elmore.

Will Old Hotel Be Crushed Or Cherished?

By JIM HARDIN, Gazette County Editor

LINCOLNTON — The old North State Hotel here got a two-week reprieve from demolition Tuesday night.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, a 11-er newly three hours of discussion, offered to sell the 115-year-old hotel to the Lincoln County Historical Commission for \$20,000. A two-week deadline was set for acceptance of the offer.

The Historical Commission wants to renovate the front part of the hotel as a historical museum and cultural center. The county commissioners purchased the hotel, two other buildings and the surrounding property for \$79,000 as a parking lot for county employees.

Two conditions to the sale were made: (1) if the building is ever sold, it must be sold to the county, and (2) the building must be fully developed as a historical site.

The Historical Commission,

headed by Mrs. Marion Rizzert, made an hour and a half plea for the hotel building. Dr. John Gamble, chairman of the county board, displayed a scale model of the proposed parking lot. The model was prepared by Charlotte landscape architect Robert McDonald.

The proposed parking facility would provide 70 to 80 parking spaces for county employees. The hotel is located across the street from the county courthouse.

If the Historical Commission accepts the county's offer, it will have until the Jan. 3 meeting of the commissioners to come up with the \$20,000 purchase price.

The North State Hotel was completed in 1832 and has been used as a hotel the entire time except for a short period when it was operated as a private school and when federal troops occupied it during Reconstruction days.

Its most famous guest was

Thomas A. Edison, who came in 1861 in search for a special coal for use in his experiments.

In another action Tuesday night, the commissioners set the terms for members of the newly created Lincoln County Hospital board of trustees at six years. The members, who will be selected by the trustees, will serve staggered terms with new members coming on the board each two years.

The commissioners are still debating whether to make the board a hospital authority, or a private, non-profit corporation. As a corporation, the board would lease the hospital from the county.

The commissioners also approved a newly drawn fire district plan of the High Shoals Volunteer Fire Department. The plan was presented earlier, but approval was withheld apparently because the district overlaps that of the Long Shoals department.

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Museum Open

R. M. Schiele, director of the Schiele Nature Museum, says folks who would like to take a leisurely look at the museum may do so Thursday. The facility will be open from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.