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# Economic Prospects Good For 1979

## Mayor Issues Forecast

Kings Mountain's economic prospects for 1979 appear good, according to Mayor John Henry Moss who predicts for 1979 a high level of business activities.

"We're looking for 1979 to be good, and yes, even better for Kings Mountain citizens, than was 1978", a news-filled year of many activities which spelled progress for the area," he said.

On the drawing board for 1979 are the completion of several major projects and the construction of a new housing complex for the elderly which was a New Year's "bonus" announced this week.

Early spring should see the completion of the handsome

Government Services Facilities Building (City Hall) and future development of the new Citizens Service Center to provide the opportunity for city government to implement what the mayor terms a "program of planned productivity and cost-efficient services for citizens of Kings Mountain." The KM Depot Center and Mauney Memorial Library were expanded in the waning months of the old year and improvement to KM Community Center are also nearing completion.

Another major project should be given all the heft it can be and that is the U. S. 74 By-Pass of Kings Mountain. Bid-letting for the first

phase of the 9.6 miles \$25 million strip of road approved in 1965 is set for March, with the city already formally executing an agreement of sharing of right-of-way cost.

Currently the mayor and KM Business Development offices are working on "several very good industrial prospects" and Mayor Moss said he feels "our chances for their locating here is excellent to add new jobs, new people and boost the economy." With the emphasis placed on housing in new year 1979, the business community, he continued, has recognized that housing is the key to a solid economy."

Mayor Moss predicts that 1979 will see a new emphasis for housing and job opportunity in Kings Mountain, reflecting that a solid growth pattern is achieved by providing citizens the necessary utilities, water, sewer, electricity, and gas to attract diversified industry while maintaining a good environment for the city's future.

The mayor expects the city commission will involve many citizens in the activities of the new year, challenging the citizenry to make Kings Mountain a model of representative government, stressing leadership in broadening community support for social and

cultural activities and moving forward in "keeping a strong Kings Mountain on fiscal policy, working together to create incentives for private development and efficient use of public resources for progress that will make for economic viability and orderly growth."

"The city has done its homework in endeavoring to achieve economic stability," said the mayor, who affirms that barring dramatic turn of events in the national areas, that economic developments in 1979 should leave good marks on all of us in more people working and expanding businesses.

## First Baby For '79 Is Kings Mountain

Jessica Michelle Robbs, who arrived at Kings Mountain Hospital four minutes and 57 seconds after New Year 1979, is Kings Mountain's and Cleveland County's first citizen of New Year 1979.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Robbs.

Jessica weighed in at seven pounds, 14 ounces and is the first child for Melissa Lynn Stewart Robbs and Carl Robbs of 218 Duke St.

Dr. K. F. Chen was the attending physician.

The second baby born in Cleveland County New Year's Day John Ross Robbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Robbs of Rt. 2, Gaffney, S. C. He arrived at 5:21 a. m. in Cleveland Memorial Hospital at Shelby.



Photo By Tom McIntyre

**SAFETY AWARD PRESENTED** — Since Jan. 1 through Nov. 20, 1978, employees of Spectrum Fibers Inc. completed 618,543 manhours without any disabling or work-time loss injuries. This is the firm's second such award. The first was in 1976 when over 410,000 manhours were spent without injuries causing work-time loss. Here presenting the safety award to Buford Defore, executive vice president of manufacturing (right), is John G. Sayers, senior safety consultant for

Employers Insurance of Wausau. Alex McCallum, personnel director, looks on. From left to right in the background are employees from various departments: Edith Black — finishing; Frederick Williams, — training; Dora Clark — package dyeing; Danny Biddix — yarn warehousing; Teresa Black — maintenance; Threacie Moore — winding; Rosalind Black — industrial engineering; Jo Anne Rushing — quality control; and Howard Greene — transportation.

## Second Series Of Articles Set

In Nov. 1978 The Mirror-Herald concluded the first series of articles — "In Search of The Living God" — written by Don Kistler of Positive People World Wide.

That month we also asked readers to write to us on their views of the articles — good, bad or indifferent — to help us decide whether to publish another series.

Well, readers did respond in numbers and better than 20 to one favored seeing more articles on religion by Kistler. So in today's Mirror-Herald we begin another series — today featuring questions submitted to Kistler and his answers based upon his studies of the Bible.

## Mothers March Is Set For January 28

Mothers will march for benefit of the March of Dimes on birth defects on Sun., Jan. 28th, according to announcement by Mrs. J. D. Barrett, president of Unit 155 of the American Legion Auxiliary, sponsoring organization.

A door-to-door canvass of the community is slated between the hours of 2 and 5 p. m. in the city and women from the Auxiliary will be calling on residences in the area during the afternoon with teams assigned to various areas.

"There is no specified goal for the collection," said Mrs. Nancy Reis, co-ordinator for the March of Dimes Foundation which includes Cleveland and Lincoln counties. Funds are used for research and also to help local polio patients.

Mrs. Barrett said that literature will be distributed to each home and

that contributors will also be given a receipt for their gift, which is tax deductible.

## Dog Owners Are Issued A Reminder

Dog owners are reminded they can purchase city dog tags at City Hall for \$2.50.

City ordinance requires that all dogs be tagged.

Dog Warden Stretch Bollinger points out that benefits of "tagging" are that dogs who break loose from a fence or chain can be returned to their owners if there is identification on the animal.

## Post Office Needs Help

The U. S. Postoffice is assisting Santa in trying to locate a family who didn't receive their Christmas presents because the label came off the intended package.

Somewhere in Kings Mountain is a family to whom a package was mailed from Decatur, Ala. but the friends here didn't receive the gifts because the postoffice has no

delivery address. Only portion left to the address label was the Alabama zipcode of 35601 and Avenue South-west. There was no return address on the package and the contents bear no identification of the sender or persons for whom the gifts were intended.

Unless Postmaster Fred Weaver

can identify the identity of the people to whom the items were mailed the package will go to the dead letter office and the merchandise will be disposed of, he said this week.

Contact Postmaster Weaver at 739-5616.

## At City Hall

## Tax Listing Time Upon City Again

Busiest place in town this week was the tax office at City Hall where early listers were beginning the annual taxlisting chore.

County Tax Listers Edwin Moore, Joann Hauser and Betty Ballard were enjoying a brisk business.

All property owners are required to list their properties, both real and personal, and are reminded to bring social security cards with them when listing. Taxable properties include real estate and personal

properties include dogs, firearms, radios, television sets, autos, trucks, household equipment and anything of value.

Tax listing will continue Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. through Jan. 31. Grover citizens can list their taxes at Town Hall on Jan. 6th and Jan. 20th, Saturdays, from 8:30 a. m. until 1 p. m., said Mr. Moore.

"List early and avoid the rush," said Moore.

## In Raleigh

## Harris Says Won't Support ERA Vote

Kings Mountain Senator J. Ollie Harris who returns to the N. C. legislature tomorrow for his fourth term, said he will not support passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, one of the major issues he sees facing the 1979 General Assembly.

Senator Harris said majority of his constituents in the 25th Senatorial District of Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln and Rutherford Counties, have indicated they are opposed to ERA and this was one of his campaign promises to vote "against ERA" when he ran for reelection.

The Senator's son, J. Ollie Harris, Jr. of Houston, Texas and the Senator's grandson, Johnny Harris, will fly from Texas to Raleigh for the swearing-in ceremonies at noon Wednesday.

Senator Harris, in making his remarks before Thursday night's meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary, said he does not predict a reduction in taxes, noting that "possibly exemptions may be raised for taxpayers." "No," he replied to a question, "I don't see how we can expect a rebate."

He says he hopes to introduce "an outlaw" bill wherein a Superior Court judge may declare a person an outlaw under certain crimes, such as capital offenses, predicted a cost-of-living raise for state employees of about six percent and noted he also sees major changes in laws affecting mental health areas. One controversial bill he thinks will be a proposal for a math and science school which the N. C. State Superintendent's Association is opposing.

Senator Harris estimates that the 1979 legislature will be in session until June.



SENATOR J. OLLIE HARRIS ... to Raleigh for fourth term

## Barnes Back As Grover Police Chief

Lionel Barnes, former Grover Police Chief, is returning to Grover on Mon., Jan. 8th.

The Town Board, meeting in special session Thursday evening, rehired Barnes, who has worked in Wilmington for the past three months as a member of the Wilmington Police Department.

Mr. Barnes had applied for his old position, noting that he and his wife wanted to return to this area to live.

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