

American Cancer Society Announces 1980 Goal

The growth of industry in the 12-county Metrolina region is bringing jobs, according to a report issued jointly by the chambers of commerce in Metrolina.

Research shows 149 firms announced investments of \$291 million in new or expanding manufacturing plants. These additions created new jobs for 7,246 people.

In Mecklenburg County alone 44 firms invested \$70.6 million providing 1,840 new jobs.

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North Carolina Insurance Commissioner John Ingram told the State's FAIR Plan Board recently that homeowner's protection should be included in the FAIR Plan.

Under the current law, the plan provides protection against fire and extended coverages but not additional homeowner's protection.

Ingram said if the insurance industry agrees to the proposal, it will not need legislative support.

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The Mecklenburg Unit of the American Cancer Society has announced a 1980 goal for their annual April fund raising campaign of \$150,000.

Local programs such as Reach Recovery, Cancer Counseling, Transportation Corps, Public and Professional Education and Speaker's Bureau are supported by the funds.

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Elderly blacks age 65 and older have increased in numbers by more than sevenfold since the early 1900s, says a recent report from the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Black women 65 and over substantially outnumber their male counterparts. In 1978 there were 1,161,000 black females compared to 827,000 black males.

In the age category 75 and over, the margin was even greater—405,000 black females compared to 253,000 black males.

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Highlighting Abilities Awareness Week, March 30 to April 5, UNCC will host the 32nd Annual National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament on April 4 and 5.

Contributions in excess of expenses will be used by the National Spinal Cord Injury Foundation to support other wheelchair sports and athletic activities.

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North Carolina must face up to the problem of brown lung disease in the state's textile industry, or risk possible federal intervention, warned former governor Bob Scott recently.

As a Democratic candidate for governor in 1980, Scott blamed the North Carolina Industrial Commission, the Labor Department and Governor James B. Hunt for dragging their feet when it comes to helping brown lung victims.

If elected, Scott said he will put his ten point program into effect. It will provide "fast, fair and more lucrative settlements to workers afflicted with brown lung," he said.

With Susan Ellsworth

Susan's Notes



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The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and City and County Police Departments all agree—a drug problem exists in the schools.

These three groups say they will issue a warning that violators caught possessing, using, selling or transferring drugs while on school property can expect punishment from the school and court system.

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The Hartford Insurance Group has exceeded its annual goal for purchases from minority-owned suppliers and businesses that employ the handicapped.

During 1979 the Hartford spent more than \$400,000 with these suppliers, an increase of more than \$50,000 over its 1978 purchases.

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Charlotte's city office of North Carolina National Bank has received the NCNB President's Award for excellence in banking during 1979.

Hugh McColl, president of NCNB, presented a sterling silver bowl sheathed in 22-karat gold to F. Walter Lockett, Jr., senior vice president and city executive for Charlotte.

As I See It

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ciety will be much better educated. However, a large portion of our society will be left out. The gap will widen dramatically between the poor and poorly educated and the well-to-do.

Family life and home life will improve, and marriage will come back in vogue. As we start doing more for ourselves it will become necessary to re-define roles within the family. Thus, the family will be the means of survival and will once again become the strength of our nation.

I could go on and on, but I must stop. All I am saying will come to pass by year 2000. We will see an evolutionary and discretionary implementation of some of the above in this decade. The next decade will see a nationwide acceptance of all of the above. By year 2000, it all will be in place.

What three states experienced the largest population growth during the last decade? While the U.S. population increased 16.8 million from 1970-79, California, Texas and Florida accounted for almost seven million, according to a report issued by the Census Bureau.

The next greatest percentage growths were recorded by Nevada (up 43.6 percent), Arizona (up 38 percent), Wyoming (up 35.3 percent) and Alaska (up 34.3 percent).

Estimates show three states had net population losses — New York (down 3.3 percent), Pennsylvania (down 0.6 percent), Rhode Island (down 2.1 percent), and the District of Columbia (down 13.4 percent).

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North Carolina beauties, here is your chance to compete in "The pageant made for the movies." Entries are being accepted for the Miss Celebrity Pageant regional competition to be held April 11-12 in Spartanburg, S.C.

Females aged 3-26 and married women 18-40 are eligible for the pageant. Women in each of the eight age divisions plus married division will receive trophies, tiaras, banners, crowns, cash

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The Spirit Square Arts Center will begin its 1980 spring classes on March 31.

Students can register by mail or at the Spirit Square registration desk from 8:30-5 p.m. weekdays. A non-refundable \$3. registration fee is required.

awards and flowers.

The overall regional pageant winner will advance to the National Competition. National level winners will be awarded walk-on parts in the movie COVER GIRL.

Entry forms are available by writing to Brenda Wilson, Director, Miss Celebrity Pageant, Route 1 Botany Slopes, Piedmont, S.C. 29673, or calling (803) 269-3262.

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Mecklenburg County will know in June the type of auto emission inspection program which will begin in 1981 or 1982.

Mecklenburg County is the only N.C. county to fail EPA quality standards, reports the Greater Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. Federal laws are imposing a program for improving the county's air.

If the government or a contractor conducts the inspection, the control program must be in effect by the end of 1982. If private service stations are used as in-

spection sites, then the program must begin by the end of 1981.

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Series E savings bonds will not be sold after June 30, 1980 according to the U.S. Treasury Department.

The new EE series bonds have replaced E bonds. Individuals can purchase an EE bond for 50 percent of the face amount instead of the 75 percent which was required to purchase an E series bond.

Withdrawing the E bonds from sale will not affect anyone who already owns them, says F. Walter Lockett Jr., senior vice president of NCNB. These bonds will continue earning interest.

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Democrat James Long recently announced his candidacy for Insurance Commissioner.

Long is an attorney, state legislator for three terms and a former chief deputy insurance commissioner.

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