



Photo By Lib Stewart

**NEW OFFICERS OF MOSAIC LODGE NO. 4** — Pictured are newly installed officers of Kings Mountain Mosaic Lodge No. 4. Front row, from left to right, Carlee Jenkins, Past Master, Selvin Kibler, Treasurer, Benjamin Brown, Worshipful Master, Jasper Jefferson, Junior Deacon, and Rudolph Cole, Steward; Second row, from left, William Childers,

Senior Warden, Plato Pressley, Marshal, S. Lee McCluney, Junior Warden, Roosevelt Jefferson, Senior Deacon, and Hazel J. Brown, finance secretary. Back row, from left, Clyde Adams, chaplain, Hazel Gill, Charles Curry, recording secretary, Lewis Curry, Past Master, William H. Hager, publicity chairman and Willie White, steward.

## Rep. Broyhill Introduces Gas Supply Increase Legislation

North Carolina's economy, which during the last nine months has shown real signs of recovery, is now severely threatened by a critical shortage of natural gas.

"In previous Washington Reports, I have expressed my real concerns about our Nation's ever-decreasing supplies of natural gas. I have discussed with you legislative proposals I submitted to Congress which I believed would increase domestic production of natural gas. Unfortunately, the majority leadership in the Congress has failed to adopt any significant legislation for increasing our Nation's domestic energy supplies," said Rep. James Broyhill.

It is fortunate that our Nation has experienced unusually mild winters in recent years and the energy crisis which many of us genuinely feared never occurred. North Carolina and much of the Nation this winter, however, are experiencing perhaps the most severe winter in over a decade. As a result, consumption of natural gas, despite a variety of conservation measures adopted by the North Carolina Utilities Commission, is exceeding available supplies, Rep. Broyhill said.

Natural gas shortages in the Carolinas have now reached crisis proportions. Over 170 small businesses,

schools and industries in the Piedmont areas of the two Carolinas are threatened with a total cut-off of natural gas. If this cut-off occurs, approximately 50,000 workers in North Carolina alone would be thrown out of work as businesses and industries dependent on natural gas are forced to close their doors.

"Shortly after the 95th Congress convened on Tuesday," the Congressman said, "I introduced an Emergency Natural Gas Purchase Act which would enable natural gas pipelines which are experiencing curtailments to buy 180-day emergency supplies of gas on the intrastate markets. Passage of this emergency legislation would in all likelihood prevent the type of economic catastrophe with which the Carolinas are threatened at the present time."

Natural gas shortages are not restricted to the Carolinas. Kentucky and Ohio are presently being sharply curtailed. Other states are expected to be sharply curtailed if the present severe winter weather continues. For three years, Congress has been able to escape the hard decisions required on the natural gas issue due to mild winters. It cannot ignore the problem any longer.

"I believe the most realistic long-term solution to continued natural gas shortages is the gradual deregulation of the price of natural gas. The House of Representatives, last year, by the narrowest of margins, defeated a bill I had sponsored which would have provided for gradual deregulation of natural gas. I expect the Congress to debate similar legislation this year," Broyhill said.

However, Congress cannot conduct months of hearings and debates while tens of thousands of American workers are threatened with the loss of their jobs. Congress must enact some form of emergency natural gas legislation now. There is no reason to believe that there will be any real improvement in the present situation without positive emergency action by the Congress.

"It's time for Congress to stop talking about job creation legislation and instead turn its immediate attention to my bill which will protect the jobs of tens of thousands of family breadwinners. The potential crisis facing the jobs of tens of thousands of

### First Union Declares Dividends

The Board of Directors of First Union Corporation (NASDAQ: FUNC) today declared the regular quarterly cash dividend of 23 cents a share, which is payable March 15, 1977 to shareholders of record on February 14, 1977.

Mrs. Harmon

Featured In

Piano Program

Mrs. Martin Harmon, Kings Mountain piano teacher, was featured on the program at a meeting of the Anderson Music Club at Anderson College last weekend, playing a piano solo.

Her sister, Ginny (Mrs. Esco) Leopard was program chairman.

## Ice, Snow Cause Road Mishaps

Monday's snow and ice was blamed for five wrecks involving high property damage in the city limits. Kings Mountain Police Department was called to the scene of 13 accidents during the day, with only minor damages reported in eight of the incidents.

Melanie R. Ballard, of Colonial Arms Apts., told investigating Ptl. Harry Martin she lost control of her 1971 Ford Station-wagon on a curve and hit a 1973 Pontiac operated by Myrtle W. Campbell, 602 Katherine St. Damages

were estimated at \$150 to each car. The accident occurred at South Phifer Rd. and Somerset Dr.

Harry D. Wilson, 109 Stowe Acres, told investigating Ptl. Houston he was making a right turn off Battleground on his 1976 Chevy truck and slid into a 1976 Plymouth on Piedmont Ave. The Plymouth was operated by Bynum P. Cook of 600 Temple St. Damages were estimated at \$100 to the truck and \$200 to the automobile.

Ronnie Edward Bartley, of Charlotte, told investigating Ptl. Corn that he applied brakes on his 1968 Rambler and it slid off the road. Damages were estimated at \$100 to the right front fender of the car.

Phyllis Hunt Allen, of Gastonia, told investigating Sgt. E. P. Cook that her vehicle started sliding on N. Piedmont Avenue and hit a 1974 Olds operated by David Gordon Wright, of Route 4.

Damages were estimated at \$150 to each car.

Toney Joseph Sabetti, 915 Crescent Circle, operating a 1964 Ford, told investigating Ptl. Corn that he applied brakes at the intersection of Oak Street and Railroad Avenue and his car slid into a 1971 Pontiac operated by Mildred Hope Herndon, of 106 N. Oriental Ave. Damages were estimated at \$175 to the Sabetti vehicle and \$100 to the Herndon car.

## Home Is Destroyed

A mobile home located on Patterson Springs landfill road on Rt. 1, Grover, was reported totally destroyed by fire about 7:30 p. m. Friday.

According to Cleveland County Fire Marshal Delane Davis, the fire apparently began in a faulty oil furnace. A person in the house reportedly tried to put out the fire by covering the heating unit with a blanket but was unsuccessful, Davis said.

The home was owned by Milton Briscoe, a serviceman, and occupied by his father and two brothers. No injuries were reported.



**COUNTY FAIR WINS AWARD** — The Cleveland County Fair was honored by North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham with an "Award of Excellence" from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture for

the 1976 fair. The award was presented to Joe A. Goforth, left, by Max Fesperman, center, president of the N. C. Association of Agricultural Fairs and Art Pitzer, manager of the State Fair.

# TG & Y

WEST GATE PLAZA - SHELBY ROAD

END OF THE MONTH  
**CLEARANCE**

GOOD THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY  
WHILE QUANTITIES LAST. OPEN 9-9  
WEEKDAYS-SUNDAYS 1-6

Foam Back

**INSULATED DRAPES**

48 x 84 - Gold, Green, Yellow, Beige

**\$6.97**

Large Assortment

**FRAMED PICTURES**

8 x 10 With Glass **\$1.97**

Without Glass **\$1.47**

**LADIES LONG QUILTED AND FLEECE ROBES**

Large Assortment Of Colors And Styles, Values to \$16.88

**1/2 price**

100 Percent Polyester, Tier And Valance Set

**CAFE CURTAINS \$2.77**

Ladies 100 Percent

**POLYESTER TOPS**

Assorted Sizes Including Extra Sizes, Values To \$6.49

**\$2.99**

Group Of **LADIES HOUSE SHOES**

Values To \$2.97. Many Colors And Styles

**\$1.00**

**LARGE SELECTION OF COOKIES**

12 Oz. Pkg.

**3 for \$1.00**

**GIRLS PULLOVER TOPS**

Reg. \$6.88

**\$1.99**

**OUTDOOR SOCK**

50 Percent Wool, 40 Percent Acrylic, 10 percent Nylon, Great For This Cold Weather

**2 for \$3.00**

**LADIES SWEATERS**

Assorted Styles And Colors, Values to \$15.88

**1/2 PRICE**

**GIRLS 100% ACRYLIC CARDIGANS**

Regular to \$6.44

**\$2.00**

Large Selection of **BOYS SHIRTS**

Short And Long Sleeves, Values To \$4.88

**\$1.99**

COUPON

**JOHNSONS BABY POWDER**

Jumbo 14 Oz. Size

**\$1.44**

Limit 2 With Coupon

COUPON

**CLAIROL'S SHORT AND SASSY**

Protein Enriched For Short Hair

**97¢**

Limit 1 With Coupon

COUPON

**JOHNSONS BABY SHAMPOO**

11 Oz. Bottle

**\$1.44**

Limit 2 With Coupon

COUPON

**T G & Y FACIAL TISSUE**

200 Ct. Box, White, Yellow or Pink

**3 for \$1.00**

Limit 3 With Coupon

### THE NEW PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Yarboro, Rt. 2, Box 624, a girl, January 18, Kings Mountain Hospital.

### ATTEND MEETING

Frank Van Story and Kyle Smith represented Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club at a recent Mid-Winter Conference.

### BREAKFAST

Baptist men of Second Baptist Church will gather for a breakfast meeting Sunday morning at 7:30 at the Fellowship Hall of the church.

### BAPTIST WOMEN

Baptist Women of Second Baptist Church will hold group meetings Monday night at 7:30 p. m. Members are reminded to bring their quilt squares to the meeting.

### KIWANIS CLUB

"New Tax Structures" by a representative of H&R Block will feature the program at Thursday night's meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club at 8:45 p. m. at the Woman's Club.

### MUSIC SCHOOL

Music School at Second Baptist Church was postponed Monday night because of the snow but classes, as scheduled, will be held for the remainder of the week and will be concluded tonight.