

Two Weeks Remaining On TV Shot

There's only a couple more weeks left for local citizens to purchase a shot at winning an RCA portable color television set.

For donation of \$1, the steering committee of the fund-raising group to finance a trip to Disney World for the Kings Mountain Senior High band, are selling tickets on the TV set.

The band has been invited to lead the Disney World parade on April 19 at Orlando, Fla. and the tickets on the TV set is one method to raise the needed funds.

The committee is shooting for a total of \$3,400 in revenue from the ticket sales to help offset the \$9,594 needed to finance the trip.

A total of 98 persons are planning to make the trip. That includes 85 band members and 10 chaperones. The money is needed for hotel accommodations, meals, the price of chartering a special bus and rental on a trailer for all the band instruments and uniforms.

Tickets remaining will be turned in, along with receipts on February 25 and the drawing will be held on February 28. Ticket holders need not be present to win.

Basketball Game Caps Big Night

The Kings Mountain Aging Program and Recreation Department has planned a Senior Citizens Night February 11, which will be capped by attending a sany basketball game.

The senior citizens (60 and up) will be admitted free to see The California Cuties take on the Kings Mountain Misfits at the community center on February 11.

To begin the Senior Citizen Night a fellowship hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Mountaineer Room at the community center. The special guests will be treated to hot dogs, hamburgers, dessert, popcorn and beverages.

Rev. Kenneth George, coordinator of the aging program, said, "Our senior citizens will not want to miss this special evening. The Swinging Mountaineers, a band consisting solely of senior citizens, will perform during the half at the basketball game. The evening is free to area citizens 60-years old and up."

Rev. George said transportation can be arranged for senior citizens by calling 738-4511 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The evening is planned not only for senior citizens inside the city, but within the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association coverage area.

Precinct Meetings Scheduled

Organizational meetings for the East and West Kings Mountain Democrat Precincts has been postponed until May 5, 1977.

In a release from Mrs. John L. McCain, state chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, she has asked that all precinct meetings be delayed in keeping with Gov. Jim Hunt's energy crisis statements.

The organization, election of officers and delegates to the county convention will be held at 8 p. m., Thurs., May 5, with makeup date Thurs., May 12 at 8 p. m.

The Cleveland County Convention will be held at noon on Sat., June 18 at the courthouse in Shelby.

East KM Democrats will meet at the community center and West KM Democrats at the National Guard Armory. Until the May meetings Charles T. Carpenter and Charles Moss will continue serving as chairman at West and East, respectively.

IN NEW LOCATION

The No. Four Township Magistrate's Office is in a new location, moving from 8 Piedmont Avenue to the former Bob Bradley attorney's office on Cherokee Street.

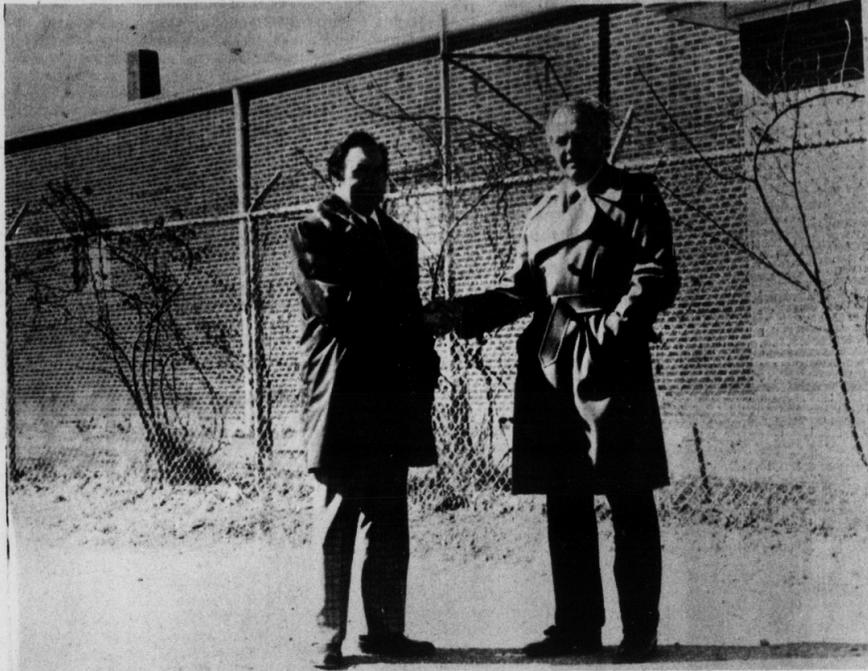


Photo By Tom McIntyre

WELCOME TO KM Mayor John H. Moss welcomes Duke Kimbrell, president of Parkdale Mills of Gastonia, which has purchased Mauney Mills here. Kimbrell said extensive renovation and updating is planned at the Kings Mountain plant to bring it into line

with the standards maintained in the other four Parkdale plants. A pension plan, hospitalization and major medical benefits are included in the new employee package.

Parkdale Buys Mauney Mills

W. Duke Kimbrell president of Parkdale Mills, Inc., today announced the purchase of the principal physical assets of Mauney Mills, Inc. of Kings Mountain, for an undisclosed amount of cash.

To be known as Parkdale Plant No. 5, the acquisition will increase the over-all production capability of the Company's polyester-cotton blend sales yarn.

In announcing the acquisition, Kimbrell expressed confidence in the future of spun yarns. "Consumers are looking for the soft hand and warmth of spun yarns," he said. "The acquisition of Mauney Mills, will enable Parkdale to meet the growing demand of our customers for fine quality 100 percent combined cotton and polyester-cotton blend yarns."

Parkdale Mills is a Gastonia based firm producing sales yarn for the outerwear, underwear, weaving and industrial trades. The acquisition of Mauney Mills and the 1972 purchase of ErTanger Mills, Inc. of Lexington, N. C. gives Parkdale five complete manufacturing facilities, with total employment in excess of 1,100 people.

Parkdale Plants No. 1 and 2 in Gastonia produce 100 percent combed cotton yarn, and Plants No.

3 and 4 in Lexington produce polyester-cotton blends.

"We do expect to renovate the Kings Mountain plant and to update machinery to Parkdale standards," Kimbrell said. "We will also introduce a pension plan, hospitalization and major medical programs like we have in other Parkdale plants."

Kimbrell has been involved personally in the textile business in Kings Mountain prior to Parkdale's acquisition of Mauney Mills.

He was with a group who purchased Craftsman in 1960 and merged that with BVD in 1962 and sold out in 1968 to Rapid American. In 1967 Kimbrell bought Kings Manufacturing, changed the name to Kings Mill and sold that to Sale Knitting of Martinsville, Va. in 1972.

In both cases Kimbrell said renovation was done to the plants and increased production and business created prior to the sale. In neither case were the purchases involved with Parkdale Mills.

Kimbrell said at the new plant Parkdale expects to operate at a minimum of five days each week and mostly six days week, three shifts each day. Presently there are about 126 employees on the job.

But Not Uniformly

Business Cuts Back Hours

In compliance with Gov. James Hunt's request for curtailment in business operating hours, merchants and businessmen in Kings Mountain will reduce store hours.

Mrs. Lucille Williams, secretary of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce and Merchants

Association, said, "We have called over two dozen businesses and stores in the city to ask what their plans are and while being far from uniform, the majority of the businessmen indicated they would curtail operating hours at about 40 hours per week." Some businesses will reduce store

hours by a couple of hours, others by more. Still others have not indicated whether or not they intend to reduce operating hours.

The chamber suggests shoppers check with their favorite places of business to determine operational schedules.

Never Trust Your Husband...

Reg Alexander of Kings Mountain just received \$300 from Reader's Digest for an anecdote submitted to the magazine's "Life In These United States" department.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alexander, Reg is an ordained minister residing in Boiling Springs.

The anecdote, which follows, appears in the February issue of Reader's Digest.

"Two months after Christmas, our post office had finally recovered from the rush of cards, letters, and packages. I was working at the canceling machine when I noticed that a collection of card-size envelopes had been dropped through the mailing slot. "Could these be Christmas cards in February?" I thought to myself as I reached for the stack. As I shuffled through the envelopes, my suspicion was confirmed, for on the back of each card was handwritten: "Don't ever trust your husband to do anything."

Achievement Is Nothing New

Junior Achievement, whose purpose is to train young people of high school age how private enterprise works, is not something new on the scene.

In 1948, Hazel Fryer, librarian at Mauney Memorial Library, worked for them at their New York headquarters as editor of their house organ magazine. In those early days, the magazine had to be run off on a Ditto machine. Hazel not only wrote most of the copy, but had to wrestle with that purple-inked monster also.

At that time there were maybe 15 branch offices about the country — mostly in the northeast and mid-west. These branches sent in their information to be included in the magazine — along with a lot of "tomfoolery." Mrs. Fryer has a cartoon of a "Southern Belle" in hoop skirts and pantaloons complete with beribboned bonnet sent to her from one of these offices with a "note in 'You'll Talk'."

Several years ago, she said she was surprised to see on the "Today Show" a face familiar from that era: Joe Francomano, now Executive Vice President of the national organization. When she dropped him a note about her pleasure in seeing him, he answered immediately telling her how much the enterprise had grown and inviting her to drop in at Headquarters the next time she was in town.

Mrs. Fryer remembers the little office on East 48th Street as it was then. "There were only about eight

of us and everybody knew everybody else, their likes and dislikes," she said.

For those unfamiliar with the operations of Junior Achievement: small companies are formed, they elect officers, sell stock, and make a profit or loss at the end of the year. They learn by "doing."

As a personal project, Mrs. Fryer set up a Junior Achievement Charm School at an East Side Settlement House with Elizabeth Arden as sponsor. One night a week, the girls in the greatly disadvantaged neighborhood came to learn manners, make-up, how to dress, and other related subjects. These bright young girls set up their business, sold stock, and conducted these weekly sessions far beyond anything you could imagine their doing. Mrs. Fryer kept up with two of them for many years after she left, and "they were turning out well," she added.

"In 1977, I see private enterprise as a much more important phase of education than I did even then. Especially since spending time in Eastern European countries where all businesses are run by the state, and where no one can pursue the career he might like best. His future is limited, and his dreams smothered," says the Kings Mountain woman.

"The best way to keep our country from falling into this category is to educate our young people in the free enterprise system," declared Mrs. Fryer. The commended local leaders of the program in Kings Mountain.

First Public Hearing On CD Grant Tonight

By TOM McINTYRE
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Tonight at 7:30 the first of two public hearings for the expenditure of the city's Community Development Block Grants for the third year will be held.

The five year CD grants program was awarded Kings Mountain under the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The total grant was \$4,180,000. The first three years the grants total \$1,060,000 each. The fourth year grant is \$698,000 and the fifth, \$847,000.

Actual funding for the projects come the year following application approval. In other words the projects proposed in 1976 are being funded in 1977.

At tonight's public hearing Mayor John H. Moss will explain several on-going community projects that have been funded each year of the grant.

"We will continue talking about the development of our community's resources," Mayor Moss said. "Probably number one of the list is the continued development and upgrading of the city's water treatment facilities and system."

By June 30, 1977 the city's water treatment plant located at Moss Lake will complete construction on another four million gallon facility. That will increase the city's capabilities of processing raw water to eight million gallons per day. Under the CD funds there will be another two million gallon water storage tank on Cleveland Avenue.

The mayor said the city also has at present a five million gallon per day waste treatment facility. "The Pilot Creek plant can handle four million gallons per day and the McGill Plant, one million per day. The on-going project as far as the sewer system is concerned will be the upgrading and extension of the lines throughout the city."

Street improvements, renovation of the community center and further development of area recreation facilities are also high on the list. A continuing program will be the one for the aging and senior citizens and for the home based child care project and urban beautification.

"Another project we plan to pursue is research and development of the natural gas potential for the city's system," the mayor said. "Last year Kings Mountain was one of the very few cities to develop a peak shaving plant. Although we have not been called on to operate the plant this year it is capable of supplementing better than 20 percent of the current Transco allocation to the city."

The peak shaving plant manufacturing propane air that can be introduced into the city's gas system to supply customers.

Another on-going project is the Kings Mountain Arts Council, which will probably be geared to summertime activities only for awhile. The Continuing development of minority businesses is another project under CD funding. And the rehabilitation of certain structures. This includes substandard housing for the aging and the restoration and protection of structures of historical and architectural value.

Also at tonight's public hearing the council will receive proposals for new community programs that might qualify under the CD guidelines.

In the first two years of the project only three proposals were ruled ineligible: two the first year, one last year. The mayor's office is ready to assist any citizen or group in planning a community project which might qualify under the guidelines.

The second public hearing on CD grants is scheduled for 7:30 p. m., Tues., Feb. 15 at city hall.

Injured In Wreck

Ronnie Everette Grigg, 19, of York Rd., was seriously injured Friday at 12:04 a. m. when his car hit a utility pole on W. Mountain St., KMPD reported.

Grigg was reported in serious condition after five

hours in surgery at Mercy Hospital Friday afternoon.

According to investigating Ptl. Harry Martin, Grigg reportedly fell asleep at the wheel. The car was damaged \$3,500 and the pole \$600, according to police.

School Ripped Off

Approximately \$375 worth of record players and filmstrip viewers were stolen from a second grade classroom at North School sometime Thursday night, according to Kings Mountain Police Department.

Ptl. Richard Byers said vandals broke the glass in a classroom door on the Southeast side of the building to gain entrance. Ptl. Byers and Ptl. Don

Ivey were called to the residence of Ricky McDaniel, No. 19 Bennett Dr., Friday night to investigate the theft of a Big Stick CB antenna, 30 feet of pipe, and 115 feet of cable, valued at \$58.50.

Ptl. Mike Sanders said that a Craig AM&FM tape player was stolen from Mustang Service Station sometime Sunday night. Value of the equipment was placed at \$200.