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Rep. Broyhill At Kiwanis

Inflation Number One Problem

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U. S. Congressman James T. Broyhill, 10th District Representative, told Kings Mountain Kiwanians Thursday night that the number one problem facing Americans today is inflation.

The veteran legislator warned of a serious increase in the nation's trade deficit for 1977, an astronomical figure of 30 billions of dollars as compared to the 1976 figure of six billion which is having a profound effect on the textile, shoe, steel and electric industries.

In the textile industry alone, he pointed to statistics that 100,000 jobs were lost in last four years.

Over 60,000 workers have suffered layoffs in the steel industry and Zenith, a major manufacturer of color television sets, just announced it will close its last facility in the U. S. and manufacture the products off shore.

"Consider what the ripple effect of all this is on our communities," he declared, "if projections become true that 384,000 in the textile and apparel industries will be without jobs by 1985."

Rep. Broyhill said he joined with Rep. Jim Mann of Greenville, S. C. in proposing a resolution that the Congress oppose any trade negotiations which would result in lower tariffs on textile imports. Before the recent recess, he said that over 200 of his cohorts favor the proposal but Japan has made an urgent plea for trade textile tariffs.

"I do not favor any further tariff cuts," said Broyhill who declared that the "textile industry should not be made a chopping block."

Elaborating, he said the U. S. purchases 45 percent of its petroleum from foreign countries and already has a trade deficit with Japan for seven and one-half billion dollars.

"Foreign countries are subsidizing to capture the U. S. Markets," said Broyhill, who pointed out that foreign countries do not pay high price for labor, and oil producing nations make up the largest bulk of our imports.



Photo By Lib Stewart

AFTER THE SPEECH — Congressman James Broyhill chats with Henry and Mary Neisler following his talk at Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club meeting Thursday night. Broyhill spoke on inflation as the nation's number one problem.

He said that in recent talks with President Carter he had stressed the seriousness of the import problem and that the President was criticized for his (Carter's) proposal to seek higher tariffs on sugar. Congressman Broyhill said the sugar industry only employs 37,000 workers whereas the steel and textile industry employs millions of people.

Calling for an across-the-boards tax reduction, Rep. Broyhill said he supports the Tax Reduction Act which would see a 33 percent reduction in taxes over a three year period. He also said that a reduction of the corporate tax rate would see an expansive effort on the overall economy.

He decays as wasteful the ever-increasing amount of government paper work, the over 7,000 new rules and regulations issued regularly by

the federal bureaucracy and declared that administrative agencies get handed authority for good and noble purposes but go beyond the authority of Congress. He cited as an example a recent ruling by HEW to "cut down on hospital costs," that "no woman can be admitted to a hospital to give birth if the hospital has served under 500" and labeled it as "ridiculous."

Rep. Broyhill said he has proposed a procedure of Congressional review and possible veto of these federal regulations and a Sunset provision which take care of those regulations which had aged out.

In 1976 the Congress passed 386 public laws which were signed into law by the President of the United States.

"I ask for your public support," said Broyhill, "to get the Congress to

reduce this federal paper work and taxes." "The American Free Enterprise system made this country great and we need to get it back," he added.

Halt run-away inflation by reducing taxes, deficit spending and government paper work, he declared.

To question from Kyle Smith, Broyhill replied that the new Social Security proposal is a temporary measure but its projections are "most disturbing," suggesting that the Congress ought to take a "long hard look" at providing a different kind of retirement income program as a tax incentive and freeze present benefits. "There are less people working and more people retiring," said the Congressman, thus creating the problem.

George Hatch asked if there is a solution to the "me too atmosphere" which exists among local governments trying to get share of federal dollars in the form of grants.

"Your Mayor (John Moss) and I have discussed this many times," said Broyhill, adding that he supported a revenue sharing concept which is a far sounder program with less money wasted. He said in most cases larger cities take the lion's share of federal grants under the present system of funding and the equity angle "bothers me."

"Local governments have real problems," he said, "with real needs."

"Economic projections today are not all bad news," said Broyhill, who pointed to recent statistics by the Department of Commerce that showed economic growth of four percent and employment rate up by seven percent. The economic indicator on capital investments is "sluggish," however, said the Congressman, either because no funds are available for new plants or equipment or the investor is afraid or unwilling to invest under the present economic conditions.

"Inflation is definitely creeping up again," he said.

"I have many concerns," said the Congressman, "as I'm sure you

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INSTALLATION — Dwyer Sump, executive director of the N. C. United Way, Inc., spoke and installed the 1978 Kings Mountain United Fund officers at last Thursday's banquet. Pat Cheshire is next year's president and Mrs. Patricia Blanton is secretary-treasurer.

UF Exceeds Goal

By TOM McINTYRE
Editor, Mirror-Herald

Dwyer C. Sump, executive director of North Carolina United Way, Inc., told a gathering at Kings Mountain Junior High Thursday night that the KM United Fund is making newspapers all over the state.

"The Kings Mountain campaign is leading the rest of the state in percentage of goals achieved," Sump said. "And it doesn't look like any other campaign in the state will overcome your lead."

At the beginning of Thursday's KMUF banquet Chairman Pat Cheshire said, "We now have 145 percent of the 1978 goal achieved. Or rather I should say that was the status this morning. I understand the percentage is even higher now."

The 1978 campaign goal was \$45,000. In a single division — industrial — the pledges totaled \$49,024.42. This division was chaired by Charles F. Mauney and Carl

DeVane, both of whom were honored with special plaques by KMUF President Larry Wood.

The pledges to date total \$65,054.42.

In his comments, Sump also said, "The Kings Mountain United Fund seems to be moving forward at a much more rapid pace. Like other areas of the state, this campaign

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Mother, Children Escape Burning Trailer

Dorothy Gill and her two children escaped death by minutes last Friday morning when their mobile home was destroyed by fire.

Kings Mountain Fire Department and Bethlehem VFD responded to the call about 10:15 a. m., but could do nothing to save the mobile home or its contents.

As she stood and watched her home destroyed, Mrs. Gill said, "My boy woke me up and told me the house was burning. I thought he was playing, then I saw the smoke. I had enough time to get my children out, but I couldn't save nothing else."

Mrs. Gill is a second shift employee at Spectrum Textured Fibers. Her husband, Joe Gill, also employed at Spectrum, rushed home from his job Friday morning when a neighbor called him.

At the scene Gill and his wife got into a shouting match with a State Highway Patrolman who pulled Gill for speeding. Gill said he was scared something had happened to his family in the fire and that he didn't stop when the patrolman flashed his blue light. The patrolman left the scene without issuing a ticket and worked traffic for the firefighting vehicles.

The Gill mobile home was located in the Curry Trailer Park in the Hilltop Community. Gill said he



Photo By Tom McIntyre

FIRE VICTIMS — KM Fire Chief Gene Tignor talks with Joe and Dorothy Gill about the fire that destroyed their mobile home in the Hilltop Community last Friday morning. The Gills lost their home and all of their possessions when the blaze swept through the structure about 10 a. m. Mrs. Gill was awakened by her four-year-old son, Joey, to discover the fire and save herself and her two children.

Lions District

Governor Will

Speak Tuesday

District 81-C Governor of the Lions Club Wayne Roberts will speak at the Tuesday night meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions Club.

The dinner meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p. m. at Kings Mountain Inn tomorrow.

A native of Duplin County, Roberts is a resident of Davidson where he serves as principal of that community's elementary school.

Holding degrees from three universities, Roberts has served as president of the N. C. Reading Association. He was recipient of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award from Davidson College for unselfish contributions to his community.

As president of the Davidson Lions Club, Roberts received 100 percent president's award and was named outstanding district president in 1973-74 in clubs of 40 members or more. He was named Davidson Lion of The Year, 1975-76; served a three year term on the board of Mecklenburg Association for The Blind and served on the resolutions committee at the Greensboro Convention.