New TG&Y Will Provide Faster Customer Service

When it reopens on July 1, the Kings Mountain TG&Y Family Center will be equipped with an automated cashiering system designed to provide faster customer service. The project, tagged POS (Point of Sale), will assist store management in having ample stock of all merchandise by capturing sales of individual items.

Cashiers enter the SKU (stock keeping unit) numbers of each item purchased into the POS registers. The POS registers provide store sales information by specific departments on a daily basis.

The new POS equipment's price-look-up (PLU) capability for promotional merchandise speeds up customer check out time. With PLU, SKU numbers and their sales prices are entered into the registers prior to the sale period. After entering the item's SKU number, the corresponding sales price is automatically assigned to the item.

The information gathered through the POS system is transmitted through a phone line to the central computer in Oklahoma City and used by central office buyers to order merchandise into the TG&Y warehouses.

Store Manager Tom Quiram comments, "By being able to know the exact quantities and items we sell each day, we can be assured of a good in-stock position on the merchandise our customers want. We are really excited about the opportunity to serve our customers better."

Employees will be trained on the new registers at a seminar conducted in a regional training store.

TG&Y is currently diversifying and test marketing several new retailing concepts to meet customer needs in varied markets. Some of the concepts include remodeling 30 to 40,000 sq. ft. stores in 1985. The Kings Mountain TG&Y is presently being remodeled. Also included are a separation of the variety store business to differentiate smaller stores from Family Center operations. The company also has plans to open 14 Dollar T stores, offering deep discounts on special buy merchandise such as close outs, over stocks and over runs.

TG&Y is a chain of 740 stores located in a 26-state area with primary concentration in the sun belt area. It has been in operation for 49 years and is headquartered in Oklahoma City. It is a subsidiary of Household Merchandising of Chicago and employs over 28,000 company-wide.

Cancer Group To Meet

Dr. Mary Thomas Burke of Charlotte will be guest speaker at a program involving "stress" and "coping with cancer" June 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cleveland County Health Department auditorium, which is located beside Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Burke is chairperson of the Department of Human Services at UNC-Charlotte and has her Ph.D. in counseling and guidance, higher education, and is professional advisor for the Cancer Counselors in the Mecklenburg Unit of the American Cancer Society. In the past, she has been Head of the Counseling Department of UNC-C and a profession of Human Development and Learning.

The program is being sponsored by the Reach to Recovery Program of the Cleveland County Unit of the American Cancer Society. It is free and the public is invited.

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Fire Destroys Apartments

Children were seen playing in two vacant Ark apartments on Margrace Road just minutes before a fire Monday afternoon which demolished the apartments and threatened to spread to adjoining homes.

A total of 60 firefighters, including police and rescue personnel from the Kings Mountain area, battled the blaze and rescue and police spent about an hour clearing smoke from a near-by apartment so that a six months old baby could breath with a respirator.

Roy Hammett, Captain of the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, said that police moved a large fan from a fire truck into an apartment occupied by a young child and his parents. No one was injured in the fire and smoke, said Hammett, but several firemen were given oxygen by rescue workers because of heat exhaustion and smoke.

The fire was reported at 3:16 p.m. and firemen from the Kings Mountain Fire Department returned to the station four hours later. Assisting the Kings Mountain Fire Department were the Bethlehem Fire Department, the Grover Fire Department, the Oak Grove Fire Department, the Chapel Grove Fire Department and the Chestnut Ridge Fire Department.

The fire is still under investigation by Fire Marshal Delane Davis.

The Ark Apartments are owned by Kelly Bunch.

"It could have been a real tragedy" said Captain Hammett, who said that volunteers at the scene representated a "real team effort".

At one time beards could be worn in Romania only if the owner secured an official permit, and paid the appropriate fee.

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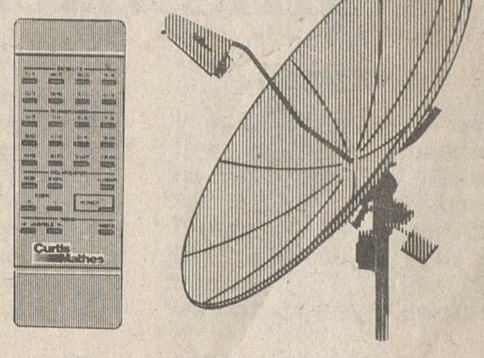
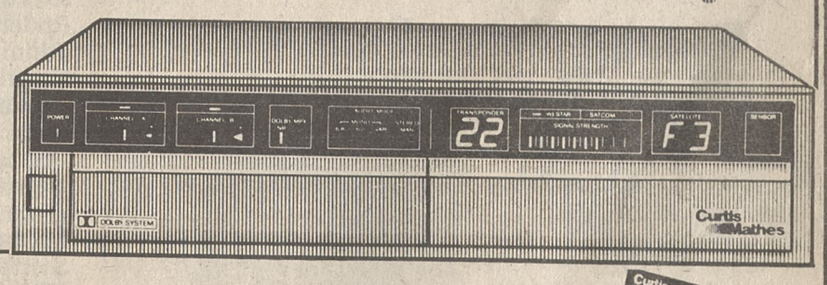
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