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## Local Farmers Bring Turkeys To You

Have you ever thought about the process that turkeys go through to reach your table each Thanksgiving? Most of us don't, but farmers that live close to your door are part of the growing number of turkey growers across the country.

Jack and Mona Scism on Oak Grove Road in Kings Mountain started growing turkeys a year and a-half ago, and now turn out thousands of the birds each year.

The Scisms are contract growers for Rocco, a company based in Dayton, Va. Rocco bring the turkey chicks to their growers when the chicks are one day old, and 14 weeks later pick up a mature hen that is taken to their processing plant.

A good deal of work takes place during the 14 week cycle that sees the birds grow to around 14 pounds each.

"To me, the most work involved is during the first week because the turkeys are too small to use

our automatic feeders so we have to pan feed them," explained Scism last Sunday, about the only day he takes away from his farming chores.

The Scisms have three large growing houses for the birds. During the first five to six weeks, 20,000, birds are placed in a 40x500 foot building. After that they are split into two buildings, each 40x450 feet, offering the birds more room to grow. After the first week the birds feed and drink from an automatic system.

The feed is provided by the company to the contract growers. "They take care of the feed, we are just paid so much per pound to grow the turkeys," Scism explains.

During the growing cycle the birds remained confined. A field representative from Rocco visits the Scisms each week to inspect their progress and to make sure the birds are healthy.

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## KM Area Pausing For T-Day

While families are getting together for the traditional Thanksgiving dinner Thursday, most Kings Mountain business will be at a standstill, and calm will be settled over Kings Mountain.

Kings Mountain students and teachers will get a long holiday. Schools close at the end of the day Tuesday and reopen next Monday.

Many residents will be going to Charlotte Thursday for the 2 p.m. Carolinas Carrousel Parade while others watch the Turkey Day parades and favorite television programs including the WBTV 3 showing of the Carrousel Parade at 4 p.m.

Breakfasts will be held in four Kings Mountain churches, at Kings Mountain Baptist, Boyce Memorial ARP, First Presbyterian and Central United Methodist Church. A worship service at 9 a.m. will follow the 7 a.m. breakfast at KM Baptist Church. The worship service at 7:30 a.m. at Boyce Memorial ARP Church will precede the 8 a.m. breakfast. Methodist Men will serve breakfast at 6:30 a.m. at Central United Methodist Church followed by a service at 8:30. At First Presbyterian Church Men of the Church will serve breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

A community-wide Thanksgiving service will be held Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. at East Gold Wesleyan Church. Rev. Charles Davenport, president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association and pastor of Long Creek Presbyterian Church, will deliver the message. A combined choir from the downtown churches will present special music.

Kings Mountain grocery stores are stocked with turkey and all the trimmings and grocers expect to be busy today and tomorrow as families rush to the stores to stock up for the traditional meal.

People That Love Center on Piedmont Avenue will serve turkey dinner with all the trimmings to the less fortunate and are asking for donations of food to feed the hungry. About 100 are expected to participate.

Thursday's calm is expected to give way Friday to the first of many exciting days of hustle and bustle as citizens put Thanksgiving behind them and look to the Christmas season and shopping.

Christmas lights will be turned on Thanksgiving evening here and in area towns, and at Christmas Town U.S.A. in McAdenville.

## Indoor Swimming Pool Needs Financial Help

The new indoor swimming pool for Kings Mountain should be completed by mid-December and in full use by mid-January, according to Dr. Scott Mayse, head of the Kings Mountain Indoor Pool Foundation.

Among remaining items to be completed are inside mechanical work and painting.

"It is really shaping up nicely," Mayse said. The pool foundation is currently conducting a mini-campaign to raise an additional \$140,000 to meet a project short-fall. Cost for the facility will reach approximately \$820,000.

Mayse said the mini-campaign is getting close to its goal. Persons wishing to make a contribution can send them to the Foundation at 707 W. King Street or contact Mayse.

The enclosed 11,000 square foot facility features a 75-foot pool with 6 swimming lanes with an overhead gallery that will seat up to 300 persons.

Mayse said a dedication service will be held in mid-January and then the pool will be open for use. Planning meetings to establish schedules and use plans have already been held between the city, the school board and the pool foundation.

"I think it could really be a model for the entire county," said Mayse, "because there will be a lot of sharing between the school system and the community."

## City Council To Meet Tuesday Night At 7:30

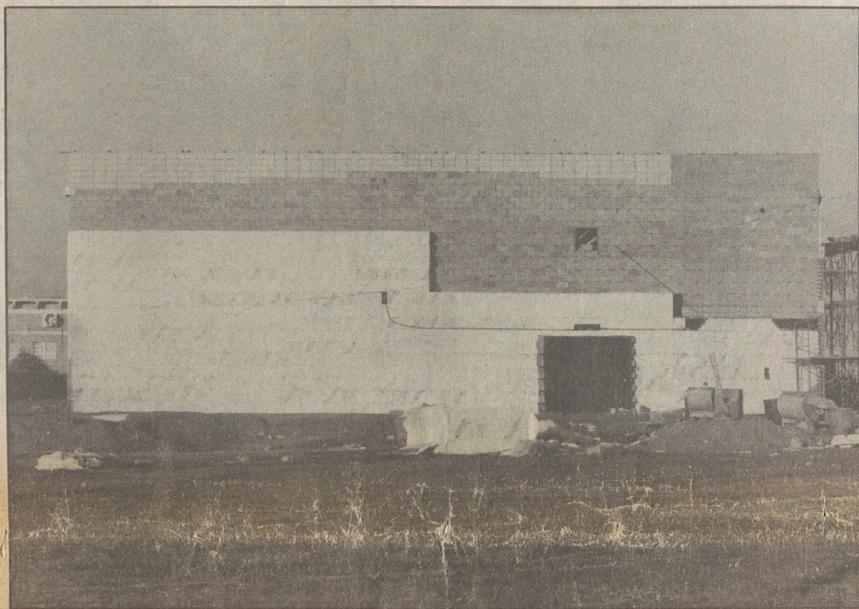
Agenda items for Tuesday's Kings Mountain city council meeting range from first reading of bond orders for the Fed. 7, 1989, bond election to authorizing expenditure of \$9.2 million for water, sewer and electric improvements to discussing a draft ordinance concerning vicious dogs.

Also included will be an update on construction projects underway and wastewater treatment efforts being made just to try to keep ahead of the state environmental crack-down.

The bond orders will authorize the city to contract debt and to levy taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on: \$3,789,200 for sanitary sewer (including one-half million for the Crowders Creek plant to be built in a joint effort with Gastonia, Gaston County and Bessemer City); \$3,629,500 for water; and \$1,811,500 for the electric distribution system.

The estimated payback on the \$9,230,200 of bonds, if passed, is \$18 million over 20 years. City officials say the improvements are necessary and that many items in the improvements package are state ordered.

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**POOL NEARING COMPLETION** - The indoor swimming pool at Kings Mountain High School should be completed in December and in use by mid-January, according to Dr. Scott Mayse, who headed the public fund drive to construct the facility, which will be used by the school system and the community. The Indoor Pool Foundation is still seeking funds to help pay for the project. Anyone interested in making a donation may contact Dr. Mayse.

## COMPUTER VIRUS ALERT

**What? 'Viruses':** programs that either send messages or destroy information, go by phone hookup or software trading or copying from system to system.

**Why? Hackers** usually made them for fun, or to show off their programming skill.

**How to avoid:** No foolproof way, but avoiding unfamiliar program sources and printers, or using 'vaccine programs' can help.

## Will This Virus Spread?

The virus that struck a national computer network this month was one of several that have hit this region recently.

The viruses, which were nuisances but caused few problems, have made users more careful. The big fear among computer users is that the virus epidemic may grow to a point where access to information or data networks is limited.

Viruses are hidden programs that are transmitted on computer networks connected through telephone lines. They can also be spread as computer users trade and copy software.

Viruses can erase data or merely reproduce until they have taken up all of a computer's memory. So far most viruses have been harmless, experts say.

The computer hackers who make viruses do it for fun or as a challenge.

Sometimes, hackers use viruses to advertise their programming skills. Once a user kills the virus, the name and address of the hacker who invented it appears on the screen.

For most personal computer users, the most likely manner in which they could get a virus is by causing or copying infected programs. Trading and copying programs is common among personal computer users.

Expert computer programmers can immunize computers against the viruses. However, they can only deal with the viruses they recognize.

So far, there have been no reported outbreaks among computer users in the Kings Mountain area.

## Industry To Locate Here

Kings Mountain will be the location for another industry that will eventually employ more than 100 persons.

City officials will not yet release the name of the new company but are delighted that the firm chose Kings Mountain.

"It is a good match," said City Manager George Wood. "They are a fine addition to our industrial community and we are glad to have them," he added. The new industry reportedly pays above the area's average wage.

A joint announcement by the city and the company is expected in a few weeks. The industry will be located at the former KOA campground, a 22 acre site on

Boardview Road. Grading and construction have already begun at the location.

Real estate broker John Barker of Shelby, representing an industrial developer, first approached the city several months ago with the proposal that the 22 acres be divided into five parcels for a small industrial park.

"They have come back since then and brought the city a prospect that wanted the entire parcel for developing their location in Kings Mountain," Woods explained.

The city will run gas, electric, water and sewer lines to the new industry. Cost of the gas and electric service will be paid for

by the city, and the city will pay up to \$63,000. of the cost of running the water and sewer lines. "Based on their estimated usage, the city should get its total investment back in the project between three to five years," Woods said.

From the city's perspective, Woods said, this is an ideal type of industrial development. Here are the main reasons:

—The industry will be located within city limits.

—It's close to existing water and sewer services.

—Offers a quick payback to the city for the cost of installing the utilities.

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## KM's Growth Prospect Great

What are the prospects for growth in Kings Mountain?

According to City Manager George Wood, the prospects are excellent.

"Kings Mountain is in the right place at the right time," Woods said, "and if we can provide the utilities needed for the future, then I believe it is safe to say that our local economic base will continue to expand."

In the first 10 months of the year, the city issued \$4.6 million in building and construction permits, as compared to \$4.7 for all

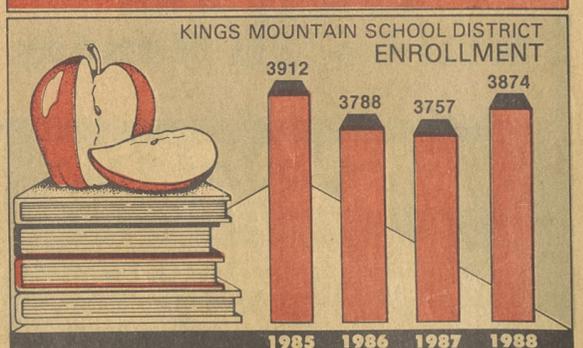
of 1987. It is expected to top \$5 million this year which would be a two and one-half percent expansion of the city's \$200 million tax base.

"Our growth has been subtle," Woods said, "but it has been steady and we expect that to continue and increase."

The city has had steady inquiries from industries and retail based customers that have an interest in Kings Mountain.

"It has been very positive, and it looks that way on into the future," he added.

## FACTS ABOUT KINGS MOUNTAIN



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MRS. W.T. WEIR

## Auditorium To Honor Mrs. Weir

In 1922 there was no town library or high school library.

The first library books were bought with 50-cent donations from the senior class that year, recalls Mrs. W.T. Weir, who taught high school English at what is now Central School.

That was the beginning of the first high school library. The books were unattractive, bound in dark brown, but they were classics by Tennyson, Browning and Shakespeare and there were a few novels which were much needed additions to the English department, she said.

During her first year as a

young KMHS teacher, Mrs. Weir (Josephine Ellerbe) recalled taking the stairs three at a time to the English department, where the Central Library is today. She said there was a study hall area, now a part of the library, which held no pictures.

The seniors of 1922 held a womanless wedding and businessmen in town helped raise a sizeable amount of money to make the homeroom and study area a pleasant place for the 20 seniors. Several seniors went to Charlotte to help select the pictures.

Retiring in 1968, Mrs. Weir

taught 40 years in Kings Mountain, one year in Grades 6-7 and 39 years at KMHS. After retirement, she was librarian for one year at Clover, S.C. High School and librarian for three years at Winthrop College Training School and instructor of several library science classes for college students.

After her first year here with the school system, she left to work three years in the English Department of Flora McDonald College, returning when she married grocer W.T. Weir to

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