

ADDRESSES ROTARY-Steve Camp, right, manager of the new Coliseum in Charlotte, is welcomed back to Cleveland County by Rotarian Ronnie Franks, left. Camp is a native of Cleveland County and attended Burns High School.

Camp Is Rotary Speaker

More than 1.3 million people have gone through the turnstiles of the new Charlotte Coliseum since its recent opening and Steve Camp, Manager-Director of the Coliseum-Convention Center-Ovens Auditorium is elated.

The Cleveland County native returned home Thursday as guest speaker at the Kings Mountain Rotary Club.

"In the early stages of the building program for the new Coliseum none of us realized what impact it would have on Charlotte and surrounding communities like Cleveland County," said Camp. The 465,000 square foot facility contains seats for 23,000 and will accommodate 24,000 for concerts and was built after Charlotteans approved a \$48 million bond issue. Camp oversees a budget of \$5.4 million and since the new facility

opened the payroll has gone from 250 checks to 850 and Camp estimates a staff of 650 are needed to staff one NBA basketball game. The staff includes security personnel, ushers, door marshals, catering staff, etc.

During its opening day the Coliseum experienced a falling scoreboard and since has had water mains to burst and roof leaks but "all in all everything is going good," said Camp.

Kings Mountain fans are supporting The Hornets in large numbers, along with a growing group of fans which crowd the Coliseum for games, and Camp notes that as the NBA franchise continues to improve that the Coliseum will draw more crowds. "The Hornet popularity has been phenomenal and the Hornets have an outstanding record of 15 victories," said Camp.

Charlotte is among four cities considered for hosting the Final Four in 1994 and is looking at 1992 as the year to host the NBA All Stars and the NCAA in 1994-95. "This region is a hotbed for college basketball and Charlotte is the place to be," said Camp who said Charlotte looks forward to ACC at the Coliseum in 1990-91.

Camp said the Coliseum will host Ringling Brothers Circus this April and next April the Moscow Circus. Coliseum officials are negotiating for Disney on Ice in October and has booked Frank Sinatra, Lisa Minelli and Sammy Davis, Jr. next October as well as Grateful Dead, the Rolling Stones, Elton John and Neal Diamond, among others.

Camp met with Charlotte city officials Thursday night at the Charlotte Convention Center and talked to them about an expansion program. "We're letting trade shows and exhibits go by because of lack of space in the Convention Center and actually need a new convention center which would do as much for this area as the Coliseum is doing," he said, responding to a question from a Rotarian about hotel rooms to accommodate the influx of visitors to the Queen City. Camp said several big hotels are going up and noted that the Greater Charlotte area includes 14,000 hotel rooms but in Charlotte city only 2200 rooms.

Rotarian Ronnie Franks was program chairman. Dr. David McDaniel, club president, presided.



DONALD DUCK VISITS BETHWARE-Ann Gregg, dental assistant for Dr. Roger Miller, above, poses as Donald Duck to present a program on "Good Dental Health" at Bethware School. First grade student Steven Ray, above, participates in the demonstration in Nancy Hughes first grade classroom.

Falick Completes Course

Pvt. Kenneth W. Falick, son of Helen Thompson of 2003 Redwood Circle, Kings Mountain, has completed the heavy wheeled-vehicle mechanic course at the

U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Jackson, S.C.

The soldier is a 1988 graduate of Kings Mountain Senior High School.

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Airline Strike Ballenger Says Don't Intervene

Rep. Cass Ballenger told the Herald Tuesday that he is urging President Bush not to intervene in the Eastern Airlines strike.

Ballenger said that on Tuesday the House Public Works aviation subcommittee, of which he is a member, passed emergency legislation 21-12 that would require Bush to take action in the four-day-old strike.

The bill will be probably pass the full committee on Thursday and will be debated on the House floor next week, according to the Congressman who said the Republicans did not have enough clout to derail the vote in his committee but felt if the legislation does make its way out of Congress the Republicans will have enough votes to sustain a veto for the president.

"The federal government should stay out of it," says Ballenger, who said Eastern negotiated for 17 months and reached an impasse and struck. "Now is the time to let it go the way it is going to have to go," he said in a telephone interview from Washington, D. C.

A federal judge Tuesday refused to order Eastern Airlines pilots

Woman Reports Attack

A man hiding in the back floor-board of a Kings Mountain woman's car Monday night forced her to pull off the road and sexually assaulted her, Kings Mountain Police said.

Det. Lt. Richard Reynolds called in the SBI to assist in an investigation into the abduction and sexual assault of a 32-year-old white woman by a middle-aged black man described as being of medium height and weight.

Reynolds said the woman got in her car at a Gastonia mill parking lot and stopped at a convenience store enroute to her home in Kings Mountain. The woman told Reynolds she didnot know the man was in the car until he grabbed her at knifepoint as she approached her Kings Mountain destination. According to police, the suspect forced the woman to drive on Compact School Road and then into a wooded area off Margrace Road. The woman fought her attacker and escaped to the highway where she flagged motorists who took her to Kings Mountain Hospital.

back to work, even though Eastern warned it couldn't survive the Machinists' strike and threatened bankruptcy. More workers were sent home.

Machinists and baggage carriers walked off the job at midnight Friday after their union and Eastern management were unable to come to terms on a new contract.

Ballenger said that management of the striking labor unions of Eastern airlines are miles apart in resolving their differences. Currently, he said, Eastern is losing about \$1 million dollars a day. A two month delay would mean another \$60 million in losses for the airline.

The airlines want \$250 million in concessions, the Machinists want \$50 million in raises.

Ballenger said the bill approved by the subcommittee calls for Bush to appoint a panel to look into the dispute between Eastern management and the union representing the 8,500 mechanics and baggage carriers.

It also calls for a 60 day cooling period, according to Ballenger while the federal panel is conducting its investigation. During that time, striking workers would return to their jobs.

The congressman was also critical of the striking mechanics and

baggage handlers, pointing out that their earnings are more than most skilled workers. "Personally my jaw dropped when I learned that the average baggage handler at Eastern makes \$45,000 for taking luggage on and off a plane.

Companies should have a right to pay their employees what they think they are worth. Employees should have a right to request higher wages if they believe they are not being paid enough. That is the American way. The government has no right to intervene in this delicate matter. Especially, if government action favors one side over the other," he said.

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING

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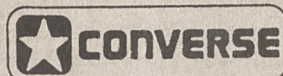
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