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**PEACE LIGHTS ON TREE**-Jackie Grigg, left, and her daughter-in-law, Gina Grigg, trimmed a tree with peace lights and yellow ribbons last week and will light the tree every night until Jamie Grigg II returns from Saudia Arabia.

## Kings Mountain Soldier Spends 20th Birthday In Persian War

"A knife stabbed in my chest" is how a Kings Mountain mother described her reaction to the news that the U.S had attacked Iraq.

"I can't stand the thought of not knowing where my son is," said Jackie Grigg.

Pfc. Jamie Grigg's 20th birthday was Tuesday and his wife, Gina, 19, his parents, Carl and Jackie Grigg, his sister, Kelli, 13, his sister and brother-in-law, John and Lisa



GRIGG

Etters and his parents-in-law, Gay and Keith Anthony are keeping a constant vigil by the television set and telephone hoping that the 295th Supply Company mechanic will call home. In addition to decking a Christmas tree in the yard with American flags and yellow ribbons, the wife, mother and sisters are wearing two watches, one set on USA time and the other set on Saudi time.

Jamie Grigg called home from the Desert Jan.10. He talked of working long hours and unloading ships. He said the outlook for peace looked grim and warned his family of terrorists. He said the food was terrible, the dry sand had given him sore throat and he had received two of the half dozen care packages his family had sent him.

"This week the Griggs shipped more care packages to Jamie, including a chocolate birthday cake and a Christmas video including a picture of the tree.

"We commend the President for not backing down but war is bad news. We don't want to see anyone killed," said Mrs. Grigg, a receptionist at Grover Medical Clinic. The family stayed up all night last Wednesday watching the war news on television, cried and worried.

Jamie Grigg joined the Army after graduating Kings Mountain High School in 1989. He married high school sweetheart, Gina Anthony, also a 1989 KMHS graduate, on April 29, 1990. Graduating from AIT training, the couple settled at Fort Lewis, Washington for seven months until he shipped out Nov. 28 for the Persian Gulf and Gina came home to live with her parents. Jamie was home in October for a Halloween-Thanksgiving-Christmas reunion with his family but left his Christmas presents unopened. A big celebration will be held when the soldier returns home and the tree will stay up in the yard until the war is over.

The Griggs have talked to the soldier several times from the Mideast. He called twice on New Year's Day, his time and our time, and he and his whole family talked for about an hour. Jamie said he enjoyed driving Vice President Quail and TV star Gerald McRaney when they visited the troops there at Dammam, 200 miles from Kuwait. At that time he

See Grigg, 5-A

## Proposed Ordinance Is Opposed

A new city ordinance which would phase out mobile home parks in the city in the next three to four years is meeting opposition from owners of the three in-city parks.

Public hearing is set Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall by city council.

Allan Withers of Charlotte, who owns the largest mobile home park in the city- 38-home West Gate Mobile Homes off W. Gold Street-said he and his attorneys are negotiating with the city for a longer amortization period-eight years-in which to close the property, instead

of the three to four years set out in the ordinance for parks to move to R-20 zoning.

Withers said he will offer the city a binding option to buy the land at fair market value after the eight year period expires. "This is no funny business. I want to recoup my investment which I made in this property nearly 10 years ago when I bought it from Warren Reynolds," said Withers, who plans to put \$150,000 at West Gate in the next 60 days for improvements. "I realize the property has been an eyesore but we will work to correct

See Ordinance, 3-A

## Final Bonds To Be Sold

The city will sell the remainder of public utility bond -\$1,765 million-on Feb. 5 for completion of major improvements voted by citizens in February 1989.

City Council Tuesday night passed a resolution providing for issuing of the bonds and City Manager George Wood said all bond work should be completed by December with exception of work at the dam where the city has reserved \$500,000. for the cost of improvements as the state requires.

"We have met with bond counsel and Local Government officials and all legal requirements have been met for the last bond sale," said Wood, who noted that the city sold \$6.965 million of bonds in September 1989.

See Utilities, 5-A

## School Board To Meet Again Thursday

The Kings Mountain School Board's second public work session on redistricting of elementary schools will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. at West School.

The board will hear comments from the public and then discuss several options which were raised at recent meetings.

The board is studying a redistricting map designed by YSAC, Inc., which was paid \$5,000 by the school system to prepare a computerized plan to racially balance the system's five elementary schools.

YSAC completed the map in early December. The board discussed it at its December meeting and has since been studying possible changes suggested by the public and by board members.

The board will discuss at least six changes to the YSAC plan Thursday, including:

\*Moving the Fulton Road, brick yard and Mountain Street areas from North to West; and, as a part of that change, moving Timms Circle, Parkgrace Road and the Wells Road area from West to East.

\*Moving students on North Piedmont Avenue north of the bypass from East to North.

\*Moving 13 students on the south side of Bethlehem Road from Grover to Bethware.

\*Moving the Compact area from Grover to East; or to West.

\*Moving Pine Manor from Bethware to East, Northwoods from East to North, and areas adjacent to King Street between Watterson and Cansler from North to Bethware.

\*Moving an area along Highway 74 from KM Animal Hospital to Bethware School from North to Bethware.

Dr. Larry Allen, Assistant Superintendent, is computing how the above suggestions would change the student populations and racial percentages at each school and will have those figures available for the board's review.

The schools have been discussing elementary redistricting for several years after it was pointed out that some schools do not reflect the system-wide minority percentage of 26 percent. East School has 63.9 percent minority students while Bethware has only 14.8 percent and West 16.7.

Under the first YSAC proposal, minority percentages would range from 23.2 percent at Bethware to 28.9 percent at East. The school board is hoping to stay within a plus or minus five percent range of the system-wide average while also staying within the suggested capacities of each school.

## Tultex Closes Outlet Store

The sluggish economy has caused the closing of another Kings Mountain business.

Tultex Outlet Store at Kings Mountain Plaza will close Saturday at 6 p.m.

"It's a real shock to us," said veteran store manager Barbara Helms, who has been manager of the fleecewear outlet since it opened here nearly 13 years ago. The closing will put four people, including Helms, out of work.

Ervin Chauncey, operations manager of Tultex Corporation, said that Tultex is phasing out

See Tultex, 12-A

## Grover Building To Be Dedicated

GROVER-N. C. Senator James Forrester will make the dedicatory address Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. for the new addition to Grover Town Hall.

After the ceremony the public is invited to tour the new facility, which includes offices for the mayor, clerk, and police chief and a community room with adjoining kitchen and rest room facilities.

City officials from neighboring towns are being invited to participate in the ceremonies at which Mayor Bill McCarter will preside.

Newly-sworn freshman Senator Forrester, who represents the 25th Senatorial District which includes Cleveland County, is a Stanley medical doctor and former chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners.



**WAR HITS HOME**-These Kings Mountain students all have loved ones in the Gulf War and have formed a support group at KM Middle School. From left, Robbie McBee, 8th grader; Kelli Grigg, 7th grader; Beulah Carroll, guidance counselor; Iris Jimison and Katanya Roberts, 8th graders.

## Middle School Students Rally Around The Flag

The mood in the conference room at KM Middle School was grim this week as four students with relatives in the Middle East shared their thoughts about war with others.

Friday is "Red, White and Blue Day" at KMMS and in preparation for a patriotic rally around the flag, the students helped deck the halls and classrooms with yellow bows and yellow ribbons. Friday they will join all their classmates in holding hands, saluting Old Glory and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

As they remembered family and friends stationed in the Saudi Arabia desert, they tried to get on with life as best they could.

But it was hard. Beulah Carroll, 8th grade guidance counselor, and Melanie Ballard, 7th grade guidance counselor, started the counseling group Tuesday, the day students returned to school after a teacher's work day holiday on Friday and Martin Luther King remembrance day on Monday. As soon as news of the war broke Thursday,

the teachers said they let the children talk about their fears and one reason for the support group is for the kids to be able to get their feelings out in the open.

Robbie McBee's father, CSM Johnny F. McBee, is a 23-year Army veteran who is stationed in Saudi Arabia.

Tanya Roberts' brother, James Roberts, is aboard the USS Roosevelt in the Persian Gulf and has been in the Navy for several years.

Iris Jimison's sister, Sgt. Annette J. Stark, has been in the Army 14 years and is an ammunition specialist.

Kelli Grigg's brother, Pfc. Jamie Grigg II, has been in Saudi Arabia since Nov. 28 and is stationed at Dammam, 200 miles from Kuwait.

All the young people say they are waiting for news from their loved ones and none have heard from them since war broke out but all are sending care packages this week, which include canned peaches, hard candies, video tapes, gum, and school and family pic-

See Students, 12-A

## WINTER TIPS

### Don't Forget Pets

Pull out the blankets. Your dogs may also need better bedding for the cold nights ahead.

This is timely advice from Dr. Jerry Eskridge, local veterinarian.

Bitter cold weather this week could take its toll on your dogs who live outside, unless you keep your pets in a shelter out of the wind, provide good bedding and make sure water doesn't freeze.

Normally outdoor dogs keep warm in leaves and hay, but you might want to take your pet a blanket. Change his water often and feed him more. That's how dogs generate body heat, says the doctor. The pet's water supply should also be checked in daytime and his house or box should be adjusted so that it is turned to

See Pets, 12-A



### Give Car Check-Up

King Winter's first bitter cold weather of the season could take its toll on your automobile, if you aren't prepared.

Although many motorists have nipped potential problems by taking time for preventive auto maintenance, some others have put off winterizing the family jalopy. Bad news, say local mechanics and service station operators.

"Be sure your antifreeze is 'up to snuff,' says Norman McGill, of McGill's Exxon. McGill says it's important to use good gasoline, check your radiator, and be sure air pressure and tires are good. Low tires will lose seal if cold, he warns, and, of course, belts and hoses need to be in tip-top shape in the wintertime.

See Check Car, 12-A

### Conserve Heating Fuel

The Iraqi war sent fuel prices falling last week but local oil distributors say the crisis isn't over and local homeowners can conserve in spite of the cold weather ahead.

Lyn Cheshire, executive of Patterson Oil Company, said the cost of fuel oil dropped 10-15 cents on the gallon last week. Today a gallon of fuel oil is \$1.05.9.

Turn your thermostats back to 60-65 during the day when no one is at home and at night and set the thermostat at 68 when you are in the house but wear a comfortable sweater, said Cheshire, who predicts home owners can save dollars by doing simple maintenance jobs and winterizing their homes.

See Houses, 12-A