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KM comes to Florida's aid

Area companies and ministries have responded to the call for aid for victims of Hurricane Andrew recently.

Cleveland County Red Cross has been taking donations through the mail and from walk-ins, said an agency spokesperson Monday.

Two trucks were sitting ready to travel to Florida with items such as toiletries, linen, first aid, non-perishable food, diapers, children's clothing and bottled water. One truck left Tuesday and another is scheduled to leave next Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Anyone wishing to make donations can drop them off at Clevefont Mills in Kings Mountain, Center Stage in the Cleveland Mall or Dover Center at Gardner Webb College.

A truck bearing relief items left Southern Bell Telephone Pioneers in Gastonia Monday for the stricken south Florida area.

Also, the Pioneers have had several fundraisers, including a cake sale and spaghetti dinner. The Future Pioneers donated stuffed bears for the younger victims.

Southern Bell employees are collecting toiletries, sheets, blankets and clothing to be sent to Florida.

It was learned that the Operator Services Department in Homestead was hit very hard. One hundred out of its 110 employees lost everything.

The Kings Mountain Baptist Association is collecting contributions and say all donations go directly to

Florida and Louisiana to aid the victims of Hurricane Andrew.

To contribute, send donations to Kings Mountain Baptist Association, Andrew Disaster Relief, 1175 Wyke Road, Shelby, NC 28150.

The association also has a trailer on site at Wyke Road. The trailer will leave on Sept. 4, 11 and 18.

The following items are needed: ready-mixed baby formula, disposable diapers, non-perishable food, paper products, blankets, towels, plastic or rubber tarps, sun screen lotion, first-aid, manual can openers, flashlights with batteries, boxed matches, bottled water, toiletries and New Testaments.

Items may be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 4-p.m. Monday through Friday.

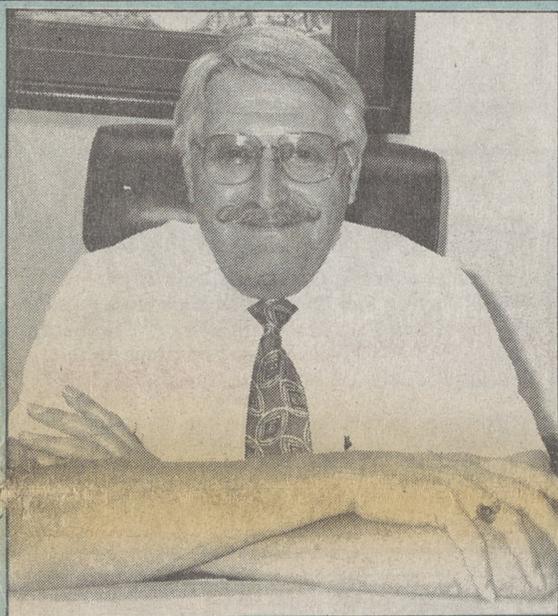
Volunteer construction and clearing requested by the Florida Baptist Conference must be self-sufficient and bring the camping gear, food and water. Those contact Charles Reed at 481-9119.

The Kings Mountain Food Lion set relief items on Monday. In addition Food Lion employees in all stores donated \$100,000 to the American Red Cross to help the hurricane victims.

The local Salvation Army has been funneling cash donations to the Charlotte office, which in turn sends the funds to headquarters in Tampa, Fla. Funds also go to Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi, as well.

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Kings Mountain People



Jake Dixon wears many hats but he's proudest of the one he wears as an executive of Home Federal Savings Bank. He's the veteran employee with 35 years of service.

Home Federal's Dixon 'Jake of all trades'

By ELIZABETH STEWART
Of The Herald Staff

no idea that he would one day manage the business.

Jake Dixon, 55, wears many hats but the one he's proudest of is his 35-year career with Home Federal Savings Bank.

Dixon is the firm's veteran employee, joining Home Building & Loan Association August 1, 1957 in Kings Mountain. He was hired by the late A. Hunter Patterson and saw the association move three times in town and enjoy phenomenal growth in 3-1/2 decades. For 12 1/2 years he worked in the loan department in Kings Mountain. For 21 years he has worked at the Bessemer City branch, seeing that branch also move into three locations before building its present handsome plant.

When he helped Bill Young put down the floor at the Bessemer City branch office in 1957 Jake had

Dixon, son of the late Mayor and Mrs. Kelly Dixon, learned the building trade from his father, a building contractor and a Methodist minister. After graduating from Bethware High School, he was an electrician's helper at L.A. Hoke Electric Company and got interested in the savings and loan industry through his association with A. Hunter Patterson at Central United Methodist Church.

When the Dixon family moved from Cherryville Road to Sims Street, Jake joined Central United Methodist Church as a young man and has sung in the choir 40 years. He has also served on the administrative board and is currently chairman of the trustee board.

Dixon was a "Jake of all trades"

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County makes big strides in solid waste management

Cleveland County is making tremendous strides in solid waste management, says Sam Lockridge, the county's recycling coordinator.

Keeping waste out of the landfills has been the goal behind the state's solid waste mandates.

Lockridge and Karl Moss, the city's director of public works, say recycling is working.

Moss said he has seen a nine percent decrease in trash volume since recycling and Lockridge says that that several thousand tons less waste is getting into the landfills thanks to the highly successful recycling programs.

During the period July 1991 through July 1992, the county recycled 1,125.74 tons of mixed metal, glass and recyclables.

The county opened its seventh manned site at Belwood Tuesday and an eighth--to be installed in the Oak Grove section--is in the works.

"We're changing our image and citizen participation in recycling programs has risen dramatically," said Lockridge.

Moss reminds local residents that the city will pick up limbs

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Midpines recycling site attendant Marshall Wells, left, gives Gary White a hand with aluminum cans Wells wants to recycle.

KM taking water-sewer request to county

A complete loop of water and sewer lines around Kings Mountain Business Park would open a significant area for industrial development and city fathers want the county to chip in \$94,000 to fund lines on the Cleveland County side.

City Manager George Wood is on the agenda for the September meeting of the county board of commissioners to present the proposal which got unanimous approval of the Cleveland County Economic Development Commission Thursday.

Grading at the site of the new Bridgestone/Firestone Plant at

Kings Mountain Business Park is expected to start September 11. The city is shooting for a May 1993 date for installation of water and sewer lines. Firestone is shooting for a June or July 1993 opening.

In the meantime, Wood said that he hopes Cleveland County will agree to pick up the line at the Cleveland County/Gaston line and loop it back to the city's existing 12 inch line near Highway 161. A \$1 million grant from Gaston County will be used by the city to construct water and sewer lines to the park connecting with Kings Mountain's existing line on Canterbury Road.

A 12 inch line running down Canterbury Road will bore under the interstate highway and proceed along the frontage road down to the Cleveland County line in Gaston County, Wood explained. He said he hopes the frontage road along I-85 will eventually be extended all the way from Highway 161 to Canterbury Road. Firestone will be located entirely in Gaston County.

"Both counties have policies that when we get an industrial prospect they will run the water and sewer lines," Wood said. "They look at the tax revenue they are going to get as paying them back for that investment."

Although tax revenues from the park will go to Cleveland and Gaston counties, all industries that locate there will be utility customers of the City of Kings Mountain.

In a related matter, city council will meet in a special session Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall to select an option for payment for the relocation of a portion of the 6 inch natural gas line along the I-85 frontage road between NC 161 and Canterbury Road to serve Firestone.

Maynard Snow, 72, dies in sleep

Maynard Snow, 72, of 3600 Margrace Road, died quietly just as he lived.

A Lieutenant Colonel in the US-AF and corporate pilot, he retired to Kings Mountain a number of years ago. When asked by a Herald reporter about being the subject of a feature story and retelling his service career, he declined, saying that he wanted to open a frame shop at his residence and enjoy himself. Friends visiting his shop found the welcome mat out.

Snow died in his sleep August 31, 1992 at home.

Owner of A. B. Snow Frame

Shop, he framed many of the beautiful paintings that his artist wife showed and helped her organize the Southern Arts Society in town which has given scholarships to numerous deserving students. An active member of First Presbyterian Church, he was a member of the board of directors of Covenant Village in Gastonia, and was a veteran of both World War II and the Korean Conflict.

A native of Kernersville, he was the son of the late E. E. and Sarah Stack Snow.

Surviving are his wife, Alice Betty Mauney Snow; two sons, Dick Snow of Efland and Jerre

Snow of Kings Mountain; one daughter, Linda Snow Hofacker of Lexington, KY; one brother, Aaron Snow of Kernersville; three sisters, Edna Tilley and Wylma Snow, both of Kernersville, and Vida Crutchfield of Harmony; his mother-in-law Mrs. Paul Mauney of Covenant Village, Gastonia, and six grandchildren.

The memorial service was conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church by his pastor, Dr. Eric Faust.

Memorials may be made to the disaster relief fund of First Presbyterian Church, 111 E. King St., Kings Mountain, 28086.



MAYNARD SNOW

Homes on Second Street get facelift through CDBG

"No strings attached," is what Gary Wilson, project director, and Bart Carroll, project coordinator, are enthusiastically telling 22 residents of Second Street Extension whose homes will be rehabilitated under a community development block grant funds of \$84,888 and matching city funds.

"It's hard to believe," says Ruth Mae Cook, whose home will receive major repairs and the street in front of her house will be paved. "I'm excited," she said as she sat in her porch swing and watched a television quiz game.

The home of John and Ruth Guiton at 1270 Second Street Extension was one of the first homes winterized.

The two homes were among those identified by Benchmark Inc. of Kannapolis, which wrote the application and applied for the city

for funds for the Second Street revitalization project which will also pave two streets north of Benfield Drive, rehabilitate sub-standard housing, provide weatherization, and run water and sewer lines.

Under the plan up to \$7500 per unit can be used for roofs, siding, storm windows, and door repairs for low income families.

Low to moderate income families are eligible for full assistance, explained city planner Gene White, who said that 16 of the units are frame built and five are mobile home units. Good news for the owners in the low to moderate income category is that they won't have to contribute to the cost of the rehabilitation. Above low and moderate income owners must secure an owner participation loan from a private bank but there are

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Community Planner Gene White, Bart Carroll, project coordinator and Gary Wilson, project director, stand on the front porch of the home of John and Ruth Guiton at 1270 Second Street Extension. The home was recently winterized from Community Block Grants to be used in that area of the city to rehabilitate 22 homes.

United Way to launch fund drive

Kings Mountain United Fund will kick off the 1993 campaign for \$121,500 at a noon luncheon Wednesday at Holiday Inn.

President Patrick Carter and campaign chairman Maude Norris said that representatives from 16 agencies and drive leaders will be present to map the strategy for the solicitation effort to be conducted by volunteers over the next several months.

The goal is up \$750 from the 1992 campaign, goal which surpassed its quota.

Funded agencies are American Red Cross, \$19,000; Kings Mountain Ministerial Association, \$14,500; Girl Scouts, \$4,500; Boy Scouts, \$4,500; North Carolina United Way, \$4,000; Kings

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