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## Textile Week set in area

A textile art exhibit at Cleveland Community College and textile speakers in the community's 4th grades highlight the area's observance of Textile Week.

The art show, featuring artwork by artists from the two Carolinas and Virginia, is being held in lieu of Textile Olympics and is expected to draw art lovers from a wide area to the Shelby campus.

Rita Lawing of Clevemont Mills in Kings Mountain is chairman of the textile design show, open to the public during school hours and on display in the CCC auditorium.

Marlene Reynolds, of Parkdale Mills in Kings Mountain and Randy Allen of Clevemont Mills, are leading industrial talks in the 4th grades of the KM District Schools and Ronnie Blackburn of Doran Textiles of Shelby is leading talks in 4th grades of the county and Shelby systems.

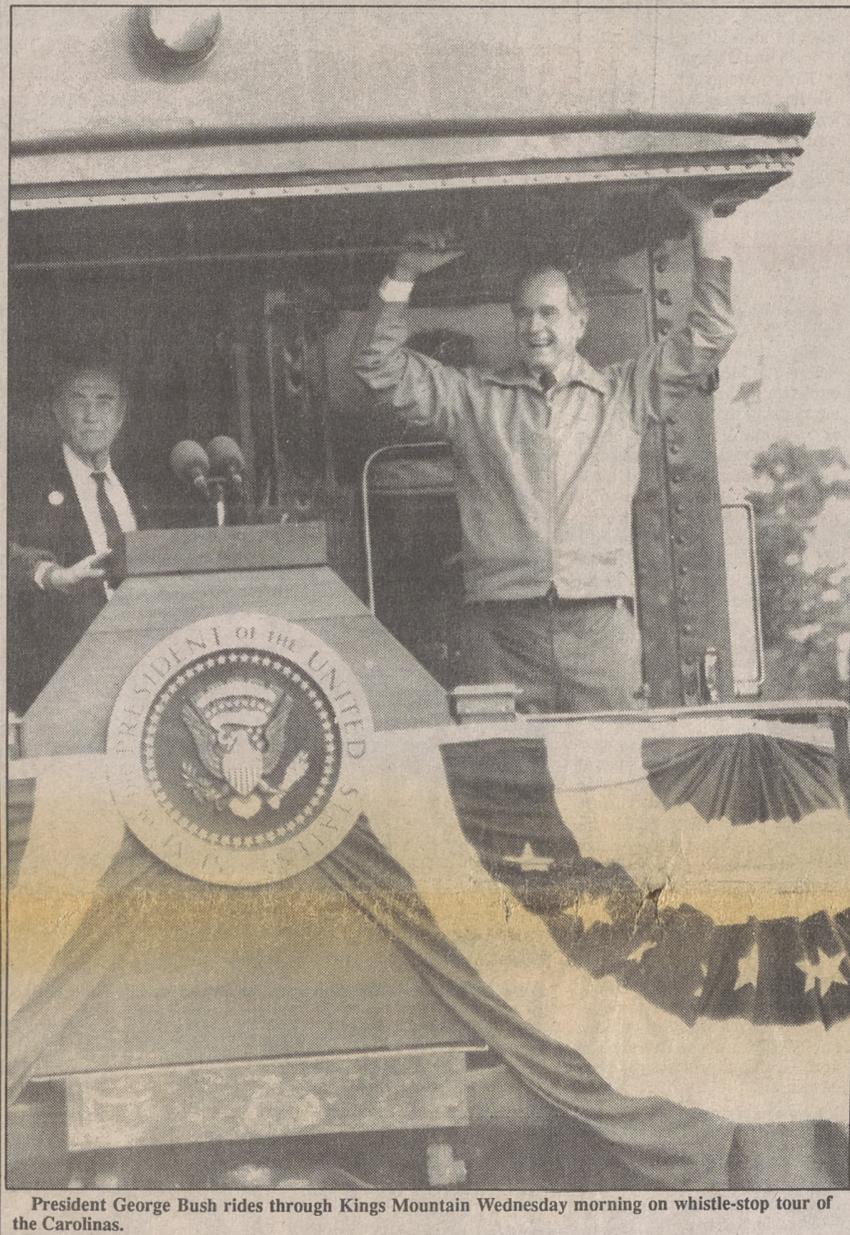
Chairman of the celebration is Kathy Poe and treasurer is Brenda Lemmons, both of Doran Textiles of Shelby. Randy Patterson of Grover Industries headed up the committee on fair booth exhibits at the Cleveland County Fair.

Other members of the textile week committee are Kelly England of RT Industries of Shelby, Lillian Harmon and Mike Wright of Cleveland Industries of Lawndale, Jack Waters, Frank Wilkins, and Chris Heaton of Doran.

Other industrial sponsors are Dicey Mills of Shelby and Spectrum Dyed Yarns of Kings Mountain.

At Clevemont Mills employees are taking part in a health fair this week. "Our health room looks like a M\*A\*S\*H unit," said Lawing.

## BUSH TRAIN WHISTLED, BUT DIDN'T STOP



President George Bush rides through Kings Mountain Wednesday morning on whistle-stop tour of the Carolinas.

## Big crowd sees Bush ride by KM

Crowds estimated at between 6,000-7,000 lined the Southern railroad tracks from Grover to Kings Mountain Wednesday to cheer President George Bush and wave American flags as he passed through on a whistle-stop campaign tour of the Carolinas.

"You kids work hard and listen to your teachers," Bush told 500 Grover students in a crowd of over 1,000 who lined the tracks in Grover as the colorful "Spirit of America" slowed but picked up speed by the time it reached Kings Mountain.

Kings Mountain people got up early Wednesday morning to stand along the tracks and to sit on bleachers and yard chairs to be a part of history.

The excitement mounted as the KMHS Blazer band started playing spirited patriotic music.

The first train came through town, evoking some humor from the crowd. "Maybe Perot bought out the President's train," said one onlooker with a camera in one hand, a flag in the other and Bush/Quayle signs in front of him.

When a helicopter was seen overhead, excited children in the crowd could hardly wait.

Students from East and West Elementary Schools mounted big signs "Welcome Mr. President" and "You Can't Have It Both Ways Bill" along with more red, yellow and green signs from the adults, "It's A Matter of Trust," and stop signs made by elementary students, "Please Mr. President, Stop In Kings Mountain."

"There were no protesters along

the route and no Clinton/Gore and Perot signs. "It would have been tacky to display other signs when he's the President of the United States," said one onlooker.

Mr. President didn't stop in Kings Mountain and it appeared his train was going much faster than speeds the advance publicity teams had advertised. "Trains appear to be going much faster to a person standing still," said Chief of Police Warren Goforth.

"We want Bush, we want Bush" shouted the children.

"I feel like I'm 10 years old myself," said Cindy Bell.

As the train reached the main portion of the business district, the cheers swelled as the band played "Hail to The Chief." In a brief moment, the president's car, the last one on the long passenger train, had passed under the overhead bridge decorated with the big Stars and Stripes. Standing on the observation deck, the President waved to the crowd.

"He really looks younger and rested," said an onlooker. "I'm surprised."

Pamela Ruppe got up at 4:30 a.m. to find a place to stand at the railroad tracks. "I'm voting for Bush because he's experienced and because of his record the past four years," she said.

Roxanne Gaffney, Lauren, 4, Lindsay, 9, and Hunter, 7, and Cindy Stinchcomb, Kimberly, 9, and Ashley, 6, all Bush fans, had signs and flags and stood in a roped off section where kids could get a good view of the tracks.

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## KM 'gateway' to growth

# County looks to future

The Cleveland County of Tomorrow could include a regional airport, a regional recreation complex, a consolidated school system and more industrial parks with higher paying jobs.

Bill McCoy, of the Urban Institute of UNC at Charlotte, outlined some of the goals Tuesday night of a task force of more than 150 people and sub-committees numbering nearly 500 working together for nearly two years to plan future growth of the county.

"We know that school consolidation is coming and we need to be prepared," said McCoy who said that 650 people contacted during a telephone survey agreed with the subcommittees identifying the issues and the keys to the future as education and economic development.

"As Charlotte becomes more crowded people are moving out to smaller communities. People don't mind commuting and Kings Mountain is in an ideal location," said Sherrill Roberts, data collector on the Institute staff.

"Kings Mountain is the gateway to industrial growth in the county," said KM Chamber of Commerce President Ruby Alexander, one of the five panelists for the first town meeting at Barnes Auditorium. Alexander said the county has become more unified as the result of the work done by the task force and she is excited about the future.

"How can we fail when we all work together?" asked Meg Kessler of Kings Mountain, membership director for the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce.

Although Tuesday's kickoff

meeting was sparsely attended, several people applauded the work of representatives from the county, Kings Mountain, Boiling Springs and Shelby and none opposed the far-reaching goals outlined by McCoy.

Panelists reminded the audience that input is needed and that four other town meetings will be held on the same format to get people's concerns and their ideas.

Speakers said the county is a sleeper now but in a good position to market its communities. "You'll be left behind if you don't," said McCoy.

McCoy said the steering committee, task force and town meetings are designed to give more suggestions on how the county can move ahead.

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DR. BILL MCCOY

## Former Legion baseball head Carl Wilson dead at age 74

Carl Franklin Wilson, 74, of 809 Monroe Ave., was a big Atlanta Braves baseball fan.

Wilson died October 20, 1992 at Carolina Medical Center after a lingering illness with cancer but not before he saw the Braves win the National League pennant.

"Dad was pleased that the Braves made it to the World Series and watched every game until Sunday night when he entered the hospital," said his son, Jerry. "Dad had his tomahawk out at home and was really enjoying the games."

Besides his family and church, Wilson said baseball was the love

of his father's life. Former American Legion Baseball Commissioner, he liked to see kids enjoy the sport and worked long and hard with young boys who wanted to pitch and swing their bats when he was the state commissioner for the veteran's organization.

A native of Forsyth County, he moved to Kings Mountain in 1928 and retired in 1983 from Foote Mineral Company after 30 years as superintendent of maintenance.

He was working in the

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CARL WILSON

## 97% of United Fund dollars remain in KM

Kings Mountain United Fund President Pat Carter wants Kings Mountain people to know that KMUF is not a member of the national United Way organization and majority of the funds stay here.

He made the remarks this week as drive leaders held a first report meeting marking the completion of 21 percent of its goal--or \$25,067.00 raised as of today. The goal of the campaign for 16 agencies is \$121,500.00.

"Ninety-seven percent of all the money raised in Kings Mountain stays in Kings Mountain," said Carter, executive officer of

Clemon Mills, who said that three percent of the funds are used for administrative costs. "Local people need not be concerned that their money may go for national dues. It will not."

Campaign chairman Maude Norris urged volunteers to complete their solicitation work as soon as possible. She said she will put a thermometer board in the business district to record the results of the campaign on a weekly basis.

Gifts to Kings Mountain United Fund will benefit American Red

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## Is water, sewer rate increase next?

An increase in water and sewer rates may be proposed by the city utility commission at its Thursday meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Tom Howard, Director of Community Services, says the item is up for discussion at the meeting.

City Council talked about another increase in water and sewer rates during a planning session last spring and indicated the additional hike could come later this year. Council has the final say on recommendations by the utility commission.

Howard said the commission will also ask for funding for a small utility building for the electric department to be built on Public Works property on North Piedmont Avenue.

Tree trimming, a report of a study on city lake and Davidson lake dams, and a report on monitoring wells at Pilot Creek and Moss Lake Spillway will be discussed.

Joe Champion will present a request for sewer extension to his residence on Stoney Point/Oak Grove Road.

Howard will also update the commission on the installation of 1100 feet of 12 inch water lines from Shelby Road to Countryside Road to serve Dye-Tech, a new industry which plans a November opening.

Chairman Al Moretz will conduct the meeting in the second floor conference room at the Governmental Facilities Center.

