



VFW GIVES TO NEEDY - Wayne Russell, Bob Ramsey, Commander Jim Payne, Tom Shytle and Mike Abbro, left to right, prepare food baskets for the needy as a Christmas project of the local Frank B. Glass Post 9811. The veterans loaded 30 boxes of staple food items and Christmas gifts valued at \$50 each onto decorated holiday trailer and assisted by local youth of East Gold Wesleyan Church delivered the gifts to area needy families for Christmas.

Schools look for good year

Supt. Dr. Bob McRae sees the school outlook for 1996 as progressive and upbeat.

And he predicts that the state will let local boards have more input into decision making, less mandated by the state.

The Kings Mountain Board of Education has scheduled a one-day work session for January 16 to plan for the year and to talk about implementation of the current reading study.

In January the school system will finish up the first semester of block scheduling at Kings Mountain High School and McRae says he has had only good reports of progress since the new curriculum was implemented this school year.

"Our teachers are working real hard to do a good job in the classroom and we are seeing the results of students and teachers working together," he says.

McRae called the school year 1994-95 "very progressive" for KM District Schools and says he is encouraged by the progress on test results and for the safe comfortable environment that students feel at school.

This is the first year for a resource officer at the high school and McRae says that Ptl. Maurice Jamerson has a good rapport with the student body and the program is working well.

Parent involvement is on the increase at all seven plants in the system and McRae applauds the input of parents in the educational process.

There are no major building projects scheduled in 1996. General maintenance, some roof repairs and carpet replacement will be budgeted as the need arises.

Eaton acquires Brazil business

Eaton Corporation has acquired the remaining 49 percent interest in Mallory Controles Ltda. of Sao Paulo, Brazil, as it said it would do when it acquired a majority interest in Mallory on November 30, 1994. The purchase price for the remaining portion of the company was not disclosed.

These copyright fees are forwarded to the government agency who collects them. Monthly bills will show a line for WWOR/WGN/TBS at the price of \$1.18 and another line for copyright fees at \$.14.

Cablevision offers four premium services: HBO, Cinemax, The Disney Channel and Showtime. In 1996, prices for premium services will be changing. The cost of the first premium service will be \$11.95 per month (plus franchising fees). The cost of each additional premium service will be \$10.95 per month (plus franchise fees). However, if the customer is now a premium service customer, the rate for these services will not increase during 1996 as long as the customer does not make any changes in the services he/she is receiving and as long as the service is not disconnected for any reason.

The impact on a customer's bill will be determined by the services they receive and the equipment they are using.

"In implementing these changes, we worked very hard to keep rates as low as possible for 1996. In fact, the new rates for Basic Service and the Cable Service Package are actually less than the rate allowed by the FCC," said Gunnells. "About two thirds of the total price adjustment under the Social Contract to finance the required technical upgrades for the next five years."

To assure that customers receive as much notice as possible regarding these changes, Time Warner Cable is mailing notices via first class postage to every customer. Following is a summary of the rate changes and a chart comparing the 1995 and the 1996 rates.

Time Warner Cable is complying with the new rules to offer an even lower-priced, Basic Service consisting mostly of local broadcast channels. Beginning January 1 the price for Basic Service will be \$7.17, a decrease ranging from \$2.23 to \$2.32, depending upon the community in which you live. With this reduction in price, Home Shopping Network will move to Basic Service, along with Trinity Broadcasting Network, which becomes a full-time service.

The price of the Cable Service Package is being adjusted to reflect changes in the channels offered, inflation, changes in expenses (particularly programming costs), and other annual and one-time adjustments as allowed by the FCC. Beginning January 1, 1996, the price of the Cable Service Package will be \$14.65.

Beginning in January, TBS and WGN are moving from the Basic Service into the new SuperStation Service at less than their per channel rate. The package of both services will cost \$1.18. With this service, customers now have more choice in selecting these services. With the introduction of this separate package, copyright fees will be itemized on the monthly bills.

Cablevision of KM to add WWOR

Cablevision announced today that WWOR will join TBS and WGN in a new SuperStation Service, beginning in January in all 18 Gaston County systems. The new SuperStation gives customers even more flexibility in selecting the services they want.

Cablevision also announced new prices for 1996 in response to the most recent changes in the federal laws which regulate cable television. While rates vary slightly among the Gaston County communities, the new rate structure includes a further reduction in the Basic Service price and adjustments to reflect changes in inflation and in other programming-related costs.

In the past, adjustments like this were allowed up to four times per year," said Sam Gunnells, General Manager, Cablevision of Kings Mountain/Cherryville. "Now, under the newest rules, they will be made only once per year which provides more rate stability than we or our customers have had since cable rates were re-regulated in 1992."

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is very specific about how cable TV rates are set, and the 1996 prices are within the newest federal rules and regulations, including the FCC's 11th Order On Reconsideration and the recently adopted Social Contract between Time Warner Cable and the FCC.

The 13th Order provides further direction on how cable companies account for inflation and allows cable operators to adjust rates annually rather than quarterly as previously directed by the FCC. The Social Contract between the FCC and Time Warner Cable resolves any pending rate complaints, orders refunds in some communities, requires technical upgrades and provides a number of benefits for public schools.

Kings Mountain Weather Report

	Dec. 20-26	Year Ago
Total precipitation	0	.84
Maximum one day	0	.62 (22)
Year to date	69.71	54.97
Minimum temperature	16 (24)	30 (20)
Maximum temperature	44 (25)	62 (24)
Average temperature	29.6	47.1

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