

Briefs

Clary votes to protect back intangibles tax

Rep. Debbie CLary joined with her colleagues in the North Carolina House this week to pass a bill to protect taxpayers from paying back taxes on intangible property. Following a recent North Carolina Supreme Court ruling, the state Revenue Department has planned to collect additional intangibles taxes from 1990 to 1994. The bill passed by the House this week would prohibit such collections.

"This is an important bill to protect North Carolina taxpayers from unfair taxes. Rather than ordering tax refunds, the Court ruled the state should instead collect back taxes. This simply defies common sense and the House has made a stand against such unjust taxation," said Clary.

House Republicans led the fight to repeal the intangibles tax in 1995. After it was repealed, the United States Supreme Court ruled the tax exemption for North Carolina stock was unconstitutional because it discriminated against out-of-state companies. However, the court ruling did not order refunds and left open the option of assessing intangibles taxes on those who did not pay due to deductions given to North Carolina companies. Such a tax assessment would result in \$375 million in additional taxes placed on North Carolina taxpayers. The House bill passed this week would stop these additional taxes from being assessed.

Additionally, if the bill passes the Senate and is signed by the governor it would make the state liable for refunds to those taxpayers holding out-of-state companies stock who protested the tax between 1990 and 1994.

"House Republicans have proven once again we are committed to protecting the taxpayers of this state. This bill saves taxpayers over \$300 million and will start the process of refunding these taxes. This is exactly the kind of fiscally responsible action the voters sent me to Raleigh to support," Clary said.

Spring concert set by Choral Society

The Gaston Choral Society will present its spring concert May 1 at 8 p.m. in Hunter Huss High School Auditorium.

The theme of the show is "The North Carolina Weather Forecast" and will feature familiar songs from the Piedmont to the coast and mountains.

Tickets can be purchased from any choral member or at Howren's Music on Garrison Boulevard in Gastonia, Pineapples and Uniques on Kendrick Road in Gastonia or The Butterfly at Akers Shopping Center.

Mary McFarland of Belmont is the choral director and Jimmy Brown is accompanist. The public is invited.

Secretaries set annual workshop

The seventh annual Secretaries Workshop will be held April 15 and 16 by the Small Business Center at Cleveland Community College at Vauxhall Convention Center from 8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

The Cleveland County Chamber is co-sponsoring the event and participants may participate on either day.

Guest speakers will include Buddy Freeman and Gale Champion.

The \$20 registration includes lunch and materials. To register, call 484-4040.

Registration under way for KM kindergartners

Children who will be five years old on or before October 16, 1997 should register for kindergarten in their respective school districts. If parents do not know which school their child will attend, they should call the Kings Mountain District Office at 734-5637.

Applications and Kindergarten Health Assessment Reports are available at all elementary schools. The application should be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible. The Kindergarten Health Assessment Report is to be completed by the child's physician or the health department and is due on or before September 8.

Orientation day for incoming kindergarten children and their parents is May 9 at all elementary schools. Parents are to take their child's official birth certificate and social security number. Children cannot be enrolled without the official birth certificate.

On orientation day, parents will take their child to school at 8:30 a.m. and remain for an informative session with the school principal which will last approximately one hour. The children will go to classes and enjoy a typical kindergarten day, ending with lunch as guests of the school system.

Parents will pick up their children at 11:30 a.m. Regular kindergarten children will not attend school that day.

Questions should be directed to Jane C. King, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, at 734-5637.

Fair sets annual Community Yard Sale

The first Community Yard Sale is scheduled at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds April 26 from 8 a.m. until noon.

Inside and outside space in the Dorton Exhibit Hall is available to rent by contacting the Cleveland County Fair Office during office hours 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. Admission is free to the event.

Peggy Goforth says the yard sale is an easy fundraiser for individuals or organizations. Food and drinks will be available from food booths.

April activities slated at KM Senior Center

The following activities have been scheduled at the Kings Mountain Senior Center (Depot). For more information, call Monty Thornburg, Aging Director, at 734-0447.

Senior Center socials are scheduled for April 5 and 18.

Participants are asked to take refreshments and paper products to Friday dances. Admission is \$3.

For transportation, call Linda King at the Senior Center by the Wednesday prior to each dance. The Orphanaries will provide music.

On Saturday, April 19, the Senior Center will leave on an EducaTours bus at 8 a.m. to go

shopping at Anderson Flea Market in Anderson, SC. The cost is \$18 for transportation and insurance and must be paid on the day you register. There must be 40 people sign up. Registration is on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The group will stop for a biscuit on the way to Anderson. Participants may take a lunch or purchase lunch at the flea market. No reservations will be taken after April 4.

The trip committee has also planned a trip to tour the BMW plant sometime in May.

The Whistlestop Boutique is located at the Kings Mountain Senior Center's Red Caboose. The gift shop offers handmade items crafted by area folks age 55 and older such as jewelry, quilts, pillows, ceramics, bird houses, bonnets, wreaths, and more.

The gift shop also offers unique specialty items such as brass/pewter frames, novelty ink pens, bugs in a nut, all occasion candy bars and more.

The gift shop is carrying a new line of embroidered jeans, jumpers, shirts, blue jeans, and some "Way to Go" shirts from Cutter Limited.

Prices in the gift shop are reasonable and free gift wrap is offered.

The gift shop hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month. The store is closed on the first Wednesday of each month.

Persons who cannot shop during regular business hours may contact Sharon Eaker or Monty Thornburg at the Center to make special arrangements.

Senior Games will be held April 21-25 at various sites in Cleveland County. Persons age 55 and over may participate.

Registration packets are available at the Kings Mountain Senior Center and the Cleveland County Council on Aging in Shelby. The fee is \$5 for general registration and \$7 for registration after April 10. There are a few events in which an additional fee is required, including golf (\$13) and bowling (\$4.50).

Events include a fun walk, swimming, long jump, putt-putt, ping-pong, disc throw, spin casting, and more. Participants may sign up for one or all. Everyone who participates in the fun walk will receive a ribbon.



WAKE UP TO ARTS - The Cleveland County Arts Council sponsored a coffee last Tuesday morning at the Kings Mountain Woman's Club to promote the arts. Cleveland County Arts Council is an umbrella organization for 22 arts or art related organizations in the county. Exhibits and brochures featured the breakfast attended by local people. Julia Miller, left, is served refreshments by Wanda Conner, Susan Patterson, Lynn Eskridge, Reba Harper and Mary Ann Hendricks, all of the sponsoring committee.

County rescinds moratorium

County commissioners Tuesday night rescinded an existing moratorium on development of lots of less than three acres in the Waco/Fallston area and set public hearing for input on a new 90-day moratorium for April 15.

The action means that between now and April 15 that some development could proceed.

The new moratorium would prohibit development and expansion of sub-division, manufactured home parks and multi housing developments in the area northwest of Waco to the Gaston County line.

It would not, however, apply to any existing developments with vested rights.

Commissioner Joe Cabaniss, who made the motion, said the moratorium period would allow the county planning board to develop recommendations for a new zoning district and react to the rural agricultural zoning classification proposed in a petition to zone more than 13,000 acres of northeastern Cleveland County.

That petition and request was

referred last month by the county board to the planning board for study. The Planning Board had adopted the recommendation at a recent meeting but some county residents have been up in arms since and a seat was hard to find at Tuesday's regular Commissioner meeting.

County Attorney Julian Wray said the county erred when it did not post adequate notices and provide written notice to adjoining property owners and proper notice was not given in a county newspaper.

"A moratorium will give the county breathing time to work out these technicalities which should not be done in haste," he told a standing room only crowd in the Commissioners Chambers in Shelby.

Commissioner Willie McIntosh made the motion that Tuesday's scheduled public hearing on the matter be canceled and rescheduled after the technicalities are corrected and under the direction of the county attorney. The motion passed 5-0. Commissioners Ralph Gilbert and Mary Accor were absent. Also voting were Bobby

Malloy, Joe Cabaniss, Chairman Jim Crawley and Ray Thomas.

McIntosh also made the motion that the existing moratorium adopted by the board at its March 18 meeting be rescinded because the legal technicalities had not been met. That motion passed 5-0.

Cabaniss then made the motion which outlined the new moratorium public hearing, also a legal requirement, according to the attorney.

Since there are no restrictions on zoning in the county, developers in the next two weeks would only have to meet necessary subdivision ordinances in place and county health regulations, the attorney said.

Wray said the notice of the public hearing must be advertised for two successive weeks in a local newspaper and the first advertisement must run at least 10 days prior to the hearing.

Jerry Weaver of Dallas is circulating a petition against the new zoning classification.

"We feel like the Planning Board is targeting mobile home parks," Weaver said.

KM man tells police he was robbed

Police are investigating the reported armed robbery of a man in his home April 1.

Ricky Carroll, 29, of 802 First St., told Kings Mountain Police that he was robbed at gunpoint by a suspect who pulled a gun

and told him to give him his money.

Police are also investigating a reported attempted arson of an automobile owned by Robert L. Hugley, 33, of 802 Gantt St. Hugley reported that suspects

filled with gas at his 1982 Ford van while it was parked in his driveway.

No arrests have been made in the incident.

Legal Notices

ADMINISTRATOR'S EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified on the 10th day of March, 1997, as Administrator of the Estate of **Kathy Y. Wright**, deceased, late of Cleveland County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the undersigned **William S. Wright**, Administrator on or before the 13th day of June, 1997, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment. This the 13th day of March, 1997. **William S. Wright** Estate of Kathy Y. Wright 727 Oak Grove Road Kings Mountain, North Carolina 28086 KMH1344 (KMH3:13; 3:20; 3:27; 4:3)

ADMINISTRATOR'S EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified on the 7th day of March, 1997, as Administratrix of the Estate of **Jessie W. Palmer**, deceased, late of Cleveland County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the undersigned **Willie S. Palmer**, Administratrix on or before the 13th day of June, 1997, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment. This the 13th day of March, 1997. **Willie S. Palmer** Estate of Jessie W. Palmer 110 Early Road Kings Mountain, North Carolina 28086 KMH1343 (KMH3:L13; 3:20; 3:27; 4:3)

ADMINISTRATOR'S EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified on the 7th day of March, 1997, as Executrix of the Estate of **W. T. Gregory**, deceased, late of Cleveland County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the undersigned **Mildred A. Gregory** on or before the 13th day of June,

1997 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment. This the 13th day of March, 1997. **Mildred A. Gregory, Executrix** Estate of **W. T. Gregory** 114 Fulton Drive Kings Mountain, North Carolina 28086 **GEORGE B. THOMASSON, P.A.** George B. Thomasson P. O. Box 205 Kings Mountain, North Carolina 28086 KMH1341 (KMH3:13; 3:20; 3:27; 4:3)

ADMINISTRATOR'S EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified on the 21st day of January, 1997, as Administratrix of the Estate of **Hurmon Louis Young**, deceased, late of Cleveland County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the undersigned **Mary Lou Young**, Administratrix on or before the 30th day of April, 1997, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment. **Mary Lou Young** Estate of **Hurmon Louis Young** 114 Tabernacle Dr. Kings Mountain, North Carolina 28086 KMH1324 (KMH 3:26; 4:3; 4:10; 4:17)

ADMINISTRATOR'S EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified on the 14th day of March, 1997, as Executor of the Estate of **Margaret P. Henderson**, deceased, late of Cleveland County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the undersigned **Danny T. Henderson**, Executor on or before the 27th day of June, 1997, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment. This the 27th day of March, 1997. **Danny T. Henderson** Estate **Margaret P. Henderson**

221 Oak Grove Rd. Kings Mountain, North Carolina 28086 KMH1347 (KMH 3:27; 4:3; 4:10; 4:17)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF RESOLUTION OF INTENT

(To consider the Closing of a Portion of old Branch Street R-O-W) A Resolution Declaring the Intention of the City Council of the City of Kings Mountain to Consider the Closing of Branch Street Between new Branch Street and Cleveland Avenue.

WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-299 authorized the City Council of the City of Kings Mountain to close public streets and alleys; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Kings Mountain considers it advisable to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of giving consideration to the closing of old Branch Street between new Branch Street and Cleveland Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Kings Mountain that:

- (1) A meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the 29th of April, 1997, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall to consider a resolution closing old Branch Street between new Branch Street and Cleveland Avenue.
- (2) The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Resolution of Intent once a week for four successive weeks in the Kings Mountain Herald.
- (3) The City Clerk is further directed to transmit by registered or certified mail to each owner of property abutting upon that portion of said street a copy of this Resolution of Intent.
- (4) The City Clerk is further directed to cause adequate notices of this Resolution of Intent and the scheduled public hearing to be posted as required by G.S. 160A-299. Adopted this 25th day of February, 1997. **City of Kings Mountain, North Carolina** G. Scott Neisler, Mayor Marilyn H. Sellers, City Clerk

If you need additional information please call the Planning and Inspections Department at 704-734-4595. KMH1353 (KMH 3:27; 4:3; 4:10; 4:17)

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED BY CITY OF KINGS MOUNTAIN

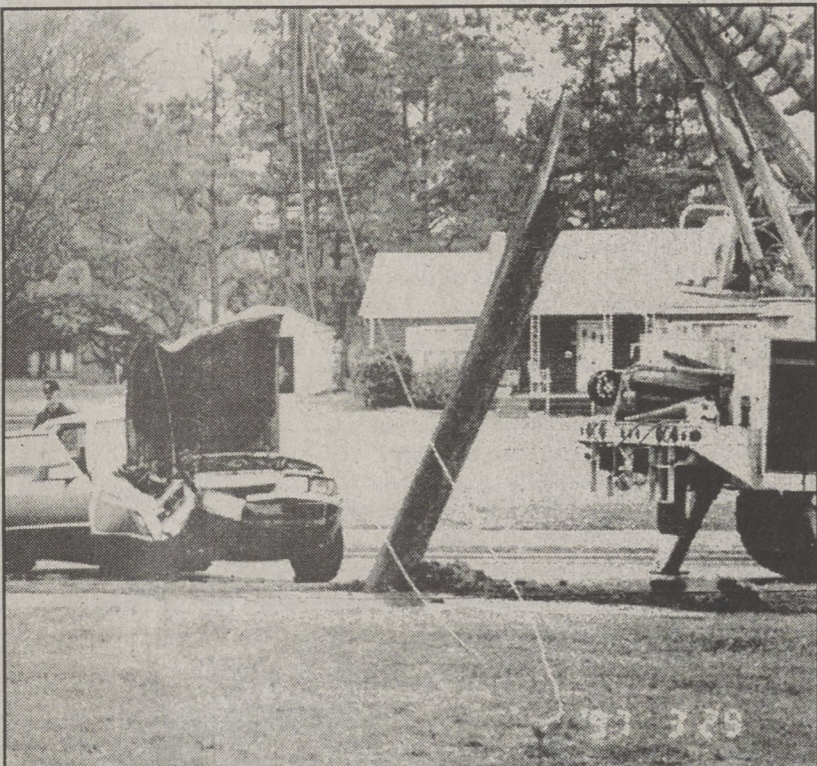
KINGS MOUNTAIN TAX MAP KM-2-7-4 AND KINGS MOUNTAIN TAX MAP KM-2-7-11 (Vacant Lots Near Old U.S. Post Office Building)

The City of Kings Mountain has negotiated and has received from the Kings Mountain Historic Home Preservation, Inc., an offer to purchase that vacant lot as shown on Kings Mountain Tax Map KM-2-7-4 (South Piedmont Avenue) for a sum of \$2,500.00; and that vacant lot as shown on Kings Mountain Tax Map KM-2-7-11 (South Piedmont Avenue) for a sum of \$9,750.00.

This Notice is being published pursuant to N.C.G.S. §160A-267. KMH 1355, 4:3.

ADMINISTRATOR'S EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified on the 19th day of March, 1997, as Executrix of the Estate of **Bonnie H. Owens**, deceased, late of Cleveland County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the undersigned **Sherry Lee Sprouse** on or before the 27th day of June, 1997, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment. This the 27th day of March, 1997. **Sherry Lee Sprouse, Executrix** Estate of **Bonnie H. Owens** 809 Ramseur Street Kings Mountain, North Carolina 28086 **GEORGE B. THOMASSON, P.A.** George B. Thomasson P. O. Box 205 Kings Mountain, North Carolina 28086 KMH1354 (KMH 3:27; 4:3; 4:10; 4:17)



WRECK SCENE - A 16-year-old driver told police she looked down at her car radio and lost control of her 1986 Ford Friday in front of Central Carolina Bank on King Street. The car rammed a utility pole. The driver was treated for injuries at Kings Mountain Hospital and released, according to Ptl. Thomas Bell.