



**EASTERN STAR BENEFIT** - Kings Mountain Chapter 7 Order of Eastern Star ADA will hold a benefit yard sale Saturday beginning at 6:30 a.m. in the parking lot across from Dr. Mason's office at the corner of North Watterson and King Streets. Theresa Long holds up some of the items. Proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund.

**Briefs**

**CCB notes increase in income per share**

CCB Financial Corporation reported today that second quarter 1998 basic income per share increased 15.9% to \$1.46. This compared to \$1.26 earned in the second quarter of 1997, excluding a \$.07 per share gain on the sale of a subsidiary.

Diluted income per share for the second quarter of 1998 was \$1.44. For the first six months ended June 30, diluted operating income per share rose 14.1% to \$2.83 from \$2.48 in the same period of 1997.

During the second quarter of 1998, average loans and leases increased to \$5.2 billion, growing at a rate of 8.8% over the second quarter of 1997. Average deposits grew 5.6% to \$6.1 billion during the second quarter of 1998, over the year-ago quarter. Credit quality continued to be outstanding, with net charge-offs equaling .19% of average loans and reserve coverage of 3.56 times risk assets.

CCB Financial Corporation offers a complete line of traditional banking services, as well as a full array of financial products such as investments, insurance and trust services. Its two

principal banking subsidiaries, Central Carolina Bank and Trust Company in North Carolina and American Federal Bank, FSB in South Carolina, serve customers through 199 offices, including 14 open seven days a week in Harris Teeter stores, 219 ATMs, its Telebanking Center, and on-line banking for both retail and commercial accounts. As of June 30, CCB had total assets of \$7.4 billion.

**First Charter notes third quarter dividend**

First Charter Corporation, the holding company for First Charter National Bank and Bank of Union, announces its third quarter dividend of \$.15 per share. The declaration date was July 15 and the record and payable dates are September 18 and October 15.

The common stock of First Charter Corporation is traded on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "FCTR."

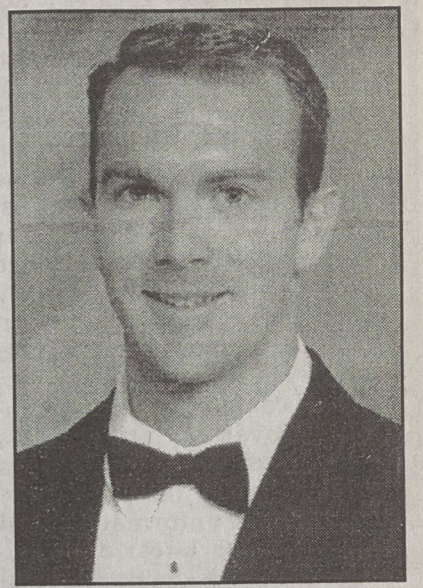
**Free estate planning seminar in Charlotte**  
Cleveland Community

Foundation invites financial advisors, development professionals and interested individuals to attend free seminars on charitable giving and estate planning September 15 at the Charlotte Convention Center.

Conrad Teitell, author and renowned expert on philanthropy, will lead the seminars. From 9-11 a.m., he will discuss charitable giving tax strategies in a seminar designed for development officers and financial advisors including attorneys, accountants, financial planners, trust officers, stockbrokers and insurance professionals. The course has been approved for 1.5 hours of continuing education for North and South Carolina attorneys and 2.0 hours for North and South Carolina insurance professionals, as well as 2.0 hours for CFP licenses.

From 3-5 p.m., Teitell will translate complex legal issues for a general audience, giving attendees the basic knowledge needed to talk intelligently with their financial advisors.

To register for the seminars, visit [www.fttc.org](http://www.fttc.org), or call Holly Welch at Foundation for the Carolinas, (704) 376-9541.



**DR. BRAD FORREST**

**Dr. Howard announces addition of associate**

Dr. Brad Forrest has joined the office of Dr. G.K. Howard Jr. as an associate.

Dr. Forrest is a native of Lexington, KY. He is a graduate of the University of Louisville School of Dentistry and completed his undergraduate degree from the University of Louisville. He recently completed a dental residency program at the East Carolina University School of Medicine.

Dr. Forrest is the son of James and Joyce Forrest, who are natives of Kings Mountain. He is the grandson of Hal and Ruth Plonk. He enjoys many sports, especially Kentucky basketball.

The Howard dental office is in the process of an office and parking lot enlargement and renovation. We look forward to continuing to serve the dental needs of our patients," Dr. Howard said.

**Bible School to begin at Lighthouse Church**

Vacation Bible School will be held July 27-31 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Lighthouse Pentecostal Church, 508 Branch Street, Kings Mountain.

Ages 2-14 are invited. The theme is "I Therefore am a Prisoner of the Lord."

Also, Cross Reference will be in concert at the church July 25 at 7 p.m.

**Bass Pro Shops opens in new Concord mall**

Bass Pro Shops, the world's leading supplier of premium fishing tackle and outdoor gear, has announced plans to open a 140,000 square-foot mega sporting goods store at the new Concord Mills Mall in Concord.

Located two miles east of Charlotte Motor Speedway, the Bass Pro Shops Outdoor store will anchor the 1.5 million square-foot shopping and entertainment center that is expected to attract 15-17 million visitors a year. Connected to the store and mall will be a 300 plus room Outdoor World-Embassy Suites Hotel. The mall is located at I-85 and exit 49-Speedway Boulevard in Charlotte.

**NC unemployment rate lowest it has ever been**

Unemployment in North Carolina is lower than it's ever been using the current measurement formula.

According to the latest state rate, North Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate went down in June from 3.3 to 3.0 percent.



**READING WORKSHOP** - A total of 130 local teachers and assistants have completed a five-day reading workshop conducted by educational consultant Connie Prevatte at Family Worship Center. From left, Grover assistant teacher Glenda Crawford; Jimmy Davis, fourth grade teacher at Grover; Prevatte; Ethel Pederson, Assistant Principal at Kings Mountain High School; and Mary Anne Gibson, kindergarten teacher at Bethware School.



**3RD GRADE A/B HONOR ROLL** - Making the third grade A/B honor roll at Grover School were Cassie Cobb, Justin Greene, Eilene Hanson, Logan Hardin, Britney Horton, Daniel Humphries, Amber Sisk, Reid Smith, Nicholas Yeargin, Brittany Beard, Ashley Canoutas, David Hunter, Alicia Jimson, Keisha Mitchem, Lisa Parker, Corey Watson, Brittany Willis, Lacey Allen, Sherita Curry, Kirsten Harris, Ashley Irvin, Christina Slincy, Chris Miller, Elizabeth Atkins, Brandon Baker, Brad Bell, Brittany Braford, Lyndsey Ellis, Melisa Oulay, Sarah Page, Matt Richardson, Gerica Vinson, TiAnna Whitaker.

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