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To Combat Shortages

Large Gas Users Seek Alternate Fuels



Photo By Lib Stewart

THIS IS CONSTITUTION WEEK — The week Sept. 17-23 is Constitution Week and members of Colonel Frederick Hambricht Chapter DAR are calling attention to the observance with special emphasis on reading of the document. Mayor John Moss is pictured signing the city's official proclamation of Constitution Week as Mrs. Hugh Ormand, a member of the Constitution Week Committee, looks on.

Natural gas allocation to industrial users this winter is still up in the air. Gas suppliers are at the moment meeting with the Federal Power Commission in Washington in the hopes of getting something settled.

Several weeks ago The Mirror-Herald ran a couple of stories based on information supplied by W. D. Edwards, Kings Mountain's gas consultant, in which he said the shortage is critical and that the city's large gas customers will be in for hard times this winter.

The city has nine larger gas customers and representatives of each were contacted for comments on plans for securing alternate heating and manufacturing fuels.

Recently the Federal Power Commission issued an order allowing industry in the state to buy gas directly from the wells. This means the large users could ease potential gas shortages by buying enough to tide them over the next two winters.

At Spectrum Textured Fibers, Inc., Buford DeFore, executive vice president, said, "We do not contemplate buying gas in the intra-state market. We have an alternate fuel, so when natural gas is not available we will convert to fuel oil. The peak shaving plant the city is going to build will in effect store gas at low peak and will be of help to all users of natural gas."

James Dickey of Neisco said, "We have standby fuel. We can use either gas or number two fuel oil." Dickey said the situation has not really been discussed at Neisco.

Carl Devane of Duplex International said, "We are looking at alternate sources of fuel. I have also suggested to the directors of the Chamber of Commerce-Merchants Association that a survey report of what area industry can do in the event of gas shortages this winter."

Devane said in his suggestion that information be gathered on what the allotments are likely to be for this area this winter, then the chamber-merchant secretaries would send out the information to all members.

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Barnes Auditorium Sept. 29

Mirror-Herald Sponsoring Old Timey Town Hall Meet

Because of the great interest in the Kings Mountain municipal election Oct. 7, both from candidates and the general public, The Mirror-Herald will sponsor an old-timey "Town Hall Meeting" at Barnes Auditorium Mon., Sept. 29 at 7:30 p. m.

Letters have been sent to each of the 39 candidates inviting them to attend the meeting. Each candidate will be allotted up to two minutes to make comment on any election issue he or she deems important. After each candidate has had his say the meeting will be thrown open to questions of any or all of the candidates by the audience.

Barnes Auditorium will seat 1,000 comfortably, but about 200 more chairs can be brought in if the citizen interest is that great.

Garland Atkins, Mirror-Herald publisher, said, "Since there are so many candidates

seeking the mayor's office and six commissioner seats we feel interest is also running high among the voters. This meeting is designed to give the candidates a forum and the voters a chance to get some answers to questions pertaining to the candidate, his election platform and local government functions."

Mirror-Herald Editor Tom McIntyre will serve as moderator, introducing each candidate for comments, then spotlighting members of the audience with questions for the candidates.

Operation of Kings Mountain's government is big business and decisions made in commissioner meetings affect the lives of every KM citizen. The Mirror-Herald urges interested citizens to attend this meeting Mon., Sept. 29. It's in your best interests.

Mayor Proclaims Constitution Week

Read the Constitution!

That's the invitation of members of Colonel Frederick Hambricht Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution, calling attention to the week-long observance of Constitution Week beginning today (Thursday).

Mayor John H. Moss Thursday signed official proclamation that the week of Sept. 17-23 is Constitution Week in Kings Mountain.

Flying of the flag and patriotic programs in the area will be emphasized by the DAR.

The Proclamation:

WHEREAS, September 17, 1787, marks the one hundred eighty-eighth anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States of America by Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, To accord official recognition to this memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic exercise that will be a noteworthy feature of the occasion, seems fitting and proper; and

WHEREAS, Public Law No.

915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Henry Moss, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Kings Mountain, in the state of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23, 1975 as

CONSTITUTION WEEK in the City of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, and urge all our citizens to pay special attention during that week to our Federal Constitution and the advantages of American Citizenship.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed at Kings Mountain, North Carolina, this day in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy five and the independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and ninety-fifth.

Mayor John Henry Moss

Post No Bills

On Utility Poles

Attention Candidates: You must have consent of a property owner to post signs and posters for advertising, and posting on telephone, electric light or other poles along any of the city streets are prohibited.

Chief William Roper, Jr. reminds citizens of city ordinances in regard to posting of political handbills, etc. in answer to numerous requests for information.

Chief Roper said that each sign, poster, bill or advertisement posted in violation of Section 3-11 constitutes a separate offense.

Section 3-13 also prohibits distribution of circulars, handbills or other written, printed matter for advertising purposes upon streets or sidewalks of the city without first having obtained a license therefor.



Photo By Gary Stewart

Memory of bygone days...



JACOB COOPER

Cooper Services Monday

Funeral services for Jacob Mauney Cooper were held at 11 a. m. Monday at St. Matthews Lutheran Church by Dr. L. Glenn Cloninger and burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Cooper, 60, of 107 N. Piedmont Ave., died Saturday at Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, following a lengthy illness. A retired textile executive, he served as treasurer of Bonnie Mills.

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Mirror-Herald photographer Gary Stewart and Grady Costner happened across this old tree limb swing during a photo-taking trip last week near Kings Mountain. The swing no

doubt spelled hours of fun once upon a time, but now it hangs idle except for the blow of the wind.

At Noon On Monday

City To Become Official Bicentennial Community

Kings Mountain becomes an official Bicentennial Community Mon., Sept. 22 in brief ceremonies at noon on the steps of city hall.

Dr. Larry Wheeler and Liz Fentress of the N. C. Bicentennial Commission, will present Pat Plonk and Howard Jackson, co-chairpersons of the Kings Mountain Bicentennial Commission, with a Bicen flag, then make the announcement.

Mrs. Plonk said the Kings Mountain Senior High Band is scheduled to play for the ceremonies "and we want to urge as many citizens as possible to

come and share in this presentation.

Application for the official designation was made several weeks ago when Dr. Wheeler visited Kings Mountain for an address at a luncheon meeting with local government and Bicen committee members.

In a recent meeting of the local commission Mayor John H. Moss told of the clean up program getting underway in the city.

The evidence of the cleanup can clearly be seen with street crews cutting grass, painting parking space lines, repairing sidewalks in the downtown

business area.

Sarah Faunce brought the commission up to date on plans for the Kings Mountain and Gaston a Little Theaters to jointly produce the musical "1776" in Barnes Auditorium sometime in February.

A letter from Mrs. Lois Sexton Smith of Bessemer City informed the commission her family now owns a cradle, chair and trundle bed which belonged to Preston Goforth and that her family is willing to donate the items to the current project to restore the Goforth homeplace.

Howard Jackson read a

letter from Rep. James Broyhill showing his support of and his contacts on behalf of the Goforth project. Jackson urged the commission members to write Congressman Broyhill thanking him for his efforts on behalf of Kings Mountain, both in helping to get the Goforth project off the ground and in helping to get President Gerald Ford to come to Kings Mountain on Oct. 7.

Jackson also discussed an appropriate gift from the commission to President Ford

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For Beaunit Employees

On Strike Or Laid Off?

ESC Hearing May Decide

Taking precedent over a transfer contract is the dispute over whether or not 45 employees of Beaunit Trucking Co. are on strike or being laid off of their jobs here this week.

Currently the Employment Security Commission is scheduling a hearing for the truckers who have filed claims for unemployment

benefits.

Franklin Ware, director of the ESC offices in Shelby and Kings Mountain, was quoted this week as stating the hearing is the first step when claims come from a company where there is claimed to be a labor dispute.

Ware also commented the date and location of the hearing have not been firm

yet.

Beaunit officials, according to press reports, have not made comment on the situation.

The Beaunit employees are members of Teamster Union Local 61. Their contract with Beaunit expired Aug. 31, but they continued working

On The Inside

Starting today is the first of four articles of great importance to Kings Mountain and area high school students. Compiled by the U. S. Department of Labor, the articles concern continued education geared toward specific career fields.

The lack of training, to a great extent, is now evident in the number of high school and even college graduates who

find themselves unable to nail down employment.

Statistics show that one out of every three high school graduate leaves school without definite career plans and as a result is threatened to be left behind in the race for over 60 million job openings expected in the next 10 years.

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The North Carolina Arts Council has \$1 million to spend from Oct. 1 through June 30, 1976 for in-residence artists and administrators.

Cleveland County is one of 14 counties throughout the state where artisans are eligible for these jobs. The time for applying is short, but it's the chance of a lifetime for the gifted citizens of our area. Read the details on Page 4A today.