This Is Eye Bank Month

December has been selected as "Eye Bank Month" by the North Carolina Lions Association for the Blind and the North Carolina Eye & Human Tissue Bank. During this month, a concentrated effort will be made by all Lions Club members to obtain donor pledges.

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"The need for corneal tissue is a large and urgent one" according to Mrs. Frances T. Hughes, program coordinator for the Eyes Bank. "There are over 200 patients on the waiting list and the wait may be a long one if the public does not respond affirmatively", she said.

When a donor dies and no longer needs eye tissue, it can be quickly removed by trained technicians or physicians. In Winston-Salem, arrangements will be made for the transportation of the tissue to the hospital that the patient will enter. "Human tissue is never bought or sold" said Mrs. Helen Bunce, Executive Director of the Eye Bank, "and there is never any expense to the donor's family for removal of tissue".

If more people were aware of

Councilmen Attend Meeting

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Childers said citizens would be required to put their garbage containers on the side of the street and the city would have to work out a program of collect the garbage of persons unable to place their own containers on the street.

The KM commissioners were in Detroit during the time that Libyan assassins were supposed to be crossing the Detroit River from Canada into the U.S.

"We were staying across the river in Windsor, Canada," Childers noted, "and could see the Convention Center from our hotel. But it took us 30 to 45 minutes to get to the center because of going through customs. Pfficers on both the Canada and U.S. side would come on board the shuttlebus and ask to see some identification of all the passengers. That was an experience in itself."

The Kings Mountain group helped elect Feard Harrison of Scotland Neck, N.C., to the presidency of the National League of Cities. Scotland Neck's population is 2,900. "It's not often you see a small city man elected President of the National League of Cities," Childers

Ring Bells

The Kings Mountain Ministerial Association will be ringing bells to solicit donations for the Helping Hand Fund Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Kings Mountain shopping centers.

Ministers will set up tripods in front of TG&Y, Ray's Drug and Harris-Teeter from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. all three days.

All proceeds go to the Helping Hand Fund, a year-round assistance program for needy families in the greater Kings Mountain area.

The Ministerial Association would like to publicly thank TG&Y, Ray's Drug and Harris-Teeter for allowing us to collect money in front of their businesses," said a spokesman for the group.

DEATHS

H.P. KEETER

Harry Paul Keeter, 81, of Greensboro, died Thurs., Dec. 10 at Wesley Long Hospital.

A native of Grover, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Keeter. He was a former resident of Kings Mountain and Bessemer City and was retired from Carnes and Mayo Clothing of Greensboro.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Greensboro. Surviving are his wife, Margie Keeter; one son, D.J. Keeter III of Columbia, Md.; three sisters, Mrs. J.P. (Viola) Wharton of Greensboro, Mrs. J.H. B. (Ethel) Jenkins of York, S.C., and Mrs. E.L. (Leo) McBride of Dunedin,

Fla.; and three grandchildren. Graveside services were conducted Sat., Dec. 12 at Westminister Gardens, Greensboro, by Dr. S. O. Ray.

how donations could be made, they would gladly extend the life of their loved one through the gift of corneas that may give sight for years to come. The

Lions Club members have labored many years to obtain pledges from thousands of North Carolinians, and now with the aid of information placed on the drivers licenses, the amount of tissue has increased. However, the responsibility for donor information getting to the hospital rests primarily with the family who are grief stricken and not

likely to recall. Realizing this fac-

tor, many hospitals are pledging their support.

There is no substitute for corneal tissue and eye surgeons across the state are dependant on the generous donations made by the donors' next of kin. By having December as "Eye Bank Month", it is hoped that all will consider eye donations among the richest gift that can be given.

Interested persons may contact their local Lions Club or write to the North Carolina Eye & Human Tissue Bank, 3195 Maplewood Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC 27103.

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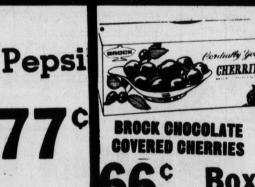
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