

Again, Duke 'Shares The Warmth'

For the third year, Duke Power Co. is inviting its customers to "Share the Warmth" by contributing \$1 to \$25 to a fund that will help needy Piedmont Carolinians pay any type of winter heating bill. Individual donations up to \$25 will be matched by the utility's shareholders who have earmarked \$400,000 for this winter's Share the Warmth program.

Bills sent to customers between Nov. 23 and Dec. 21 will include a special postage-paid envelope. Separate checks, made out to the Duke Power Foundation Warmth Fund, should be returned in that envelope. Local assistance agencies will distribute the funds. In Mooresville, South Iredell, the Mooresville Christian Mission will determine eligibility for receiving the assistance.

"By writing a separate check for the contribution, customers will have a record of their gift, and we can get the funds to the agencies as soon as possible to help the needy," Dick Fortanberry, Duke Power manager, said.

Customers who want their contribution to go to a specific county may indicate their preference in the space provided on the back of the special envelope, Fortanberry explained. If no preference is made, the donation and matching funds from the shareholders will be sent to the agencies in counties where the need is greatest.

Between Share the Warmth and the Community Challenge Heating Fund, Duke Power's other assistance program, a potential of more than \$2 million will be available to help Piedmont Carolinians meet winter heating costs, Fortanberry said.

Holiday

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afternoon. Classes will be resumed Monday, Nov. 30.

Mooresville Mills, a Burlington Industries plant, will operate Thanksgiving Day.

Fleetwood Homes of North Carolina will be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Sterling Engineering Products Inc. will be closed from midnight today (Wednesday) until midnight today (Wednesday) in observance of the holiday season.

The municipal offices will be closed from the end of the business day today (Wednesday) until 8:30 a.m. Monday.

Draymore Manufacturing Corporation and Superb Print Works will be closed Thursday and Friday.

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, Custom Products Inc. will be closed Thursday and Friday.

L.B. Plastics Inc. will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Gus Black

Passes; Rites

Tuesday

Gus Black, 73-year-old resident of 316 Lakeside Ave., Davidson, died Saturday at the University Hospital in Charlotte.

Born in Mecklenburg County on April 24, 1914, Mr. Black was a son of the late Walter and Jennie Alexander Black.

He was a member of Gethsemane Baptist Church in Davidson.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Maggie Black Smith, at home and Mrs. Gussie Black Latta of Davidson. Nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services for Mr. Black were conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Gethsemane Baptist Church, with the Rev. Clemmet Morris officiating. Burial was in the Christian Aid Society cemetery in Davidson.

Benfield

Laid To Rest

Monday

A funeral for Gilbert Savannah Benfield, 71-year-old resident of Mooresville, route 5, was conducted at 11 a.m. Monday in the Westmoreland Chapel of Bunch-Johnson Funeral Home in Statesville, with the Rev. Charles McFarlane and the Rev. Frank Goforth officiating. Burial was in Iredell Memorial Gardens, south of Statesville.

Mr. Benfield died at his home Friday of last week.

A native of Iredell County, Mr. Benfield was born on April 24, 1916, a son of the late John and Frances Turner Benfield.

A veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army, Mr. Benfield was a member of Beulah Heights Baptist Church. He was a retired employee of Troutman Chair Company.

He was never married. Surviving are: two brothers, Johnnie H. Benfield of Mooresville and Dwight Benfield of Statesville; and one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson of Salisbury.

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service

With four churches participating, a community Thanksgiving Eve service is scheduled to be held at Rocky Mount United Methodist Church this Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, according to the church's pastor, the Rev. Dale Holcombe.

In addition to Rocky Mount, churches participating are Williamson's Chapel, McKendree's Chapel and Berea Baptist.

The speaker will be the Rev. Kermit (Rusty) Burns, minister of music at Berea Baptist Church.

A choir made up of choir members from the four churches participating in the service will provide special music.

The public is cordially invited to attend the service.

Thanks

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complete.

"It would be easier and faster to mail them to, but we want to talk to each business operator about the buttons," Johnson said. "We want them to understand that this is a simple way to say thank you and a way to enhance the image of their business and the entire business community."

Also, scheduling the start of the program around Christmas and near the beginning of the 1988 is no coincidence.

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BARRY MAYSON

Former Hell's Angel At Senior High

Barry Mayson will speak at a student assembly at the Mooresville Senior High Nov. 30 at 9 a.m. Mason addresses young people nationwide on the subject of drug addiction. And he has the background for it. Mayson was a member of the Hell's Angels club for three years before getting his life straightened out.

At 2 p.m. Monday, he will address students at West Rowan High School. He will speak at 7:30 p.m. the same day at Back Creek Presbyterian Church at Mt. Ulla. The schools and the church emphasized this week that the public is welcome to attend the programs.

McGuire Leak Closes Plant's Unit No. 1

Duke Power's Unit 1 at the McGuire Nuclear Station was shut down for a day last week when a small leak was found in a nuclear water system.

According to Bruce Hamilton, superintendent of technical services, the water was contained within the systems.

Technicians were able to identify the leak Thursday afternoon as a valve that needed readjustment. The repair was made and the unit was back in operation Friday.

"There was no release of radioactivity and no danger to the public or the employees," said Hamilton.

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Highways

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operations for the project will begin about one month later. When planning and design functions are completed, probably around the end of 1992, construction will begin. The construction is expected to take one year to complete.

The project will involve five-laning 1.9 miles of N.C. 150 starting at the Plaza Drive/N.C. 150 intersection. The overall cost of the project, which will include curb and guttering, has been estimated at \$2.8 million.

The widening of N.C. 150 out to I-77 is one of four major new projects in this district added to the state's TTP this year.

Other major projects approved in District 12 involve widening of N.C. 16 in Lincoln County, U.S. 321 in Newton and Lenoir-Rhyne Boulevard in Hickory.

The N.C. 150 project was on the state's TTP for feasibility study last year and was formally adopted as a TTP item during the state board of transportation's sessions earlier this month. The additional lanes will be built on existing right-of-way.

Widening of both Plaza Drive and N.C. 150 has been a top priority for local government and chamber of commerce representatives for several years. Representatives of the town and chamber have pushed for the projects in an effort to ease the growing traffic problems on the two roads.

Contest

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Christmas has also been announced for local merchants.

Most local businesses will remain open until 9 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays starting Nov. 27 and the majority of the stores will also remain open until 9 p.m. Dec. 20 through Dec. 24.

"The extended business hours, the Christmas lights and the window displays should make for a really nice attraction," Erick said. "We hope all the local merchants decide to participate."

Local Tri-County

Clinic To

Move Office

The Mooresville clinic of Tri-County Mental Health Complex will move to Oak Tree Plaza, 132 West Statesville Ave. Its services will be available at the new location starting Monday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. in the Roland B. Morgan auditorium at Mooresville Senior High School.

Alumni members will sing with the chorus on three songs—Come To The Stable, Still, Still, Still and Silent Night.

There will be two rehearsals for the alumni: Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 3:30 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m.

All alumni interested should try to attend at least one of the two rehearsals. If you cannot attend either rehearsal, but would still like to participate you are urged to contact Willie Beaver at (704) 683-1160.

Rookie Traffic Cop

Prove's He's A Dummy

A rookie "traffic officer" was suspended after only four days on the job for being a dummy who didn't get the job done. Recalled from the Dallas Police Department's corps of first-aid men, the officer was placed in a parked patrol car as a deterrent against speeding, but motorists were not fooled.

"They were slowing down, but as soon as they got past they figured the danger was over," said Capt. W. R. Patterson of the traffic division.

It's a wonderful arrangement too many of us take for granted. Established around 1955, it has been nurtured by the 30-member board of directors of the community.

The 30-member board has equal representation from area churches, civic clubs and the citizenry at large. It is run on a businesslike basis, and the business is that of extending a helping hand in behalf of all of us.

This week, the community welcomes the Rev. Fred Petrea as director of the Christian Mission. And we express our gratitude to Shaw Brown, who has earned a rest and who asked to be relieved after coming out of retirement and running the Mission seven years. The torch is passed, the vital work goes on.

—The Christian Mission puts the salve on the sore, and the South Iredell Red Cross Chapter's blood services program puts the blood in the body. The value is comparable; the difference is in methodology.

Think on that, and be thankful for your opportunity to give someone the very stuff of life at the War Memorial Nov. 25. (I use the date because your Monday is our Tuesday, so Tuesday can be your and our Wednesday. But never mind that, just support the bloodmobile.)

And when you do, think of people such as Robert Howard who lives on River Road, who delivers mail to his share of rural South Iredell, and who, as a Red Cross blood donor, is working on his 14th gallon. You know this man has his values in order. Join him and other Thanksgiving Eve givers, won't you.

It's All Lies, But We Believe It

If all you know is what you read in the papers, you can get mightily confused on occasion. For instance:

Nov. 8—Ordinary, everyday radio waves discombobulate electronics in the Army's most sophisticated troop-carrying helicopter, jam the controls and cause it to crash. Nov. 10—Said helicopter's building and said Army say nothing could be farther from the truth. No accident involving said helicopter ever has been attributed to interference from radio waves. A member of the House Armed Services Committee dismissed the Nov. 8 report as "nothing more than sensational journalism." Nov. 12—Said Army said, after meeting with said helicopter builder, that it will shield the electronics of said helicopter from interference from said radio waves. Widows and orphans of crews of crashed said helicopters have not checked in, but their lawyers may have heard from them.

Those Grade-A Brown Grandkids

C.C. Brown struts in from Prospect this morning with the kind of Thanksgiving all grandparents can identify with: "Five grandchildren made 30 A's this quarter. One on the honor roll. If you can beat this record, trot them out. P.S.: put this anywhere in the paper, just as long as it's free. After paying out \$30 for A's, I'm broke."

I'm From The Government And...

It is a 9 by 4 manilla window envelope. "The sum of FOUR HUNDRED" and "pay to the order of" me, "Acct. No. 1498-9107140," is in the window. The return address: "Department of Communications, etc. etc., Atlanta, Ga." You know you're going to open that sucker.

Inside is a pale green "Vehicle Redemption Coupon" complete with picture of a perched eagle.

It's your run-of-the-mill junk. A come-on to come on in and apply that check to the cost of a brand-new car any dealer will come more than \$400 off the sticker price of.

It ain't mail fraud, but it ain't exactly straight-arrow advertising, either.

Engineers

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the Corps of Engineers, the LNMCC said it remained impartial on the request, but "we feel a public issue should be addressed publicly, and a local issue should be discussed locally."

County commissioners, he essentially the same request, that a public hearing on the project be held in Iredell County.

Meanwhile, petitions opposing the causeway and containing more than 500 signatures were delivered to the Corps late last week.

The Corps spokesman said it asked county government, in a letter dated Nov. 20, for a "definitive position" about the causeway in order to gauge the "flavor of public opinion" about the project.

"Technical aspects of these projects nearly always are solvable through permit conditions," he said. "If a bridge is too low, make it higher, but sort of things."