

KM Native Rhyne Retires After 24 Years As Graham Mayor

Twenty-four years ago, Kings Mountain native Myron Rhyne was elected mayor of Graham, N.C., a small town which was suffering from a severe water shortage and barely had enough money to meet its monthly payroll.

Last month, the 69-year-old Rhyne retired, leaving the city with a good water system which not only serves Graham, but has extra water to sell its neighbors, and a surplus of \$1.6 million in the bank.

A huge crowd of citizens attended the December council meeting, and one by one thanked Mayor Rhyne and retiring City Manager Bruce Turney for their tenure of service. Turney, who also retired, was employed by the city in June of 1957, one month after Rhyne was elected to his first term of office.

Three years earlier, the county had a severe drought, was dumping its sewage directly into Haw River and was having trouble meeting its payroll.

With Rhyne's leadership, the city council built Quaker Lake, which now supplies Graham and other area towns during times of shortage, and the town later built the Graham Wastewater Treatment Plant and has installed sewer lines to serve 99 percent of the city's residents.

Rhyne takes none of the credit, but instead says the progress is due to a good working relationship

with the city council and city manager.

Rhyne was born and reared in Kings Mountain and graduated from Kings Mountain High School and N.C. State University. After a tour of duty with the Army during World War II, he began a lengthy career with Cannon Mills, from which he is now retired.

Cannon once offered him a big promotion, which would have necessitated a move to Kannapolis, but because of his love for Graham, he turned it down.

He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rhyne. His mother, Cora Long Rhyne, served as Principal of West Elementary School for a number of years, and his father was the superintendent of Mauney Mills, Bonnie Mills and Kings Mountain Manufacturing (now Kings Mills).

He has one sister, Mary Dellinger, who still resides in Kings Mountain, and one aunt, Mrs. M.L. Houser, a resident of the Kings Mountain Convalescent Center. His older brother, Lamar, is deceased.

His wife is the former Sarah Hambright of Kings Mountain. She is the sister of Mrs. Lawrence Patrick, Mrs. Kemp Stowe and Claude Hambright, all of Kings Mountain, and is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hambright.

Rhyne got his start in the textile business during high school when he worked in the dye house of the Margrace and Pauline mills.

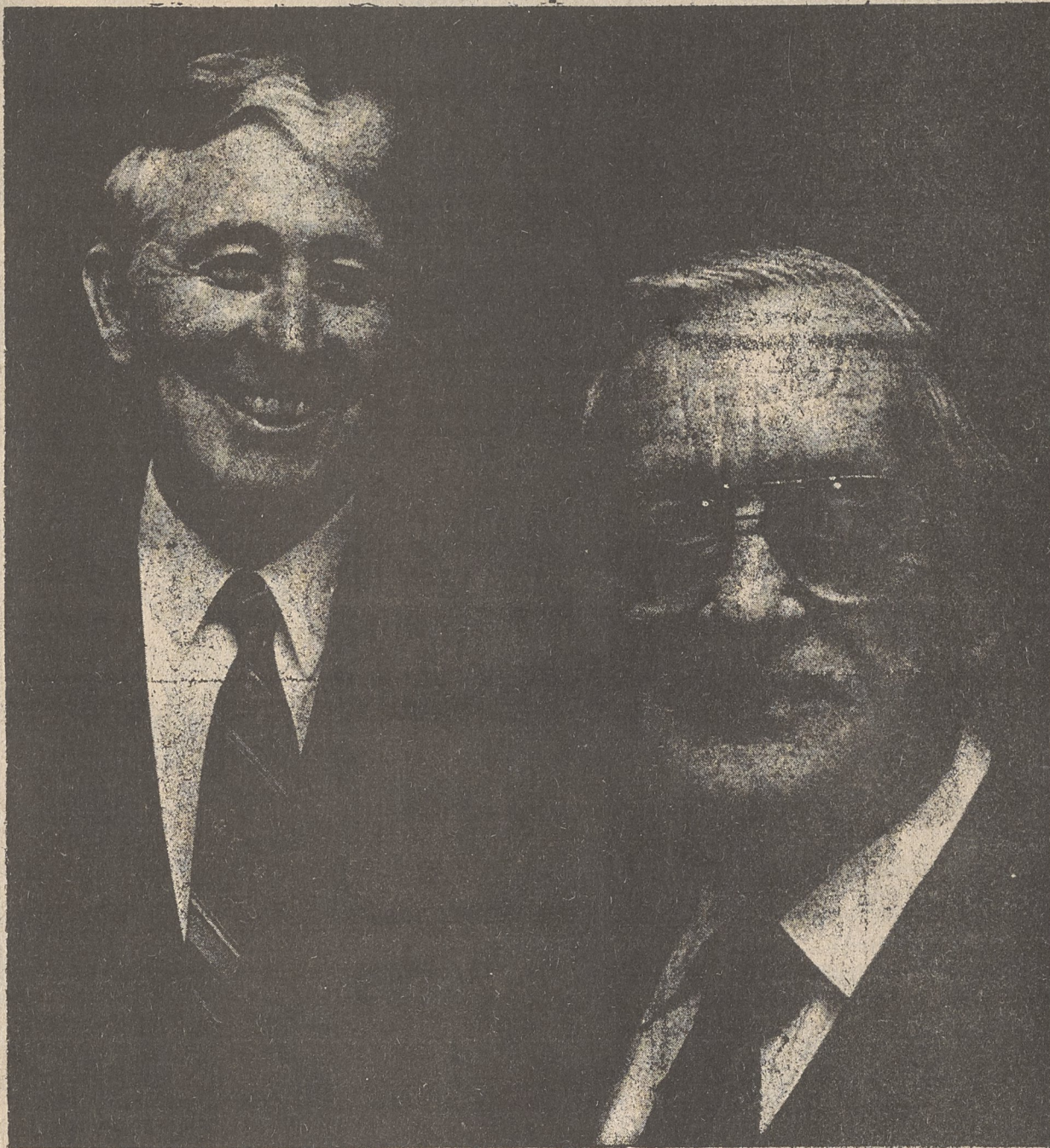


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Retired Graham Mayor Myron Rhyne, right, and Graham City Manager Bruce Turney

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Library Notes

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Happy New Year from the Mauney Memorial Library! We've made a resolution to make 1982 a library year and to do what we can to make sure you get the books and information you need.

Are you a working parent? We know how hard it is for you to juggle job, your home and your kids in a mere 24-hour day. It can be difficult to fit the library into that schedule.

It was with this in mind that we have changed the public library's hours. We will now be open every Monday evening and every Saturday afternoon, in addition to our weekly schedule. Starting January 1st, the Mauney Memorial Library will be open at the following times:

Monday - 12 noon 'til 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday through Saturday - 11:00 a.m. 'til 5:00 p.m.

We're hoping that parents and students and everyone else will have more opportunity now to use the services of the public library.

Speaking of parents, countless studies have shown that it is the parent, not the teacher, who is the single most important influence in a child's ability to learn to read. This is especially true when the child is from three to five years of age. This is the time when children are mastering all those basic skills necessary to reading. There are many things a parent can do to encourage his or her child. But by far the easiest, most enjoyable and most successful is simply to read to your child.

This is one reason why librarians like to give storyhours. The more exposure to books and stories that a child receives, the better a reader she or he will become.

All of this is leading up to the fact that weekly story programs are coming to the Mauney Memorial Library. Any child aged three to five is invited to attend and participate in stories, games, songs and other activities especially designed to help introduce the preschool child to the world of reading. We are extending the invitation to nursery school classes and to parents who wish to learn more about children's books.

The thirty-minute Storytime sessions will begin at 11:00 a.m. every Wednesday morning from January 30th to February 10th. There is, of course, no fee for the program although registration is required. If you would like to register your preschool-aged child for Storytime you may do so by visiting the Mauney Memorial Library at 100 S. Piedmont St. or by calling the library at 739-2371.

Almost every day is a special day for a youngster. But some days are more memorable than others. We will explore these "Favorite Days" through books and songs during Storytime. Birthdays, of course, will get their share of attention, as will Snowy days and Supermarket Day. And since February 10th is very close to Valentine's Day, we will celebrate the holiday with a Valentine Party.

Every week the children will listen and enjoy their favorite stories, songs and fingerplays. Then they will have a chance to choose some books for themselves out of a box called "Chester's Choice".

And who is Chester? He is someone who likes little children very much. And children who come to Storytime will be able to meet him. For more information about Storytime and other services of the Mauney Memorial Library, please call us at 739-2371.

Social Calendar

Awards Banquet Is Scheduled On January 13

The Cleveland County Chapter of the National Kidney Foundation of N.C. will hold its First Annual Awards Banquet at the Holiday Inn in Shelby, on Wednesday, January 13, 1982 at 7 p.m.

Featured speaker of the evening will be Congressman James T. Broyhill. Other dignitaries will be Representative Edith Lutz; Senator Ollie Harris; Ed Wooters, President of the National Kidney Foundation of N.C.; and Larry Comer, Executive Director of the National Kidney Foundation of N.C.

Stop Smoking Clinic Slated

You have nothing to lose but bad habits if you attend a stop smoking or weight control hypnosis clinic sponsored by the American Lung Association or North Carolina, Catawba Valley Region.

You will be offered the \$35 fee back after the first of three hypnotic inductions featured in each one-session clinic. If you feel hypnosis will not work for you, you've lost nothing but a few moments of your time. If it works, you will join the hundreds of North Carolina residents who've successfully stopped smoking and lost weight with these popular clinics.

The stop smoking clinic will be at 6:00 p.m. and the weight control clinic at 8:00 p.m. on January 11 at the Eastridge Mall on New Hope Road in Gastonia. To register, call the American Lung Association at (704) 464-2413, or the Self Psych office toll free at 1-800-521-3998.

The clinics will be conducted by James H. Hoke, author of the best selling self-help book, "I Would If I Could And I Can." Nationally known as behavior counselor and hypnotherapist, Hoke is president of Self Psych, Inc., which has offered the same clinics for American Lung

Association affiliates in 74 cities in 11 states.

Ollie Harris Will Speak At Meeting

State Senator Ollie Harris will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Post 155 American Legion Auxiliary Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the legion building.

Senator Harris will speak on the State Legislature.

Myrtle Christenson, president, will preside over the meeting and hostesses will be Daisy McCurry, Ida Houser, Thelma Hicks and Mrs. John Gladden. Mrs. McCurry will introduce Senator Harris.

Little Theatre Meets Tonight

The Kings Mountain Little Theatre will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thurs., Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Parkgrace Auditorium.

The theatre is currently working on its second production of the season, which is the children's musical "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown."

It is being directed by Debbie Rushing. Five performances will be scheduled in mid-February.

Class Of '44 Plans Reunion

The Kings Mountain High School Class of 1944 (11th and 12th) graders will have their 38th reunion on April 24. Addresses are needed for the following persons: Pauline Ervin, Carolyn Maxine Morris, Mary Francis Walters, Albert Huffstickler and Robert Kenneth Earley.

Anyone having those addresses is asked to call Mrs. Nell Costner Falls at 739-3943.



JULIA KAREN SHERRILL
(Bride-Elect of George Eugene Williamson)

ENGAGED - Rev. and Mrs. C. George Sherrill of 805 Katherine Avenue, Kings Mountain, have announced the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Julia Karen, to George Eugene Williamson, son of the late George Eugene and Anna Hartley Williams. Julia Karen is a graduate of Holbrook High School, Lowell, and Gaston Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. She is employed by Iredell Memorial Hospital, Statesville, as nursing supervisor. The groom-to-be is a graduate of Davidson Community College and is employed by the Statesville Police Department as a patrolman. A February wedding is planned.

Miss Neisler, Mr. Sumner Plan May 22 Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mauney Neisler, Jr., announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Elizabeth, to Harold Randolph Sumner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Townsend Sumner of Gastonia.

Both Miss Neisler and Mr. Sumner attended high school at Gaston Day School in Gastonia. Miss Neisler received a Bachelor of Arts degree in French from Davidson College and studied

for one year at the Universite de Montpellier in France. Mr. Sumner received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Both are currently in their final year of study at the Wake Forest School of Law in Winston-Salem.

The wedding will be held on May 22, 1982, at the First Presbyterian Church of Kings Mountain.