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KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

21-Cent Gas Increase Okayed By City Board

Kings Mountain natural gas customers will see their bills increase by 21.69 cents per MCF (1,000 cubic feet) March 1.

The city board of commissioners Monday night unanimously approved the passing along of the exact increase that the city's supplier, Transco, is increasing its costs.

Charles Heath of Heath and Associates, the city's gas consultant, told the board that the increase is a result of the Natural Gas Pricing Act of 1978 which

allows for the deregulation of gas through 1985.

"The cost for natural gas is still just a fraction of the costs of other fuels," Heath pointed out. "Something has moved oil prices down the last couple of months, but the two are still far apart."

Heath pointed out that the city decreased its rate by 35 cents last November. "We had some break then," he said, "but I don't expect that to be the case in the future."

Commissioner Jim Childers

pointed out that "the average citizen is not going to realize this is in effect until the next heating season, because we're close now to the end of the heating season. Then, we're going to be hit with 'Why did you go up on our gas rates?'"

In other action Monday night, the board:

*Approved a contract between the City Fire Department and parties outside the city limits to provide fire coverage. The cost will be \$250 per year. Fire

Chief Gene Tignor pointed out that the contract is for industries and businesses only. The 2,000 homes outside the city which are served by the fire department will still be covered under their home fire insurance.

*Authorized advertisement for bids for an additional aerator for the Pilot Creek Treatment Plant.

*Approved a request from Parkdale Mills to place no parking signs on the south side of Oak Street between Railroad

Avenue and South Cansler Street.

*Approved plans and specifications for restoration of a wall at the old Roses Store which was recently demolished by wind, and authorized advertisement for bids for the project. Marvin (Pete) Baugham of L. Pegram Holland Jr. Architects said the wall design will be identical as before, but the wall this time will be anchored by 16" and

24" hooked anchors. He said it is not a "nail-type" anchor which was used in the wall before.

*Received and forwarded to the Zoning Board a request from Bobby R. Collins to rezone property on Gantt Street from R-8 to Light Industry.

*Authorized advertisement of bids for city liability and workmen's compensation insurance.

KM Men Charged In Bust

Two Kings Mountain men were among five arrested on drug charges Saturday night outside Hardee's Restaurant on East King Street.

James Charles Tesseneer, 28, of 405 North Cansler Street, and Jeffrey Alan Carroll, 23, of 208 Benfield Road, were charged along with Kevin Kirsh, 27, of 105 Bellwood Drive, Clover, S.C., Turley Wendell Kelly, 23, of 4912 Duncan Lane, Gastonia, and Sheryl Ann Lawrence, 23, of 327 Sharview Circle, Charlotte.

The charges were the result of a 1½ month long investigation of major drug dealers in Gaston and Cleveland counties and the York, S.C., area. The Gastonia and Kings Mountain Police Departments and the State Bureau of Investigation took part in the raid.

According to police, undercover agents had set up a drug "buy" in the parking lot of Hardee's. Police said two pounds, or \$80,000 worth, of MDA (methylendioxyamphetamine) was seized.

All persons arrested are in Gaston County jail under \$200,000 bonds.

Kirsh is the son of South Carolina Representative Herbert Kirsh, whose district includes York County.

He was charged with possession of MDA, possession with intent to sell MDA and conspiracy to sell and deliver Schedule I controlled substances.

Kelly was booked on 13 drug-related charges, Tesseneer on five charges, and Carroll and Ms. Lawrence on three charges each.

At least two shots--and possibly more--were fired during the arrests in the back parking lot of Hardees. Police said one of the suspects pulled a shotgun on them as they attempted to take them into custody, but no one was hurt.

KM Lad Dies From Injuries

An 11-year-old Kings Mountain boy died Monday in the Charleston, S.C., Medical Center from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Funeral services for William Edward Conrad, of 3170 Midpines, will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. at Masters Funeral Home Chapel by Sister Shirley Annis and Brother Grady Annis. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

William is survived by his father, Johnny D. Conrad of Gastonia; his mother, Glenda Mason Martin of Charleston, S.C.; two brothers, Michael John Conrad and Brian Scott Martin of Charleston; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Mason of Kings Mountain; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Winonia Woods of Bryson City; and his paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Estelle Thompson of Gastonia.



ROCK-A-THON - February is Heart Month and residents of the Kings Mountain Convalescent Center did their part to fight heart disease by holding a rock-a-thon. As the residents rocked, Carolyn Bell (background) of the Administrative Staff circulated through the crowd and collected pledges. "The Swinging Mountaineers"--Kings Mountain's Senior Citizen Band--and other musical groups provided the entertainment.

Photo by Gary Stewart



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ADOPT SCHOOL LEADERS - Pictured above are some of the people who will be coordinating the Adopt-A-School program, which was officially kicked off in Kings Mountain at a breakfast last Friday at KMHS. Left to right are June Lee, school board chairman; Wanda Conner, parent coordinator; Madeline McEl-

veen, guest speaker and coordinator of the statewide program; Madelyn Efird, volunteer specialist for the 6th Education Region; Superintendent William Davis; Jimmie Mickler of Governor Hunt's staff; William Hager, community schools coordinator; and Gail Hightower, teacher coordinator.

Adopt School Program Kicked Off Here Friday

By GARY STEWART
Editor

Kings Mountain District Schools officially kicked off an Adopt-A-School program with a breakfast for school and industry officials Friday morning at the KMHS cafeteria.

The Adopt-A-School program is a statewide effort, sponsored by the State Department of Public Instruction and Community Schools Act, to promote the use of volunteers in the public schools.

Orientation meetings are planned for 10 a.m. Friday at each school in the KM. district. At that time, Principals and persons who have volunteered as teacher and parent coordinators of the programs will inform the public of the procedures of administering the program and the individual school needs. All in-

terested persons are urged to attend the meetings.

Madeline McElveen, an educator for 39 years and the Coordinator of Volunteers for the Governor's Office of Citizen Affairs Primary Reading and Adopt-A-School programs for the past four years, was the guest speaker at Friday's breakfast meeting.

Mrs. McElveen, who encourages the participation of industries, businesses, individuals and churches in school programs, told the crowd that a dedicated teacher "is the greatest resource we have on this earth,

but they have to have help in reaching people. Most of us are where we are because someone helped us get here," she said.

Schools have been in the process of assessing needs, both in the areas of academics, and material necessities. The industries, individuals, churches and other groups are urged to provide the volunteer personnel and, when necessary, funds to provide the necessities. Mrs. McElveen cited several cases of need in schools which seemed unattainable but were met because people worked together.

"This is the fourth year of the program, and it's nothing more than people helping people," she noted. She said there were 32 school systems in the program last year and 55 more have join-

CORRECTION

A story in last week's Herald on cable TV services for Kings Mountain should have stated that HBO never shows X-rated movies and R-rated movies are shown only after 8 p.m.

Sharon McPhail KM's New Nationwide Agent

Sharon McPhail will become Nationwide Insurance's new Kings Mountain agent on March 1.

Her office will be located in the Herald Publishing House building on King Street and Canterbury Road. The Nationwide office was previously located on West Mountain Street.

Mrs. McPhail, who formerly worked at the Nationwide Office in Gastonia, will offer a full line of insurance, including auto, fire and business line insurances, including group insurance.

Mrs. McPhail has had extensive training in business line insurance, and also has her securities license.

"I am anxious to begin work here," she said, "and anxious to get involved in the Kings Moun-



SHARON McPHAIL

tain community." Mrs. McPhail and her husband, Skip, and their four children, reside in Gastonia. They are active in First United Methodist Church.

Funeral Services Held For Walter Harmon, 54

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 2 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church for Walter D. Harmon, 54, of 409 Phifer Road.

His pastor, Rev. Ivan Stephens, officiated. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Harmon died Saturday at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A Kings Mountain native, he was the son of the late Walter D. Harmon and the late Sarah Mae Harmon Beam. He was employed as Office Manager of Champion Construction Company.

He was a graduate of Kings Mountain High School and Gardner-Webb College, and a

veteran of World War Two. He was a member of Central United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his stepfather, Ben Beam of Kings Mountain; his wife, Barbara (Bobbie) Simmons Harmon of Kings Mountain; one son, Walter D. (Chip) Harmon Jr. of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Lynn Howell and Teresa Lee Wright, both of Charlotte; one brother, William Harmon of Mt. Airy; three sisters, Miss Margaret Harmon of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Dorothy Harrill of Clearwater, Fla., and Mrs. Palmer (Mary Ann) Huffstetler of Cherryville.

Ricky Eugene Sipe, 20, Killed In One-Car Wreck

A 20-year-old Route 4, Kings Mountain man was killed early Saturday morning when he lost control of the car he was driving and crashed on the Kings Mountain State Park Road.

Ricky Eugene Sipe was dead on arrival at York County Hospital. An unidentified passenger was treated and released.

Sipe was the son of David Eugene and Elizabeth Bell Sipe of Route 4, Kings Mountain.

Other survivors include two brothers, James and Jeffrey Sipe of Kings Mountain; and three sisters, Mrs. James (Kathy) Humphries and Miss Patricia Ann Sipe, both of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Harvey (Rebecca) Revis of Easley, S.C.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 3:30 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. Jack Flintom. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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