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City linemen are upgrading the electrical service on Phifer Road to take care of additional growth and the new Kings Mountain Intermediate School which opens in August.

LOOKING BACK

Bill Bates left KM for Hendersonville superintendent's job in July of 1976

Excerpts from the Thursday July 25, 1976 edition of the Kings Mountain Mirror-Herald:

- Cleveland County Tax Supervisor Jim Hendrick said property owners have been notified that the first stage of revaluation listing is ready to begin. Assisting in the listing program will be Trumble, McGuirk and Associates of Atlanta. The county contracted with TMA on April 11, 1978 to appraise property.

- The coach is leaving Kings Mountain. Billy G. Bates, who currently serves the Kings Mountain District Schools as assistant superintendent is resigning to accept the job of superintendent of Hendersonville City Schools. A vital force within the local school academic and athletics programs since 1957, Bates reports for his new duties in Hendersonville on Aug. 1. He said he tentatively plans to move his family to Hendersonville on Aug. 7.

- D. F. Hord, D.D.S., has been named to the Kings Mountain Hospital Board of Trustees. The election took place during the recent annual meeting of the board at the hospital. Dr. Hord succeeds Thomas A. Tate,

who left the board following two five year terms, the maximum length of service allowed by the trustees.

- Donna Jo Ramsey, 11, will see the sights of Disney World Aug. 10 because her teacher and other Kings Mountain citizens opened their hearts to a child who is losing her eyesight. Donna and her father, Franklin Ramsey of First Street, will depart from Douglas Airport at 8:20 a.m. Aug. 10 on Delta Flight 1117 for Orlando, Fla. and a trip Donna will long remember. All arrangements have been made with Kings Mountain civic, church, veterans organizations and individuals contributing \$800 to pay for plane fare, lodging, meals and some spending money for the three-day excursion.

- The Rev. Gerald Weeks will be installed as pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church Sun., July 23.

- What a difference a year makes! The town of Grover got into the Dixie Youth baseball business for the first time last summer and it's all-star team, young and in the learning stages, made a quick exit from the District Three major league tournament held at Kings Mountain's Deal Street Park.

Senior trivia event set

The 2002 Kings Mountain Senior Trivia Bowl will be held August 12 at 2 p.m. at the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Life and Conference Center.

Individuals 55 and over are invited to participate. There will be refreshments,

door prizes and an award for the winning team.

Teams will consist of five to seven individuals. Teams can be formed before the event, or on the day of the event.

Teams will be quizzed on

knowledge of the "good old days," including classic TV and movies, famous faces, World War II, Presidents and headlines, life in the 50s, and the turbulent 60s.

To enter or for more information, call 734-0447.

JIM

From 4A

somewhere out in public, take the opportunity to listen to the people talking around you. I promise that if you don't speak the "like" language, you'll have trouble following the conversation.

Recently, I was sitting in a restaurant eating lunch when I overheard two girls talking. These were not teens. They appeared to be in their late 30s or early 40s.

"Did you go to the party

at Lisa and Chuck's Saturday night?" one of them asked.

"Yes, and we, like, had a ball. Why didn't you and Gary come?"

"Sherry had, like, a sore throat, and we thought she was, like, coming down with something so we stayed home and, like, doctored her, but she was, like, fine the next morning. Was Kim there?"

"Was she ever. She came in, like, really decked out with some guy she met in a bar, and before she left she

got, like, drunk as a skunk. You should have, like, seen her. You wouldn't have, like, believed it."

I swear to you that is verbatim, every word. There was more, but I was jotting notes on a napkin and people started looking at me so I stopped and finished eating, even though I was about to choke laughing. I am not picking on women here, men speak the "like" language as much, or more. My grandson is one of the worst.

"You know what I'm

saying?" That's another one that drives me crazy, but that's another column. I can't tackle that now.

I've been hearing "like" for a number of years now, so I'm keeping my ears alerted for the next catch phrase or word to be adopted by the "you know," "like," and "you know what I'm saying" crowd.

It's too bad I had to get so old before I learned to, like, listen. You know what I'm saying. I coulda been a contender.

BEN

From 4A

the state and for the Republicans, you have all but one choice. The other

has been made by party leaders on the national level.

That's right. Elizabeth Dole has been anointed (not officially chosen) as the party's choice for U.S.

Senator.

All other people who decided they wanted to run against Queen Elizabeth might as well start removing their signs from yards.

Already President Bush has put his support behind her and former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani is scheduled to come to Charlotte to do the same.

ALAN

From 4A

Further frenzied e-mails revealed that Raymond and Muriel are 80-years-old and live in a retirement home in Charleston. They tipped me off to the fact my great great

grandfather Andrew Willeford was in the 10th S.C. Volunteer Infantry- the "Swamp Fox Guards" during the Civil War. A whole missing half of my life's history- cruelly withheld, was revealed as if by Providence.

The point is, now there's no excuse for folks to miss out on connecting with their family history, because more and more of it is just a "you've got mail" away. Parents, here's the perfect chance to combine your kid's use of the Internet

with a history lesson- and build some bridges across the decades as well. Who knows, maybe one day a post or message like the one I got from Raymond and Muriel will pop up and a deep, dark void will be filled with sunlight.

CLARY

From 4A

budget and their blaming the Republicans. What a twisted spin!

I think it's high time the County and City Officials stopped lying to our public employees, telling them to contact their legislator and that fault lies with the Republicans. Make no mistake about it I do not pass the buck. If it is of my making, I'll own up to it, but this mess folks has been created by Democrat Governor Mike

Easley and his spending troops in both House and Senate leadership! Our public employees are not at risk of losing their jobs because I refuse to raise taxes, it's because Gov. Easley has stolen their money to fund his own pet projects like 'More at Four!'

As Republican leaders, we believe we can balance the budget without a tax increase. When Republicans were in the majority in 1995 to 1999, we cut taxes over a billion dollars a year, in creased state spending on education and health care,

and still left a billion dollar surplus. I co-chaired Health and Human Services, the second largest budget in the State. When I left that budget to Democrat control, we had over a 100 million dollar Medicaid Trust Fund. Today, Medicaid is broke and I fear for the most vulnerable elderly and disabled in our state.

It is time to elect leaders to the General Assembly who will be responsible and who will not spend more than we take in. I firmly believe that by lowering taxes and fighting wasteful spending that

we can jumpstart our economy in Gaston and Cleveland Counties and create more jobs for working families. In the midst of these economic times, when jobs have been lost or are in jeopardy, tax increases should be the last thing considered. Republicans were successful this week in blocking a tax increase. It was a hard fought battle - we will continue the fight.

(Debbie Clary represents Cleveland and Gaston counties in the North Carolina House).

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