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**SULZER DEDICATION - Governor James B. Hunt is pictured above delivering the keynote address at the dedication of the new Sulzer Brothers plant near Grover Friday. The plant is Sulzer's first in the United States.**

## Hunt Praises Sulzer At Dedication Friday

Sulzer Brothers Inc. celebrated the opening of its first United States, located on Highway 29 near Grover, Friday and Saturday.

Governor James B. Hunt, Peter Sulzer, Executive Vice President of the Sulzer Textile Machinery Group, and Walter Schneider, Executive Vice President of Sulzer Machinery Group, spoke to a crowd of over 200 invited guests at dedication ceremonies Friday morning. Open house for the general public was held Saturday.

Governor Hunt called the PS 3600 weaving machine, which Sulzer will produce at its Grover plant, "the Mercedes Benz of weaving machines."

"Sulzer represents the best in companies we have sought to

establish in North Carolina," said Hunt, who personally began an industry recruitment campaign in Europe several years ago.

"Today's dedication symbolizes what the North Carolina recruitment success has been about," he said.

The Grover plant, located on 90 acres, will enable Sulzer to serve customer needs even better in the future. It represents a major long-range commitment by Sulzer to the textile industry.

The plant represents "the largest Sulzer investment in quite some time," Peter Sulzer pointed out. Sulzer is an international enterprise with sales well over two billion dollars and more than 30,000 employees, and serves a wide variety of markets.

Sulzer was chartered in 1834 and produced many industrial products, including steam engines, during the 19th century. In association with Dr. Rudolph Diesel, the first prototype diesel engine was put into operation at the Sulzer works in 1897, and the first reversible marine diesel engine was introduced in 1906.

Sulzer Brothers, Inc. was established in the United States in 1940 and is a subsidiary of Sulzer Brothers Limited of Winterthur, Switzerland.

Thomas Huber, Vice-President of Manufacturing and Plant Manager, said Sulzer puts emphasis on quality, which is built into the machine throughout the manufacturing process. The machines incorporate the latest technological developments and are produced to Swiss precision machine manufacturing standards by a 100 percent American workforce. Almost every step is computer-controlled.

Flexibility of machine tools and well trained personnel permit optimum response to new industry requirements, Huber said. The Grover plant is furnished with the latest in production equipment. In parts production, for example, the machinery installed ensures close tolerances which guarantee a high level of quality assurance and accuracy.

In the assembly hall, air cushion carriers make handling of heavy machinery an effortless task. Huber expects plant output to reach total capacity of 700 machines annually by 1984.

The PS 3600 machine was

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## Man Arrested After Wednesday Foot Chase

Kings Mountain police charged Thomas Madison Reid, 19, of Apt. 31, Carolina Garden Apartments with probation violation, resisting arrest and damage to property last Wednesday after a foot race which left one police officer and a private citizen with minor injuries.

According to officer Billy Benton of the KMPD, he was working as a security guard at Harris-Teeter and spotted Reid, whom the police had been seeking for the probation violation, walking across the Harris Teeter parking lot. Benton said when Reid spotted him, he ran and hid.

Benton then called the police department and officers Richard Reynolds, G.E. Sale and Johnny

Belk responded. The officers said Reid was later spotted coming out of some woods behind Hardee's, and officers Reynolds, Sale and Belk began a foot chase.

The officers chased the man across the Holly Farms and Eckerd's parking lots and Benton jumped in his pickup truck and attempted to block Reid's path. Reid reportedly ran into the side of the truck and was apprehended.

Officer Reynolds fell during the chase and sustained minor skin cuts, and Larry Dunn, a private citizen, chipped a bone in his elbow when he attempted to tackle the man.

## Hambright Is Elected

R. Fain Hambright, Grover Postmaster, was recently elected by the National Executive Board of the National League of Postmasters to serve as its President.

The League of Postmasters represents more than 90,000 Postmasters and other federal employees. The professional organization of Postmasters was founded in 1904 and four years ago opened its membership, on a limited basis, to all federal workers.

Hambright will serve as resident chief executive officer in Washington, D.C., corporate headquarters of the League.

Prior to being elevated to the presidency, Postmaster Hambright served six terms as a Member of the organization's Executive Board. In addition, he previously served in numerous state, regional and other national posts.



FAIN HAMBRIGHT

Outgoing President Wendell Kimbrough of Arkansas said, "Fain Hambright will continue to be a great asset to our

organization and in his role as President will make an even greater contribution to solving the problems facing the Postal Service and those among us who serve as Postmasters in more than 30,000 communities."

Kimbrough went on to praise Hambright for his outstanding postal career and his dedication to serving his community in a number of civic, fraternal and service organizations.

One of Postmaster Hambright's first official duties as President was to testify before Congress on a number of postal topics, including ZIP plus 4, electronic communications, postal revenues, public service subsidies and the role of the Postal Rate Commission.

Hambright will be on leave from the Grover Post Office while he serves as resident officer of the League of Postmasters in Washington.

## Ease Up Duke.

### City Urging Price Constraints

By GARY STEWART

Editor

The Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners Monday night approved a resolution asking Duke Power Company to consider "constraints" on such costs as public relations advertising and guaranteed dividends for their stockholders and urged the State Utilities Commission to refuse unwarranted price increases by Duke.

Mayor John Henry Moss said the city is concerned about the rising utility costs during a time of inflation and recession, and said that Duke could "hold the line" on increases by refraining from spending advertising which pats itself on the back.

Moss said Duke spent \$1.4 million in advertising last year, and it guarantees its stockholders a 17 percent dividend. Moss said there is a move underway by Senator Marshall Rauch to initiate action in the State Legislature which would limit Duke's advertising and

guaranteed dividends.

The city's resolution, which will be passed on to the President of Duke Power and the North Carolina League of Municipalities, read:

"Whereas, many citizens of our community and other cities are suffering financially from a combination of inflation and recession; and

"Whereas, the cost of electrical service has increased considerably in recent months; and

"Whereas, citizens on fixed incomes or short work weeks find the increased cost particularly hard to fit into their individual budgets;

"Now, therefore, we, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Kings

Mountain, do hereby urge Duke Power Company to consider constraints on operating costs, such as public relations advertising and guaranteed dividends, thereby enabling them to hold the line in the cost of electricity; and we do further urge the Utilities Commission of the State of North Carolina to be most diligent in reviewing and scrutinizing completely requests for increases in utility costs, and to refuse unwarranted increases."

In another matter Monday night, the board approved the employment of a qualified horticulturist to supervise city personnel in the care of plantings on

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## Bloodmobile To Visit KMHS Next Monday

The Future Homemakers of America of Kings Mountain High School will sponsor a visit by the Cleveland County Bloodmobile Mon., May 3 from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

The goal for the visit is 200 pints.

The public is invited to attend. To avoid long waits, appointments may be made by calling the Home Economics Department at 739-3794.

To give blood, donors must be between the ages of 17 and 66, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health.

Shelby High will sponsor a bloodmobile visit Wed., May 5 from 9 a.m. until 2:30 in the gym. The goal is 200 pints.

The public is invited to attend. For appointments, call 482-3409.

Burns High School has the record for the most successful high school bloodmobile visit of the year, getting 263 productive pints on March 10. The school had a goal of 175 pints.

Crest High School netted 194 productive pints at its March 17 visit. Its goal was 185 pints.

The KM and Shelby visits will be the final high school visits of the fiscal year.

## Wreck Injuries Fatal To Grant Linderman

Charles Grant Linderman, 17, of Route 1, Kings Mountain, died Saturday morning after his car struck a tree on Highway 161 near the South Carolina line.

According to the Highway Patrolman R.D. Keenum, Linderman's car ran off the road about 6:20 a.m. Keenum said the youth had worked a double shift the night before and was on his way home when he apparently fell asleep.

He died at Charlotte Memorial Hospital.

He was the son of John Broadus and Frances Grant Linderman of Route 1, and was a senior at Hunter Huss High

School in Gastonia. He was a member of Oak View Baptist Church.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are one brother, Rev. John Linderman Jr. of Raleigh; two sisters, Mrs. David (Teresa) Caldwell and Mrs. Randy (Leigh) Hord of Kings Mountain; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Bleeka Grant of Chester, S.C., and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Linderman of York, S.C.

Services were conducted at 5 p.m. Monday at Oak View Baptist Church by the Rev. Raymond Shupert and the Rev. John Linderman Jr. Burial was in the church cemetery.



Photo by Gary Stewart

**CANCER LEADERS - Members of the Kings Mountain committee to raise funds for the American Cancer Society are pictured above at a workshop Thursday night at Home Federal Savings and Loan. Left to right are Kay Holshouser of the Cleveland County Unit**

**of the American Cancer Society, trades and industry chairman Bill Craig, Kings Mountain campaign chairman Jake Dixon, and government employees chairman Jerry King. The county's goal is \$43,500.**