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## Passed Along From Transco

# Gas Rates Hiked

Natural gas users in the city of Kings Mountain will see their bills increased by 18.63 cents per 1,000 cubic feet in their October 1 billing.

The City Board of Commissioners, meeting Monday night at the Governmental Services Facilities Center, approved passing along the increase by its supplier, Transcontinental. The increase went into effect September 1.

Mayor John Henry Moss said he is "personally very disturbed" about the continuing increases by Transco and other utility suppliers, but that the city's consulting engineers, Heath And Associates, had recommended that the city pass along the increase.

In another matter Monday night, the board received a request from C. Ross Baumgardner, chairman of the Greater Kings Mountain Area Partnership Committee for the Disabled, that the town provide a telephone for the committee.

The committee was organized several months ago to assist disabled and handicapped persons in the area in emergency needs situations.

Baumgardner said the committee needs to be available 24

hours a day and suggested that a telephone be installed in its office at the Kings Mountain Community Center.

The board instructed City At-

torney George Thomasson to look into the legality of the town's supplying telephone service, and to report back at the board's next meeting on October

25.

In other action, the board:

\*Authorized a request to be

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**KMHS QUEEN** - Donna Wright is all smiles after being crowned Kings Mountain High School Homecoming Queen during halftime of Friday's Mountaineer-North Gaston game at Gamble Stadium. Donna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wright and the granddaughter of Mrs. Bessie Wright and the late Horace Wright.



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**SWORN IN** - Magistrate Dorothy Hayes, left, administers the oath of office to new board member Paul Hord Jr. at Monday's meeting of

the Kings Mountain District Schools Board of Education at West School. Holding the Bible at right is Hord's wife, Joyce.

# Schools Get \$41,000 For Appraisal Program

By GARY STEWART  
Editor

The Kings Mountain School System has received a \$41,000 grant to develop a program called "Improving Instruction Through Performance Appraisal."

Assistant Superintendent Larry Allen explained the program to the Board of Education at its monthly meeting Monday night at West School.

The program grew out of a Personnel Evaluation pilot program held last year in 24 school systems in North Carolina, including Kings Mountain and Shelby. However, Allen pointed out, the new program is not a program to evaluate personnel "other than to improve instruction" but is one meant to bring together teachers and administrators in an effort to develop effective programs of instruction.

The \$41,000 will be used for staff development, Allen said. A steering committee which includes four teachers, four principals, Superintendent William

Davis and Allen has been named and has held two meetings already. Some will go to seminars to look at other programs. Allen said every school in the system is represented on the committee.

Local teacher Dean Westmoreland expressed some concern that a member of the Personnel Policies Committee was not on the steering committee, and said that "if any changes are made in teacher evaluation, expect to hear from the NCAE."

However, both Allen and Davis assured Westmoreland that the program is not aimed at teacher evaluation.

The intent, Allen said, is to "try to identify the best techniques that are recognized nationally and put together a program in Kings Mountain." Allen said any new programs would be experimented with before they become a part of the instructional program.

"By stretching a point, you can say that anything we do has to do with teachers in one way or another," Davis said. "We can't stop and run everything

that we do by the Personnel Policies Committee. We try to do that when it directly involves the welfare of teachers. But what we're doing here deals with the instructional program.

"Performance Appraisal is here because the General Assembly mandated it," Davis added. "Since we have it I feel that it needs to be used as effectively as we can use it to improve instruction. That's supposed to be what we're doing anyway."

Allen said the project "has a lot of potential to cause some very positive things to happen."

In another matter Monday, the board authorized Davis to write a letter to State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Craig Phillips, and begin the necessary steps to have all Kings Mountain schools re-accredited by the state.

Davis said it has been several years since local schools have been accredited by the State Board of Education, and the format for accreditation is new.

Since the schools' accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools was

received just a few years ago, Davis said receiving state accreditation would be an easier process.

Southern Association accreditation was "unit wide and involved each school", Davis said, but state accreditation will be a matter of reviewing programs to see if they're still applicable and doing a lot of "re-writing."

"It won't be a piece of cake," Davis said, "but it will be relatively painless" compared to Southern Association accreditation.

In other matters Monday, the board:

\*Heard information about West School from West principal Jane Shields.

\*Heard a report from Superintendent Davis and board member Bill McDaniel about a meeting held recently concerning funding for the Sports Medicine Center in Shelby. The center, which treats athletic injuries, is funded by the KM, Shelby and Cleveland County

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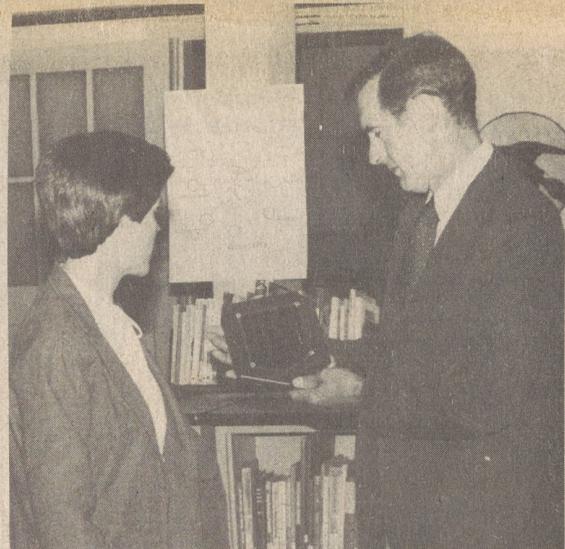


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**RECEIVES AWARD** - Harold Lineberger, who recently resigned his position on the Kings Mountain District Schools Board of Education, is presented a plaque of appreciation by Patti Weathers, vice president of the Kings Mountain Association of Educators, at Monday night's school board meeting at West School.

## United Fund Drive Pledges Only \$27,638

Kings Mountain's United Fund Drive for 1983 is off to a slow start, but campaign volunteers are hopeful that pledges will take the \$66,000 goal over the top before the scheduled Victory Dinner on November 8 at the Holiday Inn.

Pledges thus far amount to only \$27,638, or 42 percent of the goal, according to Lavon Strickland, campaign president.

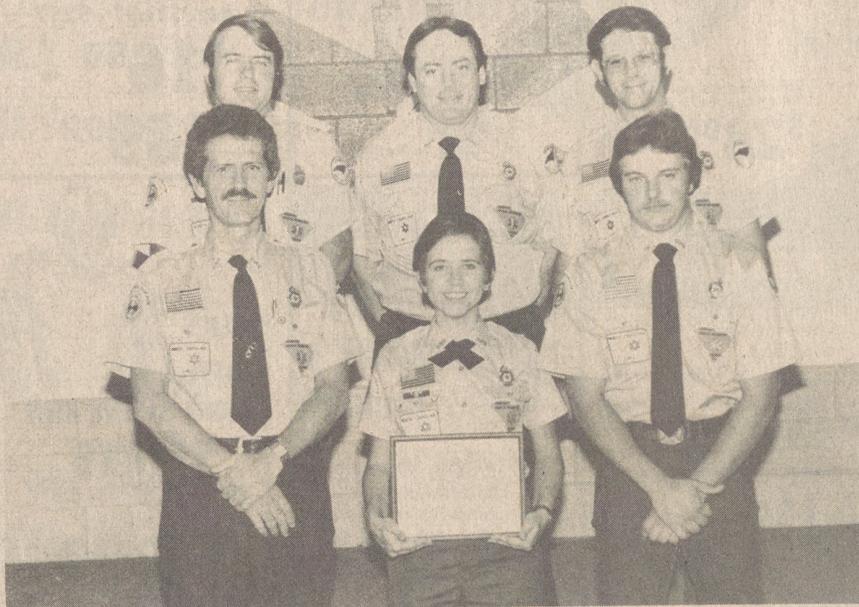
Money collected goes to several outstanding agencies in the city, county and state. One such agency is the Grover Rescue Squad, which provides volunteer emergency service to citizens of Grover and surrounding areas. The squad will receive \$5,000 this year to purchase needed equipment and supplies.

Grover is one of the smallest squads in the county, but one of the most efficient. Twelve of its 16 members are certified Emergency Medical Technicians in North Carolina and seven are certified in South Carolina.

Other agencies to receive



United Fund money next year include the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association Helping Hand Fund, \$10,000; American Red Cross, \$13,000; Piedmont Council Boy Scouts, \$6,200; Pioneer Council Girl Scouts, \$7,000; Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, \$5,000; Cleveland County Shelter Home, \$5,000; Ministerial Association Chaplain, \$1,000; CODAP, \$2,500; Salvation Army, \$2,000; Mental Health Association of Cleveland County, \$1,000; Kings Mountain Boys Club, \$1,000; and North Carolina United Way agencies, \$5,857.



**CERTIFIED EMTs** - The members of the Grover Rescue Squad pictured above were recently certified as Emergency Medical Technicians in South Carolina. Front row, left

to right, are Tony Anthony, Debbie Melton and Bobby Dowda. Back row, Jackie McCurry, Dallas Dolle and Charles Rolan. Not pictured, Troy McCurry.

## Band Fund Drive Begins

Mrs. Lewis Dellinger and Mrs. David Plonk, co-chairmen of the Kings Mountain High School band fund-raising drive, announced today that their members will conduct a sale of fresh Indian River grapefruit and oranges from Florida from October 11 through October 30.

Mrs. Dellinger and Mrs. Plonk said the fruit will not be picked until the order is placed and will be packed and shipped immediately, thereby making it the freshest that can be purchased outside of Florida. Advance orders will be taken and when the fruit arrives it will be available for pickup at the KMHS parking lot on Sat., Nov. 20 at 9 a.m.

Proceeds from the sale will be used for the band's trip to Florida. Band students make the trip every three years, allowing everyone that participates in band to make the trip once during their high school career.

Anyone wishing to place an order, or desiring more information, should contact any member of the KMHS band or call Mrs. Dellinger or Mrs. Plonk.