

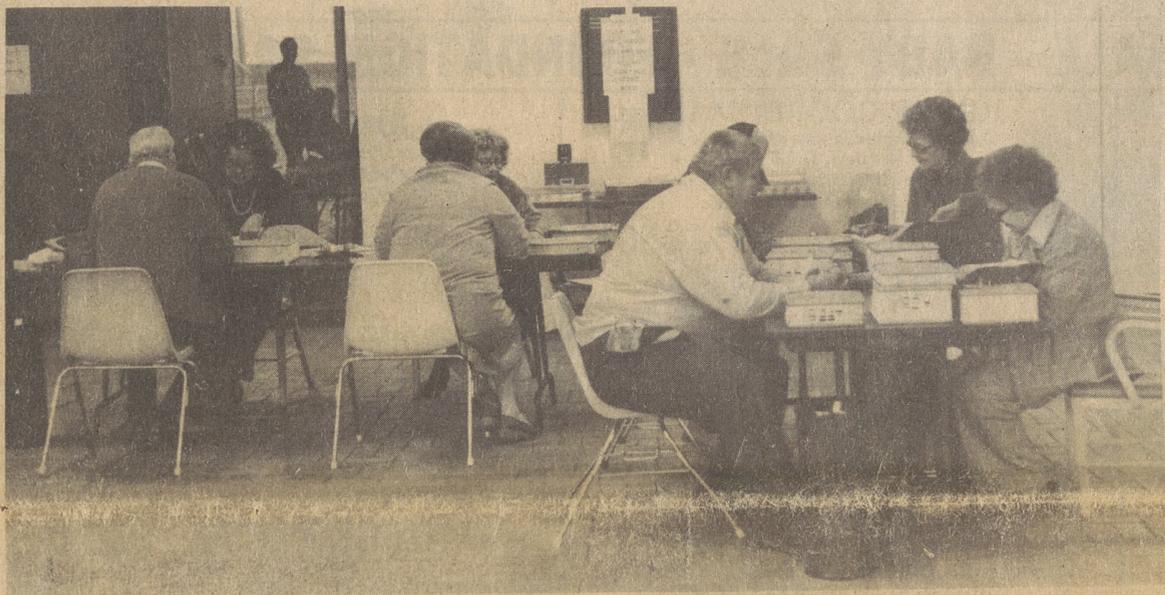
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LISTING TAXES - The busiest place in town this week is the lobby of the Governmental Services Facilities Center, where citizens of Number Four Township are listing their personal and real estate taxes for 1983. Citizens have the rest of this

month to list their taxes. Those unable to list in person may request forms from the County Tax Supervisor and list through the mail.

Photo by Gary Stewart

DSA Banquet Monday Night

The Kings Mountain Jaycees will honor citizens for outstanding achievements during 1982 at their annual Distinguished Services Awards banquet Monday at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

Presentation of the coveted Distinguished Service Award will highlight the awards presentation. Carl Stewart, former Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, will be the guest speaker.

Three Kings Mountain men have been nominated for the DSA award. They are Ronald Jay Hawkins, Jeffrey Bruce Jones and Donald Mark Wilson. Hawkins is co-manager of Harris Funeral Home and is active in the Masons, Bethware Pro-



CARL STEWART

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1983 Should Be Better For KM Area

By GARY STEWART
Editor

The new year should bring an upswing in industrial activity, giant steps toward repairing the leaking dam at Moss Lake and serious consideration of developing plans for a hydro-electric plant, Mayor John Henry Moss predicts.

Food Lion Opens Here

Food Lion opened Monday in the West Gate Shopping Plaza in Kings Mountain.

Formerly operated as Food Town, the store is in the process of reducing prices and re-setting the store to match Food Lion's assortment of goods, Tom Smith, president of the company said. Smith said grand opening will be in about two weeks.

The store is located in the building which formerly housed Key Warehouse Foods, which closed Saturday.

The Kings Mountain store is the 183rd for Food Lion, which is headquartered in Salisbury. Food Lion operates stores in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia and plans to expand into Tennessee.

Chamber Fete Is Scheduled

The annual Chamber of Commerce-Merchants Association banquet will be held January 18 at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

Rev. Russell Fitts, former pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker.

Tickets are \$8 each and may be obtained by calling the Chamber of Commerce-Merchants Association at 739-5051.

Moss looks for more people to return to work in '83 as the city's industrial committee works harder to attract new industry and as existing industries expand their operations.

The city was successful in recruiting two new industries in December, and Moss also expects Reliance Electric, which

located here in 1981, and Commercial Shearing, which recently announced an expansion program, to add to their workforce.

Moss said the committee will also continue its efforts in locating industries for the vacant Phenix, Margrace and Pauline plants. He has a meeting planned this week with representatives of

a firm interested in the Margrace building.

"We also have a company looking at the old Phenix Plant, and have two seriously considering Kings Mountain sites," he said. "Both are excellent companies and would employ around 450 people each."

The city, which recently

received approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to use over \$400,000 in surplus federal funds to repair the Moss Lake dam, will focus a lot of its attention on Moss Lake this year.

The city plans to open bids for the dam repairs Thursday afternoon. Bids will be presented to

the Board of Commissioners Monday night and the bid that is approved will be forwarded to HUD for its approval. If approved by HUD, the bid will be awarded on January 24 and work should begin within 30 days. It is estimated the project

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Deputy Wilbur Benton Dies At Age Of 55

Lt. Wilbur Benton, veteran Cleveland County Deputy, died Tuesday at Cleveland Memorial Hospital. He was 55.

Benton, who formerly lived in Grover, lived on Leslie Drive in Shelby. He was the father of Kings Mountain policeman Billy Benton.

Benton joined the Sheriff's Department in 1956 as a jailer. He later served as a road deputy, patrol sergeant and detective. He was transferred to the narcotics division in 1977 and was promoted to head of the narcotics division in 1981.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and the Cleveland County Law Enforcement Association.

He was the son of the late George and Pearl Love Benton. He is survived by his wife, Mary Sue Putnam Benton; two daughters, Mrs. Diane Powell of Shelby and Mrs. Tina Bowen of Blacksburg, S.C.; three sons, Sgt. Larry B. Benton of the Shelby Police Department; Ptl. Billy Gene Benton of the Kings Mountain Police Department and Seaman Gary Dean Benton of Orlando, Fla.; two sisters,

Mrs. Paul Poplin of Charlotte and Mrs. Maudie Leonhardt of Wake Forest; a brother, Thomas Benton of Blacksburg, S.C., and five grandchildren.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. at Clearview Baptist Church in Grover. Burial will be in Sunset Cemetery.

Loose Leaves A No-No!

Kings Mountain citizens are reminded that loose leaves are not to be placed on the curbside for pickup after December 31.

Jim Downey of the Sanitation Department said the leaf machine will make one more pass through town to pickup loose leaves, but loose leaves will not be picked up after January 15.

Any leaves should be in bags and placed at the corner of the lot, Downey said.

Any persons raking loose leaves onto the curbside will be in violation of city codes and could be penalized.



Photo by Gary Stewart

FIRST BABY - Pamela H. Walker of Bessemer City holds her 10 pounds, 10½ ounce baby boy, Rodney Thomas Walker, who was the first baby born in 1983 at Kings Mountain

Hospital. He entered the world at 1:13 p.m. Monday. He is the second child of Pamela and John Phillip Walker Jr.