

## ABC Election In KM's Future

A Kings Mountain ABC election will apparently be called in the near future.

According to local reports, petitions have been circulating around town for several weeks urging the City Board of Commissioners to call for an election.

Kings Mountain Mayor John Henry Moss said that no one has officially approached him for a spot on the City Board agenda, but he has heard the rumors.

The Cleveland County Elections Board said over 200 new Kings Mountain voters have

been registered since June 1. There were 4,548 voters names on the books on December 3 compared to 4,386 on June 1.

Although that increase is less than 200, a spokesman for the Elections Board said the new voters figures would be much

higher because many names have been taken off because of deaths and other reasons.

ABC elections must be requested to the City Board of Elections, either by a formal written request from the City Board of Commissioners or by a

petition signed by at least 25 percent of the registered voters.

Kings Mountain's last ABC vote was on March 18, 1975. It failed by a vote of 1,471 against to 1,310 for. In a vote for malt beverages and wine, the vote count was 1,499 against to 1,267

for. An ABC vote by 1,411 against to

An ABC election in March Shelby in March. Because that vote passed, qualifying private clubs and restaurants in Kings Mountain were able to obtain brown-bagging permits.

## Grissom To Head Chamber

By RICK McDANIEL

The Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association held their annual banquet Tuesday night at the Holiday Inn.

William R. Grissom, Vice-president of Goforth Plumbing, was elected President of the chamber by the board of Directors, and will serve a one-year term.

The Rev. Russell Fitts was the key-note speaker for the evening, calling for cooperation between board and member businesses for betterment of the community.

Grissom stated that the main thrust of the chamber this year will be a campaign to lure new business and industry to the area. The chamber presently has 75 member businesses, and Grissom is expecting several new members in the first few months of 1983.

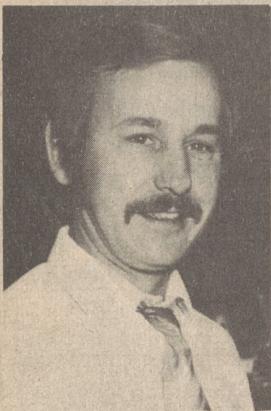
Grissom takes the helm of the chamber at a time when local unemployment is at near record levels and few businesses have



REV. RUSSELL FITTS  
Speaks at Chamber banquet

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## Brian Bickley, 47 Dies Tuesday At Home



BRIAN BICKLEY

Charles Brian Bickley, 47, of 1301 Wales Road Kings Mountain, died unexpectedly at his home Tuesday afternoon.

A native of Nottingham, England, he was a former employee of Reeves Brothers Duplex International plant.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline Brassington Bickley; three sons, Lee Bickley of Fort Hood, Tex., and Guy Bickley and Brian Charles Bickley of the home; and two sisters, Mrs. Brenda Beck and Mrs. Bernice Shaw, both of Nottingham, England.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Harris Funeral Home.

## Energy Committee Organizes

The City of Kings Mountain's Energy Committee held its organizational meeting last Tuesday night to begin planning how to save the city and its citizens thousands of dollars in energy costs.

A second meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Governmental Services Facilities Center, at which time Chairman Jim Dickey will charge six sub-committees with the responsibility of putting the ideas into action.

Sub-committees announced today by Dickey include:

\*Booklet: "Things To Do To Conserve Energy": Don Adams, chairman; Dr. Scott Mayes, Jim Dickey.

\*Weatherization: Scott Neisler, chairman; Hayes T. Hayes, Walter Ollis, Gene Waldrep.

\*Public Information: William Hager, chairman; Rev. Leroy Cox, Jeff Grigg.

\*Helpful Hint Card (for homeowners): Ernest Rome, chairman; Fred Dixon, W.K. Mauney III, Jim Childers.

\*Fuel Assistance: Burriss Ramey, chairman; David Plonk, Ned Lilly, Jimmy Maney and Corbet Nicholson.

\*Public Awareness: John Henry Moss, chairman; William Davis, Larry Wood.

Dickey hopes to see the city save 20 percent (about \$100,000) of its energy costs this year while also helping the citizens become more aware of ways to conserve.

The city will be aided by Sanford and Turner Associates of Charlotte which has been hired by the State Division of Energy to assist participating towns in cutting energy costs. Their services will be free to the towns.

Dickey said he hopes to have water-stripping kits available by

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## KM Teachers Afraid Of Merit Pay Plan

By GARY STEWART  
Editor

Kings Mountain school teachers are afraid a new merit pay plan which is coming before the General Assembly this year would cause morale problems among teachers and damage the atmosphere in the classroom.

Representatives of the local chapter of the NCAE appeared before the Kings Mountain Board of Education Tuesday night and presented the board a resolution asking that it "refrain from supporting any legislation or program which would resemble the establishment of the merit pay concept and to oppose any budget cuts which affect the amount of supplies which are used in the teaching of the children in this school district."

The board accepted the resolution but made no promises on how it would stand on the issue. Supt. Bill Davis said legislators are being pressured by the public to develop a merit pay system and Board Chairman June Lee told the teachers that the board has not received enough information from the state level to make a decision.

Betsy Wells, a teacher at Kings Mountain High School and president of the local Education Association, presented the resolution, which was approved at a recent meeting of the group. She was supported by a host of teachers representing all the schools in the Kings Mountain district.

"Do not think that we are opposed to a plan to pay better teachers more money," Mrs. Wells told the board. "But we see

many 'boogers' in a merit pay concept."

Mrs. Wells said teachers are concerned about who would decide who are merit teachers, how parents will react to their students being assigned to teachers who are not classified as merit teachers, and the problems that would arise between the two groups of teachers.

"We're concerned," Mrs. Wells said. "We've been told that this is coming down the pipe and there's nothing we can do about it. But we're very concerned with the atmosphere in the classroom."

Dean Westmoreland, a teacher at Kings Mountain High, said states have tried merit pay in the past and it was abandoned because of the numerous problems it presented.

"There's no way that anyone can really determine who is a merit teacher and who is not," Westmoreland said. "We feel merit pay is mostly an effort to save money."

"We appreciate your con-

## BP Checks Available

Beginning this month, the Kings Mountain Multi-Purpose Senior Center will have volunteers scheduled to take blood pressure once a month as a health service for senior citizens. Friday, January 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. senior citizens are invited to have their blood pressure checked.

## Funeral Services Held For Paul H. McGinnis

Paul H. McGinnis Sr., 75, retired founder of McGinnis Department Store, died Thursday morning at his home at 408 Hawthorne Road.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hinkle McGinnis. He was an active member of Resurrection Lutheran Church and was recently honored with a life membership from the North Carolina Lutheran Men.

A graduate of Kings Mountain High School, McGinnis spent over 50 years in the retail clothing business. He worked for 20 years for Keeter's Department Store and opened McGinnis Department Store in 1952. He was also part owner in C&S Mart.

He was a member of the first board of directors of the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission, was a charter member of the Kings Mountain Lions Club, Kings Mountain Rotary Club, and Kings Mountain Country Club, and was a director of First Citizens Bank and Trust Company.

He was a lifelong Lutheran. As a boy he was confirmed and baptized at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and taught Sunday School and served on the church council there. In 1938 he was the congregation's delegate to the National Convention of the Lutheran Church in America in Baltimore. In 1950 he assisted with the survey that led to the founding of Resurrection Lutheran Church and was first vice-chairman of the congregation there. He served more than 45 years on the church council and as a Sunday School

teacher. He is survived by his wife, Ethel Hamrick McGinnis; two sons, Dr. Paul H. McGinnis Jr. of Baton Rouge, La., and John B. McGinnis of Kings Mountain; one daughter, Mrs. Doyle (Anita) Campbell of Kings Mountain; four brothers, Hubert McGinnis, Donald McGinnis, Bill McGinnis and Jim McGinnis, all of Kings Mountain; five sisters, Mrs. Geraldine Gonzalez of Fort Myers, Fla., Mrs. Lucille Sawyer of Charlotte, Mrs. Dorothy Whetstone of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Mrs. Virginia Sabetti of Kings Mountain; and five grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday at 3 p.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church by the Rev. Gerald Weeks. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Resurrection Lutheran Church.



PRUE POSTON

## Poston Services Conducted

Prue Nell Poston, 75, of 304 Waco Road, Kings Mountain, died Wednesday at her home.

A Cleveland County native, she was the daughter of the late Marvin and Edna Rhyne Houser and was married to the late Marion Clay Poston. She was a retired school teacher and a member of Central United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two brothers, M.L. Houser Jr. of Goldsboro and Joseph Houser of Saint David, Ariz.; and two sisters, Mrs. W.P. Stokes of Ruffin and Mrs. David Saunders of Charlotte.

Services were conducted Friday at 11 a.m. at Central United Methodist Church by the Rev. Ivan Stephens. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.



PAUL H. MCGINNIS

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### THURS., JAN. 20

The White Plain Shrine Club will meet at 7 p.m. at Hank's Steak House.

### THURS., JAN. 20

Ken Sloan of the Cleveland County Boys Club will present a program on the Kings Mountain Chapter of the Boys Club at the weekly meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club at the Holiday Inn.

### THURS., JAN. 20

Central School teachers will be available for parent conferences until 7:30 p.m. at the school. Anyone wishing to talk to teachers should call the school at 739-3641 and make an appointment.

### MON., JAN. 24

The Kings Mountain Woman's Club will meet on Monday evening with a Board

meeting at 7:00 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m. An election of officers will be held. The program will be presented by Mrs. Steve Wells and is entitled "You Have What It Takes To Communicate."

### SAT., JAN. 29

The Committee for the Disabled will sponsor a yard sale beginning at 9 a.m. at the Depot Center. Anyone with items to donate should call 739-9112 or drop them off at the Disabled Committee's office at the Community Center.

### SAT., JAN. 29

The Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a spaghetti supper from 5 until 8 p.m. at the fire department. Spaghetti, salad, bread and beverages will be sold.