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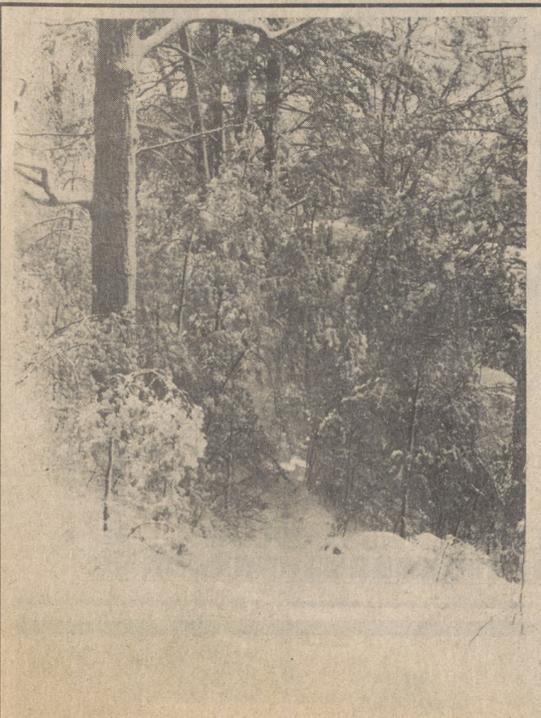


Photo by Gary Stewart

**WINTER WONDERLAND** - Monday morning's six-inch snowfall presented area residents many picture postcard scenes such as this one in rural Kings Mountain. The snow melted off the roads quickly but much is still on the ground today in shady areas.

## City Going Full Speed Ahead On Hydro Project

The city board of commissioners took the recommendation of Commissioner Jim Dickey Wednesday and authorized Mayor John Henry Moss to appoint a committee to proceed with plans for establishing a Hydroelectric plant at Moss Lake.

"We've talked a Hydro plant for the last couple years and now is the time to do more than talk", said Dickey who is back from Hickory where he attended a seminar sponsored by the N.C. Alternative Energy Corporation, organized in 1980 by the N.C. Utilities Commission along with the major utility organizations to recognize the need of cooperative effort to take full advantage of cost effective alternative energy systems.

"We're spending up to \$225,000 a year with Duke Power to operate a water treatment plant, a waste treatment plant and a sludge plant and

with all the water that's going over the dam at Moss Lake we can generate that much plus. The water's there", said Dickey.

"With improvements underway at Moss Lake to draw the lake down the city has the potential and has already completed some of the preliminary steps the state recommends to start the project", said Dickey. Preliminary evaluation, permit process, regulatory evaluation and requirements, detailed analysis, FERC application, actual construction and operation were the steps listed.

Dickey explained that initially a hydro plant could cost more versus a co-generation plant but that once completed it would be virtually maintenance free. "Oil, grease and keeping the screen clean would be about all the maintenance required", he said.

Dickey told the board that the Lake Lure hydro plant was completed in 1927 and is still opera-

tional and Duke Power is involved in 21 such projects over the state. Installation of hydro plants are being encouraged in all 50 states, he said, with some units as small as 5 KV.

Water power has been used in North Carolina for 280 years, Dickey said. A sawmill was started in 1702 with water power. In 1815 the first cotton mill was run by water power and this unit was recently rejuvenated at Lincolnton by Allen McNeill of McBess Spinning in Bessemer City. In 1850 the city of Asheville had a small 40 KV unit to operate the street cars and later increased to take care of lights and in 1898 there was a unit installed on the Yadkin River to Serve Salem, at Winston Salem, the state's first largest hydro plant which is still producing electricity today for Duke Power customers.

In other actions:  
The Board entered into a con-

tract with Tenneco Oil Expiration and Production Company for a Teneffex Spot Sales Program which would make the city eligible to acquire certain amounts of gas when customer requirements meets the criteria as provided for by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and Tenneco.

The Board authorized a special reduction of tap fees (inside city customers \$50 and outside city customers \$100) for the next 200 residential gas taps. This step was taken to encourage new residential gas customers. Old rates were \$275 for outside and \$150 for inside city residents. This new rate will apply to the first 200 new gas customers.

The Board accepted the recommendations of Comm. Humes Houston, chairman of the Personnel Policy Committee, in updating amendments to the Personnel Policy.

## Harry Files For Board

Two more candidates squeezed by the deadline Monday and filed for one of three seats open on the county board of commissioners. Charles F. Harry, III, Treasurer of Grover Industries, and Ruth Barnett Wilson of Shelby filed on the Republican ticket. Seventeen candidates-13 Democrats and four Republicans, are running.

Mr. Harry is married to the former Ann Lutz of Shelby and they are parents of two children, Robin, a senior at UNC in Chapel Hill, and Scott, a freshman at Anderson College in Anderson, S.C.

"I am running for county commissioner because I feel more active business managers should be involved in local and state government", said Harry. "For good reason I think the federal government is going to



CHARLIE HARRY

continue to shift more financial burden to local and state levels where in my opinion, it can be



RUTH B. WILSON

managed more efficiently. I am willing to commit the time necessary to fulfill the duties of a

commissioner and would hope any contribution I may make would be beneficial to the county", he said.

Harry, an elder in Shelby Presbyterian Church, is a member of the Board of Governors of The Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas, a trustee of Oasis Temple, president of the Cleveland County Historical Association, and has been involved in various civic and community activities. He grew up in Grover and his family was long associated with the Grover business and industrial community.

The Harrys reside in Shelby. Mrs. Wilson, a Republican, has served since 1975 as either a registrar or judge in Shelby No. 2 precinct and is presently serving for the second time on the

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## This Is Guidance Week In District Schools

How would you like to be 13 years old again? We can almost hear adult readers answering that question in one booming voice: No thanks. Everyone in our culture wants to remain young, but not that young! And why not? Because we grown-ups remember our adolescent years as the most stressful and threatening years of our lives.

From this perspective, National School Guidance and Counseling Week this week focuses on the role of teachers and administration as part of an effective guidance program, on parents and how they can benefit from working with school counselors, on the importance of career development beginning at the teen age years, and on government and community serving students.

Special activities are planned at all the schools this week.

The week's activities were kicked off Tuesday when Mayor John Moss proclaimed this week as School Guidance and Counseling Week and a tea honoring teachers and administrators was held at Central School. On Tuesday, teachers were giving "Appreciograms" to students during the day and winners of poster contests were announced. On Wednesday, students were sending memos home from the counselors home to the parents; Thursday will be Career Day at Central School and local citizens on the program will be Darrell Austin, Max Howell, Richard Reynolds, George Adams, Stan Hardin,

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## Funeral Rites Tuesday For Ernest Hayes, 69

Funeral services for Ernest Floyd Hayes, 69, who died Sunday at home, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of Masters



ERNEST HAYES

Funeral Home by Rev. Ivan Stephens, interment following in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Hayes was a native of Kings Mountain, son of the late Oliver Thomas and Ruth Eaker Hayes. He was retired owner of Washing Well Laundromat and a member of Central United Methodist Church and Walhalla Masonic Lodge of Charleston, S.C.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Agnes Cornwell Hayes; two daughters, Patricia Latta of Mocksville and Rebecca Hein of Charleston, S.C.; brother, Ned Hayes of Burlington; four sisters, Betty Moss and Dot Hayes, both of Kings Mountain, Joann Harrison of Hollywood, S.C. and Nell Teeter of Oakboro; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Masters Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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## Beverly Excels In Sport

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"Tractor Puller of the Year", a title once reserved for males only in a he-man sport, is now held by Beverly Stewart (Mrs. Tommy) Berry, 27, a pretty brunette nurse in the Special Care Unit of Kings Mountain Hospital.

Beverly, daughter of Grace and Ralph Stewart of the Dixon Community, is the only woman puller in the Piedmont Tractor Pullers Association and has been a winner consistently at all events she's entered the past year. She was recently honored as the 1983 Puller of the year.

Tommy Berry, 28, got his wife interested in their family hobby by accident but now he takes a lot of good-natured ribbing from his fellow pullers who tell him

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