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JOHN A. YOUNG

## First Union Changes Made

Charles Neisler, Chairman of the local Board of Directors of First Union National Bank, announced changes in the leadership of the Kings Mountain office.

L.E. (Josh) Hinnant has been named Senior Business Development Officer and John A. Young assumes the role of City Executive.

Hinnant has served as Kings Mountain City Executive and Vice President since 1967. He began his banking career in 1948 and joined FUNB in 1958. An active member of the community, Hinnant shares his leadership with numerous civic functions including: County Commissioner, President of the Council on Aging, The Kings Mountain Hospital Board of Directors, and St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

In his new position, Mr. Hinnant will head up public relations and business development.

Young is a 1972 High Point College graduate with a degree in Human Relations. He transferred to Kings Mountain, last May, from FUNB in Winston-Salem. The Reidsville native began his career in banking in 1976. After college he worked as an executive for the Boy Scouts of America in Laurinburg. His civic activities include: Treasurer of the Cleveland County Chapter of the American Red Cross, '84 Campaign chairman of the Kings Mountain United Way, Boy Scouts, Kiwanis Club, Central United Methodist Church, and the Kings Mountain County Club.

## Crime Commission Head To Speak Here Thursday

Gordon Smith, Executive Director of the Governor's Crime Commission, will be guest speaker at Thursday's meeting of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club. It will be at noon at the Holiday Inn.

A native of Raleigh, Smith holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of North Carolina and a M.S. in Sociology from N.C. State University.

Following graduation from UNC in 1966, he worked as a Peace Corps volunteer in India for three years.

He joined the Governor's Crime Commission in 1970 as a Law Enforcement Planning Specialist and later held positions as Corrections Planning Specialist and Director of Planning and Evaluation for Criminal



GORDON SMITH

Justice prior to being named Executive Director in 1977.

## KMLT To Present Arsenic And Old Lace

Mortimer Brewster, New York Drama Critic, has just asked Elaine Harper, daughter of an Episcopal minister, for her hand in marriage, and she accepts. What could mar this beautiful day for Mortimer? Just about everything once he enters his aunts' home in Brooklyn!

First, Mortimer (Chip Caldwell) finds a body in the window seat, and discovers that his sweet spinster aunts, Martha (Nan Jean Grant) and Abby (Linda Knight) have been poisoning elderly gentlemen. Before he can resolve this situation, his sinister brother Jonathan (Reb Weisner) returns to the family home accompanied by his personal plastic surgeon, Dr. Einstein (Steve Marlowe) and their luggage, including a dead body.

As if this weren't complicated enough, Mortimer also has to put up with another not quite sane brother, Teddy (Wayne Wilson) who thinks he's Theodore Roosevelt, cops running in and out of the house, Elaine (Susan Johnson) who is trying to figure what's wrong with her fiancée all of a sudden.

Kings Mountain Little Theatre will present "Arsenic and Old Lace", Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. in Park Grace Auditorium.

Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students, with discounts available for groups.

The show will also be presented next weekend, March 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. and March 10 at 3 p.m.

# Electrical Rates Going Up Again

BY ELIZABETH STEWART  
News Editor

March power bills will reflect a 8.4 increase from Duke Power Company which the city is passing on to its customers.

The city board of commissioners Monday night in a lengthy session took the recommendation of its consulting engineers "reluctantly" and authorized the increase.

W.H. Little, Jr., engineer for Southeastern Consulting Engineers, said that Duke's increased wholesale rate will cost \$30,000 more each month or \$357,843.00 to the city.

Little said Duke has proposed to the Federal Power Commission a whopping 14.9 increase but has apparently settled "for the next five months" for 11.9 percent. Little said he calculated an across-the-board retail rate to recover the additional charges by Duke to the city.

Reviewing the city's cost of purchased power, Little explained that some cities are looking into an Energy Conservation Rate but that he does not recommend this rate to Kings Mountain users of electricity because most Kings Mountain homes would not meet the strict, specific requirements for insulation and ventilation, unless brand new residences. Little said the minimum rate increase would offset the additional purchase power cost.

Commissioner Jim Dickey and Commissioner Norman King strongly objected to Duke's raising the rate without notifying the commissioner prior to Feb. 27th when the rate went into effect March 2. Little said the proposed rates were filed with the

Federal Power Commission six months ago, but unfortunately citizens read about the increases in the newspapers first. Dickey suggested it is time that King Mountain folk go before the Federal Power Commission and make formal complaints. Little observed that average citizens' protest get very little action and suggested that if that the city took this route to seek legal counsel in the area of Raleigh to take the formal complaints to them.

In a related matter, Mayor John Moss named a hydro electric committee with Commissioner Jim Dickey as chairman and other members being Curtis Gaffney, I.M. Allen, W. Norman King, all commissioners, and the Mayor which would ultimately mean the city would be using Moss Lake as a very viable, vital source of generating electric power. "Thinking about what we have just done in upping the rates, I think this a golden opportunity. Hydro is clean, renewable and maintenance free and we need to

save every kilowatt we can", Dickey added.

Mayor Moss also was authorized by the board to develop a plan for a Kings Mountain utilities District, which Commissioner Houston declared is the second most strategic move for the city with the construction of Moss Lake as number one. "We have the water and sewer capabilities and now is the time to move forward", said the Mayor. Moss said that he had gathered data of economic growth from Charlotte-Mecklenburg and Spartanburg Districts. "As you travel around this section of the state your readily recognize urban growth and the city needs to take advantage of its economic opportunities", he said.

After a review of the city zoning ordinances by Woody Horton, North Carolina Division of Community Planning, Natural Resources and Community Development, and a public hearing conducted by Wilson Griffin, chairman of the Kings Mountain Planning and Zoning Board, the

board set March 12th at 9:30 p.m. for the second public hearing on adoption of the zoning map, which was last revised in 1976. The update incorporates all the zoning changes which had been penciled or inked in on the 1976 map and also reflects the U.S. 74 By-Pass of Kings Mountain and points out property lines. The zoning text, which is unchanged from the 1976 map, spells out clearly what is allowed in the various classifications for single, two family, multiple, residential office, etc. dwellings. How variances can be granted is also spelled out and how permits are obtained and zoning districts established. Members of the Kings Mountain Planning Board and Board of Adjustments have been meeting regularly with other city officials to update the map, along with representatives of the N.C. Division of Community Planning. Other members of the boards who were present were Fred W. Plonk, M.

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## KM Boy Killed By Car

An 11-year-old Kings Mountain boy was struck and killed by a car Saturday near Shelby.

Dead is Michael Dwayne Krueger of 1222 Wales Road, Kings Mountain. According to the State Highway Patrol, he ran into the path of an oncoming car on State Road 2044, 5.4 miles east of Shelby.

The driver of the car, Harvey Lee Degree, 49, of Shelby, was charged with driving while intoxicated.

Michael was the son of Charles Willard and Margaret Moran Krueger of 1222 Wales Road. He and his family recently moved here from Michigan.

He was a native of DuPage, Ill., and a member of Christ the King Catholic Church. Burial will be in New Calvary Cemetery in Flint, Mich.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a sister, Kathy Krueger of the home; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard E. Krueger of Weaton, Ill.; and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Moran of Flint, Mich.

### SCHOOL BOARD

The Kings Mountain School Board will meet Mon., Mar. 5 at 7:30, at the Schools Administration Building. The meeting was rescheduled from the second Monday of the month so board members Doyle Campbell and Paul Hord can attend the North Carolina School Boards seminar in High Point March 12-13.



Photo by Lib Stewart

REAL ESTATE GROUP ORGANIZED - Pictured are organizers of a new Kings Mountain Realty Group. From left, Hal S. Plonk, Larry

Hamrick, Mayor John Henry Moss and Mrs. Ruby Moss Alexander, chairman. The group held its first meeting Monday.

## Real Estate Group Organized Here Monday

Kings Mountain Real Estate Group was officially organized Monday at a luncheon meeting of 10 active and five associate members at Holiday Inn.

Joining the group are Reynolds Realty, W&W Construction Co., Charlie Carpenter, Jo Ann and Don Agency, Phillip Bunch and Rita Ferguson, Hal S. Plonk, Charlene Ellis, Alexander Realty, Ruby Alexander, Janell Droz, Sandra Wilson, Jerry King, Larry Hamrick Realty, Larry Hamrick, Sr., Larry Hamrick, Jr., Evelyn Hamrick, Betty Sue Morris, B.F. Maner, Bobby Maner, and Boo Maner. Associate members are Branch Banking & Trust, Frank Cagle; First Citizens, Charles Hamilton; First Union National, Steve Huffstetler; First Federal Savings & Loan, Gary Whitaker and Home Federal Savings & Loan, Tom Tate.

Mayor John Henry Moss

welcomed the new group and said it was the result of much hard work over many years. The organization effort has been led by Ruby Alexander and Larry Hamrick, with assistance from other realtors in the No. 4 Township area. Hal S. Plonk, introduced by Mrs. Alexander as "the daddy of Kings Mountain realtors" compared the growth of the area from the time he became dealing with real estate in 1946 after graduating from N.C. State and a hitch with Uncle Sam. Back in that period, he said a 453 tract of land cost \$215.00 an acre and said that a 1500 square foot house could be bought for \$3,000. He credited the late Bright Ratterree as the dean of Kings Mountain realtors, and talked briefly about the development of Ashley Park, Ashbrook Park, and Crescent Hill, three residential areas of the city where he was a developer.

He said it was harder back in 1936 to get financing through savings and loan institutions and praised local financial institutions who have played a large role in development of residential areas in town over the years.

Bob F. Maner, who introduced members, said that the five associate members had paid dues as well as active members and that associate members had also donated \$100 each to help defray the costs of organization. Attorney Andy Neisler explained briefly the legal process of organizing a Board of Realtors and Larry Hamrick, Sr. explained that a local realty group will function as a trade association to promote real estate in No. 4 Township area, which will also include Grover and Crowders Mountain. Four members of the group, Hamrick, Maner, Alex-

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