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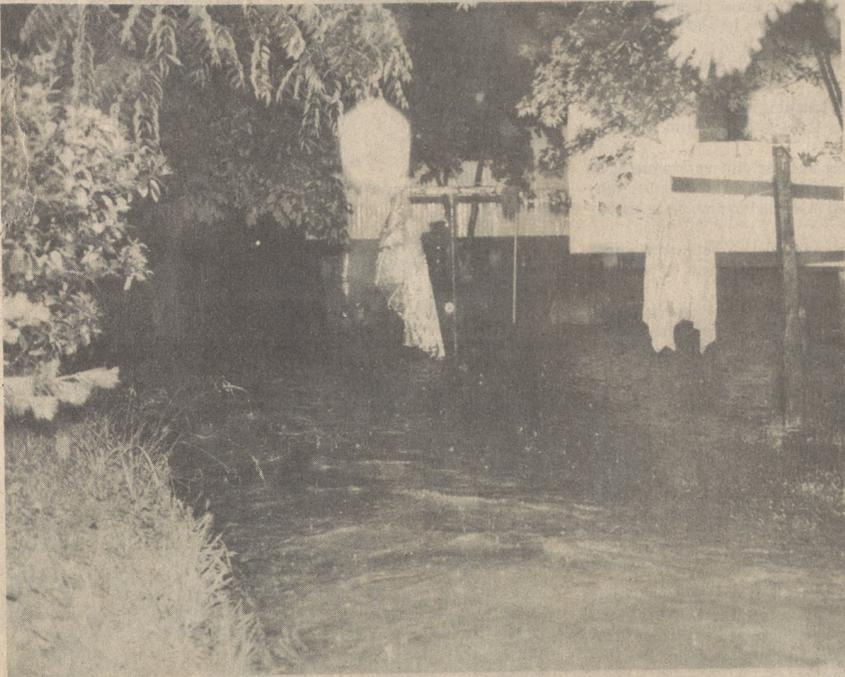
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Mauney Memorial Library
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GOLD STREET FLOOD - Gale McDaniel of Kings Mountain felt like many of the people in Noah's day during Monday night's thunderstorm here. The city's drainage system on Gold Street failed to take care of all the water and it went down through McDaniel's yard, wiping out his recently-planted garden and rising as high as the windows on one side of his house. McDaniel spent all day Tuesday drilling holds in the foundation of his home to let the water out.

Graduation Set Friday

Commencement exercises for 252 Kings Mountain Senior High School seniors will begin at 8 p.m. Friday night, June 1, in John Gamble Memorial Stadium.

Schools Supt. William Davis and KMSHS Principal Ronnie Wilson will present diplomas, assisted by Co-Chief Marshals Mary Elizabeth Blanton and Kevin Scott Ingram.

Holly Elizabeth Dellinger, secretary of the Class of 1984, will recognize the honor graduates and Sandra Lynn Watterson, president of the Class of 1984, will present the members of the graduating class.

Eaton Corporation Promotes John Major

John Major, Plant Manager of the Eaton Corporation Transmission Division Plant in Kings Mountain for the past 6½ years has been promoted to the newly created position of Division Manufacturing Systems Manager, North American Headquarters, Transmission Division, Galesburg, Michigan.

For the present time, he will be located at the Kings Mountain facility.

His responsibilities will include the investigation and implementation of manufacturing systems improvements for the transmission division which has plants located in Shenandoah, Iowa, Shelbyville, Tennessee, and Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Ken Norris has been appointed to replace John Major as Plant Manager of the Kings Mountain Transmission Division Plant effective June 1, 1984. Mr. Norris has been Plant Manager of the Shenandoah Plant for the past seven years.

A graduate of Western Michigan University with a Bachelor's degree in industrial engineering, Mr. Norris joined Eaton in 1966 in the Fluid Power Operations at the Marshall, Michigan Plant. He served

The Kings Mountain Junior High School Ninth Grade Band will play "Pomp and Circumstance" for the processional march. The invocation will be given by Carla Yvette Adams and the welcome will be made by Jeffrey Lewis Chapman, president of the Student Participation Organization. The Kings Mountain Senior High Choral Union will sing "Flying Free" and "Now The World Is Yours" under the direction of Eugene Bumgardner. Patricia Kay Davis, treasurer of the Class of 1984, will present the class gift to the school and the acceptance address will be given by W.B. McDaniel, chairman of the KM Board of Education.

The audience will join in the

singing of the School Song after which April Susan Biggers, Vice President of the Class of 1984, will pronounce the benediction.

In event of rain, the services will be moved to B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Senior sponsors are Mrs. Adelaide Allison, Mrs. Peggy Baird, Mrs. Linda Dixon, Mrs. Brenda Neal, Miss Annette Parker, Mrs. Jaquitha Reid, Mrs. Sheila Sisk, Mrs. Mary Taylor, Mrs. Angel Teer and Dean Westmoreland.

Junior marshals, in addition to the co-chiefs, are Thomas Shane Barnes, Angela Gaye Blackwell, Richard Sherrill Gold, Jr., Lisa Gail House, April Annette Hoyle, Mark David Lovelace, Stephanie Regina Moss, Karen Dianne Penner, Victoria Ann Sims, and Robin Lee Warlick.

The class colors are black and gold, the class flower is yellow rose, the class song is "We've Only Just Begun" and the class motto is: "I shall not pass this way but once; therefore, any good that I can do, or any kindness that I can do, let me do it now, for I shall not pass this way again."



JOHN MAJOR

as Mechanical Test Engineer, Plant Metallurgist and Project Metallurgist before being transferred to the Transmission Division as Chief Metallurgist of the Kalamazoo, Michigan facility. In 1973 he was named General Superintendent of the Kalamazoo Plant and in 1976 to Plant Manager of the Shenandoah Plant.

The Eaton Corporation is a worldwide leader of truck components for the heavy duty market as well as diversified products in automotive, electrical, semiconductor, aerospace and defense systems.

KM Policeman Fired

Ptl. Harry Martin, 32, was fired from the Kings Mountain Police Force on May 7th, according to Chief of Police Jackie Barrett.

Martin faces charges of assault on female and assault with deadly weapon in Cleveland County District Court June 14th.

Prosecuting witness is Jan Stanley, now of Gastonia.

City officers M.H. Corn, assisted by Det. James Camp, served the warrant on May 3.

According to the warrant, the alleged incident occurred on April 28th outside the city limits of Kings Mountain.

1984-85 City Budget To Be Over \$13 Million

by ELIZABETH STEWART
News Editor

The City of Kings Mountain's proposed budget for 1984-85 is \$13,638,257.00, reflects the same 50 cent tax rate which has applied for 20 years, and a five percent raise for city employees effective September 3.

The budget reflects an increase of \$1,064,362.00 over last year with capital improvements expected to be \$741,046,000 with \$100,000 of this amount allocated for street improvements.

Specifically, the new budget anticipates a general government budget of \$2,542,467 and a utility systems budget of \$11,095,790.

Mayor John Henry Moss, in his budget message to the full city board of commissioners Monday night, said that the growth rate, a 3.9 percent increase over projections for the current budget year and a 8.9 increase over last year in the utilities budget, is "a sign of the administration's concern for fiscal responsibility."

The police, fire and street departments are to receive the major portions of capital outlays, which accounts for 14 percent of the government budget. The police department expects to receive \$65,000 for two patrol cars and an assortment of weapons and equipment. A lease purchase agreement for a tire truck will take up \$33,100 of the \$51,800 the fire department is asking and the street department plans to spend a whopping \$100,000 of a budgeted \$158,846 on paving, curbing and guttering improvements. New electric lines and transformers totaling \$65,000 are budgeted, \$84,000 for new gas lines and valves and \$45,000 for road improvements.

The biggest hike in utility expenditures will be for electricity. The record budget, if finally adopted prior to July 1 as expected, represents an 18 percent increase over current year projections in utility expenditures for electricity for a total of \$4,993,592.00. Water and sewer expenditures are expected to be six percent less than the current year estimate of \$1,539,424. Gas expenditures will rise slightly from the current year projection of \$4,434,809.

The biggest increase in the

government budget will be in the fire, public works, inspection, codes, and properties and maintenance departments. A manpower shift will create a budget decrease in the administrative department, said Moss.

A "steady coming down" of indebtedness of the city was praised by Commissioners Jim Dickey and Norman King who said, "We are glad to see" the figure of \$1,977,000.00 which represents all the city owes, sanitary sewer, water, and gas system bonds. Mayor Moss concurred with them. He said, "For the past 40 years the city hasn't had bond obligations except for revenue producing utilities and it is a compliment to those who have served and those who serve now. We take pride in good

government and Kings Mountain has had good government over the years."

Kings Mountain residents will continue to pay a property tax of 50 cents per \$100 valuation, same tax rate which has applied during the Moss administration.

The Mayor said that "every Department with city government has been reviewed in an effort to develop a responsible program of municipal services at the lowest cost consistent with sound planning management, and fiscal procedures that bring about responsibility in the management of the citizens' business."

The mayor said, "the city's monitoring and evaluation program for our systems will enable

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Democratic Runoffs Slated For Tuesday

Kings Mountain area voters return to the polls Tuesday for second primary balloting with much interest centered locally for Democrats in the race for three seats on the board of Cleveland county Commissioners and in the race for Governor.

Joyce Falls Cashion, Kings Mountain grocer and second highest vote getter in the May Democratic Primary behind Gene LeGrand, of Shelby, Tom Brown of Shelby, T.W. Martin of Lattimore, Jack Spangler and Coleman Goforth, both of Shelby, are contenders for the

Democratic nomination. The three top votegetters will face top primary winners Ruth Wilson of Shelby, Charlie Harry of Grover and Billy Davis of Shelby, in the November general election.

Tuesday's run-off will include three short ballots, two for Democrats and one for Republicans. The polling places here are the same as prevailed at the May primaries: West Kings Mountain at the Armory; East Kings Mountain at the Community Center; Bethware at

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KM's Tesenair First Special School Grad

BY ELIZABETH STEWART
News Editor

There is a feeling of love in the Orthopedic Class at Graham School that even a first-time visitor quickly observes.

That shared love for one another is what Pete Tesenair's father feels has helped him to become the first graduate ever of the special school for the multiple handicapped in Cleveland County.

Orlando Eugene (Pete) Tesenair, born with cerebral palsy on Oct. 30, 1965, was an excited young man Friday who said that graduation day was the happiest day of his life, a day he had looked forward to "for so long."

The handsome young man in a black graduation cap and gown received his diploma in a wheelchair from Principal Paul Willis and shouted with glee as he threw his cap in the air at the end of the brief ceremony. His parents, Dot and Sam Tesenair, and his 17-year-old sister, Wanda Sue, watched as Pete ripped open graduation presents from his fellow classmates and gifts from friends who crowded into

the classroom to offer best wishes and hugs.

"Pete" says he will miss all his friends at Graham School where he has attended since age 7. The first five years of his life Pete was a long-term patient at the Gaston Orthopaedic Hospital, often requiring stays of seven to eight months and the early years have not been easy. Like his classmates, Pete has gone through operations, therapy, casts, medications, and lengthy hospital stays. He was pushed by his doctors, his nurses, his therapists, his teachers and his aides, his family and his social worker.

Pete said it took a lot of time and effort on the part of many people to get his eyes and hands to work together so that he could master reading and writing and arithmetic, which is his favorite subject. But through all the experiences, Pete maintained his sense of humor, his cheerful open attitude and the affection of his classmates, aides, teachers and friends.

Hallie Blanton, Pete's social worker and good friend the past

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PROUD FAMILY - Dot and Sam Tesenair and their daughter, Wanda Sue, were just as happy as their son, Pete Tesenair, on Pete's graduation day Friday. Going to school was a hard struggle for the young man, born with cerebral palsy, but his keen sense of humor and cheerful, open attitude, along with a "push" from family and friends helped him succeed.