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## TG&Y To Close KM Store

TG&Y Stores at West Gate Plaza will close August 25th, according to Bill Darrow, Vice President in charge of Real Estate for the company headquartered in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

TG&Y opened in Kings Mountain in 1979. B.J. Givens is local manager.

Mr. Darrow said the reason for the closing of the local store here "is a combination of things, based on a decrease in sales and profits and reasoning of the company that the assets can be better utilized in another location."

Petitions asking that the business remain in Kings Mountain are being circulated in Kings Mountain. Customers are signing the petitions and forwarding them to John Herron, President of TG&Y, PO Box 25967, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73125.

Mr. Darrow said he had no idea if the petitions will have any effect on management's decision to close the local store on Aug. 25.



Kristal Huffstetler

## Kristal Leaves Sunday For Miss N.C. Pageant

Kristal Huffstetler, 20, is off for Raleigh Sunday and a week of competition as Miss Gastonia in the Miss North Carolina Beauty Pageant.

Kristal's parents, Dot and Clyde Huffstetler, of Rhodes Ave., and her brother, Bobby Huffstetler, 19, will be in her cheering section all week as the Kings Mountain beauty competes in bathing suit, evening dress, and talent competition for the coveted crown.

Since Kristal won the Miss Gastonia crown in the annual pageant sponsored by the Gastonia Pageant Association this year has been a busy year for her. She has appeared at numerous functions, including Political rallies and banquets.

"I'm very excited about the week ahead", she said Tuesday night as she performed for friends and modeled the clothing

she will take with her to Raleigh. Kristal was honored at a reception at Gastonia's Masonic Temple and performed her talent, singing "I'll Never Love This Way Again" which won for her in the Miss Gastonia talent competition. For the talent competition, she will wear a long purple gown by Joseph & Stephen of Greenville, S.C.

A KMHS graduate and a student at Gaston College, Kristal entered her first pageant last spring and won, as Miss Gastonia. She was very excited then but next week she will be going for the chance to become Miss North Carolina, and should she win, vie for the title of Miss America in Atlantic City, N.J. In the evening gown competition, Kristal will wear a Florentine, mauve colored, formal studded with sequins, and expects to dazzle the audience with her five

foot four, 101 pound figure, ash blonde hair and blue eyes. Kristal said the week will include TV appearances, picnics, interviews, swim suit competition on Wednesday, talent competition on Thursday and evening gown competition on Friday. Ten finalists will be selected on Saturday and from the 10 Miss North Carolina will be crowned.

It has been a number of years since Kings Mountain has had a beauty contestant in the state pageant.

The Miss North Carolina pageant will be held in Raleigh's Civic Auditorium.

Singing and swimming are two of Miss Gastonia's favorite hobbies but going to flea markets with her family is a very favorite past time, she said.

"Our family likes to do things together and they will be right there with me in Raleigh next week", she said.

## Kings Mountain Wins Excellence Award Again

Kings Mountain has won the Governor's Community of Excellence Award.

The award will be presented to Kings Mountain Mayor John Moss, representing the city, on Sept. 19th at the statewide development conference by N.C. Governor Jim Hunt.

The award goes to communities with under 15,000 population which have met requirements designed to make them more attractive to economic development.

The Communities of Ex-

cellence Award is administered by the North Carolina Department of Commerce. Communities must qualify for the award each year.

Department of Commerce representatives visit each community each year to assure the standards have been met. Winning communities will receive highway signs designating them as winners. They are also given special promotional attention when working with industries looking for a plant site in North Carolina.

## Funeral Services Held For George Hord, 79

Funeral services for George Van Buren Hord Sr., 79, of 5405 Guida Drive, Greensboro, were conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. at Kings Mountain Baptist Church. Rev. J.C. Goare officiated. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Hord, retired assistant postmaster at the Kings Mountain Post Office, died Tuesday.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Joe S. and Fannie Stubbs Hord. His

wife was the late Mary Knox Hord.

He was a member of Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, George Hord Jr. of Greensboro; one daughter, Mrs. John (Helen) Pike of Greensboro; one brother, Roy Hord of Charlotte; one sister, Mrs. Kate Johnson of Bostic; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

## KM Realtors Receive Approval By State

The Kings Mountain Real Estate Group has received approval from the Board of North Carolina Association of Realtors, Inc. to become the Kings Mountain Board of Realtors, Inc.

Ruby M. Alexander, Larry Hamrick, and Hal Plonk attended the North Carolina Association of Realtors board meeting held in High Point at the Radisson Hotel. Approval is expected to be received from the National Association in November.

Announcement of the State's approval was made to the local group at the noon meeting on Monday with Alexander, Hamrick, and Plonk giving highlights of the High Point meeting.

The group also heard a program given by Ken Easley on Computer Multiple Listing Service. The program was arranged by Charlie Carpenter.

The Kings Mountain Board of Realtors includes twenty one licensed Realtors and six affiliates.

## Nothing Harmful In Water

There's nothing harmful about the water you are drinking today. The odor problem will go away, according to Walt Ollis, of the city's water department.

Ollis said the city has received "considerable" calls during the past several days from citizens complaining about an odor and taste of drinking water, but Ollis blames this change because of "a long wet spring and sudden high

temperatures." According to Ollis, "the semi annual turnover of the Lake has been extreme this year and when the Lake gets settled back down, the odor problems will go away."

Ollis said that city and state officials are working to eliminate the problem. "To our best knowledge, there is absolutely nothing wrong with the drinking water," he said.



Photo by Sidney Dixon

**GROUNDBREAKING** - Ministers and deacons of First Baptist Church are pictured above breaking the ground for a new \$1 million sanctuary following worship services Sunday morning. Left to right are Dr. Joel Jenkins, pastor; Rev. Allen Jolley, Minister of Music; and Charles Alexander, Wade Tyner, Black Leonard and Mike Landrum.

## Baptists Break Ground

First Baptist Church congregation broke ground Sunday for its proposed estimated \$1 million-plus sanctuary.

Construction is expected to begin within the next few weeks.

Participating in the groundbreaking were all worshippers who attended the 11 a.m. worship service at the church and

members of the church building committee.

Dr. Joel Jenkins, pastor of the church, led the service of groundbreaking at noon.

Members of the church building committee are Charles Alexander, chairman; Peggy Hord, Betty Gamble, Diana Dellinger, Jim White, Fred

Weaver, and Larry Allen.

"It was a big moment and a big step for our congregation and we look forward to the day when we can enter our new sanctuary," said Chairman Alexander.

The new sanctuary will be constructed adjacent to the present church building on West King Street.



**BAPTISTS BREAK GROUND** - Members of First Baptist Church form an outline of the proposed new sanctuary Sunday and take part in the groundbreaking for the new \$1 million facility. The new sanctuary, to be located on the west side of the present church building, will seat 700 persons.

## County Increases Tax Rate

Cleveland County commissioners Monday in a split vote adopted a 1984-85 budget with a 4 cent increase in the county property tax rate.

Opposing the tax hike were commissioners Pete Stamey and Coleman Goforth. Voting for the tax increases were commissioners Hugh Dover, Jack Palmer, Jr. and L.E. (Josh) Hinnant.

Stamey said he felt other commissioners wanted to be comfortable with 4 cent increase, although the increase would not be as comfortable for taxpayers. Goforth said he voted for the increase last year but felt there should be no need for another increase this year.

Palmer said the tax increase is needed in the coming year because of mandated programs and in part because of a fund balance depleted during a series of property tax cuts prior to last year.

Hinnant said he believed the county might be gambling somewhat on anticipated revenue and despite some opposition he had heard he felt a pay increase for employees was justified.

Dover said he was interested in seeing the county go forward. "If you receive the services, you've got to pay the taxes."

The increase approved Monday means a tax rate of 69 cents per \$100 valuation.

## KM Men Charged In Raids

Charles Leon (Rabbit) Clary, manager of American Legion Post 155, and Darrell Bridges, employee of Frank B. Glass Post 9811, VFW, were charged with violation of the state liquor laws during separate raids on the two clubs Friday night.

Both men face charges in Cleveland County District Court July 19th of possession of liquor for sale and possession of liquor on premises.

The raids were made by Alcoholic Beverage Control Officer Danny Wright, assisted by Kings Mountain Police Department Detective Billy Benton.