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## Five People Charged With Meter Tampering

Monkeying with raw electricity is dangerous business and the city is cracking down on meter tampering which has already resulted in five arrests with more utility customers to be charged.

City utility customers in recent weeks have been caught reconnecting their own power by illegal and dangerous means after their electric meters were disconnected by the city for non-payment, according to city meter officer Dan Hughes who said that in some instances coat hanger wire, copper wire, hacksaw blades, and in one case a stolen meter from Gaston

County, were used by individuals who could have hurt themselves and/or set fire to properties they were renting.

"It's very dangerous business", said Hughes, who said he discovered utilities were being pilfered during routine meter reading and Hughes said that all citizens are encouraged to report such violations to the city, not only for their own safety but for the safety of others.

Tampering of meters is a misdemeanor violation punishable by a fine of up to \$500 and/or two years in jail and a judgment allows the ci-

ty to collect up to triple in damages.

Five citizens have been charged in warrants so far, but others are pending.

Four citizens pled guilty to interfering with electric meters last week in Cleveland County District Court. In all cases prosecuted, Hughes said the city had only asked for restitution of what the power customer owes the city.

Pleading guilty last week to interfering with electric meters and receiving suspended sentences were Tommy Burnette, 102 E. King St., who paid \$50 court costs

and \$199.92 to the city for power; Janice Rippey, 407-A Cherry St., \$50 and costs and \$105.04 to the city for power; James Smith, 414 N. Battleground Ave., \$50 costs and \$309.32 to the city for power; and Thurman Jordan, 217 Morris St., who paid \$50 in court costs and \$261.00 to the city for power.

A warrant has been served on Terry Teague, 315 Dilling St., and court date for him is June 4th. He is also charged with interfering with electric meter in warrant drawn by the city.

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### Dr. Joel Jenkins To Preach KMSHS Baccalaureate Sermon

Commencement exercises for 280 graduating seniors at Kings Mountain Senior High School will begin on June 2 with baccalaureate services at 7 p.m. and culminate on June 4th with graduation exercises.

Both programs will be held in John Gamble Memorial Stadium at 7 p.m.



DR. JOEL JENKINS

David Dingus and Karen Penner will be at the piano to play the processional and recessional, "Pomp and Circumstance."

The Kings Mountain High School Choral Union will provide special music at both exercises.

Stephanie Regina Moss will give the invocation at the graduation exercises and Leonard Demetris Byers, senior class vice president, will give the benediction. Richard Sherrill Gold, Jr., president of the Student Participation Organization, will welcome guests. Eric Bradley Jones, senior class president, will present the Class of 1985, and Toni Lynn Goforth, senior class secretary, will recognize honor graduates.

Principal Ronnie Wilson will deliver remarks and assistant Supt. William C. Davis and chief marshal Lisa Michelle Buchanan in presenting diplomas.

W.B. McDaniel, chairman of the Kings Mountain Board of Education, will accept the class gift from Maury Alexander Williams, senior class treasurer.

The Kings Mountain Junior High Ninth Grade Band will play "Pomp and Circumstance" for the processional music.

Other marshals are Karen Lynn Biddix, Roderick L. Boyce, Jennifer Leigh Bradley, Elizabeth Lynn Eskridge, Fluvanna Elease Ferebee, Lisa Marie Hambricht, Patrick Spencer Hamrick, Patricia Lynn McGinnis, Elzbieta Maria Teresa Milewski, Kathy Miriam Simpson and Norma Elizabeth Webster.

Dr. Joel P. Jenkins, pastor of First Baptist Church, will deliver the commencement sermon.

Other ministers who will participate in the service will be Dr. Eric Faust, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, who will introduce the speaker; Rev. Harwood T. Smith, Jr., pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church who will give the invocation; Rev. Nancy Brown, pastor of Adams Chapel AME Zion Church who will give the benediction and Rev. Lyn Sorrells, pastor of El Bethel United Methodist Church who will read the scripture.



WOMAN RESCUER—Darlene Short, above with Capt. Roy Hammett of the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, is Cleveland County's first paid woman rescue squad employee. An EMT, she joined the KM squad as a volunteer in January and became a paid employee two weeks ago.

### Darlene County's First Full-Time Woman Rescuer

Darlene Short grew up in a house with three brothers and feels "right at home" working with 18 males in the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad.

The young woman, who celebrates her 25th birthday in July, has the distinction of being the first female "paid" employee of a Rescue Squad in Cleveland County. She joined the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad in January as a volunteer and came on as a full time paid employee at the urging of Captain Roy Hammett and other members of the team just two weeks ago.

Her present occupation is much different from her role at Tultex Outlet where she worked for seven years and she doesn't use any of her legal secretarial skills for which she was trained at Gaston College for two years. However, she finds her present work "very rewarding" and her "boss", Captain Roy Hammett, praises her as a "fine and very dedicated member of the rescue team." Darlene is one of three women volunteers of the KM Squad. Debra Morgan is the squad's first black female volunteer and Rita Sanders has also joined the squad as a volunteer. Ms. Morgan works in communications.

First Lt. and other paid members of the squad are Captain Hammett, Training Officer Jeff Cloninger and Second Lieutenant Barry Dellinger, all EMT's.

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### KMSHS Spring Band Concert Thursday Night

The annual Spring Concert by the Kings Mountain District Schools Band is slated Thursday at 8 p.m. in B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

The concert is free and open to the public.

The Central School 7th Grade Band, the Junior High School 9th Grade Band, and the Kings Mountain Senior High Blazer Band will

all perform.

The concert will consist of traditional and popular band music.

Donald Deal, KM Band Director, Christopher H. Cole, Assistant Band Director, and Crystal Franklin, student teacher from Appalachian State University will direct the program.

### Alexander Re-Elected President Of Association

For the second consecutive year Charles L. Alexander has been elected to the Presidency of the North Carolina Federation of Chapters of the National

Association of Retired Federal Employees. This action was taken last week at the 29th annual convention, of this organization, which convened in Fayetteville, May 15-17th.



CHARLES ALEXANDER

Featured speakers included Governor Jim Martin who addressed the convention at the luncheon meeting on Thursday. Alexander's daughter Cindi Wood was soloist at the banquet.

The NARFE organization in North Carolina is divided into six geographical areas. Each area supports a Vice President who as an administrative officer oversees the chapter activities in his area. There are 47 chapters in the state. Each chapter holds monthly business meetings for the purpose of conducting NARFE activities in the area and state.

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### Jolly Rites Held Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs. Orangrel Barrett Jolly, 77, of 112 S. Gaston St., widow of Clarence L. Jolly, Sr., were conducted Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Central United Methodist Church of which she was a member.

Mrs. Jolly died Friday in Charlotte Memorial Hospital after several month's illness.

She was a native of Cleveland County, daughter of the late Francis and Ida Mabry Barrett. Prior to her retirement, she was employed in the Payroll Department of Margrace Mill for a number of years and since her retirement had been employed eight years as receptionist at Kings Mountain Convalescent Center. She was an active volunteer at Kings Mountain Con-



ORANGREL B. JOLLY

valescent Center and the Kings Mountain Senior Center and was honored last Fall by Governor Jim Hunt as an outstanding Senior Citizen from Cleveland County in ceremonies in Asheville.

An active member of Central United Methodist Church, she was a former circle leader and former president of the Women's

Society of Christian Service. She was also active in the Woman's Club and was a past president and had served virtually every office in the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 155.

Surviving are two sons, Clinton Jolly of Kings Mountain and Clarence L. Jolly, Jr. of Charlotte; three daughters, Patricia Boyd of Kings Mountain, Doris Kiser of Bessemer City and Mrs. Rachel Caune of Charlotte; one brother, Horace Barrett of Kings Mountain; 17 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Her pastor, Rev. George Aumen, officiated at the rites and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The family has designated memorials to Central United Methodist Church.



Photo by Gary Stewart

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR - Teachers of the Year in Kings Mountain District Schools are pictured above. The teachers were interviewed last week by a special selection committee and the winner will be announced next month by Superintendent Bill Davis and will compete for Region Teacher of the Year. Left to right, Faye Lowery, Bethware School; Steve Lazenby, Central School; Lynda Stewart, Grover School; Ann Rudisill, West School; Katherine Blanton, North School; Lillie Hinton, Kings Mountain Junior High; and Kaye Jolly, East School. Not pictured, Joel Rountree, Kings Mountain High School.