

Utility Bills Concern Citizens

To the editor:

We are very concerned about the drastic increase in the utility bills of so many of the citizens in our community. Although we were aware that there would be a rate increase, we did not expect bills to double or to triple from the billing in December to that of January. The cold weather of below freezing temperatures had not yet set in during this billing period. Most of the citizens of Kings Mountain are on close budgets during this time especially and are not prepared for a "disaster" such as this one.

There are those of us who do not use washers and dryers and who do not heat with electricity or gas—and yet our bills have gone over \$100 a month to just use the lights sparingly, run a television and a very few other appliances, and take an occasional quick shower. We feel certain that something is wrong.

This document has been signed by citizens who believe that the sharp increase of two or three times the December bill seems unjustified. We want you to explain this to the entire community. If errors have been made, please work to correct them. We elected you and we are depending on you for help in this matter.

(ED NOTE: This letter is addressed to Mayor John Henry Moss and the City Commissioners and was signed by 73 persons).

Attend Benefit Singing

DEAR FRIEND:

On Saturday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m. there will be a benefit sing in memory of Paul Henson. Mr. Henson, a resident of Kings Mountain, died of leukemia on January 18.

The benefit was already in the making before Mr. Henson's death. Due to the high expense that accumulated during his stay at John Hopkins Hospital in Maryland, we, as friends of Mr. Henson, choose to go ahead with the benefit.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY:

6:30 - Valentine dinner for Kings Mountain Rotarians and wives at Gastonia City Club.

6:45 - Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club at the Country Club.

SATURDAY:

9 p.m.-1 a.m. - Valentine dance and breakfast sponsored by American Legion Post 155 at the American Legion Building. Public invited. Tickets \$15 per couple, including breakfast.

TUESDAY:

7:30 - Southern Arts Society at A.B. Snow Studio, 3600 Margrace Road. Public invited.

7:30 - American Legion Auxiliary at the American Legion Building. Hostesses: Ruth Ruff and Daisy McCurry.

Senior Calendar

Activities at the Kings Mountain Senior Center for Thursday February 13th through Wednesday February 19th:

THURSDAY: Escort Service 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Insurance Workshop 10:30 a.m. Nutrition 11:30 a.m. Valentine Party and Special Music 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

FRIDAY: Escort Service 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Nutrition 11:30 a.m. Grocery day 12:00 p.m. VALENTINE'S DAY.

MONDAY: Escort Service 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Nutrition 11:30 a.m. Coupon Club 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Bowling 1:30 p.m. Ahoy 2:00-3:00 p.m.

TUESDAY: Escort Service 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Nutrition 11:30 a.m. Band practice 12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Escort Service 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Nutrition 11:30 a.m. Blood pressure 10:00 a.m. to 11:30. Ceramics No. 1, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ceramics No. 2, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Five Automobile Wrecks Reported By KM Police

Five automobile accidents occurred in the city during the weekend, according to city police.

A 1981 AMC operated by Dr. F.J. Sincox of Gastonia struck a 1984 Toyota operated by James Ellis of Route 5, doing \$150 damage to the Toyota and \$75 to the AMC. The accident occurred in the parking lot of Kings Mountain Convalescent Center.

William Venable, of Commerce, Ga., operating a 1984 Olds which was damaged \$100, struck a 1982 Chevrolet operated by Doris Johnson, 709 Linwood Road, on S. Battleground Ave. Damages were estimated at \$100 to each car.

A school bus and car collided on King Street Feb. 10th. City Police said there were no passengers in the bus at the

time of the accident. The drivers were identified as Anthony Quinn Houser, of Route 5, operating the Cleveland County School Bus, and Michael Todd Hughes, 803 Princeton Dr., operating the 1984 truck owned by Wade Ford. Damages were estimated at \$275.

William Moore, Route 3, operating a 1985 Ford which was damaged \$500, struck a 1968 Chevrolet operated by Christy Davis, 303 W. Gold St., which was damaged \$1,000. The accident occurred on West Gold Street.

David Vestal, 208 Margaret St., operating a 1960 Ford on Cleveland Avenue, struck a 1982 Chevrolet operated by Hilliard Black, 517 Rhodes Ave., which was damaged \$800. The Vestal Ford was damaged \$30.

We would like to invite you to join in this occasion. There will be a gospel singing at 7:00 p.m. featuring the Pioneers of Randleman, the Regals of Spartanburg, and the Disciple-Aires of Shelby. There will be refreshments available in the lobby area. There is no set admission fee, but we are asking for donations of at least \$1.00, (more if anyone feels lead to do so).

We hope this will be a time of Christian fellowship and Christian love toward the Henson family.

The benefit will be held at Barnes Auditorium at Kings Mountain High School on Phifer Rd.

We sincerely hope you can join us at this time.

IN CHRISTIAN LOVE,
FRIENDS OF PAUL HENSON

Help Fire Victims

To the editor:

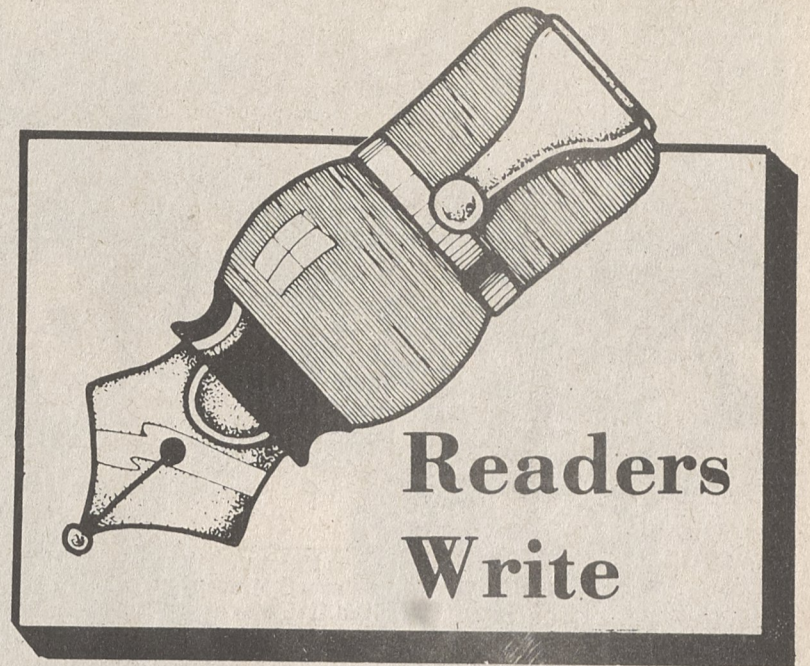
We, members of the Kings Mountain Fire Department, are collecting items for families who get burned out.

If anyone in the area would like to help us on this project, we would appreciate it very much. You may call the fire department at 734-0556 or bring the items to the fire department.

The items needed most are towels, pillow cases, wash cloths, sheets, curtains, silverware, glasses, baby clothes, pots, pans, or any furniture you may have.

We hope you can help us to help others. Thank you very much.

Charles (Bud) Ware
Assistant Chief,
Kings Mountain Fire Department



Letter Guidelines

The Herald welcomes your letters to the editor for publication in each Thursday's edition. We ask that you observe the following guidelines and deadlines:

All letters should be brief and to the point. They should typed, if possible, but signed in ink, and should include the complete address and telephone number of the writer.

The Herald reserves the right to edit the letter for clarity, spelling, or any other reason, and may reject the letter for any reason.

All letters must be received by 5 p.m. Tuesday. Mail them to Letters to the Editor, P.O. Box 752, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086.

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Make Plans Now To Attend
Belk Stevens
Bridal Festival Friday,
February 21st.
An Evening Of Information,
Demonstrations & Clinics
Just For You Two
Concluding With
Bridal Fashion Show
Friday Night, 8:00 P.M.

GRAND PRIZE: \$400

HONEYMOON PACKAGE THRU
NOELL TRAVEL AGENCY

Many Door Prizes To Be Given Away Throughout The Evening

Bleeka Goforth Catering

will be hosting an elegant all white reception following the
Bridal Fashion Show.

**KINGS MOUNTAIN
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
Will Hold Its Annual
Meeting On Thursday,
Feb. 13th At 7:30 P.M.
At
RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Recreation Room, 600 Crescent Circle, Kings Mtn., N.C.**