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Celebration Time

Chief Gene Tignor and the Kings Mountain Fire Department will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the city's historical fire museum on July 26-27. See feature story and pictures on page 1-C.

Winning Pro



CLONINGER

Kings Mountain's Todd Cloninger, a pitcher with the Chicago Cubs' Class A farm club in Geneva, N.Y., turned in his first professional victory, a three-hit shutout, last week. Read about it on page 9-A...Also in sports, Kings Mountain will host the district Babe Ruth and Dixie Youth baseball tournaments this week. The Babe Ruth

event begins Thursday at Kings Mountain High School and the Dixie Youth tourney begins Saturday at Deal Street Park.

Blackie Retires

Blackie Oates, who operated Oates Shell Service at the intersection of Highway 74 and Cleveland Avenue for many years, has retired. Read about him in Lib Stewart's column on page 14-A.

Christmas In July

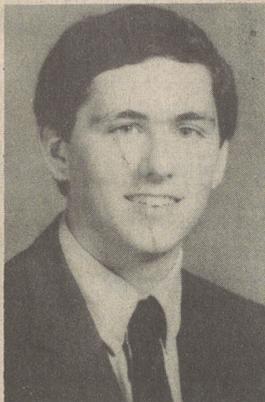
North School teacher Connie Bell and her family have been thinking cool thoughts during these hot days. They've been trimming White Pine and Virginia Pine Christmas trees on their farm between Kings Mountain and Grover. Read about them in Gary Stewart's column on page 14-A.

Local Teens Study Abroad

Julie Rush McGinnis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. McGinnis, of Kings Mountain, flew on June 24 to Miami for an orientation into a new culture. She arrived in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on June 26 where she was met by the Almira Ivo Gomes



JULIE MCGINNIS



PATRICK HAMRICK

Manhaes family; the rest of her new address is: Rua Ipiranga, 56/401, Campos, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 28.100.

Her new family consists of her homemaker mother and her businessman father, her sister, 21 years old (a student in her last year of college, majoring in English, and already teaching one English course) and a brother, 14 years old, who attends Catholic school.

Julie is living in a four-bedroom town house with her new family. It is family oriented and outings such as going to the beach are planned. Julie feels that her new brother is a lot like her, especially in height.

Campos is a suburb of Rio de Janeiro about the same size as Charlotte. It has 3 radio stations, 2 newspapers, and 4 TV stations. Temperatures range between 60°-65° F. It is their fall season.

Julie says that she would love letters from all of us. It will take five days for mail to reach her. Julie is a senior in Kings Mountain High School. She and her family will be hosting the AFS German exchange student from Hamlin, Germany.

Patrick Spencer Hamrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry D. Hamrick, and a 1986 graduate of Kings Mountain High School, left June 7 for an AFS summer adventure in Australia. It is their winter season and the temperature

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Attend Babe Ruth, Dixie Youth Tournament In KM



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KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

Drought Is Now Critical

The six-month drought which has little hope of getting better has caused serious water shortages and crop damages in the Piedmont Carolinas.

Kings Mountain water customers are fortunate as the 64-mile John H. Moss Reservoir's level has dropped less than a foot and is not in any danger of reaching a shortage stage.

But area towns, including Bessemer City and Cherryville, are facing critical water shortages and city officials there have initiated mandatory conservation measures. Residents in both towns face a \$50 fine and up to 30 days in jail for violating the water conservation guidelines which include non-watering of lawns and other measures.

A spokesman for the town of Bessemer City said that its city-owned lake on Lewis Dairy Road is about half empty. Bessemer City residents cannot water anything and the town's only car wash has closed down. Bessemer City purchases some water from Kings Mountain.

An employee at the water plant at Kings Mountain's Moss Reservoir said Tuesday that the lake level has dropped from 12'7" on May 30 to 11'9½" yesterday but there is little or no chance that the city would have to take any conservation measures. The city owns pumps at three different lake levels and, in the event water would become too low at the first level pump, the second pump would take over.

Moss Lake has been pumping its maximum eight million gallons of water per day, up about two million gallons per day over normal conditions. The increase is due, the spokesman said, to the hot and dry conditions.

Many Kings Mountain residents aren't as fortunate as those inside the city limits, though. About 125 families in the Midpines Community south of town were out of water last week. They all share the same community well. Many other wells used by multi-families have been strained. A spokesman for an area well-drilling firm said drillers are going at least 10 feet further into the earth to hit water.

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Larcenies Vandalism Reported

Larcenies and damage to property kept Kings Mountain police busy last week, reported Marty Blanton, secretary to Chief Jackie D. Barrett.

Ralph Lowery of 502 Lynn Street reported the larceny of a bicycle valued at \$30.

Ralph Chitwood of 133 McGinnis Street reported that someone broke into his home and did \$25 damage to screens on door and windows.

Frances Holly of 317 Wilson Terrace reported that someone did \$25 damage to a window and screen.

Robin Lovelace of Shelby reported the theft of \$100 while he was at the Pizza Hut in Kings Mountain.

Jerry's East King Mustang reported that someone pumped \$2 worth of gas and left without paying.

William Walker of 108 East Ridge Street reported that someone siphoned about five gallons of gas from his vehicle.

Danny Wilson of 107-A North Piedmont reported damages to two cars while they were parked at Marge's Restaurant. He reported that someone broke a window, damaged the paint and broke a radio in a 1970 Ford. Damage was \$190. He also reported that someone broke the passenger window, damaged a window frame and door and stole a pair of gloves from a 1984 Ford. Damage was \$330.

Charlene Hamrick of 202 Benfield Drive reported that someone punched holes in the side of her swimming pool.

Margaret Bowles of 304 Waco Road said someone

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PERRY-GARGIULO

Joins KM Hospital Staff

On July 1, Barbara Perry-Gargiulo of Charlotte joined the staff of Kings Mountain Hospital as coordinator of public relations and marketing.

"We feel it's important to make the public more aware of the many fine services offered here at Kings Mountain Hospital," said Mrs. Perry-Gargiulo. "The hospital is furnished with some of the most advanced medical equipment available and it has an excellent, diversified medical staff. Part of my effort in this position will be to help the people of the greater area realize just how many benefits the hospital offers them."

A native of Hartford, Connecticut and a long-time resident of Maryland, Mrs. Perry-Gargiulo attended the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri; Drew

University in Madison, New Jersey and graduated from the University of the State of New York. She moved to Rocky Mount, North Carolina in 1979 and became sales manager of Radio Station WRMT. In 1981 she joined Community Hospital of Rocky Mount as Director of Public Relations and Education. In 1984 she was engaged by SunHealth, in Charlotte, as Director of Communications for Management Services.

Mrs. Perry-Gargiulo and her husband, Al, will make their home in Kings Mountain.

Kings Mountain Hospital is a modern, 102-bed acute care facility. Mrs. Marilyn Neisler is president of the Board of Trustees and Huit Reep is the administrator.

Photo by Jeff Grigg

BEATING THE HEAT - About the only way to beat the 100-degree heat and high humidity is to find some water and jump in it. These youngsters at the Deal Street swimming pool in Kings Mountain don't mind the weather at all.

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