



KM Weather

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

Total precipitation	1.14"	YEAR AGO	2.37"
Maximum one day	1.04 (18th)	.80 (15th)	
Year To Date	9.36	16.91	
Minimum temperature	34 (15th)	45 (16th)	
Maximum temperature	76 (15th)	83 (15th)	
Average temperature	56.7	61.5	

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Cleanup Campaign To Begin

Kings Mountain has proclaimed the weeks of April 27 through May 7 as "Paint Up, Clean Up, Fix Up Weeks" in the city.

In signing a proclamation for the event earlier this week, Mayor Kyle Smith said it was important for the city and its citizens to help work for a cleaner community.

"The local garden clubs and other concerned citizens have issued a challenge to all residents to participate in a clean-up and beautification campaign for all business and residential areas of the city," the mayor said.

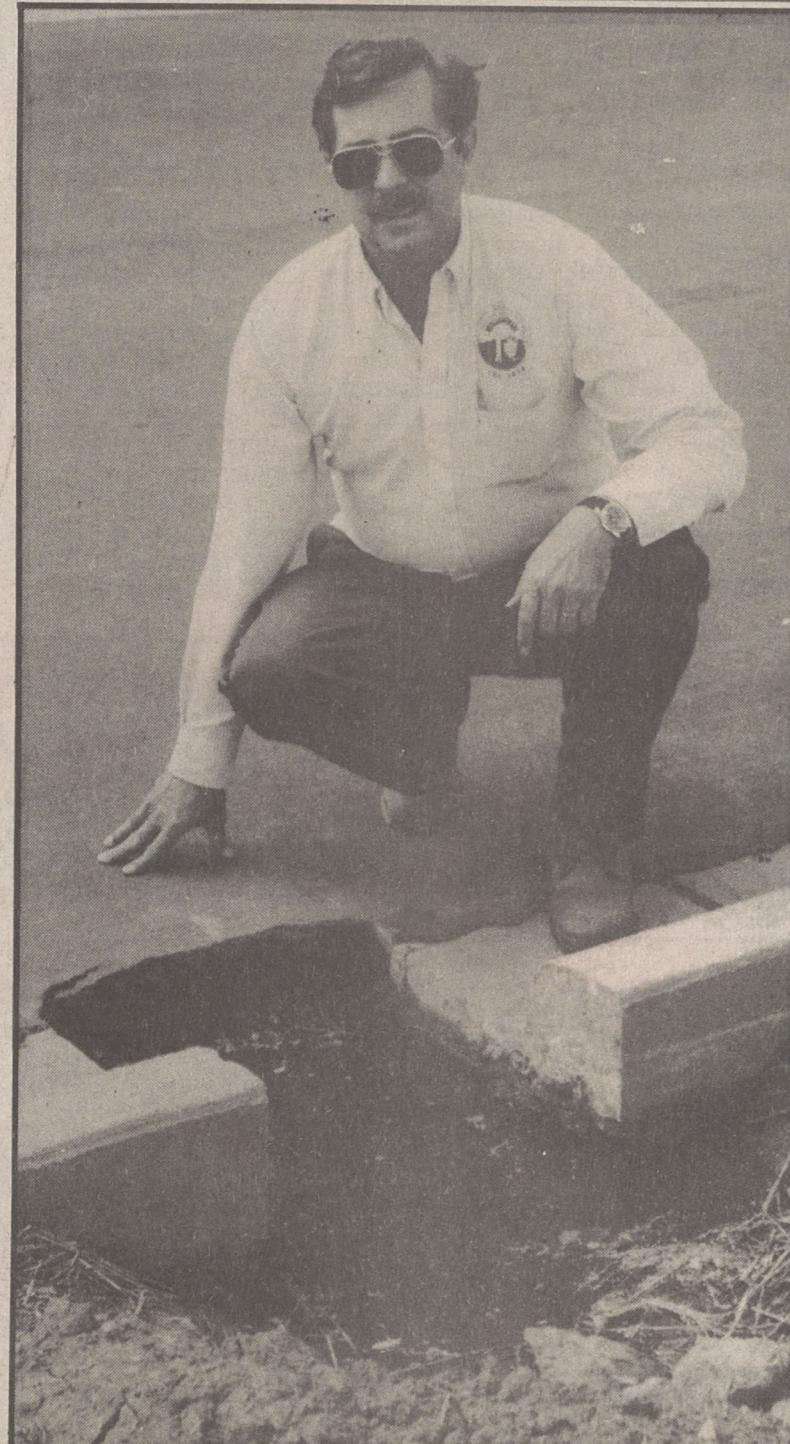
The city has been working on cleaning designated areas of the community by picking up litter and encouraging trash removal.

"This is something that we are taking seriously, and we don't want it to end after our "Paint Up, Clean Up, Fix Up Weeks are over," he said.

Various civic groups will be taking part in the campaign and there will be designated trash pickup areas where trash will be collected. A schedule of locations will be published in next week's Kings Mountain Herald.

Mayor Smith said it was important for the city to improve its image and be regarded as a cleaner, well-groomed community. "We have a lot of room for improvement, and it is going to take everyone's cooperation

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BURIED WATER METER — Meter reader Dan Hughes, above, illustrates one of the many examples in town of buried water meters. The meter, above, is buried under 18 inches of water. Photo by Darrin Griggs



FOUNDATION OFF GROUND - Mrs. Carl Mauney, center, has presented a gift of \$11,000-plus to kickoff the Kings Mountain Educational Foundation. She is pictured with members of the Kings Mountain School Board at Monday's meeting. Left to right, front row, Billy King, Mrs. Mauney and Priscilla Mauney. Back row, Doyle Campbell, Bill McDaniel and Paul Hord.

Educational Foundation Off Ground

The family of the late Carl Mauney has given a donation in excess of \$11,000 to begin an educational foundation in Kings Mountain District Schools.

The announcement was made at Monday's meeting of the board of education at the administration office.

Dr. Bob McRae, superintendent, said he had urged the board to begin planning for a foundation several months ago. "But," he said, "at the time the Indoor Pool Foundation was raising funds and the library was raising funds for an ex-

pansion program, and we determined we would not pursue it because the very generous people of the community needed a rest."

McRae said the Mauney family approached him recently wanting to begin a scholarship in Mr. Mauney's memory which would amount to \$1,000 per year to deserving KMHS seniors. The family agreed to let the gift be the initial gift to the Educational Foundation.

"This is a great day for us," said McRae. "We're very pleased that the Mauney family is doing this to get a

tremendous undertaking off the ground."

McRae said other families, industries and businesses are invited to participate in the scholarship program.

"We're grateful for this gift and the first recipient will be named this year," McRae said. "Mr. Mauney was always supportive of education in Kings Mountain and served on the board of trustees at Cleveland Tech."

"Carl was always interested in education," said Mrs. Mauney. "I'm glad we could do this."

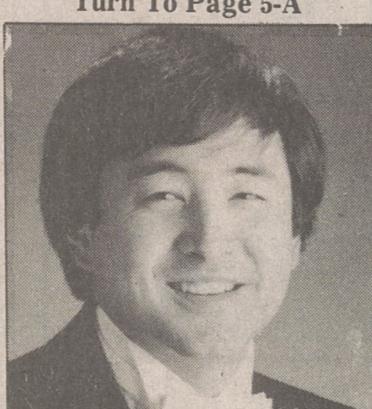
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Shriners' Annual Barbecue To Benefit Crippled Children

The White Plains Shrine Club will sponsor its annual barbecue Sat., Apr. 30 at the vacant lot at the intersection of York Road and Gold Street.

All proceeds will go to the Shriners Hospital For Crippled Children in Greenville, S.C.

Barbecued shoulders will sell for \$30, two sandwiches will be \$3 and a barbecue plate will be \$3.50. Tickets may be purchased from any Shriner.



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Faulty Water Meter Costing City Bundle

Kings Mountain is losing approximately \$600,000 each year due to faulty water meters, and the city is paying another \$1 million annually in unaccounted electric fees to Duke Power.

"The figures are staggering, but are really no surprise," said Kings Mountain Utilities Director Jimmy Maney. "Maintenance to our systems has been a long standing problem, and now it is getting to a critical stage."

The scope of the problem facing city hall became apparent, Maney said, after Kings Mountain finished compiling an analysis in February of the city-owned utility systems.

Here's what the city is facing:

—Forty-two percent of all city-owned residential water meters don't work.

—Households with faulty meters are billed a minimal water and sewerage system charge of \$3.43 per month, regardless of total usage. The city estimates it is losing \$600,000 annually due to the underbilling.

—The city installed 225 new water meters last year at a cost of \$30,000, including cost of

"It has taken a long time for the system to get in this condition . . ."

— Jimmy Maney

not pointing a finger at any past or present city officials, but these are simply the facts that our analysis showed," he added.

Maney said the system analysis also showed that the city is paying about \$1 million in unaccounted electric fees to Duke Power.

He estimates that \$500,000 is going for the city's use of the overall system, including operation of the water and sewerage treatment plants, city owned building, street lights, city parks, and other city owned facilities.

"All of these city owned buildings don't have meters," he said, "so we won't really know where all the electricity is going until they do."

The City estimated \$200,000 is being lost from electricity drained from poorly insulated power lines and from tree limbs brushing against power lines.

The remaining \$300,000 is for peak usage charges from Duke Power that could be reduced if customer usage was better managed. "These are charges that could conceivable be returned back to the consumer if they arrange their peak power consumption so that it is in off peak periods.

The city's utility director said it will take time for Kings Mountain to work out its problem. "It has taken a long time for the

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■ Electric System Critical

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the meters and installation. But that is only a small fraction of the 1,270 meters that need to be repaired or replaced today at an approximate cost of \$160,000.

—About half the city households using outdoor security lights at their homes are not being charged the monthly service fee. The 232 households not being charged the \$6.59 fee result in a \$18,346 annual loss to the city.

"No one really knows how long this has been going on, but it is safe to say that it has been going on for years," Maney said. "I am

School Budget Is Approved

Kings Mountain's Board of Education Monday night approved a 1988-89 budget of \$3,197,152 for general operations and \$255,375 for capital outlay.

The system is asking county commissioners for \$1,474,558, an increase of 10.3 percent over last year's figure of \$1,336,987.

The budget, according to Supt. Bob McRae, will allow the system to maintain the same programs as this year.

The budget calls for a five percent increase in teacher supplements. McRae also predicted that state salaries for employees will increase five to seven percent which will necessitate the system matching those increases for locally-paid employees. He said the budget also includes \$10,000 for improving salaries of non-certified personnel.

"It's not a frivilous budget at all," he said.

The budget has been available for public inspection in the superintendent's office. No one spoke during a public hearing held prior to the budget's adoption.

Of the capital outlay expense, \$60,000 is earmarked for asbestos removal, which is required by federal law, Asst. Supt. Larry Allen explained.

Allen said requests of more than \$600,000 were presented by schools. "Of course, we're not able to do that but each school has some benefit coming," he said.

A major project at Grover

cafeteria, \$9,517; replacing the roof and heating and air conditioners as needed at North, \$29,250; retube a boiler at North, \$6,500; install a covering for the walkway at West, \$10,000; and renovations of bathrooms at North, \$8,000.

KM Realtors To Observe

Home Week April 24-30

The Kings Mountain Board of Realtors is joining in observing American Home Week, April 24-30.

"This is a nationwide observance to celebrate home ownership and private property rights for people, business and industry," said Bob Maner, president of the Kings Mountain Board of Realtors.

Owning a home has long been the essence of the American dream because it represents personal security as well as shelter, Maner added.

By becoming homeowners, people acquire personal incentives to work for a better neighborhood, toward less crime, better education and greater family stability.

Maner noted that there are many benefits in owning a home. "Homeowners have greater personal savings, a higher standard of living and rely less on government retirement programs. Homeowners take an active part in their local governments and vote in higher numbers than do renters."

Today, nearly 65 percent of all adult Americans own

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Symphony To Perform Friday

Darryl One, assistant conductor of the Charlotte Symphony, will lift his baton at 8 p.m. Friday night, April 22, in Barnes Auditorium to the sweet strains of Beethoven's Symphony No. 4 in B-Flat Major, Op. 60. Beethoven usually composed in pairs, one the more forceful while the other is perhaps more ef-

feminate and gentle. This trait shows in many of his works but it is clearly observed in the nine great symphonies; the odd numbered ones are dramatic and robust while the even numbered ones are more light and gay. This beautiful Symphony No. 4, according to composer Robert Schumann, "stands

like a Greek Maiden between two Norse giants." He wrote the symphony in a castle of one of his patrons during a happy, romantic period in his life.

The symphony has four movements. The first movement begins with a dreamy,

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