

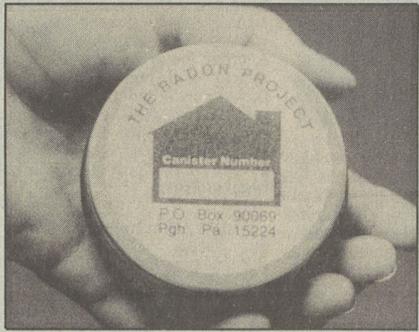
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## Radon Testing Urged

Local surveys conducted in Gaston, Cleveland, and Lincoln Counties show that more radon home testing should be done in these areas. Homes tested in previous surveys indicate unsafe levels of radon gas in Cherryville, Crouse, Lincolnton, Gastonia, Kings Mountain, Grover, Moss Lake, Dallas, Belmont, and Bessemer City.

stated that radon gas contamination in homes is more prevalent than first suspected. Radon appears to be responsible for about 13,000 to 20,000 lung cancer deaths per year, according to the National Academy of Science report. Radon deaths are second only to smoking as a cause of lung cancer. Almost three years ago, Dr. George Bradley, a Cherryville osteopathic physician, pioneered the first community testing for radon contamination in homes

when he felt there was an unusually high number of cancers in the area. "The first index case was in Pennsylvania when a worker in a nuclear plant set off radiation alarms at the plant," Dr. Bradley stated in a recent interview. "When the worker tested the radon level in his home, the radiation level was over a thousand. Levels here are not that horrendous, but if testing were



THE RADON TEST KIT

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## KM School Lines May Be Redrawn

By LIB STEWART  
Staff Reporter

Possible redistricting of elementary school attendance lines may be on the agenda of the Oct. 3 school board meeting in connection with a report from those attending a weekend retreat session with school administrators.

Dr. Bob McRae termed the recent "Advance" session by board members and Supt. McRae, Dr. Jane King, Dr. Larry Allen and Ronnie Wilson as "most beneficial" in terms of goal settings and in-depth discussions which cannot be done during a regular monthly business meeting session in the school environment.

McRae said the board talked at length about redefining 12 goals established four years ago and how to do it. They listened to several speakers.

The Board will also take a look at a significant financial investment in computer hardware and software equipment for a Uniform Education Reporting System required by the state. McRae said the state legislature has approved some funds but that the school's local investment would mean more and better equipment to do a more effective job.

McRae said preliminary findings of asbestos in the schools indicate that the board has it work out for them in dealing with the problem. A representative from ASC Corporation presented a study report.

New programs and new initiatives by the state were discussed and Gene Causby, executive secretary of the N.C. School Boards Association, talked about general boardsmanship, the duties and responsibilities of a school board member and some of the problems they face in their relationships with staff and parents and how to appropriately handle situations.

The Advance session began on Sunday night, continued all day Monday and ended on Tuesday at Sheraton Hotel in Boone. All school board members were present.

Uninterrupted discussions away from the home environment comes highly recommended by Supt. McRae who said he hopes the board will take a retreat on an annual basis.

The 12 goals of the school system will be reviewed publicly at the next board meeting and progress on each will be reviewed, said McRae. "We used those 12 goals as a jumping off point to revise the goals and come up with a current set of goals for the next several months," he said.

Staff members used the occasion to present in-depth reports in their areas of responsibility and operations.

## KM's Falls Pulls Man From Burning House

Kenny Falls, 31, pulled Danny Maney, 35, from a fire in Bessemer City Labor Day weekend and went on to work at Duke Power Company.



FALLS

"I wasn't thinking about being a hero. I just saw the burning house and a woman screaming that her husband was inside. I'm glad I was in the right place at the right time and could help," said Kenny.

Mrs. Maney said Falls left before she could find out his name. "I think he was an angel sent from God. Do you know that my husband's hair wasn't even burned and the only injury was to his right hand and the top of his ears and tip of his nose were burned?" she said.

Maney, a construction worker, doesn't remember anything about the fire, which razed the couple's four room rented house. He says he vaguely recalls barking from "Toby", his pet peepoo but has no recollection of a man carrying him from the burning building.

Mrs. Maney, standing on the sidewalk at 3 a.m. that Sunday morning, was trying to wake the neighbors when Falls happened by in the Duke Power truck. Falls, on call in the Bessemer City area, stopped and ran immediately to the house, couldn't get in the first time because of the flames and went in the second time and pulled Maney out of the blaze, just as the roof caved in, according to Mrs. Maney. "That man (Kenny) could have killed." "We've wanted to find him to thank him for what he did for us," she said.

Falls said that Maney was apparently overcome by the smoke and could not reach the door. Mrs. Maney was unable to carry her husband to safety. The dog escaped without injury.

The Maney's said the incident was a miracle and was the result of prayer from some members of her family who had "been burdened about James, Danny and me. My sister and her husband, Mary Lou and Johnny Smith, had been fasting for three days in prayer for us. When they found out about the fire they knew that Falls was sent by God to help us," she said.

The Bessemer City couple lost everything in the fire. They had no insurance. Bessemer City American Legion Post raised some funds this week and Mrs. Maney said that clothing has been donated by friends. She and her husband have rented a furnished mobile home. She works at Osage Manufacturing Company and Maney works for Ray's Construction Company in Charlotte.

Falls said he never knew the name of the man he pulled from the blaze. After an ambulance and firetruck arrived, Kenny left for work.

His act of heroism will be recognized by Duke Power Company, according to Jeff Sirsan. Falls has worked for Duke Power for five years and resides in Kings Mountain with his wife, Denise Hord Falls and children, Cameron, 10; Liza, 9; and Tyler, 5 1/2.

### City Council To Meet

Kings Mountain City Council will meet Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

An agenda was not available at presstime Wednesday. City Manager George Wood said he thought the meeting would be short and devoted primarily to a workshop for setting of priorities.

## Library Work Continues

Work is continuing on the renovation and expansion project at Mauney Memorial Library.

According to Roger Holland of Holland & Hamrick Architects of Shelby, the firm overseeing the work, the project was 74% complete as of August 31. The projected completion date is mid to latter October.

On-site work underway at present includes painting and installation of floor coverings. The removal of books from the shelves and the presence of workmen installing carpet made it necessary to close the library, but it should be possible to reopen it to the public within the next one to two weeks.

Of interest to passersby on S. Piedmont Ave. is the newly refurbished plaque above the front entrance. The bronze letters were polished and var-



Photo by Shirley Austin

### This Weather's For The Birds!

Last weekend's rains, which dropped almost two inches on the area, were welcomed only by the farmers who needed help for their fall crops, and this gaggle of ducks which enjoyed all the extra water in this lake at Kings Mountain Country Club.

## No Dead Letters In KM

Kings Mountain's 26 postal employees handle approximately 60,000 pieces of mail every day and that leaves very little activity in the dead letter department.

Acting Postmaster Dave Reynolds credits longtime employees like Bud Medlin with having the x-ray memory to remember names and addresses of some postal patrons unclear on letters to insure that the mail is delivered-and on time.

If postal employees like Bud can't decipher the addresses or the addresses are incorrect and Bud and some of the other veteran employees don't recall where they live then the letters

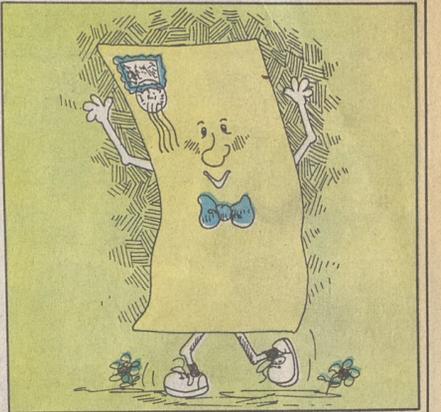
are returned to sender but in most cases the mail is delivered to the right person.

If not deliverable, the dead letter mail is forwarded to the Atlanta, Ga. dead letter office where workers open the mail. If there is an address on the inside of the letter or package or if a check is enclosed with an address the mail is forwarded with postage due attached. If there is nothing inside the envelope to identify the sender or the receiver then the mail is destroyed after several weeks and if any valuables are inside, such as money, the cash goes into a Postoffice Fund. If there is

merchandise undeliverable, that merchandise is auctioned off and the proceeds also go into a Post office Fund. No dead letter mail is handled at the Kings Mountain Postoffice and very little dead letter mail is ever sent to Atlanta. "We just don't have any," said Reynolds, for which he is very pleased to report.

Kings Mountain employees give service beyond what is expected, said Reynolds who gave superior accomplishment award this week to Bud Medlin, veteran of 29 years as window distributor clerk.

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### Now, Who Parked That Car There?

A red-faced Monty Thornburg, the city's young Aging Director, backed into a vehicle at the Depot Center the other day and jumped out quickly from the city-owned van to ascertain the damage and locate the owner of the parked car.

He couldn't believe his eyes nor his bad luck when he realized that he had backed the 1988 Ford van into his personal vehicle, a 1984 Olds he had mistakenly parked just behind the van.

The City van wasn't damaged but Monty's car was to the tune of \$400.

Never will he park in that same spot again, he vowed, and called Police.



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## United Way Campaign Benefits Grover Rescue

The all volunteer Grover Rescue Squad is the only Squad in Cleveland County authorized by the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners to begin classes at the highest level of care, paramedics.

Twelve of the 14 members of the Squad have already qualified as Emergency Medical Technicians and emergency Medical Technicians I. Seven have completed the Intermediate level of training and the remaining members are EMT's with the exception of one ambulance attendant. Classes are to be taught by Cleveland Community College and Grover expects to have paramedics in the field in 1991.

Grover Rescue Squad is one of the 15 agencies funded by your contribution to United Fund with a \$7,200 budget. The Squad needs a transport van

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