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## Kings Mountain Gas Rates To Decrease

### Annexation Hearing Called By Council

City Council Tuesday night called for a public hearing March 28 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall on Spectrum Dyed Yarn's request for satellite annexation.

The top user of city water is outside-customer Spectrum which uses 1.6 million gallons per day and will see an increase of \$34,000 per month from last year's current usage which ran \$44,000 per month. Officials of Spectrum have said "it will be no April

Fool's joke when Spectrum gets its bill April 1" when all customers of the city will see a rake hike in water and sewer.

The increases average 45 percent for water and 115 percent for sewer service. The new rates are highest for industries located outside the city limits.

Officials of Spectrum have said they see annexation See Spectrum, Page 8-A

Kings Mountain natural gas customers got good news from city officials today who said that gas rates will decrease, effective April 1.

City Manager George Wood said preliminary figures will be presented by Heath & Associates, the city's gas consultants, at Tuesday night's meeting of the city utilities committee at the second floor conference room at City Hall.

The decrease in gas costs will affect all gas customers of the city, said Wood, who said the city is able to give gas customers a break because it is competitive on interruptible gas, selling more volume and then

making up the difference to match the market. "It's a positive move for the city," said Wood. Wood said the city has nine industrial gas customers who have option to switch source of fuel and some switch to fuel oil as costs escalate.

The Kings Mountain Utility Committee Councilman Al Moretz will look at revisiting a draft of an upgraded utility policy on Tuesday. See Drainage, 8-A

### Senator Sanford To Speak In KM

By LIB STEWART

United States Senator Terry Sanford will address an assembly of Kings Mountain Senior High students at Barnes Auditorium next Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. and present a flag to the study body which has flown over the nation's capitol.

KMSHS Principal Jackie Lavender said the students are excited about the visit of Senator Sanford who will come to Kings Mountain from Cleveland Community College where he is to address a Citizen's Conference open to the public at 9:45 a.m.

Sanford will be visiting Cleveland County for the first time since his election to the U. S. Senate in 1986. The former governor and former president of Duke University will begin the day at a dutch treat breakfast with Cleveland County Democrats at 7:30 a.m. at Shelby's Holiday Inn. The breakfast is open to the general public. At 8:45 a.m. Senator Sanford is scheduled to be at the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce in uptown Shelby for a meeting with supporters of a federal office building in the Shelby uptown area.

His 45-minute address at KMSHS is expected to focus on the U. S. Constitution and will probably include some remarks on current events and education. Student Body President JJ Warlick will welcome Senator Sanford to the high school.

"It's quite an honor to have Senator Sanford visit our school," said Mrs. Lavender and Schools Supt. Bob McRae who has invited the KM Board of Education, local legislators and other community leaders to attend the program.

Senator Sanford and his staff have arranged the Citizen's Conference to be held at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday in Cleveland Community College Auditorium, 137 South Post Road, Shelby, to discuss some of the important issues facing Cleveland County, the state of North Carolina and the nation and the school is providing space for the meeting at the Senator's request.

In a notice mailed to local constituents this week Sanford wrote: "As your representative in the U. S. Senate, the most important aspect of my job is keeping in touch with those who elected me. It is my top priority that your needs and concerns receive full representation. I invite you to join me in this Citizen's Conference to discuss some of the important issues facing Cleveland County, North Carolina and the nation. I encourage your questions and comments regarding the economy, crime control, international relations and other topics."

Senator Sanford served as Governor of North Carolina from 1961-65 and as N. C. State Senator from 1953-55. He served as President of Duke University 1968-85. He was elected to the U. S. Senate in 1986 to fill the unexpired term of Senator John East and elected to a full term on the same date. He established the first State Arts Council; Comprehensive Public School Improvement; created the Atomic Energy Safety Commission; led in reforming the N.C. Court System; created the N.C. Good Neighbor Council and established the first Commission on the Status of Women. He was recipient of the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, five Battle Stars, the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Presidential Unit Citation while serving in the U. S. Army as a First Lieutenant in the Parachute Infantry in 1942-46.

Senator Sanford, 71, is a native of Laurinburg and was an attorney from 1965-86. He was President Emeritus of Duke University in 1986. He was educated at Presbyterian Junior College, the University of North Carolina, Class of 1939, and the UNC Law School, Class of 1946.



CANCER SUPPORT GROUP TO ORGANIZE-Dr. Eric Faust, left, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, and Fred Dixon have organized the community's first "I Can Cope" cancer support group which will meet Tuesday night at First Presbyterian Church.

### 'I Can Cope' Cancer Support Group To Form At KM Church

A "I Can Cope" group of Kings Mountain cancer patients headed by Fred Dixon have decided to organize for mutual support and sharing of information helpful for coping with cancer.

The first meeting will be held Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Building at First Presbyterian Church. Cancer patients and their families are invited to attend.

Dixon, assisted by his pastor, Dr. Eric Faust, minister at First Presbyterian Church, took the initiative to organize the group which is sponsored by the Cleveland County Chapter of the American Cancer Society and is the first such group in Kings Mountain. A cancer group was organized in January in Gastonia.

"When I was going to Charlotte Memorial Hospital for cancer treatments I kept seeing signs "I Can Cope" but I never saw any of the signs at any of our area hospitals," said Fred Dixon, who underwent surgery in July 1987 for removal of his left lung. After cancer was discovered in his pelvic bone Dixon underwent radiation and chemotherapy and said he found like most cancer patients that it's very difficult to cope with the trauma, the hospital "and everything that happens to us." For those reasons, Dixon felt a self-help and support group would be helpful to cancer patients and their families and one closer than driving the 30 miles to Charlotte would be a real blessing to cancer patients in the Cleveland-Gaston areas.

Faust said Dixon talked with him about organizing a self-help group at First Presbyterian Church and District Cancer Society Executive Carol Church. Both were enthusiastic about his plans. "This is a wonderful opportunity for cancer patients to help other people cope with the crises of cancer and to receive needed support for themselves," said Mrs. Church.

The Cancer Society will provide transportation to First Presbyterian Church by calling 482-1566.

A Kings Mountain native, Dixon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Dixon and is married to the former

Linda Cook. They are parents of two children, Paula, 14, and Lee, 4, and reside on Roxford Road. Dixon retired from Kings Mountain High School Dec. 14, 1988 after being with the school system seven and one half years, six years as teacher of Principles of Technology at Kings Mountain Senior High School where he also formerly taught drafting. Before joining the KM Schools System he was a plant engineer for Cochran and Alma Desk Company in High Point. Dixon still enjoys a shop at his home where he says he "likes to fiddle with tools and the trade he taught in high school." The family is active in First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Faust said Tuesday's meeting will be an organizational meeting and is designed, not only to help those who are cancer patients, but those people who are just finding out they have cancer and need some extra encouragement and strength before they begin treatment. The group will meet twice a month. Dixon says the second meeting will be a time for exchanging and sharing among the patients themselves and their families. Faust and Dixon said meeting twice a month will build continuity and a closer bond because a cancer patient's condition may change drastically in 30 days. "There were so many questions that I had when I learned I needed surgery and I'm sure my story would be no different from most cancer patients", Dixon said.

Dixon hopes the "I Can Cope" group will attract a large crowd to the Recreation Building, located in the brick building off the parking lot at First Presbyterian Church on East King Street. As the meetings progress, Dixon said that the group may be divided in order of need with breast cancer patients in one group, lung cancer patients in another group, etc. Free materials will be available from the American Cancer Society.

For more information about the new "I Can Cope" self-help and support group call Carol Church, 482-1556; Dr. Eric Faust, 739-8072, or Fred Dixon, 739-1223.

### KM Hall Of Fame Banquet April 10

By GARY STEWART

It'll be "Mountaineer Night" at Kings Mountain's second annual Chamber of Commerce Sports Hall of Fame banquet on Monday, April 10, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

The KMHS championship football team of 1964 will be inducted along with three former athletes who played for a "Mountaineer" team. They are Pat Murphy, who quarterbacked for the KMHS and Appalachian State Mountaineers; Jim Dickey, who was a tough offensive lineman at KMHS in the late 30's and early 40's; and Marjorie Crisp of Grover, who played several sports at Appalachian State and later served as an outstanding coach and head of the women's physical education department at Wake Forest.

Mack Brown, head football coach at the University of North Carolina, will be the guest speaker.

Also, this year, the Chamber Hall of Fame Committee will begin its Special Achievement Award—an honor which will be given each year to an individual or team for its accomplishments during the past athletic year. This year's winner will be the 1988 KMHS girls tennis team, which won its first-ever Southwestern 3-A Conference championship and became the first SWC team to ever defeat perennial champion Shelby.

Dickey was an All-Conference lineman at KMHS in 1940 and All-Conference guard at Catawba College, where he played in two Tangerine Bowl games. His college career was split due to World War II. He played for the Indians in 1941 and 1942 and returned in 1946 and 1947.

During his years in the service, he played Marine football with many professional and major college stars.

Crisp played several sports at Appalachian and was a member of the ASU women's basketball team which was ranked as the best in the southeast. She was also the college tennis champion for two years and participated in volleyball, track and hockey.

She coached at several colleges and universities. Her women's basketball team at Gardner-Webb lost only one game in six years. She coached men's basketball at Louisburg College and was women's golf coach and athletic director at Wake Forest.

Murphy quarterbacked the 1963 and 1964 Mountaineers to a combined 19-1-1 record. They shared the 1963 conference title with Shelby and won the 1964 title outright. He holds all of the single season and career passing records at ASU.

He was starting quarterback at Appalachian from 1965-68 and also holds most of ASU's passing marks. He threw 46 career touchdown passes at ASU.

Murphy is also a member of the ASU Hall of Fame. Bill Bates, who was head coach of the 1964 championship Mountaineers, will introduce members of that team and induct the team and Murphy into the Hall of Fame. Other members of the coaching staff, who have been invited to sit at the head table, were Don Parker, Bill Cashion and Bob Hussey.

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### Community Leaders Discuss Plans

Long-range community planning by city and school officials led by the Chamber of Commerce was kicked off Wednesday morning at a joint breakfast by four boards at Holiday Inn.

Kings Mountain City Council Tuesday night endorsed its participation in a joint committee to study the city's growth.

Wednesday (this morning) leaders representing the City of Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain Board of Education, Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce and Kings Mountain Board of Realtors met for breakfast for the first of quarterly meetings to be held to develop long-range plans for community growth.

"We are really just laying the groundwork," said Chamber of Commerce President Bobby Maner who opened the meeting and welcomed the 32 business leaders.

Plans are for a 10-member committee to lead the ef-

fort which could result in establishing an Economic Development Commission in Kings Mountain. Currently, the Chamber's Economic Development Committee is headed by former mayor John Moss. Chamber Secretary Lucille Williams said that the Chamber has been given information at several meetings on how a Commission could be formed with a paid staff. City Manager Wood and Gene White, the city's planning and community development director, have also been meeting with Chamber officials and others for early work on the project.

Speakers at Wednesday's meeting agreed that working together in a cooperative effort would bring results and Mayor Kyle Smith praised the Chamber, the City, the Board of Realtors and Board of Education for organizing to plan the city's future.

Supt. Bob McRae said he appreciated the endorse-

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