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# Eight Seek Three Seats School Board Forum Monday

The eight candidates running for three seats open on the Kings Mountain Board of Education will participate in a public forum Monday night at 7:30 p.m. at B. N. Barnes Auditorium.

Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the forum as a public service program open to the public.

Voters will go to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 7 to elect three members of the Kings Mountain Board of Education. All registered voters of the Kings Mountain

School District, which includes Kings Mountain city, Bethware, Grover, Oak Grove, Patterson Grove, El Bethel, Dixon community and outlying areas in the school district can vote for three people. Two of the members selected will represent the outside-district and one will represent the inside-district seat on the board.

Running for two seats are Wanza Y. Davis, Ronald J. Hawkins, Paul A. Hord Jr., Billy D. Houze, Vernon (Larry) McDaniel, and Calvin J. Miller.

Running for one seat are Priscilla H. Mauney and Tom Bennett.

Paul Hord Jr. and Priscilla Mauney are the incumbent members on the board. The six challengers are seeking public office for the first time.

Moderator for the forum will be William (Bill) Davis, former superintendent of schools.

The format of the forum will follow that of the recent city candidate forum in which the audience was asked to submit questions of each candidate. Each can-

didate will be given time to respond to the written questions. No oral questions are to be submitted.

Polling places are East Kings Mountain at the Community Center, West Kings Mountain at The Armory, Grover at Grover Rescue Squad Building and Bethware at David Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. At the two polling places in Kings Mountain, voters will also decide a run-off race for city commissioner in Ward 2 and Ward 6 between Humes Houston and Elvin Greene in Ward 2 and Harold Phillips and Scott Neisler in Ward 6.

## State Sniffs Out Bad Odor

What residents describe as a "sickening, obnoxious odor of rotten eggs" in the western section of the city has got the attention of a state agency which sent an inspection team to Kings Mountain Wednesday to check out the complaint.

Marty Allen, director of the Environmental Health Section of the Cleveland County Health Department, called Steve Maynard, of the Western Section of the Division of Environmental Management, and Maynard, acting on numerous complaints, was doing a routine inspection of a local industry where 10 percent of its dyes are sulphur-based.

"The routine check does not mean that the industry is out of compliance. We are just trying to determine if the odor is coming from dyes, from sewer, or from something else," said Allen, who said he was contacted by City Manager George Wood about the reports of odor coming from the plant.

Kings Mountain has no equipment to monitor air quality.

## City Hopes To Recover Hugo Money

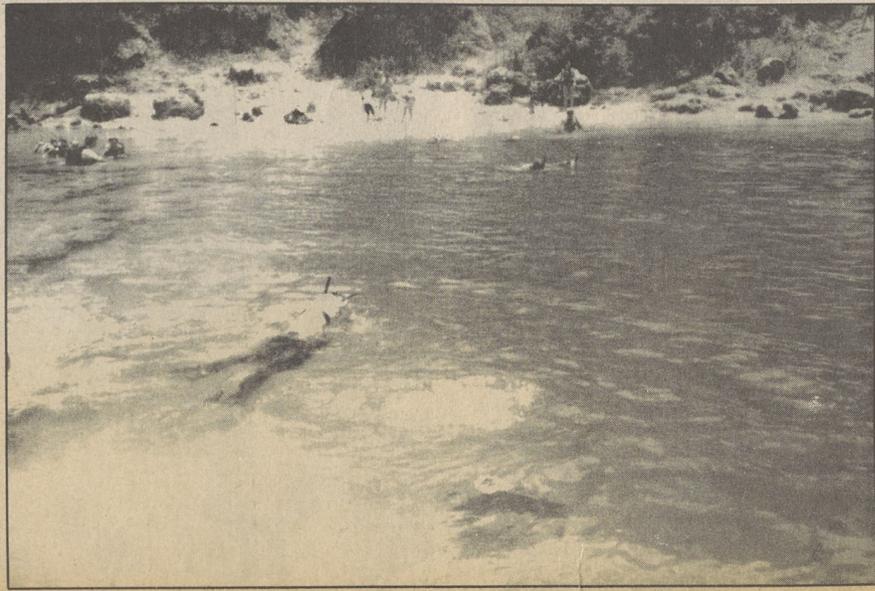
Kings Mountain city officials are finishing up the paperwork in hopes that the city can recover \$600,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency which is supposed to reimburse cities in disaster areas.

Kings Mountain and Cleveland County were declared a disaster area after Hurricane Hugo caused major damages last month. The city's electric system sustained about \$450,000 in damage and the clean-up costs will run \$150,000. This week City Manager George Wood filed an initial request for \$50,000 for debris removal, estimating the debris removal will amount to \$150,000. A city files for relief after it spends the money.

Wood said the debris left by Hugo should be cleaned up without two weeks. City crews have made one complete sweep through the city picking up limbs and stumps and are half way through the second pass. A third round will be made.

Wood said the beginning of the fall leaf season has slowed the city's clean up efforts.

## Taking A Dive



POLICE DIVERS-Sgt. Derek Johnson, above, is pictured diving during a training class in which five Kings Mountain policemen have qualified as rescue divers. Kings Mountain Police Department recently formed a rescue diving team.

## Police Form Rescue Team

Scuba diving may be fun and adventure for some but for members of Kings Mountain Police Department's first diving team it's serious business.

It's impossible for a non-diver to understand what diving is like and experience sensations unique to diving, like breathing under water for the first time and the feeling of floating weightless, like an astronaut in space, says Team Leader Ptl. Randy Davis.

With the proper equipment, knowledge and skills, however, rescue diving has added a new dimension for the Kings Mountain Police Department with a five-member diving crew which started training in May with the blessings of Chief Warren Goforth who gave

them the time off from their job to take the necessary and required training in open water and rescue diving.

The team returned this weekend from Siler City where Sgt. Derek Johnson, Ptl. Davis and Ptl. Melvin Proctor completed the rescue dive course. They along, with other crew members Ptl. Charles Bundrick, assistant team leader, and Ptl. Benny Melvin had already finished basic six weeks training and advanced courses.

The advanced open water diver course gave them additional skills and supervised experience which was prerequisite for Professional Association of Diving Instructors course (PADI). SCUBA, self-contained, underwater, breathing appa-

ratus) was taught by Joe Hartsell of Shelby and the rescue dive was under the direction of Larry Ware.

By spring all divers will be certified as rescue divers and the next course of study will be master Scuba diving if divers can obtain the necessary equipment and tuition fees which are quite costly.

During the recent course of instruction, the divers learned underwater navigating, night diving, deep diving and search and recovery diving. They haven't had to use their training, for which they are thankful. No major boating accidents have been reported at city-owned Moss Lake but Sgt. Johnson reminds that diving teams are used

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## Harmon Charged

Former Assistant City Clerk-Treasurer Judy Hollifield Harmon, 46, of 800 Rhodes Avenue, faces one count of embezzlement in Cleveland County Superior Court Nov. 13.

Kings Mountain Police arrested Harmon Monday. Her bond of \$5,000 was unsecured.

A conviction of felonious embezzlement carries a penalty of up to 10 years in prison and fines determined by the presiding judge.

The Cleveland County Grand Jury found sufficient evidence last Monday to indict Mrs. Harmon on charges she embezzled \$25,820 in city funds between March 6, 1986 and June 30, 1988.

The indictment of Mrs. Harmon came as part of a probe into missing money in the utilities department which began in July.

Thursday, former city utilities employee Dianne Dellinger pleaded guilty to embezzlement and received a five year suspended sentence.

As part of their duties with the city, both Harmon and Dellinger were responsible for making bank deposits for the city. Mrs. Harmon was Mrs. Dellinger's supervisor. Apparently no conspiracy between the two women with respect to the embezzlements and their completion existed.

On July 11 the city brought charges against Dellinger alleging two counts of embezzlement of public funds.

Harmon resigned her job after 28 years with the City of Kings Mountain on August 14 in the middle of a SBI and police investigation into allegations of missing funds in the city utilities department. She had not been charged prior to last Monday's bill of indictment by the Grand Jury.

City Manager George Wood, who had suspended Dellinger, fired Dellinger the day after Harmon resigned.

Det. Lt. Richard Reynolds said the investigation was completed last month and findings turned over to District Attorney Bill Young.

## Gets Suspended Sentence

## Mrs. Dellinger Pleads Quilty

Dianne Dellinger, 41, of 606 Bridges Drive, former accounts payable clerk for the City of Kings Mountain, pled guilty to three counts of embezzling city funds in Cleveland County Superior Court Thursday and received a five-year suspended sentence.

Judge Charles Lamm ordered Dellinger to pay \$36,324. 54 in restitution to the City of Kings Mountain, along with court costs. She will be on probation for five years.

Dellinger was indicted on two counts of embezzlement Sept. 5 and one count Oct. 16. She worked for the city from August of 1979 until she was fired in August of this year.

The verdict was the first conviction connected to the state and local probe of the city utilities department which began in July.

Agents from the State Bureau of Investigation and detectives from the Kings Mountain Police Department closed their probe in September and turned their findings over to Cleveland County District Attorney Bill Young.

Dellinger faced three separate indictments, each carrying a maximum 10-year prison term.

## Church To Honor Hugo Heroes

Heroes of Hugo will be honored by Central United Methodist Church Men Monday night as Channel 9 Meteorologist Ray Boylan entertains the group of volunteers at 7 p.m.

Methodist Men will cook and serve chicken and dumplings with all the trimmings as an appreciation gesture to policemen, firemen, rescue workers, Red Cross volunteers, electrical crews and other Kings Mountain area heroes of Hurricane Hugo.

Boylan joined the Channel 9 Eye Witness News team as Director of Weather Services and Chief Meteorologist in December 1986. He came to WSOC-TV from WTLV, the ABC affiliate serving Jacksonville, Fla.

He is a highly experienced forecaster and holder of the Seal of Approval from the American Meteorological Society with 23 years of active duty with the U. S. Navy's Naval Weather Service, including several thousand hours experience in tropical storm operations and research for the National Hurricane Center. He has flown hundreds of missions with the Navy's famed "Hurricane Hunters" based in Jacksonville, Fla. A Vietnam veteran, he has also served as a specialist in winter storm

operations and research for the Regional Weather Center, East Coast.

When Boylan retired as an officer in 1975, he joined WTLV. There, he became an integral part of that station's service to viewers in North Florida and Southern Georgia. In his 11 years with that station, he further honed his skills, becoming very familiar with the weather patterns which affect the Southeast. He was named advisor to the American Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Committee for five North Florida and three South Georgia counties. He is a published author of numerous technical manuals in General Meteorology and Meteorological Instrumentation and is a college level instructor in Natural Sciences.

He uses a variety of means to communicate the daily weather patterns of the Carolinas to Channel 9's viewers, including Storm Track Doppler color weather radar, computerized graphics and access to the National Weather Service radars throughout the country.

Boylan and his wife Gail have five children.



RAY BOYLAN

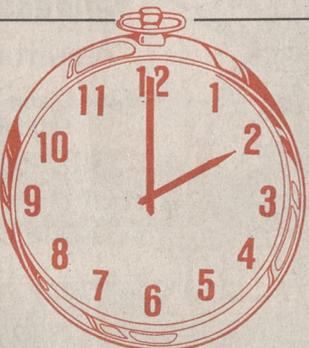
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## Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday Morning

Do you feel worn out all the time? Just don't have any energy? When you awaken each morning are you still as tired as you were when you went to bed the night before?

Well, cheer up buddy! We've got good news for you. That hour of sleep you lost last April has been dragging you down for months. But Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday morning and you'll regain that hour and when you awaken Sunday morning you'll be refreshed and ready to face the world with a smile.

Remember, when you go to bed Saturday night, turn your clock back one hour. If you don't, you'll be the welcoming committee for Sunday morning's church services.