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Dr. Hardin To Speak Monday

Dr. Stan Hardin, Shelby chiropractor and popular after-dinner entertainer, will be guest speaker at Monday night's annual meeting of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce at which Dr. Grady Howard Jr., Kings Mountain dentist, will be presented as the new president.



DR. STAN HARDIN

Other new officers will include Lyn Cheshire and Ruby M. Alexander, vice presidents.

The banquet will begin with 6:30 p.m. social half-hour followed by dinner at the Holiday Inn.

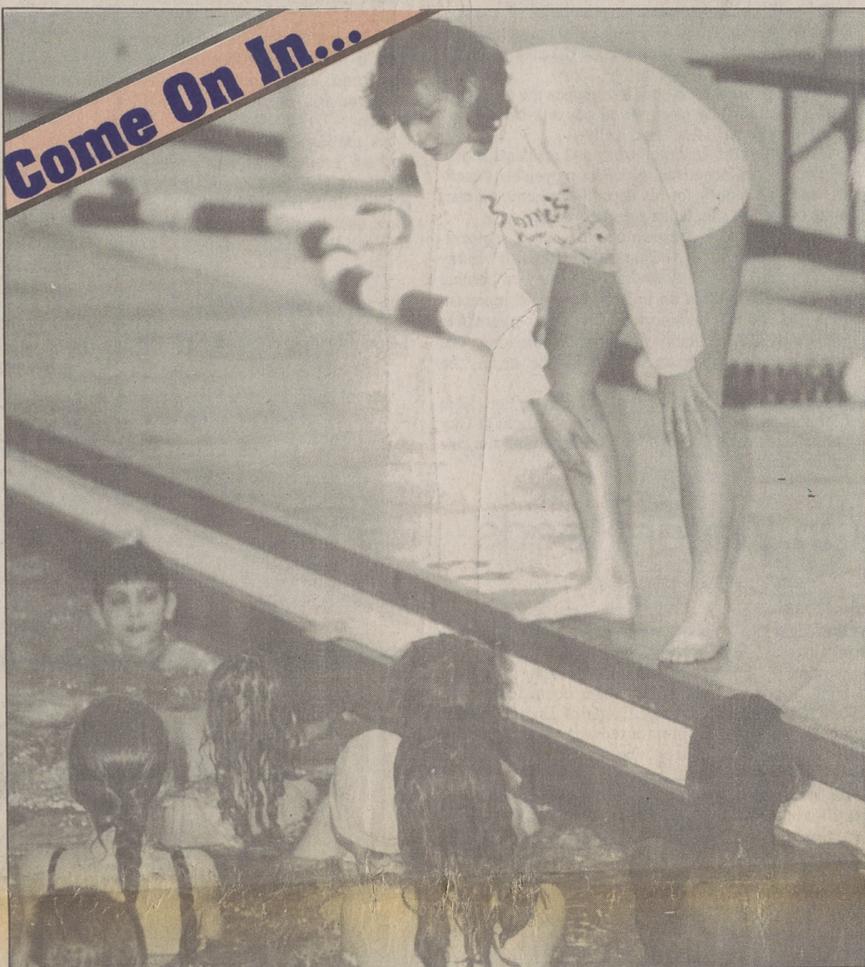
Tickets are \$12 per person and can be obtained by calling Secretary Lucille Williams at the Chamber Office, 739-4755.

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Bobby Maner, Chamber President, will preside and will give an annual report to the membership.

Hardin's impressions of famous people have made him in demand at banquets in Cleveland County. Before college, he worked as a professional entertainer and musician in night clubs and record production. He has also had roles in several Earl Owensby motion pictures and has produced records for Decca, 20th Fox, Laurie and other record companies, including the No. 1 hit "Stay" by Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs. He also sings and plays guitar.

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Come On In...

...THE WATER'S FINE-Fourth grade swimmers from North School, above, enjoy the water and a swim class at Kings Mountain Natatorium on the high school campus on Wednesday. Nancy Rednour, student instructor who is a KMSHS sophomore, enjoys the class as much as the youngsters. Since the full-scale natatorium has been built from community efforts spearheaded by the Kiwanis Club, a number of youngsters, as well as adults, have enjoyed the facility. Swim Coach Gordon Edwards said more elementary students will be bused for new classes starting Feb. 2. Students in each Fourth grade in the KM System will take 10 lessons during the school year.

PHOTO BY DIETER MELHORN

Chamber Gets New Director

Kings Mountain's first full-time Executive Director of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce is a 26-year-old woman who will push membership and use her public relations and marketing skills to focus on providing more services to the community.

Lisa Rhyne, 26, spent her first day on the job Wednesday in a planning session with directors and Secretary Lucille Williams, a 27-year veteran employee, organizing her office, which is the Red Caboose at the Depot, and getting ready for Monday night's annual Chamber banquet at which she will be formally introduced to the membership.

"I've met some Kings Mountain people and I am very impressed with the community," said Rhyne, who comes to Kings Mountain from Gastonia where she worked



LISA RHYNE

with Duke Power Customer Service. She was Blood Services Director of the York County Chapter American Red Cross for 18 months after graduation from Gardner Webb College with degree in business management. She is continuing graduate studies at Winthrop College in Rock Hill, S. C.

She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jack Rhyne of Lincolnton. Her father is pastor of Salem Lutheran Church.

Developing a brochure and video on Kings Mountain as a selling point for membership in the Chamber are vital tools, Miss Rhyne believes, which she and the directors will talk about soon and she expects that several fundraisers will be planned.

"I'm in process of talking and planning with board members to get some of their ideas and I am depending on Lucille Williams for some ideas on how we can strengthen the Chamber and get the whole community involved in doing even better things for Kings Mountain," said Rhyne.

"I like people and feel that I am outgoing and want to work hard for and with the community," she said.

Miss Rhyne enjoys the outdoors and sports. She is a Red Cross volunteer.

Miss Rhyne is only the second full-time employee of the Chamber in recent years, joining Lucille Williams who has operated the one-woman office for many years. The last executive was Jerry King, who served in the 1970's in a part-time position.

Local Political Races Heat Up

Political races for 40th District House seats and 25th District Senate seats heated up this week.

Wednesday, Mayor Jack W. Metcalf of Spindale became the seventh candidate for one of three seats open in the 40th House District and last week Gaston County Commissioner Chairman Dr. James Forrester of Stanley announced that he will challenge incumbent Democrats Senator J. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain, Senator Helen Rhyne

Marvin and Senator Marshall Rauch, both of Gastonia, for one of the three seats open. To date, the Democratic Senate incumbents have no opposition in the May Primary but Republicans John Hodge of Cherryville and Mary Lou Craig of Gastonia have both filed.

Metcalf seeks one of three seats representing Cleveland, Rutherford and Polk Counties and now held by Rep. Edith Lutz (D) of Polkville, Rev. Jack Hunt (D) of Lattimore and Rep. John Weatherly (R) of Kings Mountain.

Also filing for a seat in the House are Bill Weaver, of Cleveland County and William Withrow and Olin Richard Gilbert, both of Rutherford County.

"I believe the 1990s will be a progressive time in which importance will be focused on clean environment, air and water quality. Equally important will be road construction, improvements in education, economic development (including tourism and travel), waste disposal, recycling,

conservation of nature, wildlife and wilderness," he said in a filing statement.

"It is very important that immediate attention be placed on the major drug abuse facing us today. When elected, I will concentrate every effort necessary to combat and conquer this problem. Our children and grandchildren are very important and their welfare is at stake," he added.

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Fees?

Sanitation Fees Likely If Citizens Don't Recycle

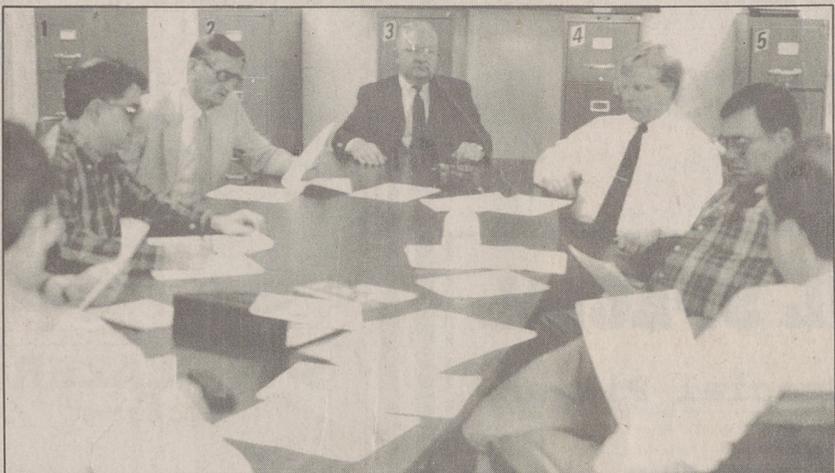
Kings Mountain citizens could likely face new monthly sanitation fees to offset expected new charges to the city next year to dump its trash in the Cleveland County landfill.

City Manager George Wood told members of the new city council-appointed recycling committee that the city is taking steps to trim the costs of expected tipping fees by setting up a recycling center at the corner of Elm Street and Railroad Avenue in the area of Parkdale Mills and Patrick Yarn.

"We don't know how much yet but Cleveland County announced last year it will start charging cities for the trash they bring to the landfill. Kings Mountain could possibly absorb some cost without charging citizens but we're projecting that hauling 21 tons a day to the landfill, as we now do, will cost the city \$103,000 a year and we won't be able to absorb that much. The key will be what the county passes on to us in tipping fees but we will need to address those costs in the coming fiscal year budget and this committee will be studying any fee structure as we get more information from the county," he said.

"If we educate the public and they abide by the rules we can cut our trips to Shelby in half but we have to educate the public about recycling," said Clavon Kelly.

The six-member committee, upon motion by Commissioner Elvin Greene, seconded by Kelly, unan-



RECYCLING COMMITTEE-Members of the city's new recycling committee met Thursday night and recommended that the city buy its own recycling containers. From left around the table are City Engineer Tom Howard, back to camera; David Saunders, not shown; Commissioner Elvin Greene, Clavon Kelly, Larry Hamrick, Commissioner Scott Neisler, committee chairman; Public Works Supt. Karl Moss and City Manager George Wood.

imously recommended that the city buy their own recycling containers at a cost of \$5,000 and Chairman Scott Neisler, commissioner from Ward 6, will present the proposal at next Tuesday's city council meeting.

The \$5,000 will pay for three 2.7 cubic yard containers; two 4-cubic yard containers, one newspaper trailer and a mechanical boom attachment for the city's new knuckle-boom loader.

With the present recycling system, which went into

operation last week, the city is renting four containers at an annual cost of \$3,120 and also pays an annual pickup fee of \$2,304. Glass, plastic and newspapers can now be deposited at bins at the city's new recycling center. Currently, the county had worked out an arrangement with a private hauler to provide the containers and to unload them. In addition, the county was dealing with the recycling vendors. This week, the

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KM Officials Meet With SWAB Board

City officials met again Monday with the members of Cleveland County Solid Waste Advisory Board to discuss recycling programs getting underway.

Dave Mazo, a consultant with David M. Griffiths & Associates, told mayors of Cleveland County towns and town officials that household fees may be a better concept than collecting user fees at the landfill and was asked by SWAB to prepare a proposal on how to implement the fee system.

At last week's meeting questions were raised about the equity of a fee system since cities pay county taxes which, in some degree, supplement the county green box collection system.

Mazo suggested the county create a solid waste special district outside municipalities along the lines of a fire district. Each household would be billed a certain fee as a contribution toward using the landfill and the greenboxes, which will eventually become manned container sites.

SWAB is planning to replace open trash containers with a new concept that calls for separating various items such as aluminum, paper and glass. These items would be placed in separate bins and the site will be staffed by a county employee. One such site serving Eastern Cleveland County has been proposed in the Kings Mountain area to replace the old Midpines green box on Margrace Road. The first manned site is being constructed at the county landfill. A public hearing on a proposed location for a Western Cleveland County manned site on the Old Cliffside Road is slated Feb. 7 at the county commission chambers.

Realtor Larry Hamrick Sr. of Kings Mountain chairs the SWAB board.