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## BBQ, Shriners Style!

Annual Sale Saturday To Benefit Crippled And Burned Children

Mark your calendars now!

The White Plains Shrine Club's annual spring barbecue is scheduled for Saturday at 10 a.m. at the vacant lot beside Bridges Auto Parts on Highway 161 at East Gold Street.

Two barbecue sandwiches will sell for \$4 and a barbecue shoulder will sell for \$30. Tickets may be obtained from members of the Shrine Club or may be purchased at the sale on Saturday morning.

This year, Shriners are also selling Vidalia onions for \$10 a bag.

The sale will end when the Shriners run out of barbecue.

The barbecue sale is one of the favorite of all the an-

nual projects put on by the club, which was organized in 1982 and annually ranks as one of the top clubs in North Carolina in terms of per capita donations. In the Kings Mountain club's first year of existence, it turned in \$13,000 at the Oasis Temple's fall ceremonies in Asheville. Last year, it turned in \$33,100, it's biggest year ever. In seven years of existence, the club has raised \$174,000 for the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children at Greenville, S.C.

It will take about 50 Shriners and members of the Shrinettes Auxiliary to prepare and serve this week's barbecue. Shriners have already cut the hardwood which will fuel the fire. They'll spend much of the day

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SHRINERS CUT WOOD FOR BBQ

## KM Hall Of Fame Fete Set

A Kings Mountain High coaching legend and two former Mountaineer athletes will be inducted into the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce Sports Hall of Fame at the third annual banquet Thursday, May 24 at 7 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Community Center.

The inductees are Don Parker, who coached basketball at KMHS from 1943 through 1967; Charlie Ballard, a standout baseball player in the 1940's; and George Harris, Kings Mountain's first All-American football player and first Shrine Bowl performer.

The selections were announced today by the Sports Hall of Fame committee, which has been meeting for weeks to plan this year's event.

Perry Champion is chairman of this year's Hall of Fame committee. Other members are Carl Champion, Mearl Valentine, Gary Stewart, Dr. John McGill, Lyn Cheshire, John McGinnis, Bob Jones, Lucille Williams, Chuck Gordon, Scott Neisler, Denny Hicks, Denise Falls, David Hancock, and Loretta Cozart.

The Hall of Fame inductees were chosen from a list of 90 candidates who were recommended by the public during the Hall of Fame's first year of existence. A special selection committee was named by the entire committee and the selection list was narrowed to five choices. The entire committee voted on the selections with the top three vote-getters being selected.

Parker compiled a 247-139 coaching record at KMHS. He coached conference championship teams in 1945, 1965 and 1967.

When he first came to Kings Mountain Parker coached all sports, including girls basketball. In later years he was head coach in boys basketball and golf and was an assistant football coach. He coached his 1965 golf team to the Western N.C. High Schools Activities Association championship.

Parker's first three boys basketball teams at KMHS had a combined record of 47-3 and the 1944 team had an unbeaten 16-0 record and won the school's first conference championship in basketball. His 1967 team won 20 straight games before falling in the bi-conference tournament.

Parker was an all-state football, basketball and baseball player at Hendersonville High School and at Mars Hill and Maryville colleges. He played several years of professional baseball and played with the Kings Mountain Vets semi-pro team in the late forties.

A hard-throwing right hand pitcher, Parker hurled several no-hitters in high school, two in college and one in the pros. He still holds the Smoky Mountain Conference strikeout record, which he set at Maryville.

Ballard was the ace pitcher and star hitter on the 1941 KMHS baseball team which compiled a 17-1 record and won the Western 2-A Conference championship. In those days, the conference included all 18 2-

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## Schools Must Trim Budgets

Kings Mountain District school officials will be wielding the budget ax over the next few weeks as they look for \$139,860.00 to cut from their budget.

Supt. Bob McRae said the system has until April 30 to report to the State Department of Public Instruction how they plan to come up with the money to deal with their share of the state budget shortfall. He says he may ask for an extension of the deadline as the system scrambles for places to cut. "It's going to be tough," he said.

McRae has already frozen state monies coming to the system, with exception of salaries, and he has frozen vacant positions. "My personal opinion is that the state is setting a bad precedent when they order school systems to find the money to give back to the state by delaying or eliminating summer schools or by laying off people as a last resort. Although it has not been mentioned, I think the best solution and least damaging option of the ones we are considering is to close schools for two days," he said.

"Everybody does a job that's important in the schools and I would not want to try to determine who would be laid off. We could delay summer school and use some of that money in the budget, although it isn't enough. However, this is risky business, too, because we don't know if we'll be budgeted for summer school next year and in Kings Mountain our summer

school program is very important. When you compare a person's livelihood and summer school with the loss of two days of employment, I feel this is our best option," he added. Some superintendents are not in favor of closing schools to deal with an estimated \$419 million state budget shortfall in 134 public school districts.

McRae and school board members will make a recommendation at a special school board meeting prior to April 30 and after they return next week from the National School Board convention in New Orleans, La. School board members Billy King, Priscilla Mauney and Billy Houze are attending the meeting, accompanied by Supt. McRae and Asst. Supt. Larry Allen.

McRae, School board chairman Doyle Campbell and Billy King represented the Kings Mountain system at a county-wide meeting in Shelby with school representatives of Shelby City and Cleveland County Schools Monday to share concerns and ask for help in next year's state budgets from the the local delegation to the N. C. General Assembly.

The cuts, which total \$40 million state wide, are the result of a decrease in the amount of state funds available for education during the fourth quarter of the year resulting from declining revenue collections since November.

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## Ducks On The Pond



Photo by Dieter Melhorn  
Ducks on Moss Lake are also enjoying the balmy temperatures along with weekend crowds who started their annual trek to the shores during Easter weekend and spring vacation season The weatherman is calling for more sunshine the rest of the week.

## Sub-Station Action Expected

City Council is expected to receive a recommendation from the Utilities Committee Tuesday night that a new 15,000 volt sub-station be erected on what has become a controversial site-Sims and Parker Street near Davidson Park.

Davidson Park residents opposing the site are expected to attend the 7:30 p.m. Council meeting at City Hall. Last Thursday night at a public hearing, Mayor Kyle Smith received a petition with 30 signatures opposing the site. Three citizens spoke in opposition.

Jack Howell, of 201 N. Goforth Street, said he had read no litera-

ture saying that living next to a sub-station was "good for you." "I read that kids who live underneath high lines are more susceptible to leukemia and those families living around them had higher cases of cancer." Howell said he flew over KM's other sub-station sites and saw no new construction and older homes. Howell said the presentation by the city omitted pictures of how the present sub stations look and the area around them. "I would have liked to have seen a committee made up of citizens in the city who could meet with Duke Power officials and study the

situation," he said. Tim Ross, 110 W. Sims St., and Bill Hager, of Route 5 Box 262, also spoke in opposition. Ross said he was disturbed that property values could decrease. "You need to take into the consideration the people living in this area," he said.

Hager, Community Schools director for KM Schools, said that the people who live in the Davidson Park area "are totally against it." "The sub-station will destroy the beauty of the neighborhood and poses a danger to children. Kids will challenge a fence,"

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## Popular Nazarene Minister P.D. Montgomery, 80, Dies

GROVER - Rev. Perry D. Montgomery, 80, of Main Street, died Saturday, April 14, 1990 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

A Cherokee County, S.C., native, he was the son of the late William Thomas and Lila Black Montgomery. He was a retired Nazarene minister and a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Rock Hill, S.C.

Rev. Montgomery was converted at an outdoor meeting in the woods near Archdale Farms and consecrated his life in a service at the old Dixon School in January of 1935.

He completed a four-year home course from the Church of the Nazarene and did evangelistic work for the Church of the Nazarene for a number of years.

His first church was First Nazarene Church in Wallace, S.C. He pastored the Thomasboro Church of the Nazarene in Charlotte for eight years and was pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene in West Columbia, S.C., for 23 years.

Two of the churches he pastored built new sanctuaries and another built a new parsonage during his pastorate. He was also active in denominational and Ministerial Association work.

After his retirement, Rev. Montgomery supplied several churches in the area, including Nazarene, Presbyterian, Baptist and Wesleyan Methodist churches.



REV. P.D. MONTGOMERY

He was interim pastor on two different occasions at the Shelby Church of the Nazarene and was interim for six months at the Kings Mountain Church of the Nazarene.

Rev. Montgomery was noted as an outstanding speaker and minister to the sick and shut-in.

Rev. Montgomery preached his last sermon on January 30, 1989 at the First Church of the Nazarene in Rock Hill, S.C. Since that time, he had been confined to his home with a lung disease.

Rev. Montgomery is survived by his wife, Lottie Childers Montgomery; one son, Jack

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## KM People

### Orr A Politician At Heart

William Orr, 64, hasn't ruled out the possibility of running for another city political office. He savors his close association with politics, the love of his life.

Orr, a life-long Democrat, ran unsuccessfully for the county board of commissioners in the 1960's, lost for a bid for District 5 commissioner several years ago in a hotly-contested race with barber Curt Gaffney and lost his bid for a seat on the Kings Mountain Board of Education some years ago.

"I loved being on the campaign trail and meeting people, although I'm not sure I'd get in the race for Mayor in 1991," he said, since the Ward 5 seat is not up for reelection.

Orr sees the city manager form of government as a big asset to Kings Mountain's future. As chairman of

the Kings Mountain Housing Authority he's pushing for more family dwellings. Orr is only the PHA's second chairman, succeeding veteran John L. McGill who announced he was stepping down from the position last year. Both Orr and McGill have served on the board since its inception in 1969 upon appointment of former mayor John Moss.

"When we first started looking at sub-standard housing in Kings Mountain in the 1960's and applied for federal funds we knew there were insufficient homes but we didn't know how many we needed. Public housing has been a blessing for Kings Mountain," said Orr, who said that more public housing is needed in

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WILLIAM ORR