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## She's Riding In Style

### Limousine Takes Secretary To Work

Eat your hearts out, secretaries. Kathy Summitt, of Sharon Drive, is getting the royal treatment this week.

Kathy's neighbors were surprised Monday when a white chauffeur-driven limousine pulled up to Sharon Drive to pick up Kathy Summitt, executive secretary, and give her a ride to work.

That afternoon at 5:30 p.m. promptly the limousine brought Mrs. Summitt home but this time the neighbors and Kathy's sisters-in-law Sandra Wilson and Betty Johnson, her mother-in-law Kathaleen Herndon, and niece, Beth Wilson, were on hand to greet her along with Kathy's husband, Scott Summitt, and their 2-year-old daughter, Erin. Scott also works in Charlotte for Duke Fluordaniel, an affiliate of Duke Power Company.

Mrs. Summitt, an executive secretary for Ford Motor Company on Sharon Amity Road in Charlotte for 6 1/2 years, is getting the royal treatment this week on the occasion of National Secretaries Week.

She's commuting to Charlotte in a limo all week compliments of Gorilla Radio 95.1 as the winner of the station's Secretary of the Week promotion and drawing. Not only is she being picked up and transported to Charlotte in a limo, she is treated to lunch by a DJ every day at a different eatery in Charlotte. Monday she dined at The Drawbridge.

The royalty treatment also includes flowers for a year.



Photo by Dieter Melhorn  
**SECRETARY OF THE WEEK-Kathy Summitt doesn't usually come home from work in a chauffeur-driven limousine. But this week is an exception. This is National Secretaries Week and Summitt is "Secretary of the Week" in a Charlotte radio promotion, which also includes lunch for five days in a top Charlotte restaurant and flowers for a year. Mrs. Summitt is getting the royal treatment from the radio station and from her co-workers, too, who have noticed she's commuting in style to Charlotte to work. They wish they were as lucky.**

## Citizens Threaten To Sue KM

### Residents 'Strongly Suggest' Station Not Go On West Side

Property owners opposed to proposed new high voltage transmission lines running to the west of Davidson Park for a proposed substation site say they will fight the city and have hired a Hickory law firm to represent them.

James E. Herndon, J. E. Herndon Company executive and resident of Herndon Farm Road, told members of the city's utilities committee Monday and the full board of commissioners who attended the meeting along with 14 property owners and city officials, that Edgemont Road, North Sims Street, North Goforth and Herndon Farm area property owners "strongly suggest that the city administration consider other sites to avoid litigation."

The utilities committee-which had originally planned to make a site recommendation to City Council Tuesday night after public hearing last week-postponed any recommendation to City Council for two weeks until a meeting can be held with officials of Duke Power Company.

Utilities Chairman Al Moretz said Monday's special meeting was continued from last Wednesday night's long session of the utilities committee because of additional questions to be addressed by the board. The letter from Herndon and group's attorney, John G. Fuller, of Hickory, was dated April 20 to members of City Council. At Tuesday night's Council meeting Moretz made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Elvin Green, to table action on the substation site until the meeting with Duke Power officials. Moretz said he expected the protesting property owners to appear before the next meeting of City Council when the substation proposal may be on the agenda.

Consulting engineer Bill Little said the city's supplier of electricity, Duke Power Company, had approached Kings Mountain officials sometime ago and asked if Kings Mountain would be interested in getting a line fed into the city at no cost to the city. "Very few cities our size have that opportunity," said Little, and the Utilities Committee jumped at the chance but looked at several sites before they considered putting the substation to house a 100KV powerline on a small tract of land near Parker Street they hope to buy from Kings Mountain District Schools. The addition of a 100 KV line would eliminate brownouts, Little said. Little told the group Monday that the 100KV double circuit line would offer "greater reliability." The site is located south of the new bypass and west of the present delivery and north of old 74.

Little estimated the cost to build the line to tie-in at the site at \$141,000 by retaining the existing delivery and cutting to five circuits. He said the proposed site at Sims and Parker is the least costly site. "We looked at putting the substation at the Citizens Service Center site but found the cost would be an additional \$396,000 for feeders to build the line across from Benfield and three lines crossing interstate to Walker, he said. "That would mean a significant amount of money to build all four circuits."

Dan Finger asked if the new substation will save Duke Power money and Dot Finger asked why the city didn't know the cost before citizens approved the recent bond referendum for utilities improvements.

Little said Duke had made the offer to pay for the 44 KV line and there is insufficient room at the Citizens Service Center site for it.

Lou Ballew asked why the city was getting a "free generous gift" and was Duke looking after the future of Kings Mountain or Duke Power?

Little said Kings Mountain receives the benefit from higher voltage. Duke Power will be footing the bill.

Little said that Duke Power works with Kings Mountain in location of lines but the city can't dictate voltage and Jim Herndon asked if a 44 KV line was really that objectionable.

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## City Council Awards Sewer Contracts

Kings Mountain City Council Tuesday awarded a \$3,989,680.00 contract to Thamer Construction Company, Atlanta, Ga., the major portion of the wastewater utility improvements project which comes from bonds voted by citizens last year.

David Pond, the city's consulting engineer from W. K. Dickson Co., said construction will get underway June 1 and should be completed in 12 months. "This company has a good reputation of getting into a city and getting the work done," said Pond. By receiving bids and awarding the negotiated contract, the city is ready to move on the major piece of wastewater work, said Pond, who has been working with the apparent low bidder to negotiate the contract down to within the funds available for the project. The contract is subject to state approval of design amendments which Pond said would be completed by mid-May.

City Manager George Wood said the city has already sent payment to Gastonia of \$500,000 for payment of the city's share in the Crowders Creek Wastewater Treatment project which also came from wastewater bond monies.

In other actions of the meeting at which Mayor Pro

Tem Scott Neisler presided, Council:

+Approved Neisler's suggestion that the city spot annex Transco on York Road to take advantage of franchise revenue.

+Rezoned, after public hearing in which none spoke in opposition, property of Sue Jean Wright McCluney on Shelby Road from residential to neighborhood business.

+Approved a joint mapping project, on recommendations of the utility commission, with Shelby and Cleveland County which will cost \$107,000 over a six-year period. The city's cost this year, to come from budgeted funds, is \$10,000. For the next four years the cost will be \$5,000 each year and for the sixth year the cost will be \$17,000. The digitized, based maps will cover the full area served by the utility system, including Moss Lake and Grover. Bill McCarter, the county's planning director, was present for the meeting. McCarter gave an overview of the mapping proposal at last Wednesday's meeting of the utilities commission. Kings Mountain has updated electric, water, and gas system maps and has mapped one-half of the sewer system.

+Heard presentation by Gary Stewart of Woolpert & Associates on a master plan for Cleveland County's Parks and Recreation System and invited the group to conduct a public hearing in Kings Mountain. Stewart said the first public hearing will be held Thursday night at 7 p.m. at Marion School in Shelby and invited Council, and the interested public to attend. After several more public hearings, a full presentation will be made to Cleveland County commissioners. The project details the number of recreational parks in Cleveland County and assesses current and projected recreational needs. City Recreation Director David Hancock has been representing the city at planning sessions.

+Awarded contract to the high bidder, Rimtrax, at \$27,693.68, for a backhoe/loader for Mountain Rest Cemetery on recommendation of Supt. Dorus Bennett.

+Set May 29 at 7:30 p.m. for public hearing on proposed rezoning of property of Richard K. Moore from R-20 to R-10.

+Invited citizens who have Hugo-related stumps on their properties to call the city public works department and take advantage of stump grinding, free to participants who sign a release form. Residents will need to sign up to take advantage of the service.

## Symphony Set May 3

Under the baton of Associate Conductor Darryl One, the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra will present a concert Thursday, May 3, at 8 p.m. in B. N. Barnes Auditorium.

Tickets are on sale at \$6 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

Prior to the public concert, the Symphony Orchestra will perform for Kings Mountain District Schools Elementary pupils at 10 a.m. in Barnes Auditorium.

The concert is sponsored in part by a Grassroots grant from the N. C. Arts Council.

A native of Chicago, Illinois, One studied mathematics at Illinois State University before switching to music his junior year. After receiving his Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees in music composition, he attended Indiana University where he received a second Master of Music in Instrumental conducting.

He began his conducting career as a Conducting Fellow in the Aspen Music Festival and the Conductor's Guild Summer Institute. He has conducted for Leonard Bernstein in a master class, and as a final five participant in three American Symphony Orchestra League Summer Workshops. He was invited to participate in the International Young

Conductor's Symposium with Rich Leinsdorf, and the Hans Swarowsky International Conducting Competition.

One made his conducting debut with the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra in 1988, performing a program of Britten, Bartok and Beethoven. He later made his subscription debut with the Denver Symphony Orchestra, where he serves as associate conductor, holding the position concurrently with his position in Charlotte. He recently guest conducted the Oregon Symphony and the Indianapolis Symphony and served as cover conductor for the Detroit Symphony's subscription series.

In addition to conducting, One has written several small works for orchestra and a number of arrangements for ensembles.

One conducts on both the Subscription and Chamber Orchestra series in Charlotte, as well as the Nutcracker performances, the popular Lollipop and Summer Pops concerts and educational programs.

The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, approaching its sixth decade, is considered one of the finest regional symphony orchestras in the country. Formed in 1932, it is the oldest continuing orchestra ensemble in North Carolina.



**SYMPHONY COMING NEXT THURSDAY-Darryl One direct the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra in a concert at Barnes Auditorium Thursday, May 3, at 8 p.m. A children's concert will be held that morning at 10 at Barnes Auditorium. Tickets are on sale at KM District schools.**

## Kings Mountain People



K. E. (RED) MORRISON

## He's 'Middle Red'

Most friends of K. E. Morrison recognize him as a super salesman at Wade Ford in Kings Mountain but many may not know that he is the third "Red" in his family and grows beautiful azaleas by the yards.

Most any day of the week, "Red" Morrison is busy at his desk as sales manager at Wade Ford which he joined about 19 years ago. He left Wade Tyner for about 18 months to open up his own used car business, then returned to a job he loves because he loves working with the public, whether he's selling Fords or talking about life in Kings Mountain, his hometown. For 18 years before he got back in the car business, he operated KM Finance Company and Morrison Loan Co. downtown.

Morrison is actually "Middle Red" in a family of

three sons of the late John H. and Myrtle Morrison. He got the nickname as the second son in the family. "Big Red" was the late W. D. Morrison who sold Chevrolets for years at the old Victory Chevrolet Company and Dixon Chevrolet Co. for the late Charlie Dixon and W. G. Grantham. "Little Red" is the baby of the family, Roy Morrison, who is the only one with red hair and is employed as a heavy equipment operator in the construction business. Called "Cotton Top" as a boy, K. E. Morrison said both he and W. D. Morrison had light red to blonde hair but both lost some of it on top. "The name just stuck and everybody knew who was who until we started courting and our mother had to open our love letters to figure out which letter belonged to

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