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Gas Going Up Up Up

The price of gasoline at Kings Mountain pumps was up 10 cents a gallon this week but service station operators don't see an immediate end to the increase.

Bob Kempston, a dealer with Exxon since 1970 and operator of Kings Mountain Exxon, said the cost went up as soon as the news was announced Thursday that Iraq had invaded oil-rich Kuwait. "It's ridiculous," said Kempston. "Oil wasn't even in the pipes and there were no deliveries and prices started going up. The little person at the end of the line has no choice in the matter."

Monday at 1 p.m. Kempston said that most local service stations went up at the pumps, some higher than others. "When we raised our

self-service unleaded gas from \$1.09 to \$1.19 gallon for regular unleaded the customers started leaving the pumps and started shopping around" he said. "By the late afternoon we didn't have any customers."

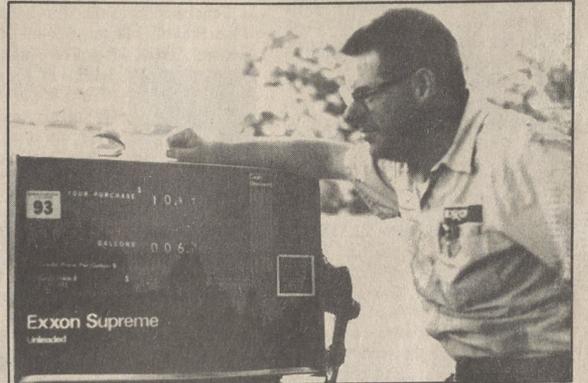
At most pumps self service unleaded was \$1.29 per gallon, super self service unleaded was \$1.39, and super unleaded full service was \$1.69 per gallon but at some Kings Mountain stores the price was \$1.29 for self service regular on Tuesday afternoon, according to the signs posted.

By the weekend local service station operators think the cost will go up even higher.

Bill Chambless, area wholesale distributor for Petroleum World which operates five

stations in this area, thinks the cost will go up about 4 cents over night and a minimum of 20 cents per gallon at the pumps in the next five days. Since Aug. 2, however, costs at his pumps have increased only 6 cents, going up from \$1.09 to \$1.12 on July 23 and only 3 cents since the Middle East crisis. Petroleum World has self-service gas listed at \$1.15 for regular unleaded. Chambless says the distributor is selling for less than he is paying for the gas but soon all his in-ground inventory will be gone and it will have to be replaced. Wholesalers will have to pass hikes onto filling stations but Chambless says those amounts could vary from 16 cents to 26 cents.

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'FILL 'ER UP' COSTS MORE-Kings Mountain motorists will find that it will cost more to fill up their gas tanks since gasoline pump prices are sky-rocketing due to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. The cost of a gallon of gasoline was up 10 cents this week, local service stations reported. Bob Kempston, above, pumps gasoline for a customer.

Still Cuttin' And Struttin'

Barber Huskey Says He'll Cut Until He's 100

W. B. "Hot Dog" Huskey, 81, has been cutting hair since he was a teenager and doesn't plan to retire until he's 100, he tells his friends and grandchildren.

The Oak Grove semi-retired barber and retired poultry farmer says he's a prime example that "hard work won't kill you" and he affirms that working is the secret of his good health and longevity. "Trying to dodge work might hurt somebody," he declares, laughing as he cuts hair at his barber shop behind his home on Oak Grove Road.

The veteran of more than 60 years behind the barber chair learned from his father and at the age of 14. Huskey used to cut his three brother's hair every Sunday morning before they went to church. In those early days, Huskey didn't have a license to cut hair. He still cuts his only living brother's hair when J. P. Huskey of Marion, S. C. comes to visit.

Huskey, whose first name is Wynn, earned the affectionate nickname of "Hot Dog" from the late "Hag" Goforth when they both worked at the old Margrace Mill during World War II when Huskey was superintendent of the Dye House. Co-workers of Huskey were calling him "Winnie" and Goforth tagged him "Hot Dog Huskey" and the name stuck.

When Huskey built his new home on Oak Grove Road in 1953 there were only about five homes in that beautiful neighborhood of Kings Mountain which now includes many families. "We lived in our new house only 30 days because we were afraid we couldn't send two boys to college on what we earned on the farm and moved to Hyde Parks Mills in Covington, Tennessee," Huskey recalled. From 1939-53, the Huskeys had raised turkey broilers and pullets for layers. At one time they raised 21,000 turkeys and 52,000 chickens in three big boiler houses on their farm and Huskey recalled that hard work experience was invaluable.

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STILL CUTTING HAIR-Ralph Falconer gets a haircut from Oak Grove barber W. B. Huskey, 81, who has been cutting hair since he was a boy. Huskey started cutting hair at age 14 and doesn't plan to quit.

Grover Board Okays Annexation Of Land

GROVER-Town Board Monday extended the city limits, effective Aug. 31, 1991, to take in 48 lots and tracts of land on part of Hardin Circle, on Amesbury Road, Bethlehem Church road where the city treatment plant is located, and Grover cemetery.

The action came following a public hearing last month and following discussion over several months by the board.

The ordinance stipulates that the town will provide all services, except sewer, within a year with sewer improvements to be in place in two years in the annexed area.

Woody Harton, Community Development Planner from the Asheville office of the Department of Economic and Development, met with the board again Monday night. He said maps and descriptions of the 80 acres of property are to be forwarded to the Secretary of State, county board of elections, county register of deeds and U. S. Department of Justice, in compliance with the Voters Right Act of 1965.

Only one resident questioned the annexation. Donnie Herndon's request that his property at the corner of Highway 226 and Blackburn Drive be excluded was denied.

In other actions, the board:

+Awarded contract to Childers Heating & Air Conditioning of Kings Mountain at \$11,800 for a gas furnace and air-conditioning of the addition to Town Hall.

+Heard progress report from Commissioner Jim Howell that work was proceeding on the new addition. Workmen were putting up

windows and doors this week and filling in gables of the addition which will house offices for the mayor, town clerk and police officer.

+Heard report from Police Commissioner Ronald Queen that seven monuments were vandalized in Grover Cemetery. The board authorized Town Clerk Debora Philbeck to write letters to property owners advising them of the damage which will amount to about \$100 for each stone.

+Hear progress report from Commissioner Norman King that the city's first garbage truck is on order and delivery is expected in mid-September.

+Approved annual membership in the Cleveland County Law Enforcement Association for police officer Paul Cash, ordered 300 rounds of ammunition for the officer and four tires for the police car.

Water Service To Be Off On Grover Road Saturday

Water will be shut off Saturday morning from 7 a.m. until noon in the Grover Road area along Highway 29.

City workers will be linking a new water line at Crocker and Phifer Roads.

Water will be cut off in the Town of Grover and at plants along the route, including Combustion Engineering, Eaton Corporation, J. M. Huber Corporation, KM Brick, KMG Minerals, Motor Panels, Phillips-DuPont, Pioneer Motor Bearing, and Wirtz Corporation.

City officials say the work is planned for Saturday while most plants are closed.

Kings Mountain People

Mauney Home Is Alive With Music

Katharine Mauney's home on Gaston Street is filled with the sounds of music and books she adores.

The retired church organist-for 12 years at Central Methodist Church and for 25 years at Resurrection Lutheran Church-still plays occasionally at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Sunday School and enjoys her own organ built by a Kings Mountain man nearly 60 years ago when she married Aubrey Mauney. She also plays piano and cello.

Music became her second love when Katharine Shenk met Aubrey Mauney at a Luther League convention when she was a student at N. C. College for Women, now UNC-G. After their marriage, they lived in Greensboro with her parents, the late Rev. and Mrs. E. A.

Shenk, while Mauney built their house on Gaston Street. Born in Newport News, Va., the daughter of a Lutheran minister lived in Winston Salem, Baltimore and Greensboro before coming to Kings Mountain. Her parents retired in Kings Mountain and lived here until their death. The late Aubrey Mauney was a textile manufacturer for many years before his death and traveled all over the country as National President of Lutheran Brotherhood. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1980.

An accomplished musician all her life, Katharine majored in Latin in college because she planned to teach Latin in high school. "They dropped Latin from the high school curriculum about the time I graduated and so I went back to school

and obtained another degree in music," said Katharine. It was in college that Katharine wrote India's Ghandi and Poet Laureate John Maysfield. "What was Ghandi's position on Christianity?" she wanted to know as a young student of the Bible, and to Maysfield she sent a composition she set to music of his poem, "Beauty." Ghandi evaded the question but did respond to Katharine that he admired mission work and regarded Jesus as one of the great teachers of the world. Maysfield liked her music so much that he offered to get in touch with a publisher for her. "About this time I had wedding plans on my mind and I didn't follow through, although I appreciated his offer," said Katharine.

In the years since, Katharine has worked in the church and commu-

nity. In the early years of her marriage while raising two children, she also taught private lessons in organ.

Sunday the Mauney family gathered for a reunion at Lake Montonia and Katharine enjoyed picnicking with her family, including daughter, Peggy Beaver of Columbia, S. C. and son, Gene Mauney of Old Fort, and their families, including two great-grandsons and five grandchildren. Other family members present were Aubrey Mauney's sisters, Frances Lohr of Kings Mountain and Martha Lou and C. P. Fisher of Rockwell.

Katharine has also shared her busy life with the Woman's Club, serving in local, state and national offices, and in Little Theater. Her favorite role in Little Theater was

as the lady detective, "Miss Marple" in Agatha Christie's "A Murder Is Announced" at Kings Mountain Little Theater. "I really love mystery books," says Katharine, whose library is filled with a number of Christie books as well as a number of musical compositions.

Governor Hodges' appointment of Mrs. Mauney to the 1960 White House Conference on Aging enhanced her enthusiasm which started a program in Kings Mountain at the Woman's Club. She came home and gave a program for the local club and soon Mrs. Lillian Mauney and Mrs. Helen Hendricks organized a senior citizens luncheon meeting at the Woman's Club on a monthly basis.

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MRS. AUBREY MAUNEY