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Water coming to Oak Grove



Oak Grove Community residents are being offered water service by the Cleveland County Sanitary District. Mike Richardson, manager of the authority, standing, signed up 20 families Monday at a public meeting attended by 125 citizens at Oak Grove Fire Department.

Only 20 sign up at meeting

Although only 20 families signed up for water at a public meeting Monday night, Cleveland County Sanitary District has told Oak Grove residents that water can be provided as early as summer.

Some 125 residents of Oak Grove Community packed the Oak Grove Fire Department Monday night to hear Mike Richardson, manager of the water authority in Lawndale, explain the water service project being offered to 275 households, part of a long-term expansion effort that by 1996 should reach about 8,000 households along an approximate 500 miles of water main.

A number of residents volunteered to canvass the community in the next three to four weeks.

One woman in the audience said she had been without water for several years, carrying it from her son's home since her well dried up. "This might be grasping at straws but you'll do anything to get water," she said. The lady said she had been told that the cost would be prohibitive for Kings Mountain or Shelby to supply the water but was excited about the prospect of getting good drinking water.

Richardson invited local people to locate their residences on water maps provided by him and other Water District officials, including

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Chamber banquet is Monday

Jim Taylor, popular humorist and after-dinner speaker, will entertain members of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce and guests at the annual banquet Monday night at 7 p.m. at Holiday Inn.

Tickets are on sale from Chamber Secretary Lucille Williams at \$15 per person. Door prizes from local businesses will also be provided.

An executive with Royster Transport Company of Shelby, Taylor is past president of Shelby Rotary Club, Cleveland County Cancer Society, Cleveland County Mental Health Association, Cleveland County Boys Club, Greater Shelby Chamber of Commerce and Cleveland County Historical Association. He is

a past member of the Shelby Parks and Recreation Commission and served nine years on Piedmont Boy Scout Council.

Shelby's Citizen of the Year in 1972, he was a member of the Shelby delegation to Portland, Oregon when Shelby was named an "All American City." He served two terms on the Board of Trustees of Cleveland Memorial Hospital, two terms on the Board of Trustees of Lees-McRae College and for 28 years was chairman of Shelby Planning and Zoning Board. He also served four years on the advisory board for Cleveland County Girls Club and is currently a member of the Cleveland County Economic Development Commission.

Taylor served four years during World War II in the Intelligence Section, Division Headquarters, 83rd Infantry Division in France, Belgium and Luxembourg.

A member of Shelby Presbyterian Church, he is Sunday School superintendent, a teacher, and ruling elder.

He is married to the former Anne Royster and they have three children, one son and two daughters.

New officers of the Chamber to be headed by Ruby M. Alexander as president will assume their duties at the banquet.

Kings Mountain People

Bill knows his business

By ELIZABETH STEWART of The Herald Staff

For 19 years Bill Grissom has filmed the Kings Mountain High football games and for 31 years he has been the Mountie's and Clemson Tiger's biggest fan.

Cheering the home teams is the next best thing to coaching, according to Grissom, who dropped out of Clemson University before he realized his coaching dream. He fell in love with the boss's daughter and went to work as a plumber's helper at Ben T. Goforth Plumbing.

When football season is underway, Bill glories in the roar of the crowds and the excitement of a Clemson game. He never misses a home game and he dresses in style--Clemson orange and purple.

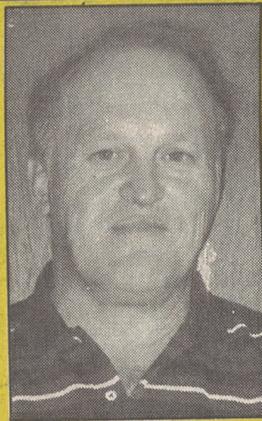
For every Mountaineer game Bill puts on black

and gold and he and Dave Butler film the games which can immediately be shown via a VCR and a television set. Not so in the early days. Without video, the 8 mm tapes had to be processed in Spartanburg, S.C. and bused to Kings Mountain for the coaches to use in practice sessions with football players.

Times have also changed in the plumbing business. Today Grissom is president of Ben T. Goforth Plumbing. He and wife, Claudia Goforth Grissom, bought the company from her father last March.

Although Bill still crawls under a house on a winter day to fix pipes, he knows the business from both sides of the desk--as a repairman and also as an executive. Licensed in 1973, Bill has seen major improvements and diversification in the business which was

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BILL GRISSOM

Building off in KM in '91

The building business was off during 1991, down slightly from 1990, according to permit fees breakdown supplied by Dottie Elkins, secretary in the Codes Department of the City of Kings Mountain.

The months of February and August were the biggest building months, according to the property valuations.

In February 1991 the month's valuation was \$1,282,900 and in August the valuation was \$1,185,441.

In February 1990, the month's valuation was \$360,953 and in August was \$405,565.

Month by month the fees breakdown for 1991 valuation was: January, \$163,744; February, \$1,282,900; March \$306,900; April \$158,906; May \$492,405; June \$576,140.68; July \$661,050; August, \$1,185,441; September \$733,250; October \$835,250; November \$251,000; December, \$560,920.15 for a grand total of \$7,107,906.83.

In 1990 the permits breakdown month by month was: January \$1,716,038; February \$360,953; March \$395,661; April \$367,185; May \$595,050; June \$871,831; July \$305,420; August \$405,565;

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Platform speakers at the Martin Luther King community birthday observance Monday are pictured from left Aaron Allen, KMHS senior, KMHS Principal Jackie Lavender, Supt. Dr. Bob McRae, Rev. Albert Perkins, who delivered the sermon, Rev. Prueella Kilgore, Dr. Eric Faust, Mayor Scott Neisler, Rev. Billy Houze, Rev. Dewey Smith, at podium, and Rev. D. C. Wilson.

24 years after death, King's dream lives on

Twenty-four years after the death of Martin Luther King Jr., a new generation of Americans who favor justice over injustice and equality over inequality must continue the struggle for peace, said speakers at the annual community observance of King's birthday Monday in Barnes Auditorium.

Nearly 300 people heard the speeches and joined in the familiar "We Shall Overcome" and the National Anthem for the Black Nation, "Lift Every Voice and Sing." A choir representing the black churches in the community sang special anthems.

Prayers for peace and thanksgiving for King's life were said by local ministers.

"Now is the time for us to catch the spirit of King and make a difference for all mankind," said guest minister Rev. Albert Perkins, who challenged church people to come down from the mountain and help those suffering in the valley. Perkins compared the late slain civil rights leader to God's prophet Moses and used the sermon topic, "Mountain Top Experience" from Deuteronomy 34, the story of God's showing the Promised Land to Moses.

"King loved all people, not just blacks, and shared their sufferings, hopes and dreams," said Perkins, who called King the voice of the century which the world listened to because he spoke the truth.

Perkins said that people are still blinded today with racial indifference. "Grab onto this generation and give them hope," he said.

Mayor Scott Neisler called King the shaper of Constitutional freedoms in America. "It behooves us to make a difference," he said.

Dr. Eric Faust, past president of Kings Mountain Ministerial Association, praised Dr. King and said his message is just as necessary today as they were 24 years ago.

Dr. Bob McRae, Superintendent of Schools, called King a worthy hero for young people and KMHS Principal Jackie Lavender said it was fitting that Kings Mountain celebrate King's philosophy of love and his message of commitment. Aaron Allen, president of the KMHS student body, brought greetings.

Rev. Billy Houze, a member of the KM school board, said that King's message still rings in the minds and conscience of all Americans who favor justice and equality but that racial bigotry and hatred are still alive and well. He said the purpose of the service was for local citizens to join to consolidate their energies and be challenged to action. "Join hands, no man is free until all men are free," he said.

Other ministers on the program were Rev. Dewey Smith, Rev. M. L. Campbell, Rev. D. C. Wilson, Rev. Stellic Jackson, and Rev. Prueella Kilgore.