

METER

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ment with Parkdale Mills for his water but that bills were paid to the city. He said he had no knowledge of any meters on his property.

Grindstaff asked Suber if he paid the minimum charge for water. "That's none of your business," said Suber.

Grindstaff said after the meeting that water customers are his and the city's business.

Suber maintains that city officials were trying to damage his credibility by implying he was trying to hide a water meter.

City utility workers led by Ollis went to Suber's business Wednesday with a front end loader digging up the roadway looking for a water meter.

Parsons said the problem was discovered Tuesday with Suber's meter through a conscientious employee in the city billing department. Parsons said Ollis had planned to dig up the meter Tuesday afternoon but was called out on an emergency.

Parsons said the crew was able to pinpoint the location of the meter by going into the plant and tracing the water lines back to the meter.

Parson said a meter is metering water going into Suber's business but it has never been read by the city and never billed by the city.

Suber acknowledged his business has never been billed by the city for water. He said that when his father built the business the lines were run with Parkdale's.

Ollis said he, too, understood this was the case.

"When I came to this job 17 years ago I was told that their water came through Parkdale Mills," said Ollis.

Parsons said a meter reader who had been with the city 20 years accompanied Ollis to the site.

Suber said he is glad the meter is found and won't mind paying back rates as long as he is treated fairly.

"I want to pay any bills I've got but I won't be treated any differently than anybody else in this situation."

"It's my understanding the city can't go back for more than three years on the charges."

Parsons said it will probably be several months before the city can determine exactly how much Suber owes for water.

Parsons said the decision on the back charges will be up to City Council.

SUBER

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Ware, Fire Chief Frank Burns and fireman Bill Ware have inspected 70 businesses and industries this year, including some in the one mile perimeter. After inspection, permits are required.

Ware said that Kings Mountain Knit Fabrics is among local industry yet to be inspected but on the list.

Interim City Manager Maxine Parsons Tuesday instructed Ware to inspect Kings Mountain Knit Fabrics Wednesday and to move ahead with other inspections. Ware said that some plants in Kings Mountain Industrial Park have not been inspected this year.

Utility Chairman Jim Guyton questioned Chief Burns about the inspection policy at a recent work session of City Council, saying that all businesses in town should be inspected before the three inspectors start in the outlying area.

"Inspect them in town all at one time," he said.

The state's new prevention fire codes, adopted after the costly fire in Hamlet, require that plants using chemicals be inspected each year. Ware said the cost of the permit varies with the establishment.

"I welcome the fire department to inspect my plant at any time because that's a help to me," said Suber.

"But what I don't understand is how the city can fail to bill customers. I'd go out of business if I didn't bill the people that owe me."

"Some people can say I may be an ignorant businessman but if I don't get a bill and I've never seen one of the city's utility bills how do I know if I owe the city?"

Bill could eliminate smoking at school

New federal legislation could eliminate the total use of tobacco in public school buildings and on the school grounds. Dr. Bob McRae told members of the Kings Mountain Association of Educators

Tuesday morning.

McRae said the Goals 2000 legislation could prohibit teachers from using tobacco in the currently designated smoking areas for school personnel. A current policy prohibits students from smoking in

school facilities or on the grounds.

McRae said he is asking for clarification of the language in the bill which provides a \$1,000 a day fine for violators.

JONES

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have a huge reputation ... as far as academics."

Jones now plans to go back to UNC as a medical student, in 1995 if possible. He said he planned to play tennis all this year, but some doctors he consulted suggested he take some graduate-level classes of the kind he would be taking in medical school. He was at UNC this past

spring doing so.

He said he got interested in biology while in high school, and majored in it at UNC. He added that not until he was out of college did he really know he wanted to go to medical school.

Jones will send in his application later this month, but will not know if he is accepted for six to eight months. He plans to get a job at the hospital in Chapel Hill in July.

"I'm willing to try for several years to get in."

Kings Mountain Weather Report

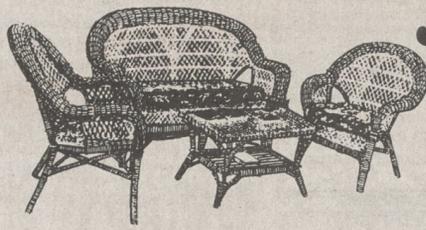
	June 1-7	Year Ago
Total precipitation	7.09	Trace
Maximum one day	3.60 (5)	Trace (4)
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