

Grover hires new Town Clerk

Barbara Barrett of Shelby was appointed acting Town Clerk by Grover Town Board Monday night. Wife of Lewis Barrett, she comes to her new position from Shelby Printing. She is a graduate of Crest High School and Gardner-Webb Junior College. The family includes one married daughter.

Barrett assumed her duties on June 16 after Mayor Ronald Queen consolidated the positions of bookkeeper and town clerk.

Queen said that town finances were the reason for the change which makes the operation of the town's office a one person job and phased out the position of clerk

held by Lynn Davis for the past 2 1/2 years.

The mayor said the decision to streamline the office operations was made several months ago. The office was formerly operated by a bookkeeper and a general clerk and office manager at annual salary of \$21,000. The change will combine those two positions and Queen said the town will save money through decreased employee benefits.

Mrs. Davis was given severance pay of three weeks.

Mrs. Davis was present at Monday night's meeting.

The board's action was unanimous. Councilman Robbie Sides was absent.



Nicole Sees, Kings Mountain Hospital Emergency Room secretary, registers six-year-old Crystal Ventris, an outpatient, for removal of stitches. Tim Sawyer accompanied the child.

Grover adopts \$476,246 budget

GROVER - Town Board adopted a 1995-96 fiscal year budget of \$476,246 Monday night without comment.

Mayor Ronald Queen said the budget includes no increases for water and sewer.

Queen said citizens will see only a slight change in their tax bills from the county due to the county-wide reevaluation of properties but Grover's property tax rate will remain the same.

The budget proposes \$239,537 in the general fund, \$55,709 in the Powell Bill fund for streets and \$181,000 in the utility fund. He said ad valorem taxes will bring in \$80,000.

The Police Department, where three county officers work on part-time shifts, has the biggest chunk of the budget pie at \$45,740. Queen has said on several occasions that the police department operation is working well.

Included in the budget is \$5,000 for beautification and \$5,000 for park improvements.

Queen asked Town Attorney Mickey Corry to draft a letter to owners of lots in town to clean them up. He said that neighbors are complaining about unsightly lots. He said the town plans to spend \$4,000 to seed and grass the lot across from the town park which a resident described as "atrocious."

Crawley appointed to DSS board

County Commissioner Jim Crawley will replace former county commissioner Joyce Cashion on the Cleveland County Board of Social Services June 30.

Crawley was named by county commissioners at last week's meeting. Commissioner Ralph Gilbert stipulated in his motion that Crawley not serve as chairman.

Cashion chaired her last meeting during 10 years on the board Monday and received an appreciation plaque. Cashion presented a plaque to the outgoing vice-chairman Rhonda Skorman, who is completing three years on the board on appointment by Governor Hunt. Skorman will be succeeded

by Shelby realtor Jeri Home.

Other members of the board are Rosalind Hunt and Stuart LeGrand of Shelby and Robert Williams of Fallston.

Only business of the meeting was the approval of a revised fraud policy. Williams objected, saying that the new board should study the revisions and make the decision at the next meeting.

Williams said if the county doesn't prosecute fraud cases it will lose public and state funds but Cashion said the new plan recommended by Social Services Director Lorene Rogers will eliminate some court time.

Social Services supervises 48 programs in the county.

Anonymous donor gives KMH \$10,000

Kings Mountain Hospital Emergency Room has a facelift thanks to an anonymous donor's gift of \$10,000.

New tile floors and newly-painted walls in teal and white are enhanced by teal chairs, other new furniture and contrasting paintings in the reception room.

The outpatient reception office is also newly painted and refurbished.

Marie Graham, ER nurse manager, said the improvements are much appreciated, not only by the staff but by the patients who find a brighter and more comfortable waiting room area.

Nicole Sees, ER secretary, said that all patients have praised the renovation and new look, including six-year-old Crystal Ventris who recently had to have some stitches. Friday Crystal was accompanied to the hospital by Tim Sawyer to have her stitches removed.

Council wants Hayes as Chief

City Council Tuesday night unanimously endorsed Interim Chief of Police Bob Hayes as the choice for Kings Mountain's next police chief.

Councilman Jerry White, a former city policeman and a detective in the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, made the motion, seconded by a former city policeman and Councilman Ralph Grindstaff.

"I wholeheartedly recommend Hayes based on his service," said White.

Captain Hayes joined the Kings Mountain Police Department nearly 34 years ago and has worked up through the ranks from patrolman. City Manager Chuck Nance said

he is giving serious consideration to Hayes but said he is interviewing a list of final candidates among 30 men for the job.

Local people who applied for the job were Hayes and Det. Lt. Richard Reynolds, a 23-year veteran of KMPD.

Nance said he expects to make his decision next week.

Teacher's son dies from fall

The son of Kings Mountain High School French teacher Carol Peeler was killed last Wednesday morning after apparently falling from a moving jeep.

Jonathan Samuel Peeler, 19, of 703 Mayo Road in Shelby, died from head injuries sustained when he fell from the 1989 Jeep driven by Arnold Oneal Humphries, according to the N. C. Highway Patrol.

Humphries was driving the Jeep along East Main Street in Shelby just after 1 a.m. when Peeler reportedly tried to stand up, lost his balance and fell from the passenger side of the vehicle. He struck his head on the pavement, the report said.

Peeler was transported to Cleveland Memorial Hospital and then was airlifted to Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte where he was pronounced dead on arrival, hospital officials said.

Neither the driver nor another passenger in the car, Jennifer Page Brown, of 1126 Scottsdale Drive, Shelby, were injured.

Humphries was charged with DWI, according to the Highway Patrol.

A 1994 graduate of Shelby High School, Peeler was a student at Gaston College.

Former KM Chief turns himself in

Former Kings Mountain Police Chief Warren Goforth turned himself in Thursday at the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department to be charged with a felony of obtaining property under false pretenses.

He was released under a \$10,000 bond.

Goforth was indicted by a Cleveland County Grand Jury Monday.

Goforth, KMPD chief for seven years and a 20-year veteran of law enforcement, resigned suddenly last November during a controversy over his purchase of a Chevrolet Suburban truck which had been seized in a drug raid.

Goforth said at the time that he and narcotics officer Billy Benton sold the Suburban for the city police department to a Shelby auto dealer as a part of an exchange for a department undercover vehicle. Goforth later bought the truck from the dealer.

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