

## WATER

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without water and was quickly fixed.  
Ollis said the breaks have left his crew of six people behind on taps and meter work.  
"The combination of breaks and the heat have taking its toll and we are dragging," he said this week.  
On the bright side, Ollis said working in water has given some respite from the blistering heat wave.  
"Tony Brooks came in from vacation to pick up his check Friday morning about the time the water main burst in front of the hospital and he put his check in his shirt pocket and went with us to do the repairs," said Ollis.  
"Tony got wet and so did the check."

## REUNION

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calling people and advertising the event in the local newspaper.  
After the reunion, Flowers took a copy of the register book to Miss Blanton at White Oak Manor and they talked about the "the good ole days."  
Former Mayor John Henry Moss was among the guests at the covered dish luncheon Saturday and shared memories of growing up on the Village and recalled the many friendships he made.  
The Park Yarn was roots for all those attending the Saturday celebration of friendship.  
Nancy Nickels, whose mother was principal at Park Grace School, and Kara Martin, at 88 probably the senior alumni, were present. Sarah Kate Ormand, a former teacher, reminisced with some of her former students and Rev. Blanchard Horne, a Nazarene pastor, relived some of the memories with former mill workers, former students and former church members.  
"It was a wonderful day and we hope to do this again," said Flowers.  
Coley Neal, 82, who was raised at the Park Yarn and worked at the mill during the Depression years, enjoyed talking with O. C. Kiser. Annie Ruth Bishop Smith came from Columbia, SC and recalled that she had been taught by the late Mrs. Carrie Hughes and also by the late Mrs. J. C. Nickels.  
Roy Long lived on "the hill" from 1939-45 and Howard Jackson and his wife, Essie, recalled they had lived there in the early 1940's. Charles Parton said his wife was a former Park Yarn employee and Earnest Maples and his family lived there in 1945. Artist Katherine Long Bolin had many happy memories of her family living at the Park Yarn.  
Some of the visitors said they attempted to drive by the former mill, now Glen Raven Mill, but saw that the old Weir Store is no more and all the village houses are no more. The road is closed which leads up to the once busy village of well-kept and beautiful white houses.  
Wilma Hawkins Newton had this to say about Park Yarn Days.  
"Remembering days at Park Yarn, which could be lost in the past, but coming together in reunion, we will find that memories do last.  
Everyone's life at Park Yarn was woven around the Mill, Ted Weir's store, Park Grace School and John Gregory's Little Church on the Hill.  
Up the hill or down the street, to get a pail of water. Sometimes it took a little force but remember this was our water source.  
No inside plumbing is the thing most people talk about from the past. When guests arrived and that time came, we just showed the path.  
Instead of complaining about our inconvenient way we just took it in stride. We still had many other things to feed our human pride.  
Onward into the future we went our different ways, taking our memories with us of the good and indifferent days.  
Now here we are together after 50 years or more to reminisce our past. Let's enjoy every moment and hope it won't be the last."

## GAS

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Utility Supt. Jimmy Maney said the bottom line is who will pay for the extra demand charges in the winter months, all customers or just the customers who use the gas.  
Maney, a 23-year veteran in the gas business, said that no gas system plans around interruptible customers but builds around firm costs.  
He reminded the group that in 1973-74 cities across the nation, including Kings Mountain, were in a natural gas crunch and in a state of emergency. Thermostats were cut back and only gas supplied was to firm customers. No boiler fuel was supplied at all.  
Maney said no major new industry has been knocking on the city's door for gas but that the city could serve some 400 more residential customers of Jamestown Acres and the Oak Grove Community if it had the money for expansion of lines. Last year the city picked up 60 new gas customers in the Margrace area.  
"Spreading out the cost is no way to run a gas business," he said in his presentation.  
Ernest Rome of Anvil Knit questioned why the city is resistant to permit industry to claim a hardship in winter months. "Why not pay the city for transportation costs of gas and let another pipeline serve the industrial gas account?" he asked.  
Maney said he is unsure that the State Utilities Commission would approve such a move.  
Monday night's discussion about winter gas rates followed on the heels of a previous meeting in which the utility committee asked those customers using an interruptible rate to produce an alternative fuel before the winter period or change to a commercial rate.  
The board at that time asked

Maney to look at contracting for firm gas supplies for interruptible users, saying firm users had been taking away from the interruptible customers and suggesting the cost be spread across the entire customer base.  
"Who's right and who's wrong?" asked Maney in his overview.  
Industry contends residential users will pay more if industry isn't burning gas but residential customers argue that industry makes money in the summer when residential users buy more gas.  
Maney acknowledged that all six interruptible customers have alternate fuel capabilities but some are not able as readily to switch to fuel and prefer to shut the plant down for a couple of days at a time in winter months.  
"We can buy gas from at least 15 companies but the problem is getting it to the city gate," say Maney, explaining that the city is regulated with a certain amount of gas per day.  
"We are looking at 151 days during the winter period at a cost of 88 cents per mcf per day or about \$132,000 in demand charges," he told the board.  
"If we lock in a firm transporta-

tion charge we have to pass on the amount to the users."  
Maney, who joined the city 23 years ago, said after the meeting that he would not recommend buying firm capacity for an interruptible load. He said the final decision is up to City Council and he would work with them to implement the program.  
"I would hope that industry would be honor bound not to go to an alternate fuel once the firm load is expanded and the cost is spread across the board," said Rome.  
"What's wrong with residents carrying their part of the load if industry carries it in summer?" asked Guyton.  
In other business, Maney pointed out that the gas staff is behind in making residential gas taps due to a tight budget. He estimated that by October 1 that 1,000 people will be calling the city to have their winter pilot lights turned on. The board indicated it would recommend a budget amendment to help pay for the work.  
The setting of the electrical rate for the KM Public Housing Authority was tabled until after a rate study is completed.

## Lawndale teen drowns at Moss Lake

A 15-year-old Lawndale teenager drowned in a cove near the Carl Fowler family. After sitting on the Fowler dock for several minutes, Stanford reentered the water and began swimming back toward the boat launch.  
Beam entered the water after him and again started complaining of cramps, his cousins said.  
Stanford and Beam had swam out halfway back to the boat launch when Beam went under.  
Mitchem said Stanford dove for Beam three times and was unable to grab the boy.  
Mitchem said Stanford had to abandon his rescue efforts because he was repeatedly pulled under water.

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