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## KM Hall of Fame inductions held

Three individuals and a team that made positive impacts on a lot of people were inducted into the Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame at its ninth annual induction ceremony Monday night at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Bill Cashion, Pride Ratterree and Fred Withers, who combined spent over 100 years in teaching and coaching, and the Second Baptist Church men's softball team of 1973-83, which used sports as an evangelistic tool to reach people for Christ, were the honorees.

Former New York Yankee great Bobby Richardson, one of the country's most sought-after inspirational speakers, was guest speaker for the event which drew a crowd of about 300.

Jackie Houston, a Kings Mountain High junior tennis sensation who has won three straight North Carolina High School championships, was recognized as the ninth winner of the Special Achievement Award. The award is given each year for accomplishments during the previous calendar year. In 1995 Houston not only won her third straight state tennis crown, but won numerous other titles in junior tennis and also won a state championship in high school track. Houston is the only KMHS athlete ever to win two state championships in the same year.

Cashion, Withers and Ratterree all competed in sports on the high school and/or college and professional level and after their playing careers all three devoted their lives to helping mold the talents and character of other young students and athletes.

Cashion was a bruising fullback/linebacker during his playing days at KMHS, Gardner-Webb and Newberry College. He spent 30 years in public education and served as assistant and head football coach at Taylorsville High School from 1955-59 and line coach at KMHS from 1960-77.

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The 1996 inductees into the Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame are pictured following the ceremony Monday night at B.N. Barnes Auditorium. Front is Fred Withers, former Kings Mountain High baseball coach. Standing, left to right, are Rev. Eugene Land, representing the Second Baptist Church men's softball team; former KMHS player and coach Bill Cashion; and former KMHS player and college coach Pride Ratterree. More pictures on page 5-A.

## Primary election Tuesday

Kings Mountain and No. 4 Township voters will join their neighbors at the polls Tuesday to elect federal, state and county nominees in the Democratic and Republican Primaries.

Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. at East Precinct at the Community Center, West Precinct at the National Guard Armory; Grover at Grover Town Hall; Bethware Precinct at David Baptist Church fellowship building; and Waco at Waco Town Hall.

Elections Supervisor Debra Blanton is predicting that only 20 percent of the county's 46,000 registered voters will turn out at the polls. Blanton bases her prediction on little interest in absentee voting.

Tuesday's Primaries will see unaffiliated voters voting in the Primaries for the first time. Those voters will have the option to state which ballot, Democratic or Republican, they wish to participate. Blanton reminds that these voters at a second Primary would receive the same ballot because their choice from the first Primary would be recorded on the books.

Chief interest locally centers in the county commission race where 12 people seek three seats open on the board in November and in the three-person race for the county register of deeds where incumbent Bonnie E. Reece of Kings Mountain is being challenged by Jane Vanhoy McDaniel and Gaynell S. Scott of Shelby. Since there is no GOP opposition for register of deeds the nominee from the Democratic Party would be on the ballot for the November general election and there could be an opportunity for an unaffiliated voter to run against that nominee, Blanton says.

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## KM's Tom Trott receives Distinguished Rotarian Award

Thomas L. Trott, charter member of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club who is affectionately called "Mr. Rotary" by the club he chartered 38 years ago, received the Distinguished Rotarian Award at the recent 14-county Rotary District 7680 in Boone.

The award honors the Kings Mountain man for exemplifying "Service Above Self" in daily life as a Rotarian and a member of the community.

Each Rotary Club in the 14 counties which comprise the district has the opportunity to honor a member for a distinguished tenure as a Rotarian. The local club honors the two-time Paul Harris Fellow by giving a \$1,000 scholar-

ship annually to a Kings Mountain High graduating senior in his honor.

Rotary District Governor Bill Lawson presented the award during ceremonies at Broyhill Center in Boone.

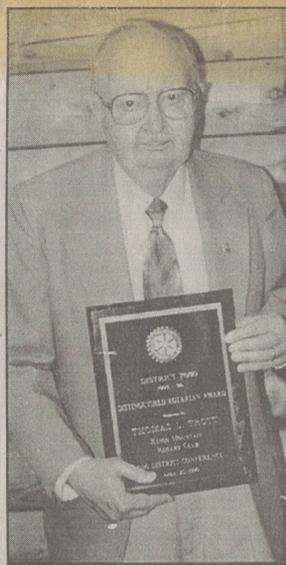
A native of Salisbury, Trott graduated from Patterson Episcopal School in Lenoir and from Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory in 1940. He moved to Kings Mountain in 1952 and opened Tom Trott Insurance Agency in 1957 with the slogan, "Trot to Trott."

He served as chairman of the American Field Service in 1961 and is a past member of the Insurance Education Advisory

Committee. He was past president of the PTA and a volunteer in the Kings Mountain District Schools. He is an active member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and serves on the board of directors of Mauney Memorial Library.

Charter president of the local civic club, he has held perfect attendance since the first meeting he organized here in 1958.

Trott is married to the former Selena Parton and they have two daughters, Mrs. Larry Nunery of Raleigh and Mrs. Jerry Blanton of Kings Mountain and two grandchildren, Molly Elizabeth Blanton and Adam Trott Blanton of Kings Mountain.



TOM TROTT

## Annexation hearing May 14 at City Hall

Public hearing by the City of Kings Mountain on a major annexation plan which will take in 758 acres, 150 people and Firestone and major industries will be held May 14 at City Hall.

A full-page advertisement in today's Herald outlines the project.

The effective date to begin rolling services is 13 months away after the city passes an ordinance, June 30, 1997, with June 30, 1999 targeted as the completion of Phase I of the utilities construction.

In addition to the Firestone Fibers and Textile Plant and other industries along the Kings Mountain Highway interchange, the annexation would include the Sara Lee plant off N. C. 161 and Bali, Commercial Intertech and

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## Council approves Ingle's request

City Council Tuesday night unanimously approved satellite annexation of the Paul and Judy Scism property on Oak Grove Road which gives the green light to Ingles Inc. for building a new supermarket.

About a dozen residents of Gold Run Subdivision were in the packed City Hall Council Chambers as City Attorney Mickey Corry read a signed agreement from Ingles guaranteeing cost of an eight inch sewer line to serve the facility.

Ingles stipulated in the agreement that it would pay the

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## 'Beverly Hillbillies' KMHS senior play

The hilarious "Beverly Hillbillies" comes to the stage of Barnes Auditorium Thursday, Friday and Saturday as the Kings Mountain High School Senior Class play.

Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. nightly. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and students.

Betsy Wells is directing Paul Henning's American movie classic. David Wells is technical director and Jane Campbell is choreographer.

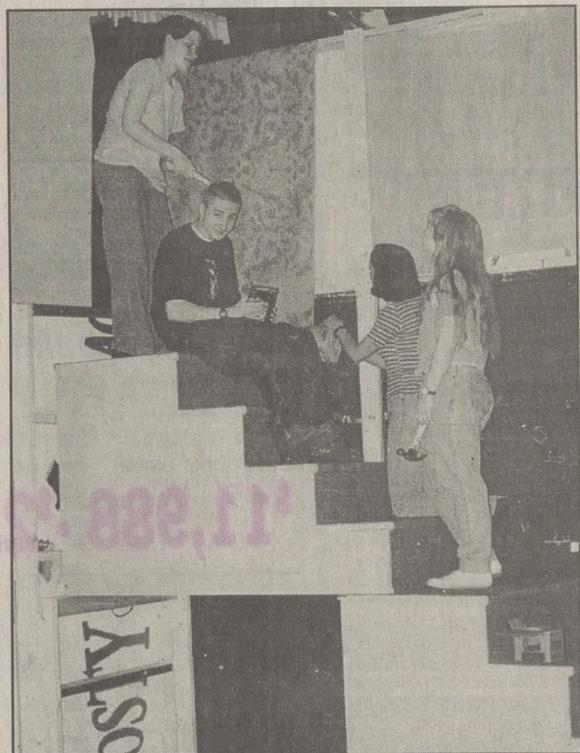
The hilarity of the comic TV show is maintained throughout the plot which centers around Jed and Granny Clampett (David McDaniel and Danah McKinney) who move with beautiful Ellie Mae (Mandy Jones) and cousin Jethro (Cathan Randle) to Beverly Hills, California and meet banker and Mrs. Drysdale (Ricky Clayton and Talia Quinn) and secretary Hathaway (Becky Taylor).

The plot thickens as the Clampetts are blackmailed by Colonel Foxhall (Jacob Moschler) and his accomplice Emaline Fetty (Nikki Ware.) Other characters include Darrel Myers as George Turner, Antonio Brown as Brewster; Kristy Peterson as Mrs. Pennyweather; Jimmy Bundy as

Percy; Kelly Anderson as Gloria Mundy; Jessica Cogar as Frederika Collins; Holly Parker as Mrs. Stokely-Smythe; Kelly Beach as Mrs. Oglethorpe; Kelli Grigg as Mr. Oglethorpe; Antonio Brown as Muggle Thorpe; Allison Hardin as Groovy Monohan; and Robbie Friend as Frank Richards. Senior Class President Antonio Roberts will be the announcer and entertainment will be provided by Kenya Houze, Jonathan Jackson and Talia Quinn, assisted by dancers.

Dancers in the show include David Bradley, Ricky Clayton, Becky Taylor, David McDaniel, Mandy Jones, Darrel Myers, Jessica Cogar, Holly Parker, Jacob Moschler, David McDaniel, Danah McKinney, Cathan Randle, Mandy Jones, Kelly Anderson, Kristy Peterson, Jimmy Bundy, Kelly Beach, Nikki Ware, Jacob Moschler, Robbie Friend, Holly Parker, Darrel Myers, Jessica Cogar, Kenny Baldonado, Debbie Clayton, Ricky Clayton, David Bradley, Becky Taylor and Allison Hardin.

More than 100 students are involved behind the scenes with costumes, props, hair styling, staging, and tickets.



Sheldon Lynn, Robbie Friend, Kelly Beach and Talia Quinn, left to right, put the finishing touches on the stage set for "Beverly Hillbillies" which opens Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. for three nights by the Kings Mountain High School Senior Class.

## Peak generation plant approved

City Council Tuesday gave the go-ahead for a \$2 million 4500 KW Peak Generation plant for which construction will start in a week or two on the North Gaston Street Substation site.

Utilities Director Jimmy Maney said the plant will be up and running by mid-September and will shave the city's wholesale cost of electricity with anticipated annual savings between \$475,000 and \$575,000 depending on the city's billing rate.

Maney said that the savings will pay for the plant within a five year period and no increase in city utility rates will be necessary.

"If utility rates were to go up it would be for capital projects, not for building of the peak generation plant," he told City Council Tuesday when he presented the bid tabulations.

The construction contractor is McDaniel Construction at a base bid of \$1.8 million with additional money for supplies, including a transformer.

The apparent low bidder, Hickory Construction did not meet the city's noise level requirements with a bid of \$1.757 million.

"City Council has backed this project from the very first talk of it three years ago and members have looked at similar projects in other

cities and worked hard to take this project to fruition," said Maney.

"City Council has been very aggressive in moving forward and in being careful in allocating \$2 million of the citizen's money to move forward."

"I am 100 percent in favor of this project," said Councilman Rick Murphrey.

Councilman Dean Spears questioned the projected five year cost of maintenance of \$267,750. Phil Stanford from Carolina Engines, caterpillar dealer, said cost of labor on the high tech equipment is expensive and the contract guarantees that the city will not be obligated to make repairs.

"You've read in the newspapers and heard it on television that deregulation is opening up open access to allow municipalities to wheel and deal for power and this means Kings Mountain will aggressively pursue other options in looking for suppliers of electricity," said Maney.

Maney said the new unit will be tied into the SCADA system, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition, the city's state-of-the-art high tech equipment. He said Kings Mountain has taken the lead among smaller cities in installing SCADA and now Peak Generation

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