



**QUEEN FOR A DAY** - Lena Ware McGill was crowned Queen of Peggy's Restaurant during a surprise birthday party Friday night. From left, Tim Hord, Billie Hicklin and Joe Robinson present McGill with her flowers, crown and banner.

**McGill crowned queen at 91st birthday party**

For several hours Friday night Lena Ware McGill, 91, was a Queen.

She wore a crown on her head, a banner over her party dress and carried a long-stemmed bouquet and her runway was the dining room of Peggy's Restaurant where she kissed and hugged the patrons as they congratulated her on her birthday and crowned her Queen of Peggy's Restaurant.

"I was never so surprised in my life," said McGill as Peggy's owner Tim Hord presented her the banner and crown. Billie Hickman, pianist for the special

program, and co-owner Joe Robinson presented the flowers from Secret Garden.

Hord said his staff wanted to surprise Mrs. McGill not because she was a regular Friday night customer but because "she is such a gracious, lovely lady."

McGill never misses Friday night supper at Peggy's because she says she enjoys the good fellowship, good food and the music program featuring Jim Belt and other local singers and musicians who play on Thursday and Friday nights for large crowds at the popular restaurant.

At 91, Mrs. McGill still drives her own car and visits every day with her husband, retired druggist John L. McGill, 92, at White Oak Manor. They attend Sunday School every Sunday at the nursing home and Mrs. McGill is in her pew at Boyce Memorial ARP Church for Sunday worship services.

Mae Sue McGill said she picked up Mrs. McGill Friday night for the party and never breathed a word about the surprise presentation and the cake.

A Kings Mountain native and former teacher and Board of See MCGILL, 9A

**RHODES**

From 1A

Crusade before the Crusade begins.

"We need about \$13,000 to meet our goal and I am confident that Kings Mountain citizens will rise to the challenge," he said.

Rhodes says the Crusade offers citizens an opportunity to learn from each other and to serve not only in the fundraising effort but in the choir, to usher, to counsel or just to participate.

"It's a neat opportunity for people to come together at John Gamble Stadium, not only for those who do not know the Lord as Saviour but for everyone to make a recommitment of faith," he said.

This week Rhodes and his team are contacting churches for pledges. He said the response is good. Other workers on his committee are Jo Ann Hall, Greg Moore, Dorothy Byers, Gary Smith, Hal Glass, Pattie Cash, Jean McAbee, Gene Richard, Margie Bridges, Corky Fulton and Dan Bagwell.

A banker for 15 years, Rhodes came to Kings Mountain from Lincoln Bank in Lincolnton. He is active in the Rotary Club, United Fund, Kiwanis Club and volunteers to broadcast high school football and baseball games for Radio Station WKMT.

Son of Marie Rhodes and the late Merrill Rhodes, he is married to Sandra Bailey Rhodes

and they have two children, Jason, a sophomore at N. C. State University, and Jonathan, a freshman at Gardner Webb University. He and his family are active in First Baptist Church and he is a deacon and Sunday School teacher.

"My faith is an extremely important part of my life and leaning on Jesus is my life," said Rhodes.

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"I think this really stinks," said Mayor Scott Neisler.

"They're trying to take the authority away from us and they've made this thing a political powder keg now. We'll do everything we can to kill this bill."

"The Clary bill is nothing like the bill we submitted about annexing our own properties at the lake," said Maney.

Clary wants to create a new lake authority that would for the first time include lake property owners on a board which would also set fees based on audits of the city's lake expenses.

The bill would not allow Kings Mountain to ban recreation on the lake - a possibility officials are considering if property owners don't pay fees.

The bill, as proposed by Clary, would give a five member board - two members from Kings Mountain and the other three representing the Moss Lake Home Owners Association and county com-

mission - the responsibility for addressing issues related to user fees, lake patrol and the operation, maintenance and improvements at the lake. The new plan would require fees to be used only for lake expenses that primarily and directly benefit the property owners and would require that fee money be kept in a separate account and a biennial audit to check use of the money. If an audit found that property owners were being charged excessive fees the city would reimburse the property owners the amount determined to be excessive.

And the fees can't be used for expenses related to public swimming areas and buildings, water treatment and reservoir functions. These, says Clary, are the city's responsibilities.

"I think this is the fairest way to settle this dispute to avoid a long court battle that would prove costly for lake property owners and for the City of Kings Mountain," said Clary.

Clary's new piece of legislation allows annexation of only the city water plant and lake dam. The city had asked for an-

nexation of the lake which the city built after passage of bonds and a 90 percent surcharge on Kings Mountain water customer bills nearly a quarter century ago.

The Moss Lake Authority was changed several years ago to a Moss Lake Commission and permanently disbanded last February by City Council. The rules of the former Lake Authority prohibited citizens who didn't pay taxes to Kings Mountain from sitting on the lake board. Moss Lake residents live outside the city limits, pay county taxes, buy water from Upper Cleveland County and pay lake user fees to Kings Mountain.

Neisler says the city is opposed to outside the city membership on the authority.

Clary blames the present controversy over poor advice to City Council from management on revision of lake fees, some of which had not been updated for years.

City officials say the new fee schedule is necessary to run the lake.

Mike Bolt, spokesman for Moss Lake Property Owners,

said his group has been unable to negotiate with city officials and have advised the property owners to pay the new fees under protest but meantime they have hired a Charlotte lawyer.

Bolt and 14 other Moss Lake residents were present for Monday's special meeting of Council but did not ask to be on the agenda and were not recognized by the mayor.

**LEASE**

From 1A

where property owners had not paid lease fees.

Moss Lake, Kings Mountain's water source, is about 5 1/2 miles outside Kings Mountain's city limits. With 58 miles of shoreline, it is one of Cleveland County's fastest growing residential sections.

"We are leasing about a half acre of city property for about \$250 a year in the area's fastest growing locations," said Putnam who said the city owns the eight foot vertical shoreline described as a control strip 636 to 744 feet above sea level.

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