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Chief Hayes retires to run for City Council

Reynolds appointed as interim

by ELIZABETH STEWART of The Herald Staff
 Kings Mountain Chief of Police Bob Hayes is retiring, effective Friday, to run for an at-large seat on Kings Mountain City Council and Captain

Richard Reynolds has been named interim Chief. Hayes, a veteran of 36 years in law enforcement, has served as Chief of the 33-member police department for two years and previously during his long tenure was acting chief three times. Reynolds is a 30-year veteran of the Kings Mountain Police Department. His salary is \$40,622 a year. "It has always been my ambition to run for city office and now I think it's time for me to



HAYES REYNOLDS
 Hayes, first hired at KMPD in 1961 by Chief Martin Ware, was one of 11 officers, including the

Chief, with three police cars. He bought his own weapon. "Back then you had to learn police work by on-the-job training and Sgt. B. P. Cook was my mentor and role model," he said. "He was a good training officer and an extraordinary man." Throughout his career Hayes says he has approached police work with a simple philosophy. "Treat people the way you would like to be treated if you were in their shoes," he said. And Hayes affirms that is not

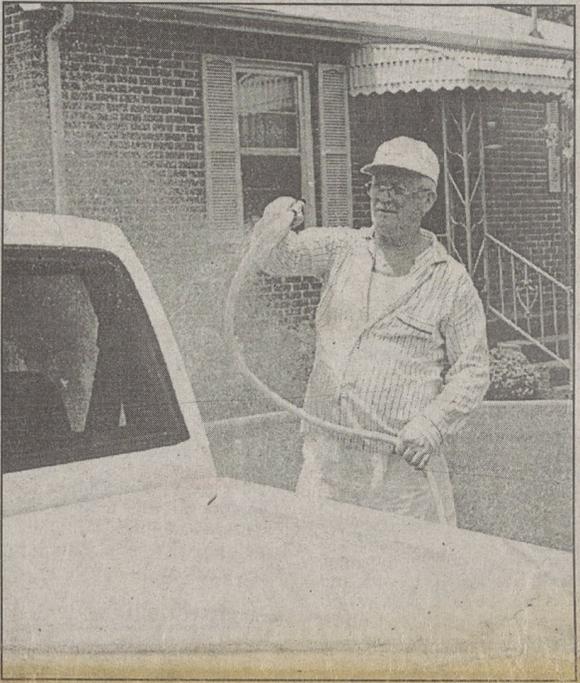
easy. He said what made his work interesting and rewarding was meeting all kinds of people and knowing "that you have helped them in some way." Hayes' devotion to his job was put to the test on December 19, 1977. The 6-foot-6 Hayes, then a Sergeant, was shot four times in the back during an arrest attempt. "Only by the grace of God am I here today to tell about it," he said. See Hayes, 3-A

Moss Lake Commission reestablished by Council

City Council unanimously reestablished by city ordinance the John H. Moss Reservoir Commission Tuesday night. The Commission will consist of seven members, five to-be inside-city residents who will be appointed by the Council and two to be appointed by Moss Lake Property Owners Association.

Ward 3 Councilman Ralph Grindstaff's motion that the chairman, vice-chairman and secretary of the commission be appointed by City Council died for lack of a second. The ordinance states that the chairman and the vice chairman shall be members and elected by the Commission but the secretary may be either a member of the Commission or an employee of the City of Kings Mountain.

During the citizen comment portion of the lengthy meeting, Water Supt. Walt Ollis recommended that City Planning Director Steve Killian serve as secretary of the Commission. City Attorney Mickey Corry said that before the Moss Lake Authority was changed to Commission and then disbanded last year that the Planning Director had always served as secretary to the advisory board. Mayor Scott Neisler asked Council to nominate one person from each of the five wards of the city so that the five members on the board could be appointed in 30-60 days. The ordinance also stipulates that the Moss Lake Property Owners Association submit the



COLD BATH ON A HOT DAY - Although the temperatures topped the 90-degree mark Tuesday afternoon, Henry Hodges didn't let it keep him from giving his pickup a good wash job at his home on Dilling Street.

More file for local political races

The filing of six more candidates brings to 17 the number of people seeking elective office in Kings Mountain and Grover in the November elections.

Wednesday Lou Ballew of Edgemont Drive filed for a Ward 5 seat on the Kings Mountain City Council and incumbent At-Large councilwoman Norma Bridges filed for reelection.

Dr. Larry Allen, 247 Yarbrough Road, retired Assistant Superintendent of Schools, filed for an outside seat on the Kings Mountain Board of Education.

In Grover James Adam Greene, Max D. Rollins and Robert Roper filed for the three seats up for grabs on the Town Council.

Ballew joins Jim Norris in challenging incumbent Ward 5 Commissioner Rick Murphrey. Bridges and incumbent councilman Dean Spears have filed for the two At-Large seats open on Kings Mountain City Council.

Incumbent Mayor Scott Neisler has not announced. Allen and incumbent Board of Education Chairman Ronnie Hawkins have filed for the two outside-city seats up on the Board of Education. Neither At-Large member Billy Houze nor outside district member Connie Allison have announced.

Only Ward 3 Councilman Ralph Grindstaff is unopposed for reelection in Kings Mountain. Filing deadline is Friday at noon with the Cleveland County Board of Elections.

Bridges, wife of Bobby Bridges of Cleveland Avenue, is running for her fourth term at City



ALLEN BALLEW BRIDGES

Hall. Co-owner and operator of Bridges Textiles since 1975, she chairs the city recreation commission.

A Kings Mountain native, Bridges is the daughter of the late M. C. and Ruth Falls. She and her husband have three children and eight grandchildren and are active in Second Baptist Church. "I think the city is starting to move forward and I want to be part of its future," she said.

Bridges says she will push for better recreation, including a new swimming pool for children, and for growth. "I am for industry and more jobs and for anything that will be good for Kings Mountain people," she said.

A political newcomer, Lou Ballew, has been active on the Planning and Zoning board, the board of adjustment and the Council on Aging board and regularly attends Council meetings. She is wife of Chuck Ballew, retired owner of Ballew Yarns, and they are active in First Presbyterian

See Filing, 6-A

City's Chief Codes Inspector faces charges

by ELIZABETH STEWART of The Herald Staff

Jeff Putnam, 37, the city's chief codes inspector, was suspended from his job without pay Monday, two days after police arrested him on charges of allegedly trying to extort money from two Kings Mountain business owners.

Putnam also is charged with second degree kidnaping, carrying a concealed weapon, carrying a gun into an alcoholic beverage establishment, com-

municating threats and misdemeanor larceny. He was released from Cleveland County detention center Monday afternoon on \$20,000 secured bond.

Preliminary hearing is set August 18 in Cleveland County District Court.

City Manager Jimmy Maney expressed shock at the allegations against Putnam, a seven-year employee of the City of Kings Mountain.

Maney called Putnam "a good employee." Maney said

Putnam has earned his fourth level three certificate in inspections, mechanical, plumbing and building and has passed 24 state examinations in building codes which included classroom and field work.

"He has Optimist football trophies on display here in the lobby of City Hall which shows his leadership in youth sports and interest in the community," said Maney. "His personnel file is clean." Maney said there had been no complaints about

Putnam's job performance.

"I feel that anyone is innocent until proven guilty and that's the policy we support with all department heads and city employees," Maney said.

The lake administrative duties, formerly supervised by Putnam, are now under the direction of Planning Director Steve Killian. Andy Scoggins, Putnam's co-worker, will serve as the acting codes enforcement officer.

Putnam's salary was \$34,299

annually. He was hired by Kings Mountain April 1, 1991. He became chief inspector three years ago.

Sharon Putnam, Jeff's wife, said her husband had been advised by his lawyer not to comment on the allegations.

According to police reports Putnam is accused of threatening to use his powers as inspector against Roger Philbeck of Breakers Billiards on S. Battleground Avenue and Mike

See Putnam, 10-A

Gene Bumgardner to lead Jay Strack Crusade choir

(Ed. note - This is the seventh in a series of weekly articles on local leaders in the Jay Strack Crusade to be held August 24-28 at John Gamble Stadium.)

Because Gene Bumgardner loves music, he is a natural to direct the 300-plus all-volunteer choir, his first in an evangelistic crusade, for the upcoming Jay Strack Crusade.

Bumgardner is at home before any size choir. The versatile, talented musician directs the New Hope Baptist Church Choir, his 145 choral students at Kings Mountain High School and has directed as many as 300 students in an All-State Chorus. Last year he directed his school choirs and the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra during a concert at Barnes Auditorium.

Sitting at the piano and singing with his student, alto singer Joy Sloan, he talked about the upcoming crusade and how local people can join the choir.

"You don't have to be able to read music and you don't have to sing in your local church choir, just enjoy music," said Bumgardner.

See Crusade, 11-A



A JOYFUL NOISE - Kings Mountain High School choral director Gene Bumgardner and student Joy Sloan practice a song in the chorus room at KMHS. Bumgardner will direct the choir for the Jay Strack Crusade August 24-28 at John Gamble Stadium

COMMUNITY FACTS

Moss Lake lease fees and privilege fees

PRIVILEGE	OLD PRICE	CURRENT PRICE
Family Plan	\$200.00	N/A
Land Lease	\$150.00	\$250.00
Pier/Dock	\$25.00	\$25.00
Ramp	\$25.00	\$50.00
Pump Permit	\$25.00	\$50.00
Boat Permit	\$30.00	\$30.00
Fishing Permit	\$10.00	\$12.00
Jet Ski	\$50.00	\$60.00
Group Pier	\$200.00+	\$200.00+
Swimming	\$30.00	\$15.00
(Daily Permits)		
Camping Night	\$10.00	\$15.00
Picnic Shelter 1/2 day	\$30.00	\$30.00
Picnic Shelter Day	\$60.00	\$60.00
Boating Permit	\$4.00	\$5.00
Fishing Permit	\$1.00	\$1.00
Swimming	\$2.00	\$2.00

+Fees are negotiated through manager's office. Recommended a minimum fee of \$200 per slip or party assigned a use right, whichever is greater.

Source: Jeff Putnam, City of Kings Mountain

Bethware Fair Continues Through Saturday Night

City Council may revise cemetery fees.....6A

KINGS MOUNTAIN MOUNTAINEERS OPEN FOOTBALL PRACTICE FRIDAY... 8-A