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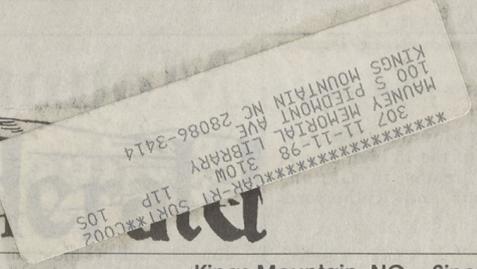


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Counterfeit charges lodged

Six Kings Mountain young people face felony charges of counterfeiting after one of the youths allegedly passed a \$20 bogus bill March 5 at Revco Drug Store.

Kings Mountain Police Department Sgt. Derek Johnson said bonds were set during a first court appearance last week in Cleveland County District Court. No date has been set for trial in Cleveland County Superior Court. Johnson said these youths have been charged:

Robin Dustin Perkins, 16, of 608 West Gold Street, two counts uttering counterfeit notes, \$1,000 bond, secured. His bond hearing was Friday.

Mark D. Roper, 18, 204 Katherine St., one count forgery of counterfeit notes and three counts of uttering counterfeit notes, \$1,000 bond, secured. His bond hearing was Thursday.

Jonathan Robert Sanders, 18, 713 Huntingtowne Dr., forgery of notes and two counts uttering forged notes, \$1,000 bond, secured. His bond hearing was Thursday.

Tyler Lee Toney, 18, 203 N. Piedmont Ave., one count forgery of counterfeit notes, \$1,000 bond, secured. His bond hearing was Thursday.

Nicholas Dale Benton, 18, 249 Benton Rd., one count, uttering counterfeit notes, \$1,000 bond, secured. His bond hearing was last Wednesday.

Toby Dean Sims, 18, 309 Pinchurst Dr., one count forgery of notes and one count uttering forged notes, \$1,000 bond, secured. His bond hearing was last Wednesday.

Johnson said police and Secret Service agents started investigating the case in March after a clerk at Revco discovered that a \$20 bill paid for a prescription was a fake.

"We had only one report of a local business receiving a fake bill although there were some reports of a counterfeit ring operating in other areas," said Johnson.

He said one of the suspects had allegedly obtained a bill from a friend who had reportedly used a computer to make the bill.

"The boy went to the drug store to pick up a prescription and paid for it with the bogus bill," said Johnson.

Johnson said all information in the local case was turned over to Cleveland County District Attorney Bill Young. Warrants were served by police without incident, Johnson said.

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Kings Mountain
- Corrine Putnam
Kings Mountain
- Iva Lee Pearson
Kings Mountain
- Charles Webster
Gastonia
- Carl Bridges
Kings Mountain
- Louise Moss
Kings Mountain

Action expected on sewer rates

Mayor Scott Neisler said City Council may decide Tuesday night whether to pass increased rates for wastewater treatment from the City of Gastonia on to Kings Mountain sewer customers or absorb them.

"I would support a three percent increase to Kings Mountain customers because our sewage rate is already among the lowest in the area," said Neisler who said Gastonia upped the rate to Kings Mountain 6.89 percent effective July 1.

City Manager Jimmy Maney has said at several meetings recently that the city cannot continue to

"eat the increases." Kings Mountain has not passed on increased charges by Gastonia in two years.

Maney asked council to postpone any action at last month's meeting until he could get with consultants on the financial impact to the city.

"The problem has been that Kings Mountain doesn't meet the minimum gallons of wastewater sent to Crowders Creek Waste Treatment Plant but hopefully the city can begin some more dialogue with Gastonia officials," said the mayor. The city pays Gastonia's inside-city industrial rate.

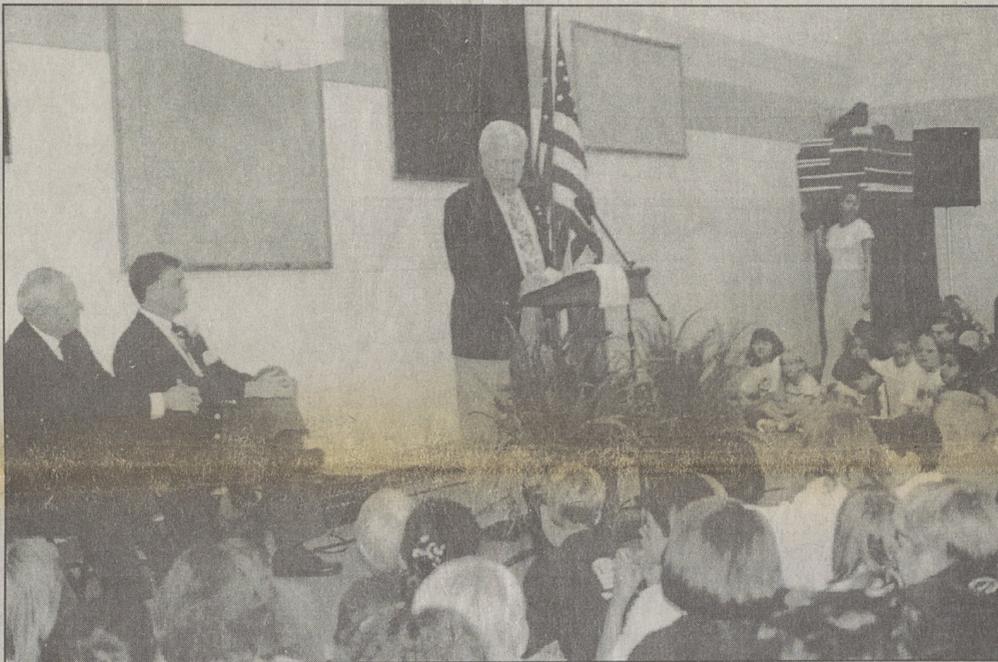
"I have always said that when we contracted with Gastonia for wastewater treatment it was the best thing going for us because it's helped us land several industries over the years," Neisler said.

The mayor said a second water line to town is a priority and the city needs to start making preparation to pay for it.

Neisler said an increase of three percent would represent a huge amount to the pocketbook but he said he doesn't have a vote, unless there is a tie vote of city council which has seven members.

See City, 5A

School of Excellence



State School Board Chairman Phil Kirk address students at West School

State School Board Chairman praises West School for success in ABC testing

"Be proud that you go to one of the best of the 2,002 schools in the state," said Phil Kirk, state board of education chairman, presenting a "School of Excellence" banner to West School students Tuesday morning.

Kirk helped the school celebrate that 90 percent of its students scored at grade level based on ABC testing.

"Good things are happening in Kings Mountain," said Kirk, echoing congratulatory statements of Ronnie Hawkins, Kings Mountain board of education chairman; Supt. Dr. Bob McRae and Principal Sherrill Toney to an auditorium full of students, faculty, parents, and guests from the community. Special guests were last year's fifth grade class which graduated to the middle school with the beginning of the fall term.

Kirk, a former school teacher and also a former member of former U. S. Congressman Jim Broyhill's staff and has visited in the Kings Mountain area on numerous occasions, said he was often homesick for the classroom.

"This week I visited five classrooms in the Charlotte area

and today I'm here with you," he said to boys and girls, many of whom he stopped to talk with after the banner presentation. He challenged them to "keep working so that I can come back next year and give you another banner."

McRae praised West School's faculty, students and parent groups as being focused on education. "It's a tradition at West that everyone does his part and we take it as a matter of fact that we're here to learn."

"You set high marks for the future. Were proud of all our students and schools but today we are particularly proud of you," said McRae.

Toney recognized present and former school board members, city officials, district school personnel, West School staffers and all students and noted that Mayor Scott Neisler, who was present as a guest, was also a graduate of West School.

After the meeting, Neisler said he hopes to teach the students the old West School song which went like this: "West School will shine tonight, West School will shine."

A reception after the ABC recognition event was hosted by the PTO.

Mixed reaction to Clinton

By ELIZABETH STEWART
of The Herald Staff

Local reaction to President Clinton's speech on national television Monday night varied from disappointment to calling for his resignation.

Most said he must be held accountable for his actions.

Time will tell if Clinton's relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky - which Clinton described Monday as "not appropriate" - will bring an end to his presidency.

"I accepted his apology but I didn't like it that he shifted the blame to the special prosecutor when it was clearly Clinton's fault," said Mayor Scott Neisler.

"The big question now is there any evidence that he asked people to perjure themselves. He says he didn't but can we believe him now?" said Neisler.

"I read that Mr. Clinton has been wanting to be president since 13," said retired citizen Henry Hodges. "I believe Mr. Clinton is a good man and a good President and I believe all this stuff with the Republican party is garbage and the issue of sex is between the President and his wife and family. I don't see why they don't just drop this and let it go. The more you stir this kind of stuff the more it stinks."

Ronnie Hawkins, chairman of the school board, said he is surprised by polls that 53 percent of Americans say "he's okay." "He asked for forgiveness but these polls approve his conduct. It makes me wonder about the morality of the nation at this time."

"I think it's unfortunate that the country had to endure 7 1/2 months of both the president's denials and his silence," said John O. Harris III. "I respect the fact that he finally came forward but I think his next step should be his resignation."

See Clinton, 5A



McCutcheon won't forget Princess Di

Room a tribute to Princess Di

The one year anniversary August 31 of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, will be remembered by one of her staunchest fans, Nicole Hildreth McCutcheon.

Although she never met her, the Kings Mountain woman has a collection of Princess Diana remembrances which go back to the royal wedding of Diana and Prince Charles of England.

"I started collecting things because I admired her so much but since her death I have accumulated more things that I wouldn't take anything for," said the Bridges Hardware employee.

One room of Paul and Nicole McCutcheon's home on Second Street Extension is decorated as a tribute to the Princess. There are Diana pictures on the

walls, books, the tabloids which wrote volumes about her life and tragic death, movies, calendars, porcelain plates and music boxes. Diana dolls will probably be added this Christmas.

One of Nicole's best loved pictures of the beautiful princess is inscribed by a saying from a BBC interview in 1995: "I don't see myself as being a Queen of this country but I would like to be a Queen of People's Hearts, Someone has to go out and love people."

British people by the millions poured out their hearts in a final farewell to Diana September 6, 1997 and Nicole has pictures, books and newspaper accounts that headlined "Farewell to Diana."

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