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This Week

THURSDAY

12 noon - Kings Mountain Rotary Club meets at Ramada Limited.
6:30 p.m. - Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club meets at Central United Methodist Church.
7 p.m. - Alzheimer's Support Group meets at Kings Mountain Senior Center.
7:30 p.m. - Moss Lake Commission meets at City Hall.



Haley Gingles will be cheering Kings Mountain's Mountaineers on to victory Friday night at Gamble Stadium.

FRIDAY

5-7:30 p.m. - Central United Methodist Church spaghetti supper, Kings Mountain High cafeteria. \$5 adults, \$3 under 12. All proceeds go to needy children.
7:30 p.m. High school football - Charlotte Butler at Kings Mountain.

MONDAY

7 pm. - Kings Mountain Board of Education meets at the School Administration Office (Central School).

TUESDAY

6 p.m. - Kings Mountain District Schools Health Council meets at Teacher Center, 105 East Ridge Street (Central School).
7 p.m. - Kings Mountain Planning and Zoning Board meets at City Hall.

Inside



Kings Mountain High wide receiver Kendrick Bell joins his father, Kenny, in the school record books.

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Kings Mountain native Calvin Edwards has music in his blood, and is making it big in jazz in Japan

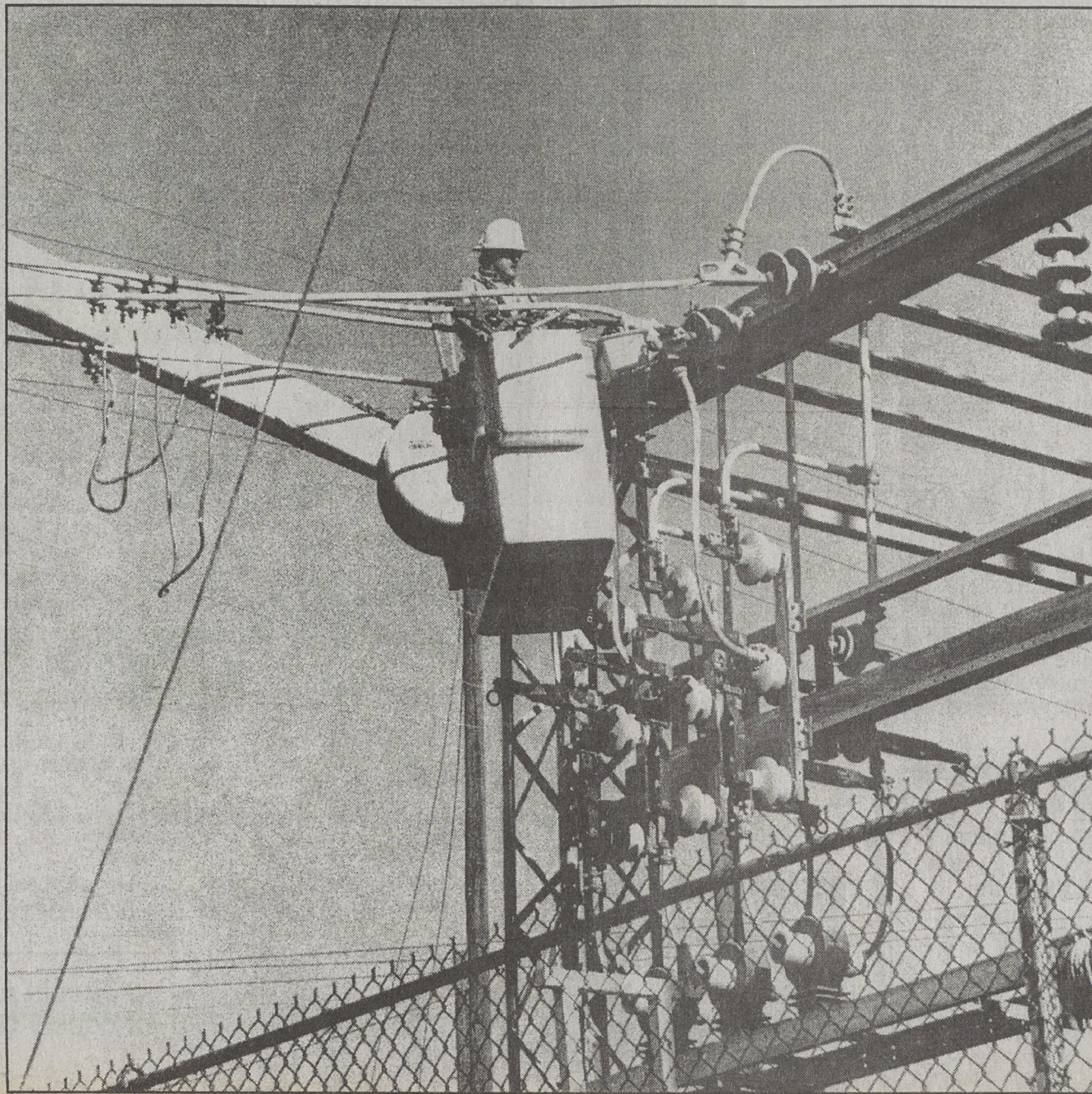
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Deaths

- Bill Neisler, Kings Mountain
- William Neason, Jr., Shelby
- Margaret Blanton, Shelby
- Murphy Hill, Kings Mountain
- Gladys Packard, Kings Mountain
- Jim Turner, Kings Mountain

2A

Squirrel kayos power again



A Duke Power lineman works to restore power in Kings Mountain Wednesday morning after a squirrel got into a set of bells in the Duke Power substation on Gaston Street. According to Tom Roddy of the Kings Mountain Electrical Department, power was knocked out at 7:20 a.m. and restored at 9 a.m. Almost 75 percent of the city's customers were affected.

School Board to discuss changing name of school

The Kings Mountain Board of Education will discuss changing the name of Parker Street School back to Davidson School at its regular monthly meeting Monday at 7 p.m. at the Central Office.

The Davidson Alumni Association, headed by Margaret Leach, appeared at last month's board meeting to request the change. Prior to the integration of schools in 1966, the facility on Parker Street was the all-Black Davidson School.

After integration, the school building housed the Administrative Offices for several years until they were moved to Central School on Ridge Street.

Supt. Bob McRae said the name of Parker Street School

was chosen only because the School System applied for a grant to fund an alternative school, and a name had to be put on the grant application. The alternative school serves students from Kings Mountain and Cleveland County.

"When we developed the alternative school, it (Parker Street School) just developed as a good name for an alternative school," McRae said. "It didn't occur to us that it would be something that would be important to a certain segment of our community."

McRae said he expects the board to discuss the matter at this month's meeting, and make a decision in October.

"Since last month's meeting, I

See School, 3A

Davidson Alumni: leave park name alone

City Manager says there's been no discussion on name change

The rumor going around town that the City Council plans to change the name of Davidson Park is just that - a rumor.

Members of the Davidson School Alumni Association, who last week attended a City Council meeting to oppose a name change, Tuesday night went before the Parks and Recreation Commission to "go on record" as being opposed to renaming the park.

But City Manager Jimmy Maney said Wednesday morning that there has never been any discussion on changing the name of the park.

"We're very much aware of the heritage of Davidson Park and the city would never do anything to take away from the history of that facility," Maney said.

The confusion over the name of the park apparently goes back to some discussion that has taken place about the possibility of naming all the ball fields at both the Deal Street and Davidson Park facilities. But, Maney said, even that is just in the talking stage and may never come to pass.

Margaret Leach, speaking for the Davidson Alumni Association, told the Rec Commission Tuesday that her group wants to have "input in naming noteworthy people for those fields" at Davidson. The Rec Commission assured her, and Maney also told The Herald Wednesday morning that if discussion goes that far the Association would indeed be contacted.

One Recreation Commission member - Twyla Robinson - said she was opposed to naming fields. Other committee members said there are 10 fields within the city and it would be hard to pick 10 people without making hundreds mad.

Maney said work on the new Davidson facility which at first will include three soccer fields and a baseball field, should begin by the end of this week. He said the goal is to have the facility completed by winter and ready for use next spring.

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Work to resume on Davidson Park

Granny Grace still singing

By ELIZABETH STEWART
Of the Herald staff

At age 99, "Granny" Robinson sings to herself and to anyone who wants to listen, enjoys her family and photograph albums and has made a hit with the residents of Kings Mountain Care Center.

Robinson came to the facility 1 1/2 years ago after her son, Bob, and family relocated in Lincoln.

"Granny" uses a walker but she is in good health, takes only one pill a day, and friends like her roommate, Mattie Randall, say her smile is contagious.

Robinson likes to take a nap every day. Most of the time she can be seen quietly sitting with other residents, friends and family in the TV room.

The petite silver-haired great-great-grandmother doesn't hear as well as she used to but she loves having company from family and friends.

Talking is what she does best. A former telephone operator, she met her late husband talking on the phone and that's how they courted.

"I like everything about this place but I don't like bath time, they'll tell you," said Granny, referring to Administrator Marjorie McCleary and supervisor Audrey Webber.

Grace Elton Case Robinson was born August 15, 1899 in Shelter Island, New York. She has three grandchildren, Phillip, Sarah and Patti; 12 great-grandchildren, Robbie Bentley, Elizabeth Bentley, Katie Bentley, Thomas Bentley, Joey Bentley, Nicholas Marks, Olivia

Marks, Alexander Marks, Nicolle Brown, and Shane, Matthew and Jessica Robinson. There are two great-great-grandchildren, Dakota and Zachary Brown.

Robinson's comfortable room is decorated with family pictures and memorabilia.

How did she live to be nearly 100? "It was the good Lord's doing," she laughed, but here's her secret of longevity: "Behave yourself and sing a lot."

Robinson used to sing with her Jehovah Witness congregation, and her songs are probably the loudest at Sunday church services at Kings Mountain Care Center.



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