WARE
From 1A

Gamble and Plato Heavner. Claude Hambright, who died this week, was the first volunteer in the original fire department in 1931.

Jim Rushing and Ware were big hunting and fishing buddies, according to Ware's son-in-law, Gene Austin.

"Dad had the patience of Job," said Austin, who said when they went fishing together Red would "even clean a crappie and I always wanted to throw it back in the water." Clover, SC Deer Club was a big hobby of Red Ware. He arranged for the hunting trips and always wanted the club, the fire department, his Scout troop, church and home to run smoothly

And Austin credits Ware with doing "the lions share of work with no care for praise."

Phyllis Austin said her father loved to serve and various people spoke about his service to the community at the funeral service Monday afternoon at Kings Mountain Baptist Church

His sense of humor was evident even during his illness following a stroke which left his left side paralyzed.

Rev. Olin Byrum told the story of his family's search for a daughter which took them to China. Ware kidded the preacher that when they found the baby it would have a tattoo, "made in China."

Byrum compared Ware to "the good and faithful servant" that Christ described in the New Testament.

Ioma McClain, who sang a favorite song of Ware's, was another good friend who called on Ware to check her smoke alarms. Ware's great-grandson, Wayne King, also sang a song.

"I was glad that our preacher chose that analogy of a servant," said Gene Austin, who said that Ware loved to take his grandchildren and crippled children from orthopedic hospitals to the Shriners parade and other events.

Ware always stopped on the way home from Charlotte and checked out the prices at Park and Shop because Red shopped for the groceries for his wife, Estelle, and continued after her death in 1990. Their son, Bud Ware, who followed in his father's footsteps in the local fire department, died last August of cancer.

On the last week of his life Red kidded his grandsons about sports. Cody Austin said his grandfather planned to go to the next ball game with him.

"Dad kidded the nurses who came here, he had a keen memory and delighted to tell us of the history of Kings Mountain and he was a super good patient, never complained," said his daughter.

During an interview with a Herald reporter last August Ware said he and Red McKee spotted planes from the city's 1937 wooden cupola during the war and his son sat inside the glassed cupola after the war to watch from all four sides any activity in the sky from that high vantage point atop the old police station. He recalled that he had a special call number and code, 'Juliet foxtrot three one black.' Ware said at the time that firemen kept watch 24 hours a day and received no money because that was their contribution to the war effort.

This week his grandson, Brad Austin, found the arm band that Ware used to wear during that term of duty,

"I used to kid Red that he had to make it to 90, after that I told him he was on his own

"He was a stickler for keeping things clean and he kept that fire truck immaculate," said Gene Austin.

The Austin family has many memories of Red's firefighting days and movies of Red playing with the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

"Red Ware was a real treasure for Kings Mountain, a valuable resource in history for this town," said Mayor Scott Neisler.

Neisler said the city is working to get the cupola in place at a downtown gazebo planned by the Kings Mountain Business & Professional Association.

"Every time we look at that landmark we will be reminded of a man who gave his all to his community," said the mayor.

RELAY
From 1A

An important part of the Relay For Life was the opening lap by cancer survivors. As purple and white ballons soared skyward, a large group of folks who had beaten cancer took to the track. To the applause of the crowd, these brave individuals marched proudly.

Following the survivors lap, the action got under way. To the accompanyment of music and dance provided by groups such as Dance Magic and gospel group Daystar, relay fund-raising teams walked through the night to raise money for cancer education and research. Illustrating the committment that these team had, the last laps were not turned until 11 am Saturday morning- nearly 17 hours later.

A big part of the Relay For Life event was the Kansas City Barbecue Association-sanctioned 3rd annual Firehouse Cook-Off put on by the Kings Mountain Fire Department. Cooking everything from butts to breads, the 23 teams that competed for prizes and money in the cook-off had come from across the southeast.

"We enjoy doing charity events," said Kings Mountain native and Allnighters Barbecue Team member John Johnson. "The competition is fun, but things like Relay For Life are more than money and trophies."

Cooking up their heavenly food in devices that looked like submarines and nuclear reactors, the barbecue teams had colorful names such as "Butts R Us," "Rosinville Oionkers," and "Bubba's BBQ."

"The barbecue cook-off was an overall success," said Kings Mountain Fire Chief Frank Burns. "We sold 90 butts and 10 shoulders. All the barbecue that was cooked got eaten up."

A big success, the Relay For Life was a community effort that showed how people can pull together to defeat a common enemy.

"I want to thank the City of Kings Mountain for the use of the track and field," said organizer Neely. "I also want to thank all the entertainers who were so willing to donate their time. I also want to thank all the local businesses and community organizations who contributed to the success of the event. I want to give special thanks to all relay team captains and team members which totaled approximately 160 participants."

Kings Mountain has had two Relay For Life events in the past 12 months. In September, the event raised $27,600. Last Friday's Relay For life brought in $21,000 for a total of $48,700.

Though everyone who took part in, or came to the Relay For Life was a winner, special recognition and prizes were given in several catergories:

Team who raised the most money- White Oak Manor Warriors

Most creative campsite- Foust Textiles, Inc.

Most creative team name- White Oak Manor Warriors

Most spirited campsite- Resurrection Lutheran Crosswalkers

Most creative and best food- First Charter National Bank Cureseekers, food was ostrich sweet and sour meatballs and chili served by Ed and Pam Goforth of Triple G Farms in Kings Mountain.

Individual who raised the most money- Joyce Roark, Foust Textiles, Inc.

Corporate Sponsors for the Kings Mountain Relay For Life- Neisler Brothers, Inc., Harris Funeral Home, First Charter National Bank, Champion Construction Company, South Atlantic League, First National Bank, Bell Atlantic Mobile.

Kings Mountain Firehouse Cook-Off winners (first four places)- Overall, Spice Boys BBQ. Chicken, Spice Boys BBQ, Cheerwine Cooking Team, Hickory Stick BBQ, Bar-B-Que Pit Crew. Pork ribs, Outback Barbecue, Team Buffalo, Jackie and the Butts, Good Ole Boys BBQ. Pork, Good Ole Boys BBQ, Roadrunner, Spice Boys BBQ, Outback Barbecue. Brisket, Roadrunner, Cheerwine Spice Boys BBQ, King's Cooking.

Cook-Off teams- B.S. Pitmeisters, Pampered Pig, Little Red Pig, Eb's BBQ, Butts R Us, Cheerwine Cooking Team, Family Fun, Bar-B-Que Pit Crew, Bubba's BBQ, Kings Cooking, Good Ole Boys Country BBQ, Riblets-Believe It Or Not, Team Buffalo, Doc J's Chili Clinic, John Henry's Back Smokin, Hickory Stick BBQ, Smoke This, Outback Barbecue, Spice Boys BBQ, Roadrunner BBQ, Jackie and the Butts, Rosinville Oinkers.

Budget draft goes to Council

City Council will have in its hands this week a draft of the proposed city budget for fiscal year 1999-2000.

City Manager Jimmy Maney said he is finishing up the proposals for the budget which he says will not include a tax increase or a raise in any utilities except possibly sewer.

"We were looking at a possible $5 a month increase in sewer to help pay for capital expenditures but it may not be that much," Maney said this week.

Council is expected to set the date Tuesday night at the 7:30 p.m. council meeting for a public hearing on the budget in early May with public display and adoption at the May meeting.

At Tuesday's meeting Council is also expected to make a decision on whether to let bids to a professional firm to evaluate the 1974 water line that runs to town from Moss Lake. Maney said the evaluation is a "must" to determine the life expectancy of the line.

COUNCIL
From 1A

Maney said a Title V part-time worker will be available in a small office on site during business hours to assist with planning activities, coordination with the Senior Center, service referral, if needed, and resident concerns. A site manager will be on site on a weekly basis as needed.

The project is funded by the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency in Raleigh and the USDA Rural Development.

The original site on Landing Street was rejected by the NCHFA but once the new site is acquired final approval for the project should take less than two months, Isothermal Planning officials have indicated to Maney and Thornburg.

Current projects by Western North Carolina Housing Partnership include Academy Heights, a eight unit shared living residence in Rutherfordton.

KINGS MOUNTAIN WEATHER REPORT

	April 14-20	Year Ago
Total precipitation	.49	2.33
Max. 1 day	.49 (15th)	1.11 (16th)
Month to date	.51	2.35
Year to date	11.40	23.97
Min. temp.	37 (17th)	44 (19th),
Max. temp.	70 (19th)	79 (15th)
Avg. temp.	57.2	60.0

Auto Credit manager Rob Pugh is proud of the cars he's offering at the new lot on Shelby Road near Mountain View Farms. Pugh has been in the auto business for three decades.

Auto Credit opens in Kings Mountain

A new and exciting auto buying concept has come to the Kings Mountain area. Located on Shelby Road across from Mountain View Farms, Auto Credit celebrated its grand opening April 17.

Managed by 30-year auto sales veteran Rob Pugh and co-managed by Tammy Tarp, Auto Credit will be offering a unique blend of automotive bargains.

'We'll be offering the largest selection of affordable used cars in the southern Cleveland County area," said Pugh. "We will be concentrating on good, clean European and Japanese imports, but will also have sport utility vehicles and trucks."

The price range of vehicles at Auto Credit will be in the $4,000 to $8,000 range.

'We'll have on the spot as well as bank financing available," Pugh said. "We can also make loans for folks who have credit problems."

Auto Credit intends to make a splash on the Kings Mountain car sales scene.

"We are going to push hard to make everyone happy," Pugh promises.

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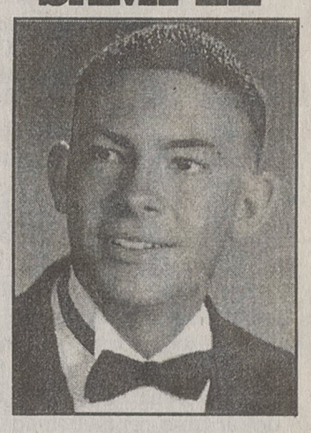
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