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City Electrical Rate Increased

By TOM McINTYRE
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Attention, Kings Mountians.
Your electrical rate is going up next month and an adjustment (increase) in your fuel cost will also be made.
This decision came out of Monday night's commissioners meeting following a briefing from Bill Little Jr. of Southeastern Consultant Engineers concerning the increase in Duke Power Co. wholesale and retail rates.
The Duke rate increase is 9 percent to the city and that will be reflected in the Aug. 20 to Sept. 20 billing period. However, according to City Clerk Joe McDaniel, the increase to the citizens of Kings Mountain may not be reflected in billing until later.

Little told the board Monday that the new rate increase proposed by Duke is the same one proposed last Spring delayed by the N. C. Utility Commission. At that time a new rate structure for the city was worked out by Southeastern. Little said the new rate structure will now go into effect.

"We recommend the city adopt the Duke Power rate structure, less three percent," Little said. "That is the minimum amount the city can afford to adopt and be able to continue passing along the fuel cost adjustment to citizens without charging a fee for collection."

Little said in the past year the fuel cost adjustment to the city totaled \$180,099 and during the same period the city collected only \$160,161. "The city has absorbed almost \$20,000 of the fuel cost adjustment paid Duke by the citizens," Little said.

The city is under the jurisdiction of the Federal Power Commission, while Duke's retail customers are under the N. C. Utility Commission. This means the state cannot take any action on behalf of the city to reduce the Duke increase. That action will have to come from the federal level. Duke has submitted a bond in order to charge the 9 percent to the city until the FPC makes a decision as to how much increase for power to Kings Mountain will be allowed Duke.

"The city has no choice but to increase rates to local customers for electrical power until the Federal Power Commission makes

its decision," Little said.

Little said that basically the city's overall rates will remain three percent below the Duke Power rate, with the exception of area industry using energy in the 400 hour block. That rate will vary as per usage.

Mayor John Moss reminded citizens attending Monday's meeting that a study is being made of the possibilities of establishing a co-generation facility in Kings Mountain to bring cost relief to citizens and industry for energy.

"We do not have any answers at this point," the mayor said. "The study is not complete. But if it should prove feasible, then the city could own its own electrical power generating plant."

A by-product of such a facility would be steam of such high temperatures that it could be used in place of natural gas heat in industrial processing. If feasible such a facility would mean less natural gas used by industry and more being made available to residential and business use.

But this facility is still only a theory and in the meantime citizens can expect increased electrical and fuel cost adjustment rates beginning in September.

Dial All 7 Digits

Attention, Kings Mountain telephone subscribers:
Southern Bell has announced that it is to modify its equipment at its central office on W. Mountain. Local callers will have to dial one more digit.

Instead of dialing six numbers (39-W), beginning at 7 a. m. on Sat., all seven numbers must be dialed (739-0000) before your call will be complete.

This pertains to all subscribers in the 739 prefix designation making it to other 739 prefix numbers.

Tryouts For Golden Grotto At Theatre

Try-outs for "The Golden Grotto," play for children and bright boys will be conducted by Kings Mountain Little Theatre Mon., Aug. 28 and Thurs., Aug. 31, at 7:30 p. m. Park Grace Auditorium.
Mrs. Joe Ann McDaniel is serving as director and Mrs. Raymond Simms as assistant director for the production. Bob Cashion will be musical director.

Singing and non-singing roles for 8th adults and young people are needed. Ten cast members, including children, youth and adults, are required as well as a chorus of six to ten members, according to Ms. McDaniel.
In addition, volunteers are needed for backstage duties.

Grover Won't Send Neal To CVTI

Grover Town Board Thursday night voted not to sponsor Tommy Neal of Grover in a police officer's training school at Catawba Valley Technical Institute.
The board, which met in executive session, agreed not to sponsor training at this time because the town is not prepared to become involved in a police reserve program," said Mayor W. W. McDaniel. The training course begins Monday and Neal did not approach the board for sponsorship until last Monday. "This did not give the town enough time to study its needs," said the mayor.

YOUTH CHEERLEADERS

Young people between the ages of 12 and 14 are urged to participate in Youth Cheerleader registration this Saturday.
Registration will be held at City Recreation from 11 a. m. until 1 p. m.



Photo By Lib Stewart

AMAZING RECORD - Cyrus Falls, World War I veteran of Patterson Grove Community, holds an amazing record in Sunday School attendance. He hasn't missed a Sunday in over 85 years - over 5,300 consecutive Sundays, despite many experiences during the war years that nearly prevented the retired farmer getting to the church on time.

Student Schedules Available

Student schedules for the 1978-79 school year will be available today and Friday in B. N. Barnes Auditorium.

KM Senior High students may pick up their schedules from 9 a. m. until noon and again from 1:30 until 3 p. m. both days.

Students who owe any type of school fees from the 1977-78 school year will be required to pay those fees before new schedules will be issued.

KMES Sets Coffee Break

A Coffee Break will be held at the Golf Station on N. C. 161 at 1:05 Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 18-20, from 4 p. m. until 1 a. m. for benefit of Kings Mountain Emergency Services.

All proceeds are earmarked toward payment of an ambulance and radio equipment for the Squad.

The ambulance will be on display and representatives will be on hand to answer any questions about the volunteer squad from the public.

"The public is invited to come out and have a cup of coffee or Coke, cake and cookies. This service is for you and we need your support," said a spokesman.

Perfect Attendance For Over 65 Years

By ELIZABETH STEWART
Staff Writer

While most of us pat ourselves on the back when we earn a one-year perfect attendance Sunday School medal, Cyrus Falls at 82 holds an amazing record in Sunday School attendance.

The retired farmer and landscaper of Patterson Grove Community has not missed a Sunday in over 85 years - over 5,300 consecutive Sundays without missing once.

He credits his good health and longevity to "loving the Lord and working hard" and modestly talks about his love for Bible reading and gardening, both of which he practices everyday as surely as the sun rises.

Mr. Falls, whose humor and keen enthusiasm, belies his 82 years, speaks modestly of his amazing record, recalling several "near misses" over the years and his promise to the Lord he would attend Sunday School as long as he was physically able to do so. That was on June 1, 1913 at Central Methodist Church and he expects, and several doctors have told him, that barring an accident he would live to be 100.

Cy and Bonnie Falls spend several months each summer at their Patterson Grove home, returning to Duneedin, Fla. for the remainder of the year, enjoying visits with his brothers and sisters, Janet Falls, Eunice Ware, Butler Falls, Rufus Falls, Carl Falls, Hugh Falls and other Ware and Falls kinfolk, since both Cy and Bonnie Ware Falls are natives of Patterson Grove Community.

Mr. Falls moved to Duneedin in 1922 and retired six years ago from the citrus fruit business. He has continued gardening at their home there, the family harvesting many of the same fruits and vegetables they have grown for years in this community. He is active in Duneedin Methodist Church and enjoyed a trip in 1969 to the Holy Land, where he realized a life-long dream to see some of the places he read about in the Bible.

"Cy" as he is affectionately called by his family and friends, has read through the Bible 29 times. In fact "wearing out" five Bibles, The Kings James version, his Jerusalem Bible of olive wood is a favorite because it was a gift of his sister, Janet Falls.

He has received congratulations on his achievement from the late President Roosevelt, the late Governor Clyde Hoey, Bishops of the Western North Carolina and Florida Conferences of the Methodist Church and presiding Elders of the Gastonia District.

The Falls are parents of two children, Cyrus Jr. (Tom) of Cranford, N. J. and Sarah Falls McCraney of Duneedin. There are five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Since 1913 when Cyrus Falls joined the late H. Tom Fulton's Sunday School Class at Central Methodist Church he has attended a Bible

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Reflects Grants

School Budget Has Slight Modification

By GARY STEWART
Staff Writer

The Kings Mountain District Board of Education Monday night adopted a resolution changing the school budget to \$8,207,437.41, representing a "slight modification" from the one originally sent to the county commissioners in June.

Supt. William Davis said the commissioners trimmed the budget, causing some switching of funds from one category to another, but added he was pleased with the results.

The budget is not increased, he said, except in areas where additional grants were received.

In related action, the board took action to balance the 1977-78 budget after it learned from finance officer Wanza Davis that it was overspent by over \$500,000.

Cost of several programs, she explained, had been miscalculated and, among other unexpected payments, the school system had to pay former Asst. Supt. Bill Bates longevity pay when he resigned to take a superintendent's post in Hendersonville.

In other business, the board:

- Was told by Supt. Davis that more funds had made it possible to hire additional teachers at several schools and class sizes had been reduced in several schools.

- Approved the same fee schedule as last year, except for the cost of high school yearbooks, which increased from \$10 to \$11.

- Heard a report from Director of

Instruction Howard Bryant on test scores and was told that several staff development workshops had been conducted and still others scheduled for today and Friday.

- Was told by Davis that the school's insurance protection is being reviewed and that it may be necessary to increase coverage.

- Denied use of John Gamble Stadium except for junior and senior high school football games.

- Accepted the resignations of Betty Bates, Phyllis Misenheimer and Joe Speight and granted one maternity leave.

- Approved the election of Susan White at Bethware, Mary Wilburn at Central, David Green at the junior high, John Baumgardner at the junior high, David Heffner at the senior high, Ruth Barr at the senior high, Jack Kohl at the senior high, Denise Levine at the senior high, Mary Taylor at the senior high, Susan Patterson at the Senior High-Barbara Stepp at Central, Carolyn McGinnis at Central, Susan Minton at North, Cindy Kiser at West and Barbara Peeler at the senior High.

- Approved 80 student transfers.

- Was told by Supt. Davis of changes in the open meeting law, including a change which allows for called executive sessions without first having to schedule a regular open meeting.

- Following executive session, delayed discussion on hiring an assistant superintendent and raised the pay of Supt. Davis, Director of Instruction Howard Bryant and finance officer Wanza Davis.

Friday Is Deadline In Circulation Drive

Tomorrow is the deadline for salespersons to turn in the names of new and renewed yearly subscribers to The Mirror-Herald.

All checks, cash or money orders paid to Mirror-Herald registered circulation campaign salespeople are due by 5 p. m. on Friday.


Mrs. Karen Elliott will be in our offices on S. Piedmont Ave. between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. today and Friday to close out accounts of persons registered for the summer circulation drive.

All salespersons turning in 20 new or renewed yearly subscriptions will win a new GE portable 12 inch black and white TV from Timms Furniture; 15 subscriptions earns the salesperson a new bike; and 10 yearly subscriptions earns the salesperson a skateboard.

Salespeople turning in less than the required number of subscriptions for prizes will be paid \$3 for each subscription.

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