ASHLEY'S MANAGER — Don Blackard has recently been named Regional Sales Manager for Ashley's Outlet Store, a chain of over 100 stores. Blackard, whose home base is Siler City, North Carolina, will be supervising many

stores in North and South Carolina.

Blackard (left) is shown with Ashley President J. P. Collins (center) and Gene Reid, Director of Field Operations.

Leonard Under Attack

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can't see anything being done for us.'

Mayor Moss noted "as soon as we get the community development program moving in about 6-8 weeks I think we'll see some changes.

Getting back to the subject of Leonard, one woman said she wanted to hear each commissioner's thoughts of the job of public works su- good one.

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perintendent.

Ward Six commissioner Ray Cline said he was not present when Leonard was hired and "I know nothing of his qualifications."

Lloyd Davis added "I think he has some good qualifications. We had no applications and he had done an excellent job as codes director. We met down there in his office and asked him if he'd take the job

Leonard's qualifications for and I think he has made us a James A. Peavy

public works director. We advertised that the job was open and he was the only applicant. He was doing a good job at codes." Jim Amos added "the

In a reply to a question by

Jim Trammell, Davis said

Leonard's salary is \$250 per

week, the same as previous

superintendent Roscoe

Wooten, "but Leonard is

running two jobs for what we

Corbet Nicholson said

"Leonard doesn't have an

engineering degree and is not

qualified. We felt like he'd

learn. I'd have to say we have

Don McAbee said "at the

time he was hired we needed a

were getting one for."

a personnel problem.

previous superintendent left the job and it was open for several weeks. I voted to hire him because we had no other applicants. You can have good departments but without coordination they can't function as well. We might have acted unwisely but at the time I don't think so.'

Murray Pruette said "I have nothing personally against him but I'm not satisfied with the progress we've made. We should be further down the road."

One citizen asked "why is everyone down on Mr. Leonard? If the man's doing a good job, he's qualified."

Trammell replied, "If he keeps a man from getting a promotion, he's not qualified. Nobody's mad at him, they just want to know."

McAbee said "I'm not going to let 177 names fire him. Every time I've gone to him with a problem he's either solved it or shown me why he couldn't. He's running the job to my satisfaction.'

Trammelll, who has an engineering degree, was asked by Amos what he thought the qualifications of the superintendent should be. Trammell said he thought he should "know equipment and how to maintain it" and above all should "be able to deal with the problems of his 70 em-

Several citizens told why they signed the petition and felt Leonard was not qualified for the job.

"It took me three to four weeks to get some stumps moved," one woman said. "If a neighbors' child had gotten hurt on them, I could have been sued. When I pay taxes I should get something for my money.'

Another woman said "I had direct contact with one employe who feels he was mistreated . . . someone who had been working with the city for 6-7 years."

Bridges On L-R

Lynne Elizabeth Bridges of semester, 1975.

She is the daughter of Mr.

To be eligible for the dean's

Board Approves 9.6 Percent Gas Uppage

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the board:

- Passed a resolution of concern for the recovery of Ned Bridges, a rescue squad member who was seriously injured by a hit and run driver while directing traffic during a power failure Friday night. The board offered a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who struck him. The board also voted to direct the chief of police to determine if reflective jackets, gloves and flashlights may be obtained through the department's budget for use by the rescue squad. Rezoned from R-6 to gen-

eral business property owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Lynch on Cherokee St.

- Rezoned from R-20 to R-10 property on Phifer Road owned by George Ruppe.

- Forwarded to the zoning board a request from Foote Mineral to rezone property near I-85 from residential to heavy industry.

-Set Aug. 25 as the date for a public hearing on a request from White Oak Manor, Inc., to permanently close a certain unnamed street running off Sipes Street. Requested the police

department and state highway department to study traffic problems on Walker and Watterson streets.

- Authorized the removal of

Reward

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Funeral Home, PO Box 627, or the KM Rescue Squad.

Bridges, who operates Bridges Texaco Service Station on E. King St., is a volunteer for both the KM Rescue Squad and KM Fire Department. Bridges' skull was frac-

tured, his pelvis and left arm were broken and his left knee may have been cracked, said a spokesman for the hospital who said Bridges was removed from the Intensive Care unit late Monday.

KMPD Chief William Roper said passengers in a passing car operated by Mrs. Peggy Sanders of Bridges Dr. saw Bridges' body in the road and first called police. He said a few people heard, but did not see, the accident.



JOHNNY PETERSON

OUTSTANDING — Airman Johnny Peterson of the 15th Supply Squadron was selection most Outstanding Airman for June. The airman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Peterson, 212 Parker St., Kings

Airman Curry Is **Promoted**

ALEXANDRIA, La. -Promoted to airman first class in the U.S. Air Force is Laura J. Curry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Curry of Rt. 4, Kings Mountain.

Airman Curry is assigned at England AFB, La., as aircraft accessories repair specialist. She is a member of the Tactical Air Command.

The airman is a 1972 graduate of Hunter Huss High School, Gastonia.

Hayes Earns Stripes

Marine Corporal Guss B. Hayes, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hayes of 915 Henry St., has been promoted to his present rank while serving at the New River Marine Corps Air Station, Jacksonville, N. C.

A 1973 graduate of Kings joined the Marines in July

no parking stripes near Joy

Theatre. -Set July 28 as the date for a public hearing on the authorization of \$105,000 gas system bonds.

which includes a yearly evaluation of each employe by

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Dean's List

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and Mrs. G. E. Bridges.

list, a Lenoir Rhyne student must compile at least a 3.4 academic average of a possible 4.0 and must carry a course load of at least 12 semester hours. He also must Mountain High School, he make no grade lower than a