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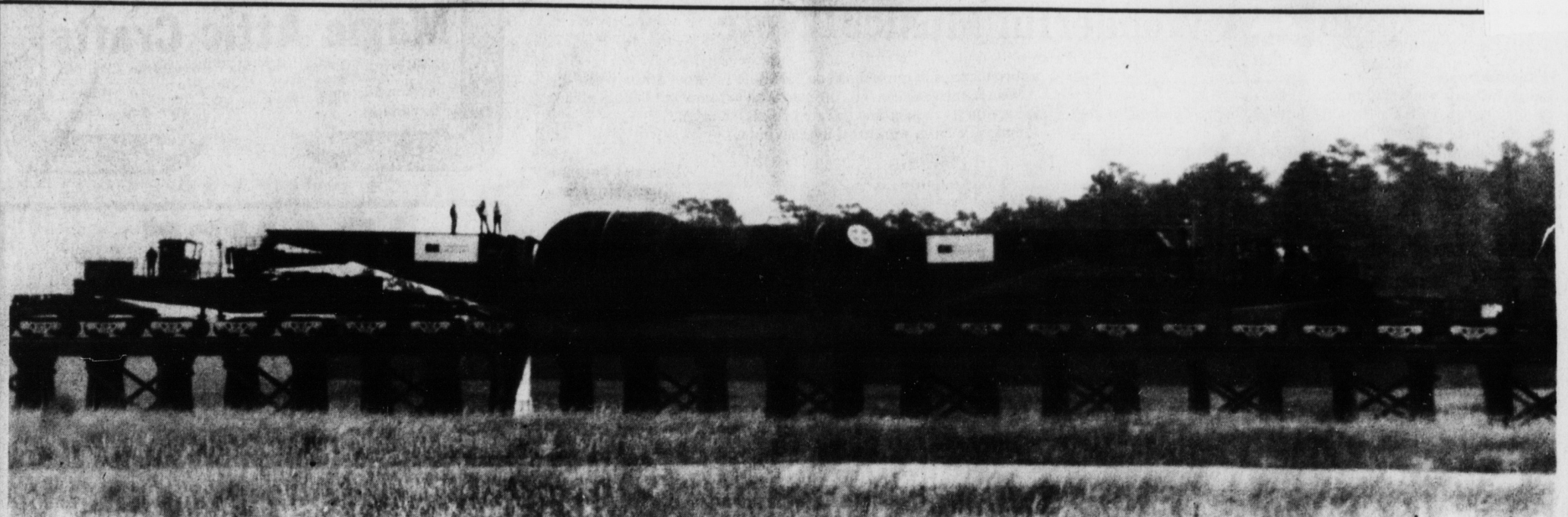
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Train Carrying Nuclear Equipment To Gaffney

Nuclear Equipment Comes Through KM

Kings Mountain residents who saw a strange-looking, long, flat train carrying a huge piece of equipment through town last week witnessed the biggest railroad car to ever move on a track in the United States...and possibly even the world.

Duke Power Company, which is building a new nuclear plant near Gaffney, S.C., shipped a 790-ton steam generator on a new flat railroad car which was purchased from Combustion Engineering of Windsor, Conn.

The generator was transported from Memphis, Tenn., where it was assembled, to Charleston, S.C., and then to Gaffney in a round-about way which included trips down the Tennessee and Mississippi rivers, and around the Gulf Coast and up the east coast of the Atlantic Ocean.

Two steam generators and a reactor vessel left Chattanooga by barge in February and were shipped down the Tennessee River to Ohio. From there, they moved down the Mississippi to the Gulf Coast,

around the gulf of Florida and up the Atlantic to Charleston, S.C., where the first steam generator was loaded onto the rail car.

The railroad car moved at a maximum of only 15 miles per hour, but for most of the journey its speed was about eight miles per hour. It was parked overnight last Tuesday in Kings Mountain.

Ira Kaplan, Public Relations Officer with Duke Power in Charlotte, said the reactor vessel is scheduled to leave Charleston Friday and will probably be coming through Kings Mountain

some time next week. The second steam generator will be transported later. The reactor vessel weighs 490 tons.

The indirect route from Charleston to Gaffney was necessary, he said, because of condition of tracks in some areas. The tracks going under the overhead bridges in Kings Mountain were lowered over a year ago to prepare for the three transports.

Kaplan said there is no target date for when the equipment will be put in use, since the Gaffney plant is being constructed in phases.

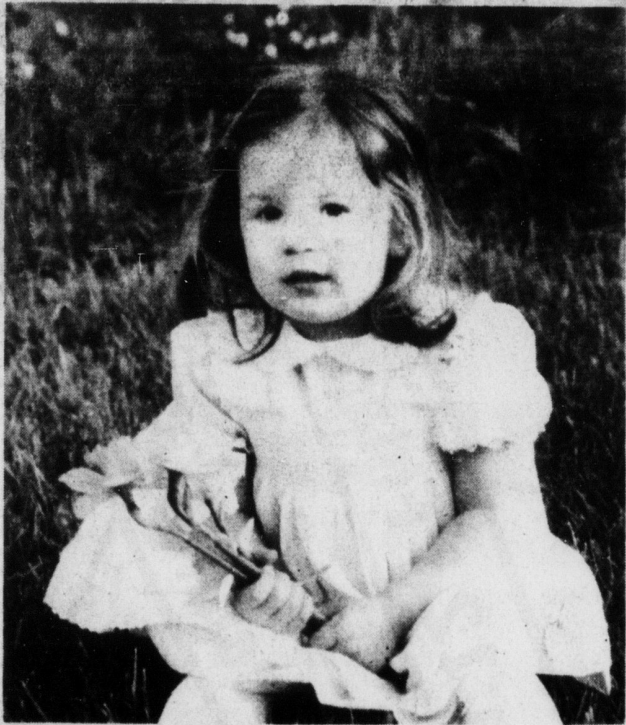


Photo by Ginger Hall

READY FOR EASTER - Two-year-old Jennifer Fulton of 405 Pineview Drive, is all dressed up in her new Easter outfit and is ready for Sunday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fulton and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glee Bridges and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fulton.

Some KM Merchants To Be Closed On Monday

Most downtown Kings Mountain merchants will be closed Monday in observance of Easter Monday.

Most clothing stores, jewelry stores, furniture stores and oil companies will be closed while most grocery stores, doctor's offices, and auto stores will be open.

Among those stores to close are Fulton's, McGinnis Department Store, Plonk Brothers, Patterson Oil, Dellinger's

Jewelry, Willie's Jewelry, Timms Furniture, Cooper Furniture and McGinnis Furniture.

Among the stores to be open are Sterchi Furniture, Clark Tire, Western Auto, Carquest and the Kings Mountain Farm Center.

All banks in town will also be closed, as well as the Chamber of Commerce.

Most grocery and variety stores will be open.

Kindergarten Screening Scheduled In Schools

A screening team of teachers, school nurse, social worker, speech teachers, psychologists, and principal will be holding pre-school screening programs for all children entering kindergarten in 1982-1983 and orientation for their parents. To be eligible the child must be five years of age on

or before October 15, 1982 and must be a resident of the school district. Registration is now taking place at each of the five elementary schools.

The screening sessions are being planned for 15 children at one time. The first 15 are to be

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Grover Clerk Fired Again, Commissioner Smith Resigns

By GARY STEWART
Editor

Grover Town Council Monday night terminated the employment of Town Clerk Gloria Horton, and the only commissioner voting against Mrs. Horton's termination turned in a letter of resignation Tuesday to Mayor Bill McCarter.

Vickie Smith, who took office in December, said, however, that the Monday night action was not the reason for her resignation. She said she had been considering it for sometime because, since taking office, she has found that "politics is just not in me."

Commissioner Jim Howell made the motion to dismiss Mrs. Horton following a one hour executive session. Ronald Queen seconded and Dennis McDaniel voted for the motion along with Howell and Queen. Commissioner Bill Camp was not present.

This marks the second time in less than three years that Mrs. Horton has been fired. She was dismissed by the council in early 1980, but was rehired shortly afterward. She filed suit against the town after her dismissal but dropped the suit when she was rehired.

Neither Mayor McCarter nor any of the commissioners would comment as to their reason for firing Mrs. Horton. Mrs. Hor-



GLORIA HORTON

ton, who was in the executive session briefly, said she was not given a reason.

Mrs. Horton's termination is effective immediately. The board voted to pay her for the remainder of the week and for any vacation time she has accumulated.

Mrs. Horton had requested a personnel session with the board to ask some questions concerning last month's action which requires town employees to live in Cleveland County. Mrs. Horton resides near Blacksburg.

The board went into executive session at 8 p.m. at the request of



VICKIE SMITH

Commissioner Queen, who did not state a reason for the session. Moments later, Commissioner McDaniel returned to the meeting room and said "the reason for the meeting is personnel."

Police Chief Mike Brown was called into the executive session for about 15 minutes, and at 9 p.m. Mrs. Horton was called into the room. The board returned to the council meeting room at 9:05, at which time Howell made his motion to dismiss Mrs. Horton.

Mrs. Horton said the only commissioner who would talk to

her was McDaniel, who said she was terminated "by the pleasure of the board."

"I feel like it was pre-arranged," she said. "I just don't know what to say except that I'm real disappointed and I don't think 'the pleasure of the board' is a good enough reason."

Mrs. Horton said as soon as she entered the executive session McDaniel told her she was being terminated by the pleasure of the board.

"I said I wanted to know the reason why, and none of them would say anything," she said. "Mayor McCarter then turned around and said the reason was by the pleasure of the board. That's all anyone said."

Mrs. Horton said she had asked for a personnel meeting to find out if last month's new policy requiring personnel to live inside the county was intended for current or future employees.

"I'm real shocked and very concerned over the future of the town," she said. "If they'll do me this way, I'm sure other things will receive the same kind of treatment."

"I always thought honesty, truthfulness and sincerity were supposed to be involved in government," she added. "This

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Sunrise Service Sunday

The Rev. William H. Tyson, minister of the Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church, will deliver the annual Easter sermon Sunday morning at the community sunrise service in the Veterans Memorial Park of Mountain Rest Cemetery. His topic will be "Born Again Unto a Living Hope."

A special message in music, entitled "He Gave His All", is to be shared earlier by members of the choir of the First Wesleyan Church where the Rev. Dwight Edwards is pastor.

The special event, to which everyone in the area is invited, is

sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association. Members of this group will be assisted by Ken Jenkins, superintendent of Mountain Rest Cemetery, and Boy Scouts of the community.

Others participating will be the Rev. Allen Jolley, who will give the welcome and lead in congregational singing; the Rev. Sidney Lanier of El Bethel United Methodist Church will offer the invocation, and the Rev. Roger Webb, pastor of Westover Baptist Church is to lead in the responsive reading of the Scriptures. The Rev. Oscar

Stalcup of the Foursquare Gospel Church will lead in the morning prayer, the Rev. Don Kistler, director of Positive People Worldwide, will read three Scripture lessons from I Peter 1:1-12, and the benediction is to be offered by the Rev. L.K. Fanin, minister of the Church of the Nazarene.

The special services committee of the ministerial association, which planned the program, hopes to have at least 300 present for this service of celebration which is to begin at 6 a.m. Chairs will be provided for those who may be unable to stand.



REV. WILLIAM H. TYSON