

Local Men Charged With Possessing Bogus Bills

Billy Gene Patterson and Robert Wayne Mason have been arrested and charged with possessing and dealing in counterfeit \$20 bills.

Patterson, 45, of Gastonia, and Mason, 27, of Bessemer City, were arrested late last Thursday night by the Secret Service at Patterson's salvage business between Kings Mountain and Gastonia.

Secret Service agents also confiscated a printing press, allegedly used to print the bogus money, as evidence from a location in Kings Mountain.

Both Patterson and Mason were taken before a federal magistrate in Mecklenburg County last Friday where their bond was posted at \$10,000.

The arrests and confiscation of printing equipment came following a lengthy investigation by the Secret Service.

Talmadge Bailey, Special Agent in charge of the Secret Service in North Carolina, said the investigation will continue and other arrests in connection with the counterfeiting operation might be made in the near future.

Rabies Clinic At City Hall

The Cleveland County Health Department will sponsor a rabies clinic at Kings Mountain City Hall Sat., Mar. 26.

The clinic is planned for 4:30 to 5 p.

m. After this date the area will be checked for non-vaccinated dogs and those animals found not wearing proper tags (rabies, tax and identification) will be picked up by the

city animal warden. Warden Stretch Bollinger is already making rounds within the city notifying dog owners of the rabies clinic and the importance of having dogs vaccinated.

Police Officers Cited

Six Shelby police officers were commended by Region C Criminal Justice Planning Advisory Board at the monthly supper meeting Thursday night at Kings Mountain Inn.

Chief Barry Lee, assisted by Region C Chairman Tom McDevitt of Forest City, presented citations for apprehending felons in the act of committing a felony to Lt. Bobby Martin and Ptl. George Ashe, S. R. Brown, Jack Vanderford, Shell Byars and Tom Johnson. Joyce Chapman, Shelby PD parking enforcement officer, was cited for her service while secretary for Region C.

Members also discussed the creation of a new citation for heroic deeds that can be given to police officers and individuals within the region and Chief McDevitt named Chief Lee to chair a committee, including Chief Earl Lloyd of Kings Mountain and Chuck Lott, to bring recommendations at the next meeting to be held in Lake Lure.

Questionnaires were also distributed to all law enforcement agencies within Region C to determine the type of crimes most committed within their jurisdiction and the type of crimes solved the least. After the questionnaires are returned this week, Region C will set priorities for funding law enforcement, which Don Jones, Region C planner, explained as the major item on the agenda for the meeting.

The final tabulation, according to Jones, from the 17 planning regions will go to the Governor's Commission on Crime next week.

In a related matter, Region C adopted resolution requesting Governor Hunt to appoint a member from Region C to the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement.

The Advisory Board sold to the highest bidder, at \$570, a 1972 Hornet model vehicle. Other bids were from Harvey Moore, \$549.99; Luke Robertson, \$410.50; and Glenn

Rhodes, \$201. Comm. Norman King, police commissioner for the city, was guest

of Chief Earl Lloyd and was recognized by Chief Lloyd, vice chairman of Region C.



Photo By Lib Stewart

REGION C AWARD — Joyce Chapman of Shelby Police Department was among seven officers commended by Region C at the monthly dinner meeting Thursday night at Kings Mountain Inn. Kings Mountain Police Department was the host law enforcement agency. Mrs. Chapman, at right, receives the citation from Shelby Chief Barry Lee, left, and Region C Chairman Tom McDevitt, chief of the Forest City Police Department, formerly of Kings Mountain.

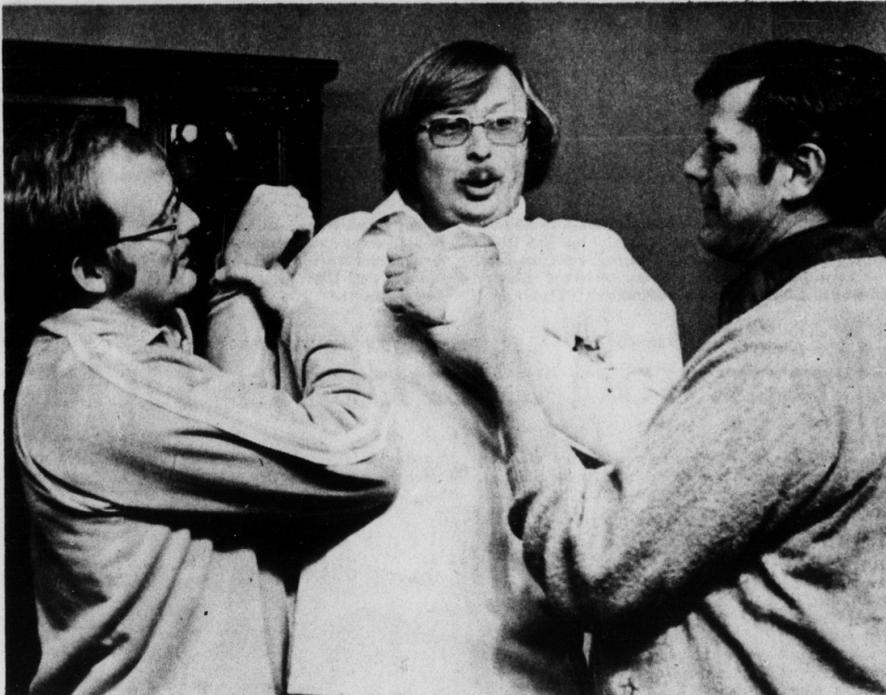


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"COME WITH US, ELWOOD!" — Dr. Lyman Sanderson (Cliff Whitfield) and Duane Wilson (Don Steinert) are taking no chances on Elwood P. Dowd (Jim Champion) escaping their clutches and treatment for his derangement in this scene from Kings Mountain

Little Theatre's "Harvey", which opens this Friday at Park Grace Auditorium. Elwood insists he has an invisible friend named Harvey and his sister wants to commit him to Chumley's Rest Sanatorium.

Little Theatre Production

'Harvey' Opens Friday

Would it unnerve you if an amiable gent insisted his best friend was a six foot, one-and-one-half inch Pooka?

How about if the Pooka was invisible?

That's what happens in the latest Kings Mountain Little Theatre production "Harvey," opening Fri., Mar. 4 at 8 p. m.

Of course we know there's no such thing as a Pooka (or rabbit) as tall as Elwood Dowd insists Harvey is and if that tall the rabbit wouldn't be invisible.

Yet, the audience will see doors opening and closing by themselves when "Harvey" is staged at Park Grace Auditorium this weekend.

"Harvey" is one of those shows that can be seen over and over again without growing tired of it. The cast of character is a blend of all types and the story does come to a perfectly satisfying conclusion.

To breathe life into "Harvey," Joe Ann McDaniel, the director, has rounded up a cast of a few familiar talents and even more newcomers to the local community theater stage.

Jim Champion portrays Elwood P. Dowd, the likeable rat race dropout who befriends the invisible rabbit named Harvey.

Nan Jean Grant returns to the stage here as Veta, Elwood's well-meaning, but scatter-brained sister. Dr. Bob Baker, last seen in KMLT's

1971 production, "Everybody Loves Opal," returns to portray Judge Omar Gaffney.

Gerald Lovelace will be seen as Dr. William Chumley, head of Chumley's Rest.

The newcomers to KMLT include Mrs. Alvin (Cathy) Moretz as Myrtle Mae, Veta's daughter; Jo Ann Newcomb as "Aunt" Ethel Chauvenet; Lisa Whitfield as Nurse Ruth Kelly; Don Steinert as Duane Wilson; Cliff Whitfield as Dr. Lyman Sanderson; Connie Putnam as Betty Chumley; and Steve Sipe as E. J. Logren.

Sipe is employed at Wade Ford, Ms. Putnam in the KM aging program, Cliff and Lisa Whitfield are teachers in the Kings Mountain and Shelby schools, respectively, Ms. Newcomb is employed at Mauney Hosery, Mrs. Moretz is a teacher's aide in the KM system and Steinert is a teacher in the KM school system.

The action in the three-act comedy takes place in the Dowd family mansion and the reception room at Chumley's Rest. The revolving sets were designed by Ms. McDaniel and construction supervised by Monica McClure. Bob Cashion was in charge of set painting.

Tickets for performances are \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for students. The shows will be seen Friday and Saturday, Mar. 4-5 at 8 p. m. and Sun., Mar. 6 at 3 p. m. and again Friday and Saturday, Mar. 11-12 at 8 p. m.

At the March 6 matinee the Swinging Mountaineers, senior citizens band, will perform at intermission. Tickets for the senior citizens are \$1 each.

Case To Grand Jury

Cases charging Jimmy E. Green of South Carolina with first degree murder and first degree rape were sent directly to the grand jury in 27th Judicial Court Wednesday on motions by Assistant District Attorney Jack White.

Judge A. Max Harris was on the bench.

Green, who was arrested at the Northeast Florida State Mental Hospital at Jacksonville on January 14, is charged in connection with the rape and murder of Mrs. Rosemary

Knauer of Daytona Beach, Fla. on October 3, 1976 in a wooded area near the Kings Mountain Motor Inn off Highway I-85 south of the city.

According to police reports, Mrs. Knauer was employed as a concession owner at Cleveland County Fair where Green was a carnival worker.

Green is now in Cleveland County Jail awaiting trial in Superior Court after having been returned from Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh where he underwent psychiatric evaluation.

Spirit Week At High School

Shades of the new school day! Males in pretty legs contests, pie throwing at teachers, fun and games.

It's all a part of Spirit Week 1977 this week at Kings Mountain Senior High and the kids are having a field day.

Poking fun at students and teachers alike is all part of the entertainment at assembly periods and lunchroom breaks this week with the grand finale of both the pretty legs contest and talent shows slated for Friday morning at 10:30 a. m. in B. N. Barnes Auditorium when cash prizes will be awarded to winners.

Good sports all, the males in the Pretty Legs Show include a teacher, Dean Westmoreland. Art students had the pleasure of decorating the legs and the prettiest will be voted by contributions of students to Spirit Week Project, a \$300 college

scholarship to an outstanding senior from KMSHS. The scholarship winner will be decided by Beta Club members from applicants with scholastic average of 3.0, says Wesley Narron, Beta President. Proceeds from the pie throwing, chain link sale, and ball in basket contests are all earmarked for the scholarship fund, said Narron.

Throwing a pie at your favorite? teacher or student will cost a dime.

Entertainment at Monday's opening of Spirit Week featured comedy, "On The Square With Slick" with Steve Baker as news commentator interviewing a gum-chewing, longhaired Mountaineer hippy portrayed by Gene Alexander, another teacher; a "Gong Show" patterned after the TV program and featuring students in every role from CB'ers, comedians, juggling acts from balloons to yo-yo's.



Photo By Lib Stewart

PRETTY LEGS CONTEST — The five beauties? pictured are competing for the Pretty Legs Contest for males at Kings Mountain Senior High this week during Spirit Week festivities. Pictured from left to right,

faculty member Dean Westmoreland and students, Kevin Tinsley, Kelly Land, Butch Pearson, and David Gordon. The winner will be announced Friday morning during student assembly.

Day Of Prayer Is On Friday

World Day of Prayer will be observed Fri., Mar. 4 in Kings Mountain as Christians join those in 169 different countries in the annual observance.

The community is invited to participate in prayer vigils in the area churches, with most churches open for meditation all during the day.

First Presbyterian Church has announced the sanctuary will be open from noon until 5 p. m. for worshippers to enter the sanctuary and meditate.

The 1977 World Day of Prayer follows the theme "Love In Action." Proclaiming Friday as World Day of Prayer in Kings Mountain, Mayor John H. Moss called on citizens to join in a chain of prayer for love and hope for our leaders throughout the world.