

On March 29

## Mailboxes

### Are Being Destroyed

Destroying mailboxes is an offense that can bring both Uncle Sam and law enforcement officers down on local pranksters.

This is the warning of Kings Mountain Post Office officials who are distressed about the damaging of mailboxes, particularly in the rural area of Patterson Grove, by persons brandishing bottles with sharp points, lead pipes, ball bats, and feet dangling from passing vehicles.

At least one mail carrier, Bill McDaniel, has observed that boxes are being destroyed in such a manner apparently by teenage pranksters riding by the boxes in automobiles and throwing sharp-pointed items from windows and literally "tearing up the boxes," according to McDaniel who said that at least one patrol on his route had bought four mailboxes this year.

"Everytime he puts up a new mailbox, it's damaged, sometimes so much that the mail gets wet in bad weather," observed McDaniel.

McDaniel cautioned parents that it's dangerous for "kids to ride by in cars with feet stuck out the windows kicking at mailboxes."

He invites citizens who observe destruction of property to call Postmaster Charles Alexander and the Sheriff's Department.

"It's really a nuisance," said McDaniel.



One of destroyed mailboxes

## Board Approves Moves Within Police Force

The city commission Monday night approved the recommendation of Chief Earl Lloyd for transfer of two officers in major jobs in connection with grants okayed for crime prevention bureau and long range planning and hired one new officer.

Action was taken after the board formally accepted two grants for police department programs — one for long range planning in the amount of \$18,208 and another for a crime prevention bureau in the amount of \$21,465.

Ptl. David Bridges was transferred to the position of planner, Anthony Ager was hired to replace Bridges in the patrol division and Ptl. Houston Corn was transferred to the position of crime prevention officer.

Chief Lloyd noted in his recommendations that Bridges had met the requirements of a four year degree and Corn has completed 80 hours in basic crime prevention.

The new appointments become effective immediately.

The grant offer from LEAA of \$18,208 for funds to establish a bureau to provide long range planning for the police department

and to authorize Mayor John Moss to execute any documents in connection with the program was accepted.

The board also formally accepted a grant offer from LEAA of \$21,465 for crime prevention program in the police department.



PTL. HOUSTON CORN

## Man Breaks Into Store, Calls Cops

About 1:30 a. m. Wednesday local police responded to a breaking and entering at Robert's Store, 715 N. Piedmont Ave.

They were there at the request of the guy who had broken into the store.

Sgt. Bob Hayes and Ptl. Ralph Grindstaff drove to the site after receiving a phone call from a man who identified himself as Ronald Eugene Dobbins.

Police said Dobbins was waiting for them and had several packages of cigarettes from the store in his pockets. Dobbins, 35, was charged with felonious breaking and entering and larceny and taken to Cleveland County Jail.

Police said Dobbins had entered Robert's Store by breaking out front windows and glass within doors. Police said they were told by the man that he had just broken out of the Lincoln County Prison Unit. However, a phone call to the prison revealed that Dobbins had been released from the unit Tuesday.

Dobbins did an estimated \$200 damages to windows and doors during the break in.

## Board To Consider New City Hall Bids

The city board of commissioners will consider bids on March 29th on the first phase of construction of a new governmental services building (City Hall).

Members of the commission Monday night voted to move its March 28 meeting to March 29 in order to receive and tabulate the bids at 3 p. m. that same day.

Mayor John Moss said architect for the new project will make recommendations at the evening meeting of the board at 7:30 p. m. in Council Chambers.

The bids are for site development, first of four sectional bids for the total contract.

Under federal guidelines, the mayor told the board, the building must be under construction in 90 days from the date of the grant offer, which was January 9.

In other actions at the regular Monday night meeting, the board:

Awarded contract to the low bidder, Todd Pool Builders, Inc. of

Pineville, for repair of Davidson and Deal Street swimming pools at cost of \$6,200 for Davidson and \$7,500 for Deal. Other bidder was Meredith Swimming Pool Co. of Greensboro at bid of \$6,620 for Davidson and \$14,325 for Deal.

Adjusted offer to purchase from the Kings Mountain District Schools to include additional acreage from 9.455 to 10.80 acres, adding \$3,460 for total offer of \$22,360.

Approved clarifying resolution in connection with requirements under the Open Spaces Grant which established a fair market value of the Propst property at Deal Street Recreation Complex. The resolution, as read by the mayor, stated that the purchase price of \$6,250 was fair market value for the property purchased a year ago.

Authorized the mayor to appoint two commissioners to serve on a committee with him and the city engineer in an effort to return to two times weekly garbage collection in the city.

## Smith To Seek School Office

Kyle Smith, Kings Mountain resident and personnel manager at



KYLE SMITH

Gurney Industries in Gastonia, has announced that he will seek a Kings Mountain District School Board seat.

Smith said he made the decision to run after being urged to seek the post by friends and many interested citizens.

Smith said he has always taken an active interest in school affairs and that he is particularly concerned about upgrading the quality of education being offered to Kings Mountain children.

"Our children are our most important resource, and it behooves us to provide for them the very best schools our tax dollars can buy," he said.

Smith, who has a child in junior high school, said he will speak out on many aspects of the schools as his campaign progresses. He said he will welcome calls from citizens regarding school matters, and he promised that he "will listen to the suggestions our taxpayers make."

Smith said a formal announcement will be issued at a later date.

## Pianists

### Preparing

### For Meets

Fifteen piano pupils of Mrs. Martin Harmon will play in the District Piano Contests Festival at Mauney Music Building at Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, on Saturday.

Playing in the Senior Division of the contests will be Leanne De Vane and Kenny Mauney.

Playing in the Junior Division of the contests will be Janet Blair, Janet Homesley, Anne Hord, Ann Thomasson, Carole Bennett, Karen Dixon, Jerri Patterson, Terri Plonk, Jackie M. McSwain, Donna McDaniel, Dana Scism, Julie Phifer and Leah Falls.

## Seminary

### Internist

### Will Visit

David Smith, middler student at Union Seminary in Richmond, Va. and recently employed as seminary intern by First Presbyterian Church, will make his first visit to the local church Sunday.

He will be honored at a sandwich supper sponsored by youth of the church at 6:30 p. m.

Members of the Good News Singers of Kings Mountain Senior High School will present an entertainment program under the direction of Mrs. J. N. McClure.

## Will Sponsor

### Hot Dog Sale

Love Valley Baptist Church Sports Department will sponsor a hot dog and hamburger sale Saturday at Grover Rescue Squad Building.

For orders of 12 or more, there will be free delivery service available. Hotdogs are three for one dollar, hamburgers are two for one dollar, french fries are 40 cents and homemade cakes and pies will be available.

Serving will begin at 10 a. m. and continue until all goodies are sold, said a spokesman for the church.

## L-R College Choir Will Sing Here Sunday

The Lenoir-Rhyne College A Cappella Choir of Hickory will present a concert of sacred music in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 20, at 7:30 p. m. The choir's presence is part of the 1977 Lenten schedule. Lent is a period of six weeks when Christians think

seriously upon the life and death of Christ. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Saturday of Holy Week. The 70-voice choir, under the

direction of E. Ray McNeely, Jr., will sing 12 times in five Eastern and Central states during a two-week spring concert tour. A brass en-

semble from Lenoir-Rhyne will also be on tour with the choir. It is directed by Dr. Ralph A. Gabriel.

The A Cappella Choir's 1977 tour begins Sunday with performances in Charlotte and Kings Mountain. It will conclude on Sunday, April 3, when the widely-acclaimed group returns to its home campus for a concert in St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.

Between its opening and closing performances, the Lenoir-Rhyne Choir is scheduled to appear in Wilmington, Raleigh and Durham; Hampton, Va.; Baltimore and Hagerstown, Md.; Malvern, Pa.; Columbus, Ohio; and Chicago, Ill.

Lenoir-Rhyne is a four-year, co-educational, liberal arts institution owned and operated by the North Carolina Synod of the Lutheran Church in America. Its choir is comprised of students from 11 states and Japan, representing many different fields of study.

The public is invited to attend Sunday's concert.



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7:30 p. m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. The 70-voice choir is currently on spring concert tour.