



Photo by Lib Stewart

BETHWARE PROGRESSIVE CLUB INSTALLS OFFICERS — Howard Champion, left, new president of Bethware Progressive Club, is congratulated by the outgoing president, Raeford White, at the annual ladies night banquet Monday.

Hayes Will Be Going Home

Sgt. Bob Hayes, Kings Mountain police officer, continues to improve in the Kings Mountain Hospital from gunshot wounds sustained early Monday morning while assisting other officers in making an arrest.

A second Kings Mountain man has been charged in the shooting of the 16-year veteran with Kings Mountain Police Department.

Tommy Bright, 23, of North Piedmont Ave., was charged with aiding and abetting assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious bodily injury with intent to kill and with simple possession of a Schedule Four substance and public drunkenness. Bond is set at \$3,000.

Jailed Monday in Cleveland County Jail on charges of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious bodily injury with intent to kill is Melvin Haskell Carroll, 38, of North Piedmont Ave. Following a bond hearing on Monday,

Rush Is Over

The Kings Mountain Postoffice staff reported the Christmas 1977 mail storm virtually over Wednesday afternoon.

In spite of the nastiest of weather Tuesday and peak loads of incoming and outgoing mail, the racks were kept clear even through heaviest of mailings.

The Christmas-mailing season appeared to begin earlier this season.

Carroll's bond was raised from \$2500 to \$10,000. A preliminary hearing has been set for January 3 in Cleveland District Court.


Sgt. Hayes successfully underwent surgery Tuesday for removal of four bullets which struck him in the back and side.

According to police reports, events which led to the shooting began with the arrest by Ptl. Ralph Grindstaff of a suspect on a drug charge who jumped from his patrol car and ran into a residence on North Piedmont Ave. Monday morning about 1 a.m. Assisting in the apprehension of the suspect, Hyes reportedly approached the house when another man came out of the residence, pointed a gun at

Hayes and ordered him to leave. Hayes left the house but parked his car a short distance away, slipping around the back of the residence. There, according to police reports, Hayes saw the man who had pointed a gun at him sitting on the hood of a car and ran toward him but slipped and fell. The officer was reportedly shot four times while he lay on the ground.

Ptl. Grindstaff reportedly chased Carroll on foot and handcuffed him at the scene, assisted by Ptl. Anthony Ager.

Sgt. Hayes is expected to be discharged from the hospital in time to spend Christmas holidays with his wife, Sue and daughter, Debbie.



The Best to You at Christmas
May you and your family enjoy a happy holiday. We thank you warmly.

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308 EAST RIDGE STREET

Champion New President Of Bethware Group

Howard Champion was installed as the new president of Bethware Progressive Club at the Club's annual ladies night Christmas banquet Monday night at Bethware School cafeteria.

Other new officers are Willard Boyles, vice-president; Danny Deaton, treasurer; Jim Yarboro, assistant treasurer; and Stokes Wright, secretary. Directors, with terms expiring in 1978, are Ralph Arrowood, Jim Yarboro and Charles Herndon. Directors with terms expiring in 1979, are Bill Watterson, Jack Hardin and John Grant.

Directors, with terms expiring in 1980 are Charles Dover, Charles Scism and John Patterson.

Schools Supt. William Davis installed the new officers and President Raeford White presided. Willard Boyles was master of ceremonies for the event which attracted a record crowd of 140 people.

Supt. Davis commended Bethware Progressive Club for its outstanding service to the community.

Joe Simpson of Midland, N.C., guest entertainer for the banquet, delighted the group with a magician act, assisted by his wife, Linda.

Present as special guests were Senator J. Ollie Harris, Rep. Edith Lutz and Everett Lutz, Rep. Bob Falls and Mrs. Falls, County Manager Joe Hendrick and Mrs. Hendrick, County Commissioners Coleman Goforth and Mrs. Goforth, C.M. Peler and Mrs. Peeler and Hugh Dover and Mrs. Dover; Sheriff Haywood Allen and Mrs. Allen; School trustees Marion Thomason and George B. Thomason, Bill McDaniel and Mrs. McDaniel, Kyle Smith and Mikie Baily, and other school personnel including Supt. and Mrs. William Davis, Howard Bryant and Mrs. Bryant, Principals Larry Allen and Mrs. Allen, Ronald Nney and Mrs. Naney; and widows of past presidents of Bethware Progressive Club, including Mrs. Boyd Harrelson, Mrs. Grady Scism, Mrs. M.C. Poston, Mrs. Bertie Champion and Mrs. Lizzie Watterson.

Terrariums-in-a-table were presented to all ladies and drawing was conducted for the Christmas poinsettias which decorated dining tables.

Steak, baked potato, salad and hot rolls were served by the Bethware School cafeteria staff.

News Briefs

CITY BOARD

Monday night's regularly-scheduled meeting of the city board of commissioners has been rescheduled until 7:30 p.m., Mon., Jan. 3, in Council Chambers.

MAYOR SPEAKER

Kings Mountain Mayor John Henry Moss was guest speaker Tuesday before the Political Science class of Gaston College. Senator Helen Marvin of Gastonia is the instructor.

GOLDEN PEANUT

Kiwanian David Mauney

will receive the coveted Golden Peanut Award as top salesman in the recent club project for funds for community projects. The award will be presented at Thursday night's meeting of the civic club at the Woman's Club.

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Speed was the leading cause of 29 accidents on Cleveland County roads during the period Dec. 12-18, according to Line Sgt. M.K. Holcomb of the N.C. Highway Patrol. Nineteen people have died in highway accidents during the past year.

Filing Begins On January 2

Filing period for candidates for offices to be voted on in the May 2, 1978 primary elections and the non-partisan county school board election begins Jan. 2 and continues through noon Feb. 6, 1978.

Police Check On Break-Ins

Kings Mountain police are investigating a number of weekend break-ins and larcenies.

A thief apparently walked out of a local grocery store Saturday afternoon with a box of 30 jars of Taster's Choice coffee valued at \$160.

A girls three speed bike, valued at \$80, was reported stolen from Aaron Conner, 818 Gold St., on Saturday.

Over \$150 in damage was caused Saturday by vandals who shot out the window of wrecked cars parked at Jerry's 66 Service Station on York Rd.

A newspaper rack, valued at \$10, was taken from front of the Kings Mountain Mirror-Herald office on Piedmont Avenue.


Kings Mountain has one member of the state Senate from the 25th district in the person of J. Ollie Harris, Kings Mountain mortician, who is expected to seek re-election to another term.

Deadline for registering to vote and changing address is 5 eligible to vote in the May 2, 1978 primary and election. Persons may register at the elections for the Cleveland County Board of Elections. Elections office or at the home of appointed registrars and judges. Absentee voting will be permitted from Mar. 3, 1978 through 5 p.m. Apr. 26, 1978, according to Gay R. Champion, supervisor of elections for the Cleveland County Board of Elections.


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Behold Him... Adore Him



Let us cherish the glorious and holy message of Christmas. May the bright Star that shone over Bethlehem cast its eternal light over the world bringing all people together in peace, good will and brotherhood. For these blessings and for your enduring faith and trust, we say thanks.



Kings Yarns