

1977: It's Triumphs And Tragedies

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SEPTEMBER

Two more incumbents and one former candidate have filed to seek commissioner seats in the Oct. 11 municipal election. They were William R. Grissom and Fred Wright, Jr. district five and six, and Jerry Mullinax.

Thirtieth annual Bethware Fair is slated for Sept. 14-17. Five more candidates file for commissioner seats, James Dickey, W. S. Biddix, Lloyd Davis, Jim Amos and Tom Barnette.

Residents of W. Gold St. have been promised action on their requests for regulatory measures to slow down motorists along the streets.

The current argument over emergency services in the KM area could force the county into complete ambulance service.

Voter registration for the Oct. 11 election ended at 5 p. m. Monday, Sept. 12.

KM Emergency Services, Inc. began a fund drive to equip an ambulance.

Third in a series of one-on-one local government meetings was held at Mount Zion Baptist Church.

KM's United Fund Drive for 1977 seeks \$45,000.

OCTOBER

County Comm. Josh Hinnant says a public hearing of the board and members of rescue squads brought no solution to the growing problem of how to pay for ambulance services.

More than 4,000 registered voters in the city will have opportunity to elect three commissioners to four year terms next Tuesday and one dozen candidates seek the three seats, including Humes Houston, W. S. Biddix, Lloyd Davis and Jerry Mullinax for District Two; Gilbert Hamrick, William Grissom, Jim Amos and Tom Barnette for District Five; and Fred Wright, Jim Dickey, Charles Parker, and M. C. Pruette for District Six.

A spate of last-minute filing produced two more candidates for KM District Board of Education seats and seven more candidates for council races in Grover.

Less than one third of registered voters went to the polls to re-elect Comm. Humes Houston and William Grissom for four year terms. The same electorate gave the incumbent Fred Wright and challenger Jim Dickey the opportunity to meet again in the Nov. 8 runoff election.

KM Board of Education learned that the system will receive a CETA grant which will enable the schools to

expand its extended day program. KM's United Fund Drive is over the top with drive leaders reporting pledges and contributions of over \$51,282.85, more than \$6,000 over the campaign total of \$45,000.

KM Jaycees are offering citizens of all ages a chance to charge the old batteries Oct. 21-31 as they present "The Haunted House."

The Cameron Ware family was honored as Cleveland County's Farm Bureau Farm Family of the Year.

Voting citizens can quiz the candidates here at a forum sponsored by Cleveland County Voter Registration Association.

KM Appearance Commission set Nov. 17 as target date to receive final plans for construction of a mammoth beautification project on both sides of the railroad from Gold to Mountain to the overhead bridge in the downtown area.

The city will contract with the State Department of Transportation to improve traffic signals at two railroad crossings.

Grover Town Board executed contract with DOT for construction of flashing signals at the double track crossing on Carolina Ave. in Grover.

Don't forget to turn clocks back one hour because we're going back on Eastern Standard time.

NOVEMBER

An expanded, stronger program of vocational education is needed in the KM District Schools say all five KM Board of Education candi-

dates and one city commissioner candidate.

Regina Patterson was crowned as KMSHS Homecoming Queen.

Annual Christmas parade is set for Nov. 29 at 4 p. m.

KM Baptist Church formally requested its bid be accepted for the redevelopment commission property adjacent to the church on W. Mountain St.

First Federal Savings & Loan of Shelby has made application to the Federal Home Loan Bank Board in Atlanta to open a branch office in Kings Mountain.

It's election day again as citizens go to the polls and a total of 8,249 persons are registered to vote in the KM District Board of Education election which finds five candidates campaigning for two seats. They are William McDaniel, Fain Hambrick, Dr. Joseph Roberts, Kyle Smith and Charles Mauney.

Grover citizens also are going to the polls to elect a mayor and three council members.

Only one of the candidates, Dean Westmoreland, is assured of election unless a rumored strong write-in campaign for incumbent Bill McCarter upsets the scales.

Candidates for Council are Martha Byers, Harold Herridon, Tommy Keeter, Karen Moss, Ronald Queen, Ray Cash and Wendell White.

Jim Dickey, former two-term commissioner, was the winner in Tuesday's run-off election for the district six board seat in Kings Mountain defeating Fred Wright by a 47-vote margin. Kyle Smith and William McDaniel were the

top votegetters to win the two vacant seats on the board of education for the next six years.

Bill McCarter won a write-in campaign to defeat Dean Westmoreland for the mayoral position in Grover and Tommy Keeter, Martha Byers, both incumbents, and newcomer Harold Herridon were elected to the city council there.

Kathy Fleming, Miss North Carolina, will be guest of honor in the KM Christmas parade.

KM United Fund led all other campaigns in North Carolina in the percentage of the 1978 goals achieved.

Mrs. B. M. Jarrett of Shelby made the address at Veterans Day ceremonies in Kings Mountain.

City employees can look forward to bonuses for Christmas following action by the city commission.

Franchise agreements between the county's existing rescue squads and the county

are in effect.

Got any ideas for Christmas decorations? Your ideas could be worth cash.

The new mayor and board of commissioners took oath of office at Grover.

Harold Carswell, 42, of Granite Falls, was charged with murder in the shooting death of William Leslie Beane in Kings Mountain.

John W. Majors has succeeded Ron Tompkins as plant manager at Eaton Corporation.

City Commissioners Houston, Grissom and Dickey took the oath of office in ceremonies at City Hall. Bill McDaniel and Kyle Smith are sworn in and seated on the board of education.

With few exceptions, most Kings Mountain industrial employees will begin a week's Christmas vacation and with pay.

Sgt. Bob Hayes, 16 year veteran of the Kings Mountain Police Department, was shot four times while assisting

another officer in making an arrest. The KM police officer underwent successfully surgery for removal of three of the four bullets and continues to improve. He was able to be at home for Christmas.

Arson is suspected and investigation is continuing in the burning of two abandoned houses south of Kings Mountain.

The collection of fees for ambulance transports in the partnership between KM and Shelby Rescue Squads and Cleveland County is not working as well in reality as it did on paper and the county commission has agreed to garnishee wages, if necessary, to erase a deficit in the program.

Bob Jones has resigned as head football coach at KM High but will remain on the faculty as a physical education and driver's education teacher.

The city commission gave approval to a \$96,000 downtown beautification program.

Grover officials will negotiate with the City of Kings Mountain for treatment of the town's domestic waste.

U. S. Congressman James T. Broyhill told KM Kiwanians Thursday night that the number one problem facing America today is inflation.

Dorothy Gill and her two children escaped death by minutes when their mobile home was destroyed by fire.

Family Dollar Stores will open a new store here Dec. 1.

A Grover man, Billy Ray Bowen, is being charged in the shooting death of his father, Ira Bowen, 61.

Church services, hunting, and feasting will feature traditional observance of Thanksgiving for KM area citizens.

The Class of 1927 of KMHS had a nostalgic evening as 11 of the 38 graduates returned for a first-time reunion.

The Council on Aging of Cleveland County was organized at the Depot Center.

Comm. Norman King and William Grissom head a special committee appointed this week to design a firm rate on fuel cost adjustments on monthly power bills.

Grover's water improvements system is now 100 percent complete and in operation.

Citizens are urged to attend the first Community Development Block Grant hearing.

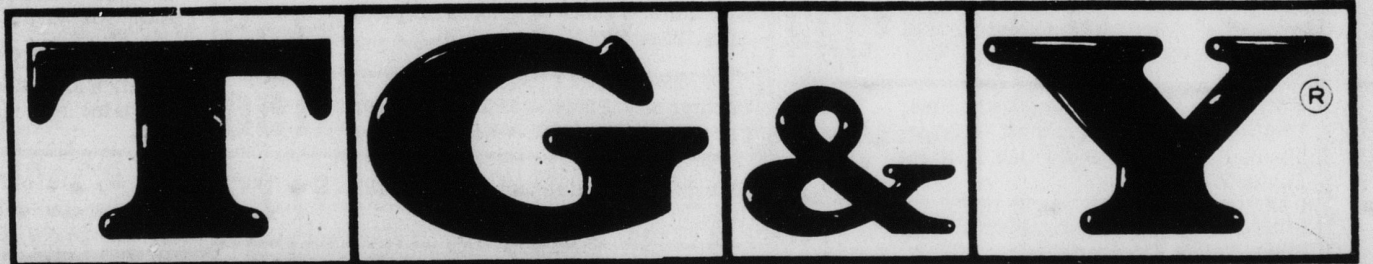
Everybody loves a parade and KM's Christmas parade attracted crowds to Kings Mountain.

Mayor John Moss answered story published concerning the N. C. Department of Natural Resources levying a civil penalty of \$500 against the city for wastewater inadequacies.

Shelter Home of Cleveland County and KM Ministerial Association Helping Hand fund have been granted operating money by the KM United Fund.

Christmas Day services celebrated the birthday of Christ.

Coincidentally, last year's final edition of the 1976 year carried the tragic news of a fatality on downtown streets. This final edition of 2977 carries the sad news of the death of a Kings Mountain woman in a highway accident on Christmas Day.



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OBITUARIES

MRS. ELMALONG

Funeral services for Mrs. Elma Nance Long, 75, of Rt. 1, Gaffney, S. C., sister of Mrs. Grace Baldwin of Kings Mountain, were conducted Thursday at 2 p. m. from Shuford-Hatcher Funeral Home Chapel in Gaffney by Rev. Bill White, interment following in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Mrs. Long, widow of Thomas R. Long and daughter of the late M. Rufus and Minerva Parker Nance of Cleveland County, died at her home Tuesday morning.

Also surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Irene Camp of Shelby; four brothers, Billy and Richard Long of Fayetteville, Kenneth Long of Bennettsville and Tommy Long of Gaffney; one brother, Monroe Nance of Shelby; another sister, Mrs. Mamie Hatton of Middletown, Ohio; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

MRS. WINNIE AYERS

Funeral services for Mrs. Winnie Moss Ayers, 77, of 105 Center St., were conducted Tuesday at 4 p. m. from Piedmont Baptist Church, interment following in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Rev. James Williams and Rev. N. S. Hardin officiated at the rites.

Mrs. Ayers died Saturday morning in Kings Mountain Hospital after several week's illness.

She was wife of the late Burgan Ayers and a member of Piedmont Baptist Church.

Surviving are her son, Dean Ayers of Kings Mountain; and one daughter, Mrs. Betty Merritt of Kings Mountain, and six grandchildren.

MRS. HELEN ENGLISH

Funeral rites for Mrs. Helen Smith English, 76, of Hendersonville, were conducted Monday at 2 p. m. from Bethany Baptist Church of Grover, of which she was a member.

Rev. James Sanders officiated at the rites, and inter-

ment was in Grover Cemetery.

Mrs. English died Friday in Fletcher near Hendersonville. She was widow of Erastus English.

Surviving are four half-brothers, Travis Smith of Grover, O-Neill Smith of Kings Mountain, Leighton Smith of Atlanta, Ga. and Everhart Smith of Nebo; one sister, Mrs. Bessie Corn of Hendersonville; two half-sisters, Mrs. Henry McDaniel of Grover and Mrs. Paul Carter of Atlanta, Ga.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MRS. BERTIE THOMPSON

Funeral services for Mrs. Bertie Barber Thompson, 68, of Rt. 2 Grover, were conducted Tuesday at 2 p. m. from Missionary Methodist Church of Cherryville of which she was a member.

Rev. M. S. Scruggs and Rev. Mike Tillman officiated at the rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Thompson died Saturday morning in the Kings Mountain Hospital.

She was daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Barber and widow of William Boyd Thompson.

She is survived by six sons, William Boyd Thompson of Odessa, Texas, Donald Frank Thompson of Union, S. C., Arnold Thompson of Altus, Okla., Richard S. Thompson, U. S. Air Force, Abilene, Texas, and Norris D. and Sammy Lee Thompson, both of Grover; six daughters, Mrs. Dan Beheler of Grover, Mrs. John Carswell of Lincolnton, Mrs. Diane Coggins of Cherryville, Mrs. Cecil Teno of Rock Hill, S. C., Mrs. Gene Dellinger of Newton and Mrs. Maggie Patrick of Boiling Springs; four brothers, Raymond and Lawrence Barber of Gastonia, Fred Barber of Shelby and Joseph Barber of Brooksville, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. Stanley Grochowski of Baltimore, Md. and Mrs. Johnny Wall of Danville, Va.; 37 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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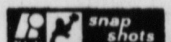
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WEEKLY
Health Tips

From Wilson Griffin
Gout, a form of arthritis that affects joints of fingers and toes can be dramatically helped by eating cherries, states Texas Reports on Biology and Medicine. It cites case histories of gout patients cured by eating cherries, canned or fresh, sour or black. No side effects (except perhaps mild diarrhea) It may be worth a try to gout sufferers.

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