

## Five KMers Charged In Bombing Attempt

Five Kings Mountians were arrested Monday and early Tuesday morning in connection with the attempted bombing of Gaston County Sheriff C.L. Waldrep's home April 9.

Tuesday, four of the five were placed under \$100,000 bond each in a District Court bond hearing.

Arrested were Donald Chester Conner Sr., 45, his wife, Betty, of Waco Rd., Don Conner Jr., 23, Johnny Stewart and Jeffrey Blain Thompson, 18, of Crocker Rd. Thompson has not been brought into bonding court as yet.

Under the direction of Capt. J.P. Starnes of the Gaston County Police, 20 local, state and federal officers met with Kings Mountain and Cleveland County law enforcement

officers Monday to begin the arrests. Thompson was arrested about 3:15 p.m. Monday and the others early Tuesday morning.

The officers had warrants to search the Conner Sr. home on Waco Rd., Conner Jr.'s trailer near the Kings Mountain Men's Club and Stewart Plumbing Co., which is jointly owned by Conner Sr. and Stewart.

Police reported finding dynamite where they arrested young Conner and Stewart. Police said the serial numbers on the dynamite matched those on the dynamite found on Sheriff Waldrep's back porch. The dynamite was reportedly stolen from a construction site in Cleveland County, according to a spokesman in the sheriff's department.

Gaston County Police said the arrests came after two weeks of investigation in which the 20 men were under the command of Capt. Starnes. The men were split into 10 teams and each team spent 16 hour days following up hundreds of leads.

All five persons were charged with conspiracy to damage by use of an explosive. Conner, his wife and Thompson were also charged with attempted malicious damage of an occupied property by explosives. Both charges are felonies. The conspiracy with explosives charge, upon conviction, can carry up to 15 years and malicious damage by explosives, upon conviction, carries up to not less than 10 years nor more than Life Imprisonment.

For KM School Board

## Lineberger Is Candidate

Harold Lineberger, Kings Mountain farmer, today announced his intentions to seek a seat on the Kings Mountain District Schools Board of Education.

Lineberger, 45, will seek the outside-city seat now occupied by board chairman Alex Owens. It is the only seat available in the Nov. 6 election. It is a six-year term.

In announcing his plans, Lineberger gave the following statement:

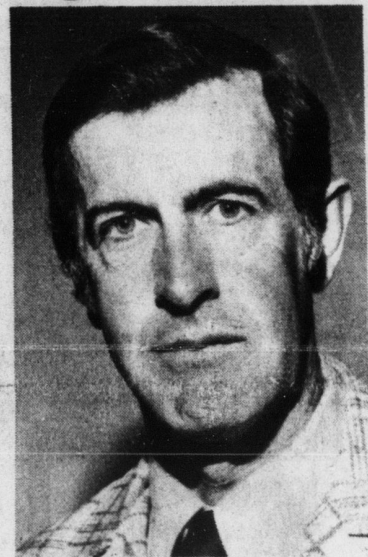
"Having served on the board of directors of two credit institutions, I believe I understand the role of the Board of Education as a policy-making body. The Board should feel a responsibility to at least three groups of people:

"To the school system administrators and teachers in providing funds and facilities to help them do the job expected of them; "To students in securing the best administrators and teachers possible and seeing to it that the opportunity is there for a first-rate education;

"To the taxpayers of the district in assuring that we get the greatest value for each dollar spent on the schools.

"I believe a school board member can help make these goals a reality by keeping a door and ear open to all parties concerned, whether it be administrator, teacher, student or citizen."

Lineberger and his family live on Route 1, Hord Road, where he operates a strawberry, grape and peach farm. He's married to the former Patsy Eaker, a teacher at Cherryville Junior High, and is the father of three children, Barry, a senior at Kings Mountain High, Jeff,



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a sophomore at KMHS, and Lee-Ann, a seventh grader at Cherryville Junior High.

Lineberger is a native of Dallas and is a graduate of Dallas High School and N.C. State University, where he received a degree in animal industry in 1960.

He's a former assistant publications editor for the Agricultural Information Office at N.C. State University; assistant agricultural extension agent in Wadesboro; and a member services advisor for Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation.

Lineberger is a member of the board of directors of Ideal Production Credit Association of Statesville and the Federal Land

Bank Association of Shelby; member of the Church Council of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Kings Mountain; Chairman of the Vocational Agriculture Advisory Committee at Kings Mountain High; a farm bureau member; and in 1978 his family was first runner-up in N.C. In the Sell & Water Conservation District family-of-the-year competition.

Filing period for the school board election is 12 noon September 14 until 12 noon October 5. Registration deadline is 5 p.m. October 8. Persons who have moved from one precinct into another must fill out a precinct transfer by 5 p.m. October 8 to be eligible to vote.

## Road Group Meeting Set Noon Friday

Commissioner James Dickey's KM Street-Road Liason Committee will meet at noon Friday at City Hall and the public is invited to attend.

This committee works with the N.C. Department of Transportation on planning street and road work within the community.

Mayor John Moss plans to appear before the committee to present some recommendations to the committee for forwarding to the DOT.



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BEAUTY WINNERS—Pictured are the four winners in the Little Wee Miss and Little Miss Kings Mountain beauty pageants Saturday night. From left, Nicole

Gnandt, Little Miss Kings Mountain; Kamie Prim Wiggins, first runner-up; Laura Lee Brown, Little Wee Miss Kings Mountain, and Tonya Willis, first runner-up.

## Nicole Gnandt, Laura Brown Are Crowned In Boosters Pageant

Nicole Gnandt, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Gnandt, and Laura Lee Brown, four-year-old daughter of Mrs. Wanda Brown, were crowned "Little Miss Kings Mountain" and "Little Wee Miss Kings Mountain" in the KM Boosters Club first annual beauty pageant Saturday night in B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Runners-up were Kamie Prim Wiggins, nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wiggins, and Tonya Willis, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tonney Willis.

Supt. William Davis presented handsome trophies and bouquets of red roses to the four winners. Semifinalists, 10 in the Little Wee Miss category and 11 in the Little Miss division, received a long-stemmed carnation. They were Robin Gann, Charlotte Taylor, Lori Houser, Angel Smith, Merinda Arrowood, Debbie Baggett, Myra Yarbrough, Amanda Gore, all in the Little Miss category, and Dena Clippard, Bonnie Gore, Tammy Pardo, Kisha Goodson, Geneva Parrish, Salena

Short, Adrian Hardin and Laura Beth Moss, all in the Wee Miss division.

Jonas Bridges, Radio Station WK-MT manager, was master of ceremonies and Tina (Mrs. Leonard) Wright was pageant chairman. Judges, who scored the winners on beauty and poise during appearances in dressy dresses, were Mrs. Joan Baker, professional model and director of Joan's Modeling School; Mrs. Sandi Rhea, local beautician, Gary Shields, assistant principal of KM Junior High, all of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Delores Cox of Mount Holly, a former beauty winner, and Mike Terres of Shelby.

Presenting talent performances during the program as entertainment features were Holly Dellinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dellinger who opened the

show with a song-dance routine, "It's Not Where You Start, It's Where You Finish", Terri Plonk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Plonk, who danced to "Wizard of Oz", Miss Plonk and Donna Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wright, danced "The Charleston", and Tonya Hawkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hawkins, presented her prize-winning gymnastics routine which she performed in the recent Kiwanis School talent show Kindergarten and first grade competition.

Fifty-four contestants, 28 in the 3-4-5-year olds category, and 26 in the 7-8-9-10 year old category, vied in te competition.

Proceeds from the pageant, a total of \$500, will benefit the Athletic departments of KMSHS and KM Junior High schools.

## City-Wide Cleanup Planned

Clean-Up, Fix-Up, Paint-Up Week got underway in the city Tuesday in District One where clean-up activities continued in full swing Wednesday.

Chairman Norman King, District IV commissioner, reminded that special Clean-Up days are being held in each of the six voting wards and during these special days of cleaning up and beautifying the city citizens may call city crews to come by and pick up debris, tree limbs or other items.

"We're trying to concentrate on these special days in the various areas of the city", said King, "but remind all citizens that the weeks of April 19-May 11 are Clean-Up Days in Kings Mountain. We are quite proud of our city and are devoting

this time to make our yards, residences and areas prettier."

Spring Clean-Up Days are April 24-25, District One; April 26-27, District Two; April 30-May 1, District Three; May 2-3, District Four; May 4-7, District Five; and May 8-9, District Six. Clean-up days for other city areas, including downtown Kings Mountain, are May 10-11.

Members of the Clean-Up Committee, recently appointed by Mayor John Moss and the board of commissioners, include Rev. J.C. Goare, Ken Jenkins, Carl Layle, W.S. Biddix, Corbet Nicholson, Mrs. Clayvon Kelly, Mrs. Jack Bridges, Mrs. Ronnie Pearson, Larry Wood, Johnny Bumgardner, and Mrs. Olivia Mayhue.

## Dilling Heads Jaycees

David Dilling, an officer in Dilling Heating Company, was installed as the new president of Kings Mountain Jaycees at a dinner-dance Saturday night at Kings Mountain Country Club.

He succeeds Al Moretz, city engineer, as president of the civic club.

Other new officers are Moretz, chairman of the board; Allen Propst, internal vice president; Larry Hamrick, Jr., external vice president; Mike Neely, treasurer;

Corky Fulton, secretary; Jim Tate, state director; Bob Maner, athletic director; Tom Franks, chaplain; Nelson Conner, parliamentarian; and directors, Cliff Whitfield, Kemp Mauney, Carl Morrow, Scott Neisler, David Dixon and Dan Dilling.

Out-going President Moretz conducted the installation of officers and presented awards during the banquet. Dancing from 9 p.m. until midnight was to music by the "Disco-DT Express"



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NEW JAYCEE OFFICERS—Pictured are new officers of Kings Mountain Jaycees following their installation Saturday night at a dinner meeting at KM Country Club. Front row, from left, Corky Fulton,

David Dilling, the new president, Allen Propst, Tom Franks. Back row, from left, Mike Neely, Jim Tate and Larry Hamrick, Jr.