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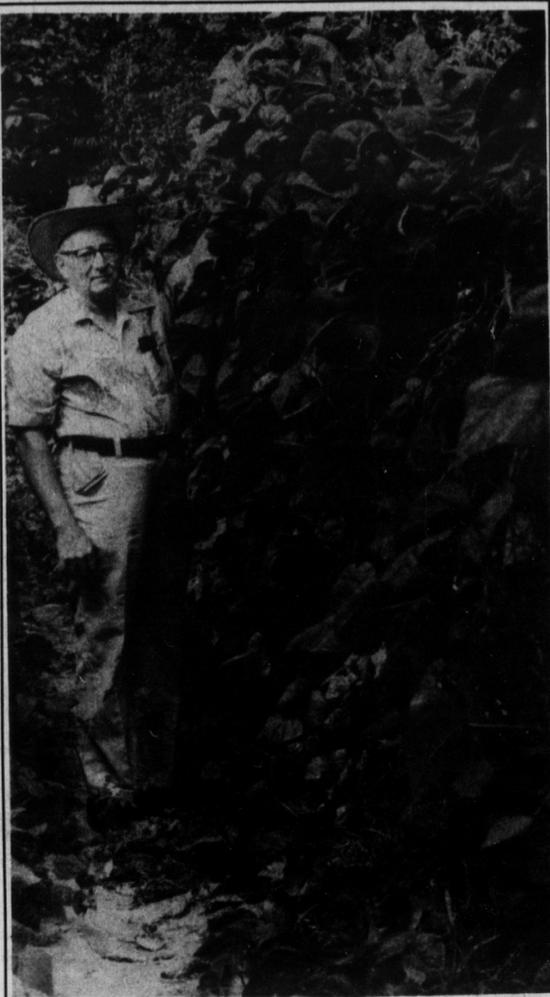


Photo by Katrina McCall

**CECIL AND HIS BEAN STALK** — Cecil (Doc) Champion of Oak Grove Community shows off his 8 foot tall Kentucky Wonder beans that he grew in his back yard garden. He says that the beans average between 7 and 8 inches long. He also has tomatoes that weigh up to 1½ pounds while still green on the vine, as well as an assortment of peppers and cucumbers. He sells the produce at the Farmer's Market.

## Bloodmobile Plans Six

### Visits To KM In 1980-81

The Bloodmobile schedule for Kings Mountain during year 1980-81 has been completed with six visits planned.

This is one less visit than last year, said a spokesman for the Red Cross, but the change was made to eliminate overlapping of visits.

A Kings Mountain citizen can now give blood at any of the visits without being deferred because not enough time has elapsed since the last donation. Blood donors must wait eight weeks (56 days) before being eligible to give again.

All six visits to Kings Mountain will be community bloodmobiles, thus, every citizen will

## Carnival To Aid MD

A carnival will be held to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association in front of King's Department Store, 300 W. Dixon Blvd., Shelby, July 29 through August 3.

"Bring your family and friends over to King's and help eliminate these tragic neuromuscular diseases," said a spokesman for MD. The carnival schedule is as follows:

- July 29, 30, 31 - 6 p.m.-11 p.m.
- August 1 & 2 - 6 p.m. - 12 p.m.
- August 3 - 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

be eligible to donate blood at every visit.

"All citizens are encouraged to participate by giving or getting friends and neighbors to give," said Red Cross Bloodmobile director Martha Scruggs.

The 1980-81 schedule includes:

Monday, August 4, 12 noon until 5:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 101 West Mountain Street. The visit will be sponsored by Kings Mountain city employees and the goal is 125 pints.

Friday, October 3, 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church. The visit will be sponsored by Kings Mountain industries and the goal is 200 pints.

Wednesday, December 3, 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Kings Mountain High School. The visit will be sponsored by the KMHS Student Council and the goal is 200 pints.

Monday, February 2, 12 noon until 5:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church. The goal is 125 pints.

Monday, May 4, 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Kings Mountain High School. The visit will be sponsored by the KMHS Future Homemakers and the goal is 200 pints.

Tuesday, June 30, 12 noon until 5:30 p.m., at First Baptist Church. The visit will be sponsored by Kings Mountain civic clubs and the goal is 125 pints.

Major crime in Kings Mountain increased 41.7 percent during 1979 over 1978, according to figures released by the North Carolina Department of Justice.

By comparison, the increase in crime in Cleveland County was 17.7 percent, some 5.3 percent more than the statewide average.

Violent crimes are murder, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault. Non-violent crimes are breaking and entering, larceny and motor vehicle theft.

Aggravated assaults were also up 10 percent in Kings Mountain and robberies decreased 27.2 percent, the report showed.

Only one rape was reported in 1979 in the county compared to four reported the previous year. Total violent crimes, according to the report, went down 15.5 percent in the county during the past year.

Overall in the state crime increased 12.4 percent during 1979 over 1978. The 1979 edition of "Crime In North Carolina" states that a record total of 240,970 crimes were reported during 1979 compared to 214,349 crimes reported in 1978.

Attorney General Rufus L. Edmisten stated in the report issued by the Department of Justice this week:

"The increase of over 12 percent in one year is overwhelming, because crime has risen a total of only 15 percent in the five years prior to 1979. By comparison, preliminary statistics released earlier this year by the FBI showed crime rising 10 percent on the average in the Southern states and 8 percent nationwide in 1979. The North Carolina crime index has risen over 20 percent in the last five years, a figure which is three times higher than the average national increase during the same period."

Crime rose in every index category but one, (murder), in North Carolina in 1979. The violent crimes of murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault as a group increased 8.1 percent over 1978. By comparison, violent crime increased 12 percent in the South and 11 percent nationally last year according to the FBI. In North Carolina murder dropped 1.2 percent while rape, robbery, and aggravated assault increased 11.5 percent, 17.3 percent and 6.4 percent respectively. The 17.3 percent increase in robbery was the largest single increase in any index category. A nearly 140 percent increase in bank robberies last year, (115 reported in 1979 compared to 48 in 1978), contributed measurably to this

statewide increase.

The property crimes of burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft as a group increased 12.9 percent. By comparison, property crime increased 10 percent in the South and 8 percent nationally in 1979 according to the FBI. A high number of

burglaries reported during the first quarter contributed greatly to the eventual 9.9 percent increase in this category last year. Likewise, larceny increased in 1979. Motor vehicle theft, especially of automotive parts and accessories, continues to be the most common type of

larceny accounting for nearly 40 percent of the total number reported. Motor vehicle theft, which has increased nearly 30 percent since 1975, rose 11.2 percent last year.

There were a total of 1,426 ar-

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**HAPPY DAYS** — Governor Jim Hunt, left, and Jack Mabry are all smiles after Mabry presented Hunt a check for over \$8,000 from Cleveland County residents last week.

## Hunt Campaign Rolling

Organizers of Governor Jim Hunt's re-election campaign in Cleveland County are off to a good start in their local effort to keep North Carolina moving. Cleveland County Hunt chairman Pat Spangler says the county has surpassed its fundraising goal for the fall campaign. Jack Mabry, a Cleveland County Hunt supporter presented a check for \$8,050.00 to Governor Hunt at a western regional campaign rally in Asheville last week.

"We are proud to be among the first counties in the state to reach our fall fundraising goal," Spangler said. "I think this shows that people here are enthusiastic about continuing the record of progress Jim Hunt has helped us build in Cleveland County."

"In the last three and a half years Governor Hunt has helped bring more than a billion dollars

in new and expanded industry to the western part of the state. When those new plants open they will mean more than 24,500 new jobs for people in the area. More than 1,900 of those jobs will be here in Cleveland County."

"Governor Hunt has also given the travel and tourism industry the attention it deserves. Since he's been in office the state's travel advertising budget has tripled. He's appointed his new Travel and Tourism Advisory Council to find ways to keep mountain travel and tourism growing."

## Weekend Complaints Keep Kings Mountain Police Busy

City police were kept hopping over the weekend investigating a number of complaints from vandalism reports to breaking and entering and larceny.

Mike Butler, of 806 Rhodes Ave., reported theft of a bicycle, valued at \$100.

Dorothy Mowery, of 412 N. Tracy St., reported the theft of a CB, value undetermined.

Kathy Jackson, of 919 North Piedmont, reported the larceny of a lawnmower, valued at \$160.

Diane Daughterty, of Bessemer City, reported the theft of \$1,020.00 worth of furniture which was stored in a storage building on Charles St.

George Ross, of 908 Henry St., reported the theft of a bicycle, valued at \$115.

Jerry Melton, of 2017 Redwood Circle, reported the larceny of an eight track AM-FM radio, value not reported.

Harley Owens, of 317 Clegg St., Shelby, reported that he was riding his bicycle on North Piedmont Avenue when two males jumped on him and took the bike which was valued at \$286.

Geraldine Roberts, of No. 30 Chesterfield Apts., reported that someone broke the window of her apartment. Damage was estimated at \$30.

"The Governor has also been making sure North Carolina gets all the federal funds it can for western development. Since he's been in office he's approved more than \$52 million in Appalachian Regional Commission grants for western counties."

Spangler says Cleveland County's early success in reaching its fundraising goal is a good sign. "We met our goal early in the spring and Jim Hunt won big in the Democratic primary," Spangler says. "With out fall goal in so early we might see an even bigger victory this November."

Vickie Smart, of 820 Grace St., reported that someone entered her home and took two stereo sets, a clock, a black and white television set, a fan, and 58 tapes valued at \$745.

Carl Armstrong, of Rt. 4, reported that a mini warehouse he owns on Slater Street was robbed of \$24.60 worth of snack items.

Jim Guiton of 707 Groves St. reported theft of a lawnmower, valued at \$160, and Lawrence Allen of 400 Waco Rd. reported theft of a bicycle.

Terry Grigg, of 106 Sadie St., said his house was broken into and stolen were one table, four chairs, a hoe, shovel, gas can valued at \$212.00.

Deborah Barnette, of 212 Blanton St., reported vandalism to her car. She said the seats were pulled out of place and the knobs were removed from the radio.

Rickie Henson of 808 Cleveland Ave. reported the theft of a bicycle valued at \$114.

Roy R. Dobbins, of 133 McGinnis St., reported that while he was visiting on Grace Street that an unidentified subject him him with a stick or board and took his wallet.

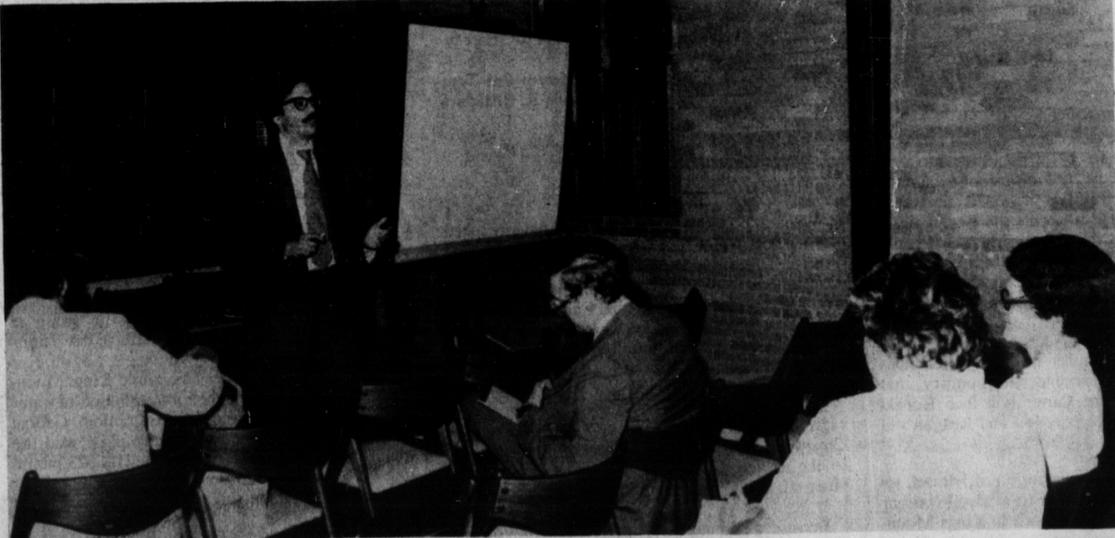


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**LECTURES** — Dr. Irvin A. Buchwald, above, Chief of Pulmonary Medicine at St. John's Hospital in Lowell, Mass., was visiting lecturer at Kings Mountain Hospital Thursday for an all-day

Pulmonary Education Day, a continuing medical education program.