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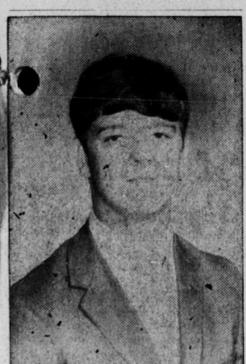
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Summer Ends Next Thursday As School Bells Ring

Three Break-Ins, Robberies, Manhunt Keep Police Busy; Cash, Jewels Taken



GRADUATE — Benny Dwin Yarbrough has received his degree in psychology from Gardner Webb college.

Yarbrough Wins Degree

Benny Dwin Yarbrough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Yarbrough of Kings Mountain, was graduated Saturday from Gardner college at Bowling Springs.

Yarbrough received his Bachelor of Science degree in psychology.

McGill Heads Gaston McGills

Norman F. McGill, Jr., partner in McGills Easo Service Station, was elected president of McGill's of Gastonia at the annual reunion of the Clan Sunday at Bethel Church Arbor.

Mr. McGill succeeds T. A. Lynn of Gastonia.

Re-elected secretary-treasurer was Mrs. Martin Harmon.

Miss Willie McGill gave a history of the Clan and President Lynn read the scripture. Tim Gladden said the invocation.

President Lynn announced that the Clan is publishing a 30-page history book which will be off the presses in the next few days. Orders for the booklet should be directed to Herald Editor Martin Harmon.

Jaycee Benefit To Rescue Squad

The Kings Mountain Jaycees will give away a 1962 Chevrolet station wagon on the final night of the Bethware Fair, Sept. 16. A drawing will be held at 10 p.m. and Steve Wilson, chairman winner does not have to be pre of the car committee, said the sent.

Tickets for the drawing may be obtained for one dollar donation, which will go to the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad. Tickets may be obtained at Myers Printing, Belt Detective Agency, Harris Funeral Home and the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad building.

Grayson's First Firm To Relocate In Downtown; In New Home Today

Grayson's Jewelry, a Kings Mountain business citizen since 1947, became the first business to relocate in the downtown project Tuesday.

The jewelry store has occupied handsome new, air-conditioned quarters in the building formerly occupied by First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company at 133 West Mountain street.

The firm's home has been in the W. K. Mauney building which is yet to be purchased by the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission.

Mrs. T. Wood Grayson, owner of the firm, said the firm will open its new location today (Thursday).

Outlaw At-Large Is 25-Year-Old Prison Escapee

Elford Guy Coker, 25-year-old escapee from a Gaffney, S. C., prison, who was the center of a manhunt in Kings Mountain Sunday, was Tuesday declared an outlaw by Superior Court Judge B. T. Falls.

According to the Attorney General's office, Coker is only the third person to be declared an outlaw in North Carolina.

This means that any person, either a citizen or law enforcement official, can shoot and kill Coker if he refuses arrest.

Coker, who had been serving a 12-year sentence for armed robbery, is wanted by Kings Mountain authorities on charges of rapping his five-year-old niece on August 3.

Sunday's search by local and Cherokee County, S. C., law enforcement officers began when Kings Mountain police officer Tommy King stopped a car on Margrace Road.

King said he spotted Coker in the back seat. When the car stopped, Coker ran and King gave chase. King tripped and suffered a broken ankle.

Coker is described as a white male, approximately five feet, eight inches tall and weighing 180 pounds. He has dark, curly hair and a dark complexion.

Kings Mountain Police Chief Tom McDevitt said late Wednesday that Coker's father was trying to locate him and urge him to turn himself in to authorities. McDevitt speculated that if he turns himself in, it will be within the next 24 hours.

Coker reportedly has been living in a wooded area behind his home since escaping from the Gaffney prison three weeks ago. Police said they have found a large piece of plastic in the woods, used as a shelter, and empty food cans where he is believed to have camped.

According to the police, relatives had been taking him some of his meals up until the time the alleged rape occurred.

Police said that two nephews and the five-year-old niece took Coker his meal on that day. The two nephews reportedly returned home to get hatchet for the fugitive and left the girl alone with him. When the boys returned they found that the girl had been raped, police said.

Coker was spotted in the area Saturday night and prison author- Continued On Page Eight

Rape Charge Is Lodged

A 32-year-old Kings Mountain man has been charged with the August 11 rape of Mrs. Ruth Eubanks of 402 Hill Street.

Police arrested Winifred Hope, who is accused of entering the Eubanks home around 3:45 a.m. August 11 and sexually assaulting Mrs. Eubanks.

According to police reports, Mrs. Eubanks and her husband, Grady Eubanks, were both asleep when Hope allegedly entered the home.

The interior and exterior of the completely renovated building is yellow and large picture display windows open over the city's new min park. Enhancing the front of the building is a planter of flowers.

Inside the building are ample display sections and one new feature is a music section which Tommy Grayson says will include country and western and gospel tapes and records, in addition to the regular stock. New music fixtures are also an addition.

Other members of the staff are Miss Peggy Ross, manager, and Mrs. Ralph Harrison.



TAPPED — Dr. Bob E. Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Patterson of Kings Mountain, has been tapped as one of the "Outstanding Educators of America" for 1972.

Dr. Patterson In Who's Who

Dr. Bob E. Patterson has been elected one of the "Outstanding Educators of America" for 1972.

His name will be included in the 1972 awards volume published to recognize the achievements of the nation's most distinguished college and university teachers and scholars.

Only a select number of men and women are included in the awards volume every year — individuals whose contributions to profession and community have merited special recognition. Guidelines include an educator's talents in the classroom, contributions to research, administrative abilities, civic services and professional recognition.

Dr. Patterson, an associate professor at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, was also elected the "Outstanding Faculty Member for 1971-72" by the student body at Baylor. He is son of Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Patterson of Kings Mountain.

Dr. Patterson is editor of the twelve volume series, "Makers of the Modern Theological Mind." The first three volumes of the series have already been published and the others are in the process of publication. He is the author of the seventh volume in the series. In 1971, he published "The Stirring Giant" a 312 page book on church renewal.

Dr. Patterson is a B. A. graduate from Baylor University. He also holds three graduate degrees and has done post graduate work in philosophy at the University of Texas.

Lunch will be spread from 12 until 2 p.m. at Shelter No. 2 at Lake Crawford at South Carolina State Park.

A spokesman for the firm said that activities for employees and their families will get underway at 11 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. He said horseshoe pitching, badminton games, swimming, and putt-putt golf are on the agenda for the day.

1500 Expected By Craftspun

A crowd of between 1300-1500 Craftspun Yarn employees and their families will gather for the company's annual picnic Saturday.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Spivey of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Herman Yawn of Rock Hill, S. C.; and two sons, Charles F. Stowe of Kings Mountain and John Stowe of Shelby. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Her pastor, Rev. James Wilder, officiated at the final rites and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Active pallbearers were W. T. Weir, Odell Benton, J. C. Bridges, Eugene Roberts, Jake Hord and Marion Dixon.

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Grocer, Motel, Rippy Jewelry Were Targets

A rash of break-ins, two armed robberies in the area, and a manhunt for an outlaw and alleged rapist kept area law enforcement officers busy during the weekend.

Police said Saturday morning's armed robbery of Royal Villa Motor Inn at 1-85 netted thieves over \$200 in cash and travelers checks and Sunday morning's break-in of Rippy's Jewelry filled thieves' purses with 16 watches and 13 rings.

Tuesday morning a Grover road service station operator was beaten and robbed of approximately \$200.

Wednesday the search had widened for a 25-year-old prison escapee, Elford Coker, former resident of the Margrace area, who was officially declared an outlaw, the state's third.

Cleveland County Sheriff's deputies are still investigating the Tuesday morning beating and robbery of a Route 2 grocery store and service station operator.

Henry White, 79-year-old owner of the Military Park Service Station on Highway 29 near Grover, told Det. Paul Barbee that two black men beat him and robbed him of \$200 shortly after 8:30 a.m., as he was straightening up some drink bottles in the back of the store.

White told Barbee the two men hit him over the head with some kind of object. He said he tried to get up and they knocked him down again and took his wallet. He said the men then went to the cash register and tried to open it but it was locked.

White said he tried again to get up but the men again knocked him to the floor and beat him. He said the men started to leave the store and when he tried to get up again they turned and fired a shot at him. White said the pistol appeared to be a .22

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Mrs. C. F. Stowe's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Martha Catherine Stowe, 89, widow of Charles F. Stowe who died in 1940, were conducted Monday morning at 11 o'clock from Kings Mountain Baptist church of which she was a member.

Her pastor, Rev. James Wilder, officiated at the final rites and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

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Fishermen Find Missing Man's Clothing On City Lake Bank

Fishermen found clothing reportedly belonging to Charles Foster, 35, White male, of Gastonia, and a suicide note Tuesday afternoon on the banks of the city's York road reservoir.

Rescue workers dragged the lake for several hours but found no body. Police Chief Tom McDevitt reported.

The Gaston County man has been missing from home since Saturday.



CITY EMPLOYEE HONORED FOR LONG SERVICE—Glenn Carroll, left, holding plaque, is congratulated on "17 years good service with the City of Kings Mountain" by Mayor John H. Moss, presenting the certificate along with a gift from Carroll's co-workers in the Public Works Department. Mr. Carroll retired August 11th on his 65th birthday. Pictured in the group around Carroll and the Mayor, from left to right, J. C. Bell, Andrew Smith, Bynum Cook, Ace Mace, Dale Watson, James Boheler, Ronnie Carpenter, Jerry Hollifield, S. A. "Red" Blanton, Mr. Moss, Donnie Mace, Jack Williams, and Public Works Supt. Roscoe Wooten. (Photo by Jim Belt)

Mayor To Tap 15-Man Group On Celebration

A 15-man Centennial Commission to plan the community celebration of Kings Mountain's 100th birthday in 1974 will be formulated.

The city commission has authorized Mayor John Moss to appoint 15 citizens to a commission for the purpose of directing the Centennial celebration and its attendant ceremonies.

"We anticipate this will be the city's biggest celebration in many years," said the mayor.

Masters Infant Seriously Ill

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Masters remained in serious condition yesterday in Cleveland Memorial hospital at Shelby.

The baby was born Tuesday morning at 8 a.m., with a lung ailment.

Mr. Masters is a Harris Funeral Home employee.

School Workshop Was "Success"

The first substitute teacher workshop conducted by the City Schools Administration Wednesday was a success.

Supt. Don Jones said that 37 substitute teachers took part in the two-hour workshop. Jones said the second teacher workshop would be held in November or December.

Any persons interested in participating in the workshop should contact the School Administration Office. Substitute teacher pay is \$15 per day.

KIWANIS PROGRAM

Gene White, director of the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission, was guest speaker at Thursday's meeting of the Kiwanis Club at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's club.

"I've gone to Davidson Park and went swimming and got so sick I couldn't drive home," he commented. He said there were no outdoor toilets there, that the basketball goals are in a leaning position and that there is supposed to be a picnic area there. "I'd like to know what's happened to the money and the grant. Was it used for something else?" he asked. The grant he referred to was a federal grant for the city's park system.

Rev. Scott said he has tried in the past to obtain an answer from the city in regard to his questions but has been given a "runaround." "They don't want us to come up here because they are afraid it will get in the papers and make the city look bad," (Continued on Page Eight)

Mrs. Patterson's Rites Conducted

She Was First Woman Member Of School Board

Funeral rites for Mrs. Fairy Long Patterson, 86, widow of Arthur Hunter Patterson, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Central Methodist church of which she was a charter member.

Mrs. Patterson died Friday night at 10:30 p.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital following illness of several years.

First woman member of the Kings Mountain Board of Education, Mrs. Patterson was also a former Kings Mountain Herald society editor and retired assistant secretary-treasurer of Home Savings & Loan Association of which her husband was founder. Mr. Patterson died May 2nd this year.

A native of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Patterson was the daughter of the late Perry and Melissa Lackey Long.

An honorary life member of the Women's Society of Christ, Continued On Page Eight

25th Year For Harris Firm

Harris Funeral Home Tuesday observed its 25th anniversary in Kings Mountain.

Founded in 1947 by Ollie Harris, Harris Funeral Home presently has seven employees, including Ollie Harris, Bennett Masters, Mrs. J. B. Falls, Mrs. Ann Randle, Richard McKee, C. D. Ware and John White.

Mr. Harris said in the 25 years Harris Funeral Home has been here, it has served more than 2,000 families in the Grover-Kings Mountain area.

"We have also maintained for 25 years an efficient ambulance service, with trained attendants who know the importance of care and first aid in answering these calls, and we hope to continue this service in the face of a growing trend of government-maintained ambulance service," Harris said.

Harris also noted the improvements in the Home over the 25 year period, noting especially the modern Chapel.

"Kings Mountain Grover area citizens have complimented us on our service through a quarter century and our pledge is to continue to provide the high type of service in the future," Harris said.

District Pupils Return To Books 8:30 August 24

Where has summer gone? That's a question being asked by several school-age children in the Kings Mountain area.

Summer will come to an end for the students next week as the 1972-73 school year begins.

Thursday's first day of school will be for registration and orientation. All schools in the city district will begin at 8:30 a.m. Elementary school will dismiss at 10:30, Kings Mountain High at 11:30 and Central Junior High at 11:45.

The first full day of school will be on Friday, Aug. 25 with classes running from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Superintendent Ron Jones said that all first graders would be dismissed at 12 noon through September 1.

The school year for teachers will begin on Monday. Meetings, lectures and evaluation of instructional programs are on tap for Monday through Wednesday.

The schedule for Monday consists mostly of staff meetings with the principals and teachers reviewing inventories and meeting with co-teachers.

No general meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. Teachers will spend the day preparing their Learning Activity Packages, planning and developing centers of interest and reviewing operation and care of media equipment. Principals will hold committee and department staff meetings and orient new staff members.

Supt. Jones will preside over a general staff meeting from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Kings Mountain High School cafeteria. Dudley Blood and Gene Causby of Raleigh will speak on "Human Relations" from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m. after teachers have lunch as guests of the Board of Education.

Board Projects Dog Warden

A dog ordinance and an environmental council were the main topics of discussion during the regular agenda at the city board meeting Monday night.

The commissioners authorized Mayor John Moss to appoint a committee, to be chaired by commissioner Jonas Bridges, to detail a workable dog ordinance covering Cleveland County.

Mayor Moss told the board that the county has only one dog warden. He said, "we have been talking to the county commissioners as to some kind of centralized plan, but have been unable to move this project forward."

Moss said that the county commissioners "have discussed" Continued On Page Eight

Police Department Has Two Vacancies

Police Chief Tom McDevitt is accepting applications for two vacancies on the police department.

Applicants, male, should be between the ages of 21-30, and weigh 160 pounds and stand five feet eight inches tall. A high school diploma or equivalent is required and the man should be a resident of the city of Kings Mountain or be willing to move into the city. He should have no criminal record.

Leon Alexander Rotary Speaker

Leon L. Alexander, Gaston County industrialist and president of Wix Corporation, will address Kings Mountain Rotarians at their August 24th meeting (next Thursday) at 12:15 at the Country club.

Mr. Alexander will speak on program arranged by Thomas L. Trott.

He is a native of Charlotte. Continued On Page Eight

Black Citizens Air Complaints On Davidson Park, Street Work

Black residents representing the Kings Mountain Improvement Association questioned Mayor John Moss and city commissioners on city services at Monday night's regular meeting of the commission.

Rev. W. F. Scott, pastor of Bynum's Chapel AME Zion church and a resident of Harmon Court, city public housing development, was spokesman for the group. He told the board and commissioners that a "portion of Kings Mountain is being overlooked."

"I don't know if you ever look at the black section of Kings Mountain," he said, "but it's in bad shape."

Rev. Scott cited Davidson Park as an example of the "city's lack of improvements in the black sections."