

# Police Continue Knauer Murder Investigation

Police had no concrete leads yesterday but were continuing an around-the-clock investigation with the SBI into the murder and rape of Mrs. Rose-

mary Knauer, 43, of Miami, Fla., penny arcade operator at the Cleveland County Fair, whose par-

tially-clad body was found by KMPD in a wooded area near the back of the Kings Mountain Inn about 10 p.

m. Monday. Cleveland County Coroner Bennett Masters said that preliminary report of an autopsy revealed that the woman was "stabbed in excess of 28 times and raped after she was killed."

Masters placed the time of death at about 10 p. m. Sunday and theorized that the woman was attacked at her car, a late-model Buick parked at the motel. "Her ring finger had been cut with a knife," said Masters. "She must have put out her hand and the blood splashed on top of her car," he said.

obscene telephone calls while they were registered at a motel in Shelby and had checked into the Kings Mountain Inn Friday at 1:45 p. m., bringing their two dogs, one a Doberman Pinscher, with her. Ptl. Mike Sanders of KMPD checked the woman's room and found the two dogs and a large sum of money. The officer then checked the woman's car and when he found blood on the roof, searched the nearby wooded area. Masters said that Mrs. Knauer was stabbed all over the top portion of her body and had seven stab wounds, probably made with a small knife, on the side of her neck. According to the coroner, the woman's slacks were cut

or torn and pulled partially from her waist and she was lying on her back in a thickly wooded area. A key to the motel room was found in a scarf in the woods a few feet from the body, he said.

Police theorize that the woman returned from her job at the fairgrounds sometime after 6 p. m. Sunday and then returned to her car later in the evening, leaving the dogs in the room. According to KMPD, the dogs barked most of the day Monday. Mr. Knauer told police the dogs did not bark when his wife was in the room.

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## GOP Candidate Convoy Planned

A GOP candidate "convoy" will form in the upper Cleveland County town of Casar at 9 a. m. Sat., Oct. 9 and will end five hours later in Kings Mountain as candidates move into Gaston County to continue a day of hard campaigning.

Preceded by a brass ensemble into each town and led by Jesse Helms, the senior senator from North Carolina, the whirlwind tour will give Cleveland County voters in 10 communities an opportunity to visit briefly and shake hands with candidates for national, state, and local office.

Jim Broyhill, whose reelection campaign was delayed until Congress adjourned last Friday, will also lead the convoy which will represent his first major effort in Cleveland County.

Gubernatorial candidate Dave Flaherty comes to the county fresh from his radio-TV debates with Democrat Jim Hunt. Flaherty, and candidate for Lt. Governor Bill Hiatt, are expected to continue with the caravan into neighboring Gaston County.

Fred Leigh, who is seeking election as register of deeds, will join the motorcade.

Candidate convoy organizers urged citizens to gather early at rally points because a very tight schedule permits only time for brief greetings and handshaking at each stop.

The convoy will make a major stop in Shelby at approximately 11:35 a. m., where candidates will be given a rest period. Box lunches will be made available free to the first 200 adults who join in the rally on the west side of the courthouse at 12:15 p. m.

The public is invited to meet the candidate who will be introduced at 12:45 p. m. and each candidate will be given about two minutes to greet those gathered for the rally.

At 12:40 p. m. the rally will move to Republican headquarters located in the Charles Hotel building for a ribbon cutting ceremony signifying the formal opening of Republican headquarters in Cleveland County. The headquarters actually opened for business two weeks ago.

The convoy will leave Shelby at 1 p. m. for Patterson Springs, Earl, Grover, and the Cleveland County portion will terminate in Kings Mountain at 1:45 p. m.

Everyone is invited to participate in the convoy.

## Masters Is Named Coroner

Bennett Masters of Kings Mountain has been appointed to fill the two year unexpired term of the late M. D. (Bub) Walker as Cleveland County Coroner. Walker died last week.

Masters had been serving as assistant coroner. The county commissioners also appointed James Gold of Shelby as assistant coroner replacing Masters. Gold's term will run consecutively with that of Masters.



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## Operates Insurance Offices

Elwood Roberts, a Kings Mountain native, announces the operation of Roberts Insurance Agency on Margrace Mill Rd.

A graduate of Compact High Roberts has served a hitch in the U. S. Army serving in Vietnam. He is attending Cleveland Tech seeking a business degree.

Roberts was employed by Citizens Insurance Agency in Morganton and worked for Reserve Life and Independent Life Insurance companies in North Carolina before opening his own agency here.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Belton Roberts of Grover, Roberts is married to the former Edna Goode of Bessemer City. They reside at Rt. 2, Kings Mountain with their two children, Monica, 8, and Sajad, 2.

## HAMBRIGHT REUNION

The descendants of Col. Fredrick Hambricht will meet Sun., Oct. 10 at 1 p. m. at the Grover Rescue Squad. All family members are urged to attend.

## Plan Revival

Rev. Joe Bradley of Morganton will be visiting evangelist for revival services beginning Oct. 10 and continuing through Oct. 16 at 7 p. m. nightly at Penley's Chapel Methodist Church on Cherryville Rd. Special singing each evening will feature the services.

Rev. W. L. Huffstetler is pastor of the church.

"The killing looked like the work of a maniac," said the coroner.

Masters said that Dennis Knauer, husband of the victim, said he returned from operating concessions at a South Carolina fair Monday to find his wife not in her room and reported her missing.

Knauer told Masters that his wife had been receiving

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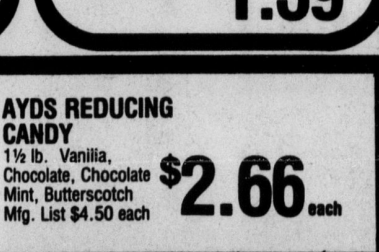
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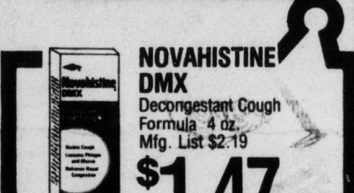
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