

IN THE NEWS

Reward Offered

Mrs. Sarah Jones is offering \$50 reward to the person supplying her information on the name of the individual or individuals who slashed her brand, new Monte Carlo with knitter clippers Tuesday afternoon.

The Duplex employe said her car was parked at the Duplex employe entrance and she was at work in the plant when vandals apparently took knitter clippers and scraped down the entire right front door and side of her two-tone blue Chevy.

Persons with information can contact Mrs. Jones at 739-6067.

Ptl. Ralph Grindstaff is investigating for Kings Mountain Police Department.

Scout Jamboree

Three delegates from Shelby and one alternate from Kings Mountain will take part in the 1977 National Scout Jamboree August 3-9.

Jerome Creach, James Sanders and James Tiddy of Shelby will serve as delegates and Michael T. McElveen of Kings Mountain is alternate.

These young men will be in the 36 Scouts from the 11 county Piedmont Council joining together to form the Jamboree troop.

Piedmont Council Scoutmaster David A. Rutledge of Course said this Jamboree will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for most of the Scouts. Set in western Pennsylvania's Moraine State Park near Butler, the Jamboree is designed to offer boys a chance to learn leadership and program ideas which they can apply upon their return home to improve the quality of Scouting.

Church Benefit

Youth of Central United Methodist Church will sponsor a hot dog supper Wed., July 27, and serving will be from 11:30 a. m. until 2 p. m. at the church fellowship hall.

All proceeds are earmarked for the youth group's annual trip to the beach.

Plates are \$1 and include hot dog with slaw, chili and cold drink. Additional hot-dogs are available at 50 cents each and desserts may also be purchased, said a church spokesman.

Assumes Duties

Rev. Ronnie Lefevers, Kings Mountain native, has assumed new duties as Associate Pastor of Kings Mountain Church of God on Parker Street.

The Kings Mountain man is a recent graduate of Lee College in Cleveland, Tenn. where he received his B. A. degree in Biblical Education and New Testament Greek. His wife, the former Teresa Sullivan of Birmingham, Ala., also graduated from Lee College with degree in Elementary Education.

The Lefevers are residing at 105 E. Parker Street.

Rev. Mr. Lefevers is son of Mrs. Mildred Lefevers of Kings Mountain.

At Kings Mountain Church of God, he will assist Rev. S. W. Avery, pastor, in the church program with special emphasis on activities for youth.



Photo By Gary Stewart

WINNER NUMBER TWO — Danny Bolin, 15, of Grover is the proud winner of a 10 speed bicycle from TG&Y in The Mirror-Herald summer circulation drive. Jim Allen, manager of TG&Y, is shown here with Bolin.

Danny Bolin Second M-H Bicycle Winner

Danny Bolin of Grover is the second bike winner in The Mirror-Herald summer circulation drive.

The 15-year old supersalesman racked up 20 new yearly subscription sales to The Mirror-Herald and rode away on a 10 speed bicycle from TG&Y.

At present there are more than 30 young people registered as circulation salesmen for The Mirror-Herald and there is room for more.

The rules are simple:

First, to qualify you must be 12-years old or older.

Second, you must come to our offices on S. Piedmont Ave. to register and for orientation.

Third, record 20 new yearly subscribers to The Mirror-Herald to earn a brand new bicycle. Winners get their choice of one from the five styles offered at TG&Y.

Fourth, written permission from parents or guardian allowing qualified youngsters to become Mirror-Herald circulation sales employes. In most cases a parent or guardian has accompanied youngsters to our offices to register.

Think of it. We increase our paid circulation and you earn cash or a bike or both. The first 20 new subscriptions sold is automatically a bike. Any number under or over 20 is \$3 per new subscription earned. In one case a salesperson is shooting for 40 new subscribers and two bikes, one for himself (which he has already earned) and one for his younger sister.

Search Is On For New KM Postmaster

A Charlotte native who got his start in the postal system as a city carrier 17 years ago in Mecklenburg County assumed new duties Friday as Officer-In-Charge of Kings Mountain Post Office.

Walter Loveless, foreman of delivery at the Charlotte Post Office, said that a new Postmaster here would probably be appointed within 90 days. Any postal supervisor can apply for the job, including Kings Mountain's Fred Weaver, who is a veteran employe.

Charles Alexander, 55, spent his last day on the job on Friday, closing a career with the postal system of 26 years. He said he had no immediate plans, expects to "get in a little golfing."

Loveless, who says he travels quite a lot in supervisory positions to other postoffices all

over the state, works with 600 city routes and 400 rural routes, including Kings Mountain's, in his position as foreman of delivery from the main postal headquarters on Mulberry Rd., Charlotte. Kings Mountain's Postoffice is among 202 served by the Charlotte Postoffice which numbers more than 1,300 employes.

Loveless is a graduate of North Mecklenburg High School and served an eight-year-tour of duty with the U. S. Air Force. He is father of four girls and a boy, and his son leaves next month for a tour of duty with Uncle Sam.

When Charles Alexander became Kings Mountain postmaster the city had three city routes and three rural routes. The city now has six fulltime city routes and four rural routes.

Business Development Director Sets Meeting

Businessmen and land owners in the central business district are being invited to a dutch dinner meeting at Kings Mountain Inn on Tues., Aug. 2.

The purpose of this meeting is to acquaint them with the duties of Larry Billings, director of business development for the City of Kings Mountain.

Billings, who was hired by the city under a Community Development block grant program several months ago, said, "I feel this is the best method to meet all of the CBD

businessmen and land owners and to give them a full understanding of what my job consists of for the city."

The former LEAA grants coordinator for North Carolina said he also plans to outline some proposals for improvements in the downtown area and urges those planning to attend the meeting to offer suggestions of their own to his office.

"I hope a large number of businessmen and land owners attend the August 2 meeting," Billings said. "I feel there is a

definite need for us to work together to improve our downtown shopping area in order to keep people and business here instead of in Shelby and Gastonia."

Recently, Billings told The Mirror-Herald he has had contact with several outside business interests with reference to their relocating in Kings Mountain, especially in the central business district. Billings said the prospects look very promising in some of those cases.

Candidate Filing Sept. 16

Two School Board Seats Offered In '77 Election

1977 is election year in Kings Mountain not only for three city commissioner seats, but for two seats on the district board of education.

Seats currently held by Tommy Bridges and P. A. Francis will be up for grabs in the November 8, 1977 election.

To date only one candidate has announced his intention to seek office. Kyle Smith released his notice several months ago. He will seek the KM seat now held by Bridges, who is currently residing in Lawndale. Francis is a Grover resident.

Voter registration for the Kings Mountain District Schools Board will continue until 5 p. m. Mon., Oct. 10. Candidate filing opens at noon, Fri., Sept. 16 and ends at noon, Fri., Oct. 7.

The non-partisan, simple plurality election will be conducted by the Cleveland County Board of Elections.

The Kings Mountain District Schools voter boundaries include not only all of Kings Mountain, but Grover, Bethware and a certain portion of the Waco precinct.

The city municipal election will be held on Tues., Oct. 11 with a runoff election date set for Tues., Nov. 8. Commissioner seats in districts two, five and six are up for grabs this year. All three seats are for four years.

Candidate filing for commission seats opens at noon, Fri., Aug. 19 and ends at noon, Fri., Sept. 9. Voter registration for this election ends Mon., Sept. 12.

New School Year Offers Changes For The Better

By GARY STEWART
Staff Writer

The 1977-78 school year is just around the corner, and parents and students will note a few changes in programs in the Kings Mountain Schools.

New Superintendent William Davis, who assumed his duties here July 1, has initiated a few new programs, improved a few and has had to cut some slightly.

All in all, the changes will be to the benefit of the students.

Two of the better changes include the addition of full-time librarians at the elementary schools and a state-supported Primary Reading Program at North, East and Bethware for students in grades Kindergarten through three.

The schools will also be trying out an Every Pupil Testing Program for some elementary and ninth grade students, and this will also be the year of the beginning of competency testing for high school students.

The new library program, Davis said, will give each school in the district full-time librarians. Heretofore, all elementary schools, except Central, had either part-time librarians or teacher aides manning the media centers.

For the most part, part-time library personnel has been reassigned to the primary reading program, a program being pushed by Governor Hunt.

"Many schools have had it in the past on a limited basis," said Davis, "but we'll be adding schools this year."

The program calls for teacher aides to be placed in grades kindergarten through three, giving a ratio of one teacher per 18 students.

The new testing program, Davis feels, is a result of public opinion.

On the elementary level, achievement tests will be given according to state directions and tests will be selected by a committee.

The high school competency test will be given on a trial basis to 11th graders to see if they're competent to receive a diploma.

"This is a result of a lot of public opinion because a lot of youngsters graduate without competency of gaining adequate employment," Davis said.

Davis said parents in other states, especially California, have gone so far as to sue superintendents and school boards for passing their students

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NEW OFFICER IN CHARGE — Retiring Kings Mountain Postmaster Charles L. Alexander, right, welcomes Walter Loveless of Charlotte to

Kings Mountain as Officer-In-Charge of the Kings Mountain Postoffice.