

# Football Winners Named Thursday

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The rain which forced postponement of the Kings Mountain-Chase football game Friday night also postponed the announcement of the winners of the Mirror-Herald's weekly football contest.

The KM-Chase game, which was the tie-breaking game in the contest, wasn't played until last night... too late for the Mirror-Herald's deadline.

Thus, the winners of last week's contest will be announced in Thursday's paper.

This week's contest is on page 8 of today's paper. It includes five high school games scheduled for this Friday and five college games which are on tap for Saturday.

Get out your crystal balls, pick the winners and get that \$50 first prize or second prize.

Before you pick the winners, though, read those rules carefully, then get us your entry blank by 12 noon Friday. You may mail them to the Mirror-Herald, P. O. Box 752, Kings Mountain, or bring them by our office at 204 South Piedmont Avenue.

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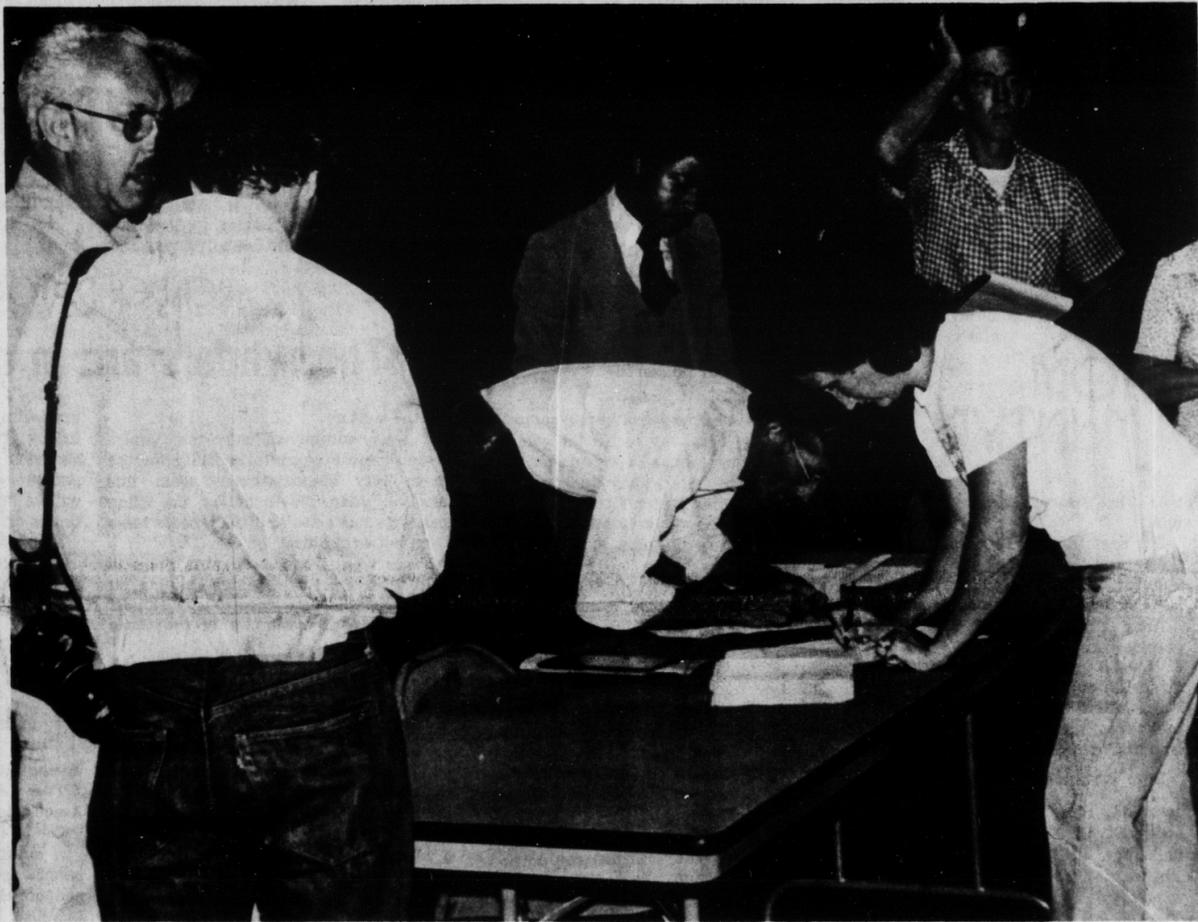
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**SIGN RESCUE PETITIONS** — Following a public meeting at the community center concerning the formation of Kings Mountain Emergency Services, Inc., citizens from the audience lent their support by signing petitions. Shown here are Ben Hord, director of KM Rescue Squad, chatting with Jim Weathers, Shelby Daily Star

reporter, while Mickey Corry, local attorney who drew the KMES, Inc. charter applications observes Bob Hope and Betty Jones, COPE president signing papers. Lawrence Stewart, member of KM Rescue Squad, is seen in the background.

Photo By Lib Stewart

## District Meeting Tonight

Second in a series of "one-on-one" local government meetings will be held Tuesday night in District Four at 7 p. m. at Second Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Commissioner Norman King and Mayor John Henry Moss will co-host the meeting. Also expected to be present is a representative of the state Department of Transportation to answer questions on progress of the proposed U. S. 74 Bypass for Kings Mountain.

The jump from District One to District Four was made at the request of District Two Commissioner Humes Houston, whose wife, Dorothy, enters Spartanburg Hospital Tuesday for surgery.

Purpose of the "one-on-one" meetings, to be held in each of the six districts this Fall and again in each of the districts next summer prior to an annual town meeting, is to get citizen input on what they feel will improve city government operation.

Last Tuesday's initial meeting was a disappointing turnout of five citizens and four elected officials but was the first step in what Mayor John Moss hopes to be large citizen participation.

For KM Emergency Services, Inc.

## Charter Application Is Submitted

By ELIZABETH STEWART  
Staff Writer

Pledging to support a new rescue squad, a group of 25 citizens Wednesday night at the Community Center applied for a charter to establish Kings Mountain Emergency Medical Services, Inc., a non-profit all-volunteer rescue squad which won't charge a penny for services.

The movement is led by Bob Hope, Kings Mountain native and former Captain of Kings Mountain Rescue Squad who is a 15-year veteran officer who was temporarily suspended from the squad last spring after a disagreement with one of the members and quit after he overheard one of the members ask a caller if he could pay for the ambulance service he was seeking.

"That call for help just tore me up," said Hope, who reiterated that "we're not downing anybody and not trying to run anybody out of business. We'll back them (the Rescue Squad) 100 percent and hope they'd help us. My argument is that the rescue equipment belongs to the citizens of Kings Mountain, not to the rescue squad. And if we charge the people to use it, it would be the same as charging a person to ride in his own automobile."

In July the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad began charging a minimum of \$20 for ambulance service when area funeral homes got out of the ambulance business due to increase in state requirements.

Hope pointed out at Wednesday's meeting that the Kings Mountain squad didn't have enough manpower to cover the extra calls during the day and "I was first man to advise the county of this. I realize that ambulance service in the county does fall on the shoulders of the county commission but they (the county) should stop charging after the volunteers come on duty.

"The day I left the Rescue Squad, we had \$15,000 in the bank, that was five months ago. I was elected Captain four years ago and served three years and four months before I was asked to step down. I won't pick up the first patient and charge him."

Ben Hord, a member and director of the present squad, agrees with Hope that "some folks just can't afford to pay and shouldn't when they gave the funds to start the Rescue Squad 20 years ago."

Others in the audience expressed displeasure at charging for services.

Mickey Corry, attorney-at-law who drew up the charter for the group, said the charter has been forwarded to the Secretary of State's office in Raleigh and is expected to be approved within two weeks when the group will meet again to organize and elect officers.

To a question from the audience, Corry would not spell out if there is any way those procedures could be blocked or for what reasons the charter could be disapproved.

Corry said the petition being circulated is only a "show of strength."

A total of 65 citizens had signed a petition this week and more were being circulated. Several members at the initial meeting Wednesday signed the petition.

To a question from Bobby Herndon on legality of whether the new squad could perform ambulance service along with rescue services, Corry said he saw no reason it could not. He said it was his opinion that a non-profit organization should not have a profit and that it appears when the county charges a "set fee" for pick-up rather than a "contribution of any amount" that it is questionable.

Hope said that the new squad already has received some donations from the public and promises of an ambulance and crash truck as well as a place for meeting. He also said that 22 people have said they would join the new squad and five are emergency medical technicians. He said some of the members will come from the old squad.

"Our people will be qualified," he declared. "I'll never send a man out without experience as I've seen done."

Several members of Hope's family were in the audience. His mother, Mrs. George Hope, said she was most appreciative of the KM Rescue Squad and had furnished four sons of its members.

Hope's two sisters, Mrs. Polly Kimbrell and Mrs. Joe Herndon, also spoke of the fine service rendered by the Rescue Squad, but declared that charges should not be made for services.

To a question, Ben Hord replied that if the new organization were "to fold," that the equipment would be sold and funds donated to a charitable organization.

Hope told the group that "the Rescue Squad kept me going and has been my whole life. I have some good friends on the present Squad and I'm not out to hurt anybody. I know we'll have to start all from scratch, but if Kings Mountain citizens are behind us, we can do it."