



The arctic air which brought sub-freezing temperatures last weekend will move on to be replaced by another cold front expected about Wednesday. Also around midweek there is a chance showers will return. Otherwise fair with seasonable temperatures are expected today through Thursday. Highs will be in the 50s, lows in the 20s in the west and 40s in the eastern portions of North Carolina.

Murder Charge Lodged

Harold Lawson Carswell, 42, of Rt. 3, Granite Falls is charged with murder in the shooting death of William Lealie Beane in Kings Mountain last Thursday.

Carswell was arrested by the Caldwell County Sheriff's Department Thursday night on warrants supplied by Kings Mountain Det. Sgt. Richard Reynolds.

Beane, 43, of Rt. 2, Granite Falls, was shot once in the chest at close range by a .38 calibre handgun about noon Thursday.

He died about 4 p. m. Thursday on the operating table at Kings Mountain Hospital.

The shooting incident took place in Hermies Restaurant on E. King St. shortly after noon, according to witnesses. Det. Sgt. Reynolds said, "Witnesses said a man entered the restaurant went to the counter and spoke to Beane, then shot him. There was no argument between the two men according to the witnesses. After the single shot was fired

witnesses said the man walked out the door."

Beane had been manager of Hermies in Kings Mountain for about two months. Police said his residence is listed as Rt. 2, Granite Falls in Carwell County — about 50 miles from Kings Mountain.

Carswell was brought to Cleveland County Friday and placed in the county jail at the Law Enforcement Center, Shelby.

In San Francisco

Childers, King Attended Meeting

Commissioners James H. Childers and W. Norman King, attended the annual convention of the National League of Cities, the largest gathering of municipal

officials in the country, last week in San Francisco, Calif.

The annual meeting — the Congress of Cities — brought together nearly 4,500 mayors, council members, and government officials from across the country for discussions of major issues and the formulation of national municipal policy designed to improve the quality of life for those who live in America's cities.

Urban self-help and President Carter's promised National Urban Policy were the dominant themes at this year's meeting. The opening general session Monday, Dec. 5 featured statements on urban issues by Gov. Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts, Councilmember Nick Carbone of Hartford, Conn., and Clarence Mitchell, Washington director of the NAACP. HUD Secretary Patricia Roberts Harris and DOT Secretary Brock Adams spoke on national urban

policy issues at the outset of the concluding business session on Wednesday.

Delegates to the Congress of Cities participated in a series of special and program workshops throughout the convention. Special workshops were scheduled on the subjects of the arts in the city, water services and drought, water pollution and solid waste management, youth employment, family violence, arson, urban reinvestment, crime prevention, and university resources. Program workshops focused on issues relating to urban development, small cities, labor relations, energy policy, tax policy, and government reorganization.

The Congress of Cities concluded Wednesday with the League of Cities' annual business meeting where agenda items included the adoption of national municipal policy and election of officers.

On Three Requests

Z&P Board Sets Meeting Thursday

The Kings Mountain Zoning and Planning Board will meet Thurs., Dec. 15 at 8 p. m. at city hall to act on three proposals.

The rezoning requests include one from Hal Plonk on behalf of the Plonk heirs to rezone from R-20 to R-10 property adjacent to Ashley Park on the west side of town.

The 30.541 acres are earmarked for the establishment of a residential subdivision.

The second request is from Paul and Lillian Mauney of 3600 Margrace Rd. They request rezoning 26.77 acres, located on the north side of U. S. Hwy. 74 near the proposed bypass intersection, from R-8 to LI.

The final request to be considered is from W. S. Fulton Jr. to rezone from R-8 to R-6 approximately six acres located east of Hwy. 161 and north of Ridge St.

Z&P Board recommendations will be sent back to the city board of commissioners for action.

John Major Replaces Tompkins At Eaton

John W. Major has taken over as Plant Manager at Eaton Corporations, Kings Mountain facility succeeding

Ronald Tompkins. Major has been directing feasibility studies in Venezuela for the manufacture of axles and industrial trucks.

During his career which started at the Cleveland, Ohio Axle Plant in 1964, he was given increasing responsibilities.

He was transferred to Henderson, Ky. in 1969 as Construction Project Coordinator.

In 1972 he was assigned to the International Development Division in Cleveland, Ohio, as a Project Manager. Caracas, Venezuela, South America was his first assignment as Project Director in the New Axle joint venture in Venezuela. He later assumed the responsibility of General Manager of the Yale Lock Division in Caracas, Venezuela.

John and wife, Jeanne have three children, a daughter, Cheryl is a freshman at Ohio University; a son David, a senior at Shelby High, and daughter, Beth, a seventh grader at Shelby Jr. High.

The family resides on Quail Hollow Dr. at Moss Lake.

David Choir To Sing Cantata

The 20-voice Choir of David Baptist Church will sing the Christmas Cantata, "King of Kings," Sunday night at 7 p. m. at the church.

Dennis Bolin is directing the Christmas program and organist will be Jackie McSwain with Jackie Porter as pianist.

The community is invited to attend the Christmas musical program, said a spokesman.

David Baptist Church is located on U. S. 74 West across from Bethware School.

Band Concert Is Thursday

The Kings Mountain Junior High eighth grade band and ninth grade band, and the KM Senior High Blazer Band will present a concert on Thurs., Dec. 15 at 8 p. m. at E. N. Barnes Auditorium.

The program will include traditional band and seasonal music. It will be conducted by Donald Deal and Christopher Cole.

There is no admission charge and the entire public is invited to attend.

Second Hearing Is Tonight

Kings Mountain citizens are encouraged to attend the second Community Development Block Grant public hearing Tuesday night, Dec. 13th, at 7:30 p. m. at City Hall.

Program applications for the fourth-year CD funds will be outlined and new programs which might qualify for HUD guidelines are requested.

The fourth year funds total \$603,000, most of which is already earmarked for continuing community improvement projects including water and sewer expansion, the senior citizens program, recreation facilities at Deal St. and Davidson Parks and Child Care Home-Based Center at the Community Center.

Christmas Decorating Contest Set

Got any ideas for Christmas decorations?

Your ideas could be worth cash. The Kings Mountain Appearance Commission is sponsoring a city-wide Christmas Decorating Contest.

First place winners will receive \$25 and second place winners will receive \$15. Winners will be chosen from each of the city's six voting districts.

Mrs. Sarah Faunce, chairperson, invites all area citizens to participate. Originality and good taste will be the criteria used by the out-of-town judges.

Mrs. Steve Rankin of McAdenville will head the judges' committee. Homes will be judged on the evenings of Dec. 20 and Dec. 21.



Photo By Gary Stewart

MINISTERIAL OFFICERS — Here are the officers of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association for the coming year. Left to right, they are Rev. J. C. Goare, vice president; Rev. Dwight Edwards, president; and Rev. Robert Boggan, secretary-treasurer.

Crowders To Be Park

Establishment of a new State park at Crowders Mountain in Gaston County has been assured by the purchase of additional 675.8 acres of land, House Speaker Carl J. Stewart, Jr. has announced.

The additional acreage was acquired last Tuesday by Governor Jim Hunt and the Council of State at a cost of \$2,148,320. The State has previously bought 1,300 acres for \$1.5 million.

"Crowders Mountain is now firmly established," Stewart said. "It will be

one of North Carolina's largest State parks as well as one of the most valuable and picturesque. The action of the Council of State is a significant development for Gaston County and, indeed, for all of North Carolina."

Rugged Crowders Mountain is the dominant natural landmark in the Gaston-Cleveland County area. Its peak rises 1,625 feet above sea level and 800 feet above the Piedmont Plain.

Located near the Kings Mountain National Battleground Park and I-85, it is

readily accessible to all of North Carolina and especially the Southern Piedmont area, Stewart noted.

Officials of the State Parks Division said today that Crowders Mountain State Park will emphasize hiking, mountain climbing, camping and nature study, with possibly other recreational activities to be developed in the future.

The master plan for the park calls for State acquisition of another 1,000 acres

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How Fred Spends His Afternoons

One way to spend your afternoons, if you're retired, is standing out in the chilly wind hawking Christmas trees.

That's the way Fred Loop of 220 McGill Cr. spends his days.

"I sold over a hundred dollars worth two days running," Loop said. "I might make that again today."

Loop gets around with the aid of a cane, but that doesn't stop him from handling his daily duties for the jaycees from 1-6 p. m. It didn't stop him in 1970, 71 or 72 when he did the same thing.

He missed 1976 because he was spending time with his daughter's family in Detroit, Mich. "I started to go back to Detroit, but my daughter said don't do it because they had 18 inches of snow," he said. "Maybe I'll wait til spring and go."

Mr. Loop was working at a restaurant in Tennessee, which is his home state, when retirement age came. When it came time to settle in he decided to come back to Kings Mountain to live.

"I've been in and around here since 1922," he said. "and I always liked it. Still do. I got a nice little apartment on McGill Court and a phone too. 'Course there ain't no cable hooked to it yet so I can use it."

When asked how sales were going in general, he answered, "I don't know. Seems like the trees are too big and the price too high this year. 'Course the price is high on everything these days. Got some nice trees here, though."

"Say, maybe if you hold off on that picture taking for a bit a pretty girl might drop in and buy a tree," he said. "I'd rather have my picture took with a pretty girl."

No pretty girls came by, so Mr. Loop sighed and grabbed up a tree and said, "Snap away."



Photo By Tom McIntyre

HOW ABOUT A TREE? — Fred Loop, a retired restaurant employe from Tennessee, now residing in Kings Mountain, spends his afternoons these days selling Christmas trees for the jaycees on their lot on W. King St.