

## Rescuers Purchase Vehicle

A 1978 multi-purpose vehicle has been added to the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad rolling stock.

The Chevrolet K5 Blazer was purchased by the squad from Carter Chevrolet of Shelby under a bid process "for a considerable discount from the \$8,400 list price," said Capt. Raymond Galloway.

The vehicle was delivered Dec. 15, but was not made ready for service until emergency lights and identifying signage were added.

Sgt. Roy Hammett said, "We are trying to get as good equipment as is possible to serve the people of Kings Mountain."

He said the new four-wheel drive vehicle will be used for such routine chores as handling blood runs; and for reaching difficult locations for rescue work; and to transport emergency personnel during snowy weather.



NEW RESCUE VEHICLE — The Kings Mountain Rescue Squad has purchased a 1978 K5 Blazer, a four-wheel drive Chevrolet for use as an emergency vehicle. Pictured here with the new vehicle are Sgt. Roy Hammett, Lt. Bill Hannah and Capt. Raymond Galloway.

Photo By Tom McIntyre

## What's New In KM For 1978?

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What is on tap in Kings Mountain for 1978?

A continuation of many programs and the initiation of several new ones, according to Mayor John H. Moss.

Expected to be implemented this month is an agreement between the City of Kings Mountain and the Kings Mountain District Schools for an interchange of school and city recreational and community facilities.

"We feel this will give every citizen and group the needed facilities to permit them to participate in recreational and related community activities," the mayor said.

The completion of the Cansler Street and Central Business District urban renewal projects is also earmarked for 1978, along with completion of the Davidson and Deal St. Parks improvements. The latter two are also under the fourth year Community Development funding application and the Deal St. complex is after a grant from the N. C. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

Two new renewal projects will also be kicked off this year under the Small Cities Act to provide improvements of streets, sidewalks, street lighting, water and sewer services and surface drainage problems.

An action comprehensive growth plan will also be put into the works in '78. This is for the improvements and extension of streets and utilities to develop areas under consideration for annexation.

Under the Community Development program the city also has a commitment to improve streets and sidewalks in general in the lower income residential areas of the community. Also planned development of four mini-parks in residential communities, renovation of City Stadium and additional street lighting.

The mayor said the city will continue efforts to bring in diversified industry to Kings Mountain to provide employment for young people in the community.

The mayor said an effort will be made to extend public and private support to the Kings Mountain Development office and its new director and staff. Interviews are being held Wednesday to select a

director for the office to replace Larry Billings.

The city's gas, water, sewer and electrical departments will have plans to continue improving these services to the citizens.

A liaison program will be developed between the city and the N. C. Department of Transportation to secure a schedule program from DOT. The mayor said the schedule will have emphasis on Hwys. 161 and 216, both north and south, with respects to widening and resurfacing. Also included is a plan to open a new access road from Hwy. 29 to the Kings Mountain Junior and Senior high schools complex.

Completion is also expected on the Citizens Service Center, the community center and the governmental services facilities building.

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## It's Time To List '78 Taxes

Tax listing begins today at city hall. Edwin Moore, county tax lister for Township Four, said listing may be done between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. Monday through Friday through Jan. 31.

"We will also schedule visits to Grover," Moore said. "Those schedules will be announced this week."

Assisting Moore are Mrs. Charles Ballard and Mrs. Jack Hauser.

As usual all property owners are required to list their properties, both real and personal. Taxable properties include real estate. Personal properties include dogs, firearms, radios, TV sets, stereos, autos and trucks, household equipment and any property of value.

"By taking advantage of our hours early," Moore said, "citizens can avoid last minute rush difficulties. A continuing and orderly tax listing procedure will make the annual requirement much easier on everyone."

## Candidate Filing Has Begun Here

Candidates for the May 2 primary for county and state offices have until noon, Mon, Feb. 6 to pay their filing fees.

Candidate filing, legally, began yesterday at noon, but Jan. 2 was a statewide legal holiday, so potential candidates were eligible to file at the Cleveland County Election Board office in Shelby beginning at 8:30 a. m. today.

On the county level in 1978 the offices up for election include the sheriff, clerk of Superior Court, two county commissioner seats, two county education board seats and county coroner.

These offices are currently held by Haywood Allen, Mrs. Ruth Dedmon, C. M. Peeler, Jr. and L. E. (Josh) Himant, Mrs. Mary Lou Barrier and Bobby Stone and Bennett Masters, respectively.

Voters will also be called on to elect three members to the 25th Senatorial District and three members to the 40th House of Representative District.

Currently serving as Senators for the 25th District are J. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain, Marshall Rauch and Helen Rhyne Marvin of Gastonia. Serving in the 40th House District are Robert Falls, Robert Jones and Mrs. Edith Lutz.

The deadline for new registration and changes of address for eligibility in the May 2 primary is 5 p. m., Mon., Apr. 3.

Absentee ballots will be issued from Fri., Mar. 3 until Wed., Apr. 26. The deadline for returning absentee ballots to the county elections board is 5 p. m., Mon., May 1.

Citizens may register to vote at either the Cleveland County Board of Elections, Shelby, or by appointment at the homes of appointed registrars and qualified judges.

## Dog Tags Go On Sale Today

Kings Mountain dog owners are reminded that dog tags go on sale today at the Police Department for \$2.50.

City dog warden Stretch Bollinger also reminds owners of pets that violations carry a \$1.50 penalty, plus cost of the dog tag, after Jan. 31, 1978.

Warden Bollinger says a good time to purchase the dog tag is this month when you visit the City Hall to list your county taxes.

See the Records Clerk in the Police Department or Warden Bollinger to purchase the tags.

## More School Buses Needed For City

About 537 students in the Kings Mountain District School system face hazardous or dangerous conditions walking to and from school.

According to a survey conducted by the local law enforcement association, the Kings Mountain district has a total of 413 elementary and 124 high school students who walk to and from school daily.

The local survey was included in a state-wide project to determine where additional school buses are needed because of students facing unsafe conditions walking to class.

There were only 18 school units reporting conditions did not warrant additional buses, but 78 units reported a definite need. The Kings Mountain unit was one of the 78 reporting affirmative.

Cleveland County, which provides the buses used in the Kings Mountain district, would have to fork out another \$50,000 for school buses to take care of the need in the 1978-79 school year. That figure is based on \$12,500 cost per bus. The local survey shows that four additional buses are needed in Kings

Mountain.

These four buses to transport the 537 students who now walk to and from school, would have to cover an additional 95 miles per day at a cost of \$18,187 for operations. That figure is based on \$4,546.66 per bus.

The Department of Public Instruction's Transportation division suggests that the need is here and that the capital outlay warrants a commitment.

The high cost of education begins with transportation in North Carolina and Cleveland County. The state transportation division reports a cost in 1976-77 of \$58.72 per pupil in transports. This figure is \$6.88 higher per pupil than the year before. The total cost across the state last year for transporting students was \$45,584,732.56.

Transportation Division Director Louis Alexander said more buses have been added this year to allow for growth and to eliminate the dangers of the practice of allowing students to pack into school buses until there is standing room only remaining.



FIRST BABY — Vera Hardin of Grover holds her new daughter, Katie Marie, the first baby born in 1978 at Kings Mountain Hospital. Katie Marie was born at 3:24 p. m. New Year's Day and weighed seven pounds, eight ounces. Her father, Ronald Hardin of Grover, named her. Grandparents are Mrs. Alma Self of Grover and Mrs. Annie Lee Hardin of Kings Mountain. She is the stepgranddaughter of Earl V. Dover of Kings Mountain.

Photo By Gary Stewart



JOHNNY HARRIS

## Selected As People Ambassador

Johnny Harris, senior at South Houston High in Pasadena, Texas and grandson of Senator J. Ollie Harris and Mrs. Harris and Mrs. J. H. Arthur, all of Kings Mountain, has been selected as a People Ambassador.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ollie Harris, Jr. of Pasadena, is among three seniors chosen from a 800 member student body to join in others in a 38-day travel program to five different European countries this summer.

Living with the different families in England, Germany and Denmark the students will be residing from three to five days with each family and will also travel in France, Holland and Russia.

Johnny Harris, in Kings Mountain for a holiday visit with grandparents, says he is excited about the trip.

Departing on June 4th, the students will take 12 hours of orientation at Georgetown University in Washington, D. C. They will be crossing the English Channel via ship and will be accompanied by one teacher.

Nominees for the program were selected after extensive screenings and interviews following recommendations of teachers and friends in the community.

Johnny Harris is an honor student who plans to attend the University of Texas. He has played varsity football and basketball during his high school career.

The People to People Ambassador program was initiated during the presidency of Dwight D. Eisenhower.

## Yule Decorating Winners Selected

First prize winners in the Christmas Decorating Contest for 1977 are Mr. and Mrs. David Plonk, 702 Crescent Circle; Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mauney, Jr., 200 E. Gold St.; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bolin, 809 N. Cansler St.; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pearson, 803 Katherine Ave.; Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Dixon, 201 N. Sims St. and Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Nolen of 305 Somerset Dr.

The contest was sponsored for the second year by the Kings Mountain Appearance Commission with \$25 first place cash awards in each district donated by the City of Kings Mountain and second

### Senator Morgan

### Coming To Shelby

Sen. Robert Morgan will be in Cleveland County on Jan. 11, sponsored by the Shelby Chamber of Commerce.

The former N. C. Attorney General is scheduled to be at the County Historical Society Museum (old courthouse) in Shelby between 9:30 and 11 a. m.

The public is invited to visit with the senator.

place \$10 awards donated by Kings Mountain garden clubs.

For the second year, two families repeated as first place winners. Roy and Elvia Pearson again won the top prize in District Three and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bolin again won the top prize in District Four.

Second place winners are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Yarbrough, 809 Meadowbrook Rd., District One; Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Adams of 409 York Rd., District Two; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Grindstaff of 916 Henry St., District Three; Mr. and Mrs. Franklin A. Brackett of 1012 N. Piedmont Ave., District Four; Mr. and Mrs. Namath Nixon of 413 Belvedere Circle, District Five; and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Conner of 409 Scotland Dr., District Six.

Honorable mention citations went to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Anderson, 709 Meadowbrook Rd., District One; Mrs. Bertha Ellison, 206 Dilling St., District Two; Mr. and Mrs. Jack O. Chaney of 602 Woodside St., District Three; Mr. and Mrs. Ken McAbee of 806 First St., District Four; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Dixon of 205 N. Sims St., District Five; and Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Suber, Jr. of 401 Phifer Rd., District Six.