

Escapes Friday Cave-In

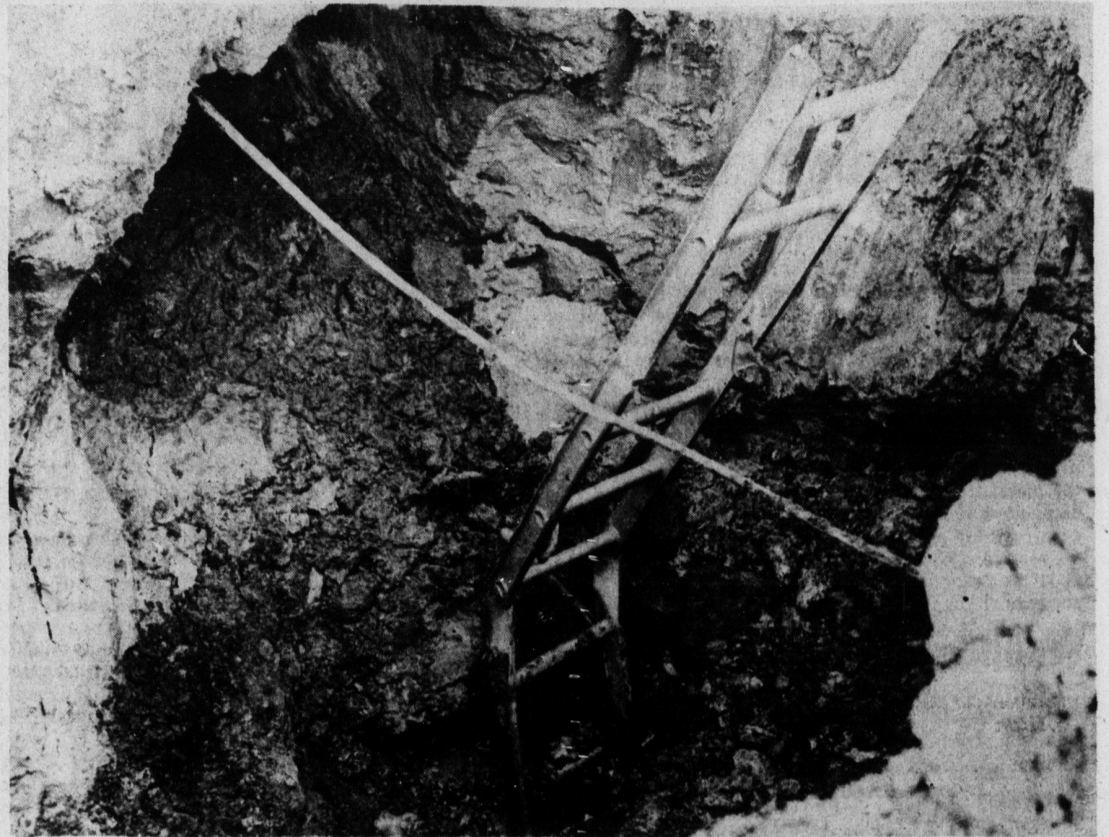
J. K. Brooks is a fortunate man. An employe of the Kings Mountain Water and Sewer Department, Brooks narrowly escaped serious injury last Friday morning when a ditch he was working in caved-in.

Brooks was buried to the waist when the sides of the ditch collapsed around 9 a. m. He was removed from the ditch by members of the Kings Mountain Fire

Department and rushed to Kings Mountain Hospital for observation. He was released a short time later.

The ditch, reportedly 12-feet deep, is off Lee St. and is intended for installation of water and sewer lines for two new homes under construction.

Fellow workers on the site said Brooks was in an upright position and that he began scrambling upward when the cave-in occurred.



Photos By Gary Stewart

ESCAPES CAVE-IN — J. K. Brooks, an employe of the City Water and Sewer Department, escaped injury Friday when a ditch the department was digging on Lee Street caved in on him. The Kings Mountain Fire Dept. rushed to the scene and rescued Brooks. Brooks is shown in photo at left getting into a truck to be taken to the hospital for observation. At right is the 12-foot deep hole in which Brooks was buried.

Inquest Slated In Shotgun Death

A coroner's inquest is scheduled this week to look into the shotgun slaying of Bobby Lee Archie, 22, of Rt. 1, Grover.

Cleveland County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Paul Barbee said Archie died about 1:40 a. m. Sunday during surgery at Kings Mountain Hospital. Archie had received a single blast from a 12-gauge shotgun in the stomach area.

The incident occurred around 11:40 p. m. Saturday at Herman Cash Grocery on Shelby Rd., according to Sgt. Barbee. The police report indicated that Cash was alerted through a system connected from his home to his store that the store had been entered. Cash reportedly armed himself with a shotgun and went to the store. He told police he saw the partition broken

out of the rear door of his store and saw a man near the cash register inside.

Cash then told police he stepped inside the door and ordered the man to come out. He said the man picked up a baseball bat and advanced on him. Cash said he told the man to put down the bat, but that he continued to advance on him and Cash fired the shotgun.

Sgt. Barbee said a second man, Bennie J. Meeks Jr., also of Rt. 1, Grover, was arrested at the scene and charged with aiding and abetting breaking, entering and larceny.

Deputy Garland Clary assisted Barbee in the investigation.

Brooks To Speak

Dan Brooks, recently elected head football coach at Kings Mountain Senior High School, will present the program at Tuesday night's meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions Club at 7 p. m. at Kings Mountain Motor Inn. He will discuss the role of the community in the school athletic program.

NCAE To Meet

The Kings Mountain chapter of N. C. Association of Educators (NCAE) will hold an important meeting at 8:30 p. m. today in Barnes Auditorium. The meeting topic is The Annual Testing Program and The Competency Testing Program.

Both programs will give on an experimental basis beginning this spring. The Annual Test is given to grades 1-8, 6 and 9. The Competency Test is given to high school juniors.

Special guest speakers will explain the testing programs at today's meeting.

The annual forum on vocational education is set for 7 p. m. Thurs., Feb. 16 in the board room at the

Kings Mountain Schools administrative offices on W. Parker St.

This year the forum centers on the goals outlined in the 1978 State Plan For Vocational Education. The TV program to be seen

Thursday night features a joint interview with Dr. Phillips and Dr. Fountain regarding these goals. Part of the suggested for mat for Thursday's meeting is devoted to getting some reaction to these goals.

Davis Brings His Senate Campaign To Kings Mountain

Lawrence Davis of Winston-Salem Democratic candidate for the U. S. Senate, brought his campaign to Kings Mountain Wednesday.

Mr. Davis spent the afternoon on a hand-shaking tour of the business area and later in the day addressed a Shelby Jaycee forum in Shelby. Citing as the major issues of concern to the nation as economy, federal spending, unemployment, welfare reform, energy and integrity, the candidate made these observations here:

"Too many of our national leaders are more concerned about pushing special interests and personal glory than about working together towards common goals that benefit the electorate. There is a startling lack of commitment to getting the job done and a crippling pre-occupation with party politics and personal triumphs."

"I know it takes hard work, attention to detail, and singleness of purpose to produce results. We have made some progress here in North Carolina with this formula, and there is no reason why it won't work in Washington."

Citing benefit spending as the root cause of inflation in this country, the candidate said the fault "lies squarely with a



LAWRENCE DAVIS

government that forces us to tighten our economic belts, but refuses to tighten its own elaborating that the enormous federal deficit of this nation has eroded the purchasing power of the average working American to below the 1978 level.

"Someone needs to stand up and tell the people of this country why the

Private Windfred C. Williams, whose wife, Regina, lives at 822 Baker St., Kings Mountain recently was assigned as a wheeled-and tracked-vehicle mechanic with the 908rd Maintenance Company in Wertheim,

Germany. He entered the Army in October 1977. The private is a 1972 graduate of Kings Mountain High School.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie J. Williams, live on Rt. 1.

economy is in such bad shape, declared Davis, and he believes he is the man. "I realize that I'm running for the U. S. Senate in a crowded field," said Davis, who continued, "but the founders of this country took a chance too."

Candidate Davis said there is no single area of spending that can be eliminated to solve the federal spending problem, but there are many areas of excessive spending. There is simply not one item in the federal budget that is labeled as "fat" that we could cut out and solve the problem. We have got to get into every area and trim the spending to assure the taxpayer that federal spending is producing the best results possible.

Davis sees increased employment as a top priority for government and says that more jobs must be created through stimulation of the private sector and not through temporary jobs designed for short-term relief.

Among the topics to be discussed are the Community Schools Act, the education of exceptional children as well as Every Pupil and Competency Testing programs.

Between 150 and 200 school board members, administrators, legislators and other officials are expected to attend the meeting.

Prior to the meeting's banquet session, a series of small group discussions on a number of current educational issues will be held; scheduled to begin at 5:20 p. m.

Stewart To Speak

Rep. Carl Stewart, Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, will be the speaker at the annual District 14 meeting of the North Carolina School Boards Association, to be held Thurs., Feb. 23 at North Gaston High School in Dallas.

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WEEKLY Health Tips



From Wilson Griffin

For a vigorous life after 60, with your appearance and your arteries as youthful as the sparkle in your eyes, keep your tissues saturated with vitamin C. As you increase in age, your need for vitamin C also increases. After age 40, a gradual increase in vitamin C in take will help to ward off the ravages of age and maintain a youthful zest for life.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING: December 31, 1977

Cleveland County		Mutual Burial Association, Inc. Kings Mountain, N. C.	
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1976		\$ 4,752.67	
RECEIPTS:			
1. Current assessments collected	\$ 2,012.40		
2. Number new members None @ 25¢	None		
3. Interest on time deposits, stocks, bonds	203.11		
4. Miscellaneous			
5. Disallowed death claims			
6. Total (lines 1 to 5, inc.)		plus	\$ 2,215.51
7. Net difference of advance assessments:			16.80
8. Receipts			2,262.31
9. Total receipts			6,975.18
DISBURSEMENTS:			
10. Salaries	\$ None		
11. Collection commissions	20.00		
12. Miscellaneous expenses	509.43		
13. Total expenses (lines 10 to 13, inc.)			\$ 529.43
14. Death benefits paid (No. 15)	No. \$ 50. None		
	No. 100. 7 700.00		
	No. 200. 8 1,600.00		
15. Membership fees paid agents	None		
16. Refunds	None		
17. Total disbursements (lines 12 to 16, inc.)			\$ 2,229.43
BALANCE TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR			
ASSETS:			
18. Cash on hand	\$ None		
19. Cash on hand	44.37		
20. Bank deposit First Union National Bank	213.11		
Pass Book Savings First Union National Bank	3,888.39		
21. Securities			
22. Securities			
23. Securities			
24. Total assets			\$ 4,145.67
LIABILITIES:			
25. Advance assessments	\$ 253.30		
26. Death benefits unpaid	None		
27. Expenses unpaid	None		
28. Total liabilities			\$ 253.30
SURPLUS			
Number of assessments during year 4		Race White	Membership in good standing at close of books 612

I hereby certify that the information given in the foregoing report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am a member of the Association and have signed and sworn to before me. Secretary-Treasurer: J. O. Box 627, Kings Mountain, North Carolina 28066. My commission expires April 17, 1982.

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DEATH CLAIMS PAID			
NAME OF DECEASED	ADDRESS	DATE OF DEATH	AMOUNT
Roy Hayes	Rt. # 1 Kings Mountain, N. C.	1/11/1977	100.00
Rufus Sanders	1634 Shelby Rd. Kings Mountain, N.C.	1/12/1977	100.00
Hattie Camp	Rt. # 2 Kings Mtn. N.C.	2/15/1977	200.00
Paul Ware	506 Ware Rd. Kings Mtn. N.C.	10/29/1976	200.00
M. G. Poston	304 Waco Rd. Kings Mtn. N.C.	1/13/1977	100.00
Mrs. Lillie Reynolds	Rt. # 2 Kings Mtn. N.C.	5/11/1977	100.00
Alda Fisher	1305 S. DeKalb St. Shelby, N.C.	4/13/1977	200.00
Ola Hayes	702 Meadowbrook Rd. Kings Mtn. N.C.	6/16/1977	100.00
Josie Hambricht	404 Grover, N. C.	8/19/1977	100.00
Mrs. Dorothy Sanders	103 Falls St. Kings Mtn. N.C.	8/23/1977	200.00
Max Floyd Odum	Rt. # 1 Box 411 Grover, N.C.	9/8/1977	200.00
Grier Sipes	107 N. Goforth St. Kings Mtn. N.C.	10/14/1977	200.00
Mrs. Brownie Whinnant	Rt. # 2 Kings Mtn. N.C.	12/1/1977	100.00
Alice Carroll	Rt. # 1 Kings Mtn. N.C.	12/1/1977	200.00
Helen English	Rt. # 5 Hendersonville, N.C.	10/23/1977	200.00

Business Development

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"It provides initial local funding to meet the eligibility requirements to qualify for the 25 percent funding, without obligation, and such a corporation becomes eligible to deal in the area of private, public and governmental financing of the various projects directors and stockholders may wish to undertake."

Mayor Moss said he believes the 25

percent funding made available under UDAG will give the development corporation the necessary margin to make its functions a successful venture for revitalizing the business community of Kings Mountain.

"It is necessary we move quickly because we must have a preliminary application in by March 1," he said. "We want the citizens to think about this and come to Thursday's meeting prepared to make suggestions and recommendations

concerning this project."

Kings Mountain is one of 12 small cities (under 50,000 population) in North Carolina ruled eligible for the UDAG program. There were only 94 such communities out of a possible 30,000 ruled eligible across the United States.

The UDAG program is a three-year funding project.

Mayor Moss said, "The more local interested and investment, the better the city's chances of getting the UDAG funding."