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## Short Outages, Minor Damage Result From Ice

The ice was gone Monday. But Friday was something else. Between 7:30 and 8:05 a. m. last Friday the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad was called out to seven auto accidents in and around Kings Mountain.

City electrical workers spent a total of 55 manhours repairing home service lines knocked out by iced and falling limbs.

And at least one citizen was reportedly injured in a fall on icy steps.

Mayor John Moss commented Monday, "The electrical department informs me that we had no problems on the city's primary electrical lines during the icy weather. Most of the trouble came from the lines running from the main to the individual residences."

He said falling limbs knocked down the lines.

About 6 a. m. Sunday the 12,000 KVA line kicked out due to an overload, but the problem was corrected in less than half an hour.

"We had five people out Friday night, Saturday and Sunday morning re-checking lines and restoring power to the individual residences where outages occurred," the mayor said.

"We feel that renewing our primary lines and installation of the 12,000 KVA system in the Linwood, Northwood and Southwood sections and the perimeter system substantially improved our electrical system in helping the city survive the storm conditions this past weekend," he said.

Bill Hannah, EMT with Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, said, "We were called out to seven wrecks Friday morning, but only transported one person. The rest were either uninjured or refused transport to the hospital."

The transport was Mrs. Harriet Davis of Shelby who sustained injury to her right hip and leg and left shoulder. She was involved in a five-car accident east of the city. All the cars skidded on ice and banged into each other. No other injuries were reported in that mishap which occurred at 7:22 a. m.

At 7:20 a. m. a vehicle skidded and overturned on Hwy. 74 east of the city, but no one was injured.

At 7:30 a. m. a gasoline tanker truck skidded and flipped over on Hwy. 74 west of the city. The driver was slightly hurt, but refused transportation to a hospital. The tanker spilled over 5,000 gallons of gasoline on the highway. KMRS

volunteers remained at the sight until 11:10 a. m. working traffic until the wreckage could be cleared away.

Also at 7:30 a. m. a vehicle overturned at the Buffalo Creek bridge west of the city, but there were no injuries.

At 8:03 two vehicles skidded and overturned on I-85 near the Canterbury Rd. bridge, but no injuries were reported.

At 8:05 a vehicle skidded and overturned on Hwy. 161 south of the city, but no injuries were reported.

Friday morning the rescuers transported James Messick of 803 Third St. to the Hendricks, Durham and Lee Clinic. Messick slipped on his icy front steps and sustained cuts on hands and arms and possibly fractured ribs in the fall.

The rescuers also transported nurses to work at Gaston Memorial Hospital Friday morning.

Several mishaps due to icy conditions were reported by police

on Friday, one of which involved a police car.

Sgt. John Belk had completed his investigation of a vehicle skidding off the road near KM Junior High when the second accident occurred.

Belk said his 1977 Plymouth was parked on the shoulder of Phifer Rd. and after he climbed back into the patrol car he saw another vehicle bearing down on him. This vehicle, a 1968 Mercury, was driven by William Anthony Boyd.

Boyd's vehicle skidded on the curve, went off the road and smashed into the rear of the police car, knocking it about 20 feet, Sgt. Belk said he felt soreness in his back Monday, but was otherwise uninjured. Boyd was not injured in the accident.

Chief J. D. Barrett said he has not charged Boyd in the accident, but is still investigating. Boyd's car was damaged about \$400 and the police car about \$1,200.

## Named To Position

Mrs. Judy Palmer Crawford, Kings Mountain native and wife of Harold D. Crawford, Jr., has been named manager of the uptown branch office of the Home Savings & Loan Association on East Mountain St.

Announcement was made by Association President Tom Tate. The association is moving today

and tomorrow to new home offices on West King Street but will continue to maintain both the uptown branch on East Mountain St. and the branch bank in Bessemer City.

Staffers remaining at the uptown branch, in addition to Mrs. Crawford, will be Mrs. Dianne Bunch, Mrs. Brenda Sipes and Miss Jane Tate. Miss Tate, daughter of Home S&L President Tate and Mrs. Tate, is a recent graduate of Appalachian State University.

Mrs. Crawford joined the firm seven years ago and has worked in all departments, beginning as a teller. She attended classes of the Institute of Financial Education at UNC-C and the Savings & Loan Academy at ASU in Boone. Before joining Home S&L in October 1971 she was employed for a number of years at First Union National Bank.

The Crawfords are parents of three children, Lisa, a ninth grader at KM Junior High, Amy, a sixth grader at Central School and Mark, a third grader at Grover School. They are active in Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

Grand opening of the new home office will be held on Friday from 6 until 9 p. m. and on Saturday from 10 a. m. until 2 p. m. The public is invited to attend.



MRS. JUDY CRAWFORD

## Carolina Room Ready For Public

Mauney Memorial Library now has the new Carolina Room completed and open to the public. It is available for small meetings during library hours by calling 739-2371 for reservations.

The latest addition to the Genealogy Collection is a history of the John Barber family, researched and donated to the library by native Ruth Jenkins Curley, now of San Mateo, California.

Mauney Library asks that you search your home book shelves for valuable old North Carolina or family books to add to this important local collection. For example, one book needed to be replaced at the library is the "Living Past of Cleveland County by Lee B. Weathers. There are many more books now out of print that only the interested citizens can contribute.



Ice on limbs and power lines caused minor damage in city

## Paul Bruce Charged In Crane Case

A 38-year old Kings Mountain has been charged with first degree murder in the 1975 death of Evie Crane.

Crane died during a robbery at his home and adjacent store on Hwy. 18 south of Shelby. Paul Bruce of Bell Rd., Kings Mountain is the third person charged in the murder and robbery case.

Bruce was also charged with first degree burglary and armed robbery in the Crane case. He is one of seven persons arrested last week on indictments by the Cleveland County Grand Jury.

Police said Bruce was arrested Mon., Jan. 8 in Statesville where he is charged with second degree burglary and common law robbery of Mrs. Lyttle B. Cabaniss of 802 Forest Hill Dr., Shelby in 1975 and larceny of her vehicle. He was charged with breaking, entering and larceny of the residence of Mrs. Maxine Rosenthal of 1353 E. Marion St., Shelby in 1975; breaking, entering and larceny of the Jules D. Johnson, Jr. residence, Rt. 9, Shelby in 1978; and second degree burglary and armed robbery of Mrs. J. C. Bumgardner of Riverbend Acres, Shelby in 1975.

Bruce was jailed in Shelby last Thursday morning and placed under a \$100,000 bond.

## 'Decisions' Program Begins

The first of eight weekly meetings of the "Great Decisions" program, sponsored by Mauney Memorial Library and Gaston College, got underway at the library Monday evening.

Prof. Russell Keck of Gaston College led the group on the subject of "The Technology Explosion: How To Harness It For Peaceful Change?"

On Monday evening, Jan. 22, the

subject will be "Trade And Dollar: Coping With Interdependence." This session will be led by Dr. Harry Chernotsky from the University of North Carolina in Charlotte.

"Great Decisions" meets from 7:30 to 8:30 p. m. at the library.

The public is encouraged to take advantage of a free opportunity to learn more about the world in which we live.

## The Winners Are.....

The homes of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Herndon, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Farr, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Grindstaff, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bolin, Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Bearden and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Boyles were judged first place winners in the Christmas decorating contest sponsored by the KM Appearance Commission.

Mrs. Connie Putnam, secretary in the Mayor's office, said that winners are being forwarded their checks for \$25 for first place and \$15 in second place prizes this week.

Kings Mountain Jayettes presented the \$25 first prize money in each of the six voter wards in the city and \$15 second place prize money was provided by KM Rotary Club, KM Woman's Club, KM Jaycees, KM Kiwanis Club, KM Lions Club and KM Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. David Faunce was chairman of the city decorating committee. The complete list of winners by wards No. 1 - first, Bobby Herndon, 605 Crescent Circle; second, David Plonk, 702 Crescent Circle;

honorable mention, Woody London, 615 Meadowbrook; Paul McGinnis, 408 Hawthorne Rd., and H. T. Potter, 308 W. Mountain.

No. 2 - first, N. M. Farr, 608 Ridge St.; second, Mike Taylor, 607 Mauney Ave.; honorable mention, W. K. Mauney, 200 E. Gold St.

No. 3 - first, Ralph Grindstaff, 616 Henry St.; second, Mrs. Charles Dixon, 801 Henry St.; honorable mention, Ray Wilson 905 Katherine St.

No. 4 - first, Herman Bolin, 809 N. Candler St.; second, F. A. Brackett, 1012 Piedmont Ave.; honorable mention, Mrs. Glenn Dellinger, 804 Fourth St.

No. 5 - first, Rev. Clyde Bearden, 104 Country Club Circle; second, B. J. Sipes, 5601 Sipes St. and honorable mention, Jonah McCaughen, 402 Belvedere Circle.

No. 6 - first, Willard Boyles, 408 Phifer Rd.; second, Alex McCaughen, 307 Scotland Dr.; honorable mention, R. W. Holland, 816 W. Gold St. and James W. Bagett, 309 Somerset Dr.

## Nine-Year Old Loses Her Battle With Cancer

Virginia Lynn Roberts, age nine, lost her hard-fought battle with brain cancer Saturday.

She died in Charlotte Memorial Hospital after an illness of 14 months.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. from Macedonia Baptist Church by her pastor, Rev. Tom Patterson, interment following in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Kings Mountain Fire Department and acting pallbearers were Eddie Moore, Mike Moore, Danny Smart and Richard Downham.

A former Bethware school student, Lynn was at home a few weeks ago to celebrate her ninth birthday after being in and out of the hospital for nearly a year. Kings Mountain Fire Department initiated a fund drive to help defray the cost of medical expenses several months ago and brought clowns from Mecklenburg County to entertain, responding to a life-long dream of the little girl.

Surviving are her parents, Marcus Byrd and Deborah June Moore Roberts; her brother, Marcus Wayne Roberts, of the home; and her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Oscar Moore, Jr.



LYNN ROBERTS