

## Larcenies

City police had an easy week this week, investigating only four larcenies, one damage to property and three minor traffic accidents.

Neazel Weathers of Landmark Apartment Number 41 reported that someone broke a window in his car. Damage was \$75.

James Gold of Shelby reported a battery stolen from his car while it was parked at Mauney Mills. Value was \$55.

I-85 Gulf Station on York Road reported a breaking, entering and larceny. An undetermined amount of money was stolen.

Phillips 66 Station on King Street reported the larceny of money from some vending machines.

Jimmy Gaddy of 808 Grace Street reported the theft of a bike, valued at \$60, and tools valued at \$150.

### WRECKS

Joy Gayle McCoy of Grover told police her foot slipped off the brake, causing her to strike a Cleveland County school bus Thursday on South Railroad Avenue. There was no damage.

Kenneth Wade Crocker of 433 Crocker Road told police and unknown driver struck his 1974 Chevy while it was parked at Kings Mountain High School. Damage was \$500.

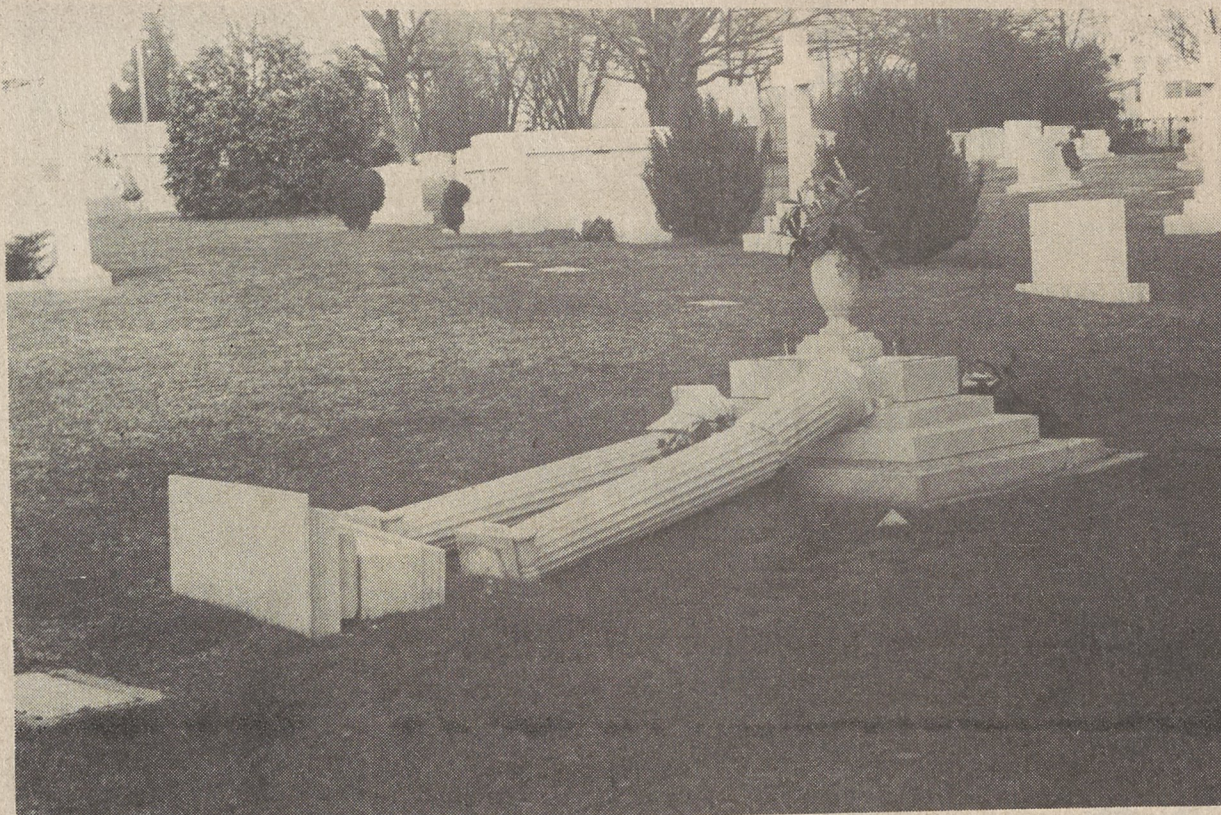
Cars driven by Brenda Womack Evans of 502 Crescent Hill Road and Rebecca Davis Brooks of 409 Waco Road collided Saturday at King and Tracy streets. Damage was \$600 to Evans' 1976 Toyota and \$350 to Brooks' 1980 Datsun.

### VALENTINE DANCE

There will be a Valentine Dance Sat., Feb. 12 from 7-11 p.m. at the Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Department. Music will be provided by Henry and James Wilson and The Southern Comfort. Tickets are \$5 each for couples and \$3 each for singles at the door. Advanced tickets are available at a \$1 discount by calling 739-4060 or 739-5853.

### DOLL CLASS

An adoptable doll class will be held Sat., Mar. 5 from 8 a.m. until noon at the Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Department. Registration is required by February 21. All materials except baby's clothes will be furnished. For more information call 739-4060 or 739-5853.



Broken Monument At Mountain Rest Cemetery

## Vandals Damage Cemetery Stones

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Police feel like the vandals climbed the fence at the Deal Street entrance.

Damage was scattered throughout the cemetery.

An exact money figure on the damage has not been reached, Barrett said, but he added he'll be working with Wiley in the

next few days to determine the costs.

"This was a very disgusting act on the part of the individuals who committed the crime," Mayor Moss said. "Every effort will be put forth to catch them."

Moss said clean-up is already underway and the city is in the process of notifying families of the gravesites which were disturbed.

## Election Date Set

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the commissioners to rescind their vote and have the people who favor the sale of alcoholic beverages go through the proper legal channels."

Dr. Patterson said the "petitions" which Cloninger spoke of at the City Board meeting were not actually petitions "but just some pieces of paper with names on them. We don't know if they were registered voters or not and if they even lived in Kings Mountain."

Dr. Patterson said State Law requires that petition forms be provided by the Board of Elections. The petitions, he said, must contain the signatures, addresses and precincts of each voter. He said the Elections Board must verify that the voters were registered within 72 hours after the petition was initiated and that the petitions must be returned to the Elections Board within 90 days or they are ruled void. After their return, the Elections Board must determine the efficiency of the petitions within 30 days and then set the date, which must be no sooner than 60 days nor more than 120 days after they are received.

"The Board of Elections was verifying the election on the decision of the city board, except for Norman King, and the citizenry need to know that," Dr. Patterson said. "The commissioners, except for Norman King, have to shoulder the burden."

Dr. Patterson said he will not serve as chairman of the dry committee because he does not live inside the city limits. "But, many of my members live inside the city and my children are growing up here," he said. "It's my town and I'll fight this."

"Those wanting the referendum got what they wanted," he added. "A referendum by the city commissioners calling for it. The petitions signed were not in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control laws. In their heart I believe the commissioners felt like they were voting to send the petitions on to the Elections Board."

Registration for the ABC referendum will be allowed

through 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 12, Bennett said.

Persons wishing to register may do so any weekday until 5:00 p.m. at the County Elections Office in Shelby. Voters may also register in Kings Mountain by calling any one of the city's registrars and making an appointment. Registrars are Margaret White, Grace Talbert and Hillard Black in East Kings Mountain precinct and Becky Cook and Dinky Myers in West Kings Mountain precinct.

Bennett said the Elections Board will try to arrange special Saturday registration at the Governmental Services Facilities Center.

Persons in the Linwood area who live inside the city limits of Kings Mountain but in Gaston County will also be eligible to vote. They must register in Gaston County, however. They may register at the Gaston County Elections Board, at any First Union Bank or at the Gaston County Library.

## KM Students Chosen For Choral Clinic

MARS HILL—Two hundred and sixty-four of the state's finest high school singers will gather February 4 and 5 for Mars Hill College's 35th annual choral clinic. Established in 1949 by the late Elwood Roberts to improve choral music in Western North Carolina, the clinic rapidly expanded to include all state high schools.

Directed by a guest conductor, who this year is Dr. Albert McNeil of the University of California, each participant is chosen through auditions conducted by the college's music faculty during the fall. Over 700 auditioned for this year's clinic.

The state is then divided into zones and the participants within each zone have several rehearsals before arriving at the college. This familiarizes them with the music they will be performing and frees the conductor to work with the subtleties of the music.

Dr. McNeil seems to have more demands on his time than is humanly possible to meet. He is chairman of the Department of Music Education at the University of California at Davis; where in addition to his classes, he directs a 150-voice concert choir. One day a week, he commutes to Los Angeles to teach ethnomusicology at the University of Southern Califor-

nia. Over the weekends, he continues his 20-year position as the choral director of the Congregational Church of Christian Fellowship.

He is also director of the Sacramento Chorale, a 30-member group that performs Mozart, Beethoven, and Hayden with the Sacramento Symphony. In addition to all of these activities, Dr. McNeil has earned an international reputation as director of the Jubilee Singers, which have been performing locally since the late 1940's and internationally since 1968. Critic Leonard Feather called the Jubilee Singers one of America's greatest cultural assets and stated that no other group has brought more prestige and dedication to the upholding of black choral tradition.

The music the high school singers will be working with at Mars Hill includes early classics such as Mozart's "Regina Coeli," and Victoria's "Curia," contemporary composers such as Howard Hanson and Jerome Jerry Williams of Morganton, a Mars Hill alumnus; and modern arrangements of spirituals including "Poor Man Lazarus," "The Lily of the Valley," and "Talk About a Child."

Mars Hill's choir will serve as host for the high schoolers and will perform in a concert Friday evening at 8:15 p.m. Their concert will include works of widely divergent styles ranging from the Baroque texture of the Buxtehude "Magnificat" to the close harmony of Norman Luboff's arrangement of the spiritual "All My Trials."

The culmination of the weekend's work will be a concert by the high school singers on Saturday evening, Feb. 5, at 5 p.m. in Moore Auditorium. Both this concert and the performance by the college's choir are open to the public and are admission free.

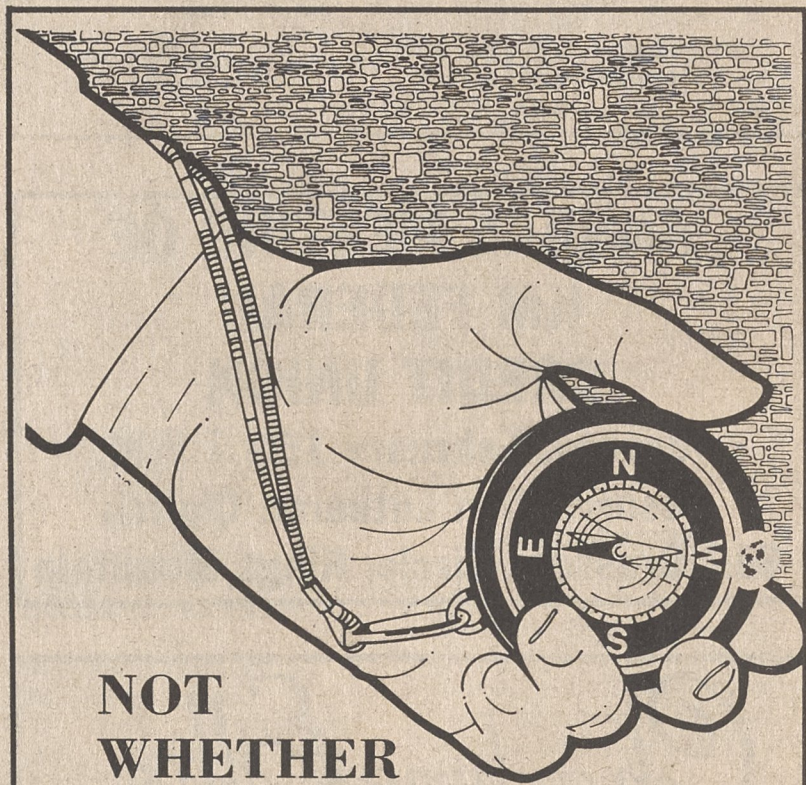
Among those chosen to participate in the Mars Hill choral clinic are the following students from Kings Mountain High School: Laura Wright, Angela Lyon, Clayton Ollis, and Angel Allen.

## McConnell Commended

Marine Staff Sgt. Harris O. McConnell Jr., son of Betty C. and Harris O. McConnell Sr. of Route 2, Box 373, Bessemer City, has received a Letter of Congratulations.

He received the letter for superior performance of duty while serving with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C.

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