

## ABC Issue To Come Up Again

# Citizens To Attend Board Meeting

A group of citizens opposed to the sale of alcoholic beverages in the city will appear at Monday night's Board of Commissioners meeting to ask the board to rescind their recent action calling for an ABC and Beer-Wine referendum on April 12.

Thirty-nine people, representing 20 area churches and other organizations, met Friday morning at Macedonia Baptist Church to officially organize the dry forces.

At that meeting, the group formally adopted a resolution requesting that "the Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners rescind their action concerning the A.B.C. Store and the Beer/Wine issue." A letter to that effect has been mailed to Mayor John Henry Moss and all six city commissioners.

The group also named a committee which will seek out leadership to lead the dry cam-

paign, and collected an offering of \$137.06.

Rev. Coy Privette, director of the North Carolina Christian Action League in Raleigh, was the guest speaker.

"We still hope that the city commissioners, in fairness to all their constituency, will vote to rescind their action and send this issue back to the citizens of Kings Mountain and let those who want it to secure their petitions from the Elections Board and do it right," said Dr. Tom Patterson, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church.

"Our concern at this point is with the deception of how all this came about," he continued. "It has never been determined that the citizens of Kings Mountain want the referendum. The commissioners are just forcing it on them."

"The commissioners have assumed that this is what the

town wants, but those who do not want it did not have the opportunity to give their input," he added.

The board voted at its January 24 meeting to call for the referendum, with Commissioner Norman King being the only member to vote against it. Local attorney Scott Cloninger, representing Kings Mountain Citizens for Legal Control, made the request.

Since that time, some members of the board and other citizens have said that commissioners were misled and thought they were voting only to send petitions held by Cloninger on to the City Elections Board.

Responding to an editorial in last week's Herald in which the paper said the city board was not misled during the meeting, Commissioners King and Jim Childers said the misleading, in fact, took place during a meeting

of the board with City Attorney George Thomasson prior to the open city board meeting.

They said Thomasson told commissioners the ABC request was like a "zoning request", which is routinely forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Board for study, then brought back to the commissioners for final approval.

"I explained to them what the law said," Thomasson said of the two commissioners' claim. "They may not have understood but they weren't misled."

Childers and King said they have asked Mayor John Henry Moss to call for special meetings to discuss the possibility of rescinding the action, but their pleas have fallen on deaf ears.

Childers said he asked the Mayor for a special meeting on Fri., Jan. 28, and left the Mayor's office with the belief that a meeting would be called.

After not hearing of such a meeting, Childers said he returned to the Mayor's office, along with King, on Tues., Feb. 2, and both requested a special meeting. Childers said Moss said he would have to "poll" all commissioners by telephone and a majority of commissioners would have to approve the meeting. Childers said he was called later by Moss and told that the city board voted 4-2 not to call a meeting.

Citizens who wish to register for the April 12 vote have until 5 p.m. Mon., Mar. 14 to register.

Voters may register any weekday until 5 p.m. at the County Elections Office in Shelby. They may 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 precincts. Cook and Jerri Kings Mountain

Persons in the Linwood section who live in 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 Board of Elections, at any First Union Bank in Gaston County, or at the Gaston County Library.

Elections Board Chairman Luther Bennett said he would try to arrange some special Saturday registrations at the Governmental Services Facilities Center. To have such registrations, the city board must approve them and the city must pay the salaries of the county registrars who work on Saturdays.

# Go To Jail!

## Citizens To Put Friends In Jail To Raise Money For Cancer Society

Has your husband, wife, boss, friend or other acquaintance been naughty lately? Perhaps, he or she has been a pain in the neck to you or others.

How would you like to get a little revenge? Embarrass him a little.

Here's your chance. A group of local citizens is planning a Jail-A-Thon for the American Cancer Society on March 24-25 in Kings Mountain, and for a \$25 donation, you can have anyone locked up.

And, here's the good part. Your victim will not be released from the slammer until he or she has raised a certain amount of money to cover his "bond."

A team of strict judges—namely Attorney Scott Cloninger, Herald Editor Gary Stewart, Stoney Jackson and Jake Dixon—will hold court and set bail. Whatever amount the judge sets, whether it's \$25 or \$300, will have to be raised before the jailbird is freed.

Kay Holshouser of the Cleveland County Unit of the American Cancer Society was in town last week to help the local committee begin planning the event. Members of the committee include Darrell Austin and Jerry King, co-chairmen; Bill Hager, Chairman of the overall Kings Mountain Cancer Drive for 1983; Lavon Strickland, Jackie Barrett and Jonas Bridges.

North Carolina Cancer units have been holding jail-a-thons since 1978, when Charlie Daniels of Rocky Mount organized one in memory of a friend who died of cancer. That first effort raised \$2,100. Last year, N.C. units raised \$224,032 in jail-a-thons and it is projected that over \$500,000 will be raised this year.

The Shelby community held its first jail-a-thon last year and raised \$23,000.

Exact times and the site of the Kings Mountain Jail-A-Thon will be announced soon. In the meantime, be thinking of someone you'd like to have put in jail.



PLAN JAIL-A-THON - Kay Holshouser, front row center, of the Cleveland County Unit of the American Cancer Society, goes over plans for an upcoming jail-a-thon with members of the Kings Mountain committee. Pictured, front row, left to right, are Jerry King, Mrs. Holshouser, and William Hager. Back row, Lavon Strickland, Darrell Austin and Jackie Barrett.

# Lions In Winter To Open

The Plantagenet family is home for Christmas and the fun is just beginning: sibling rivalry, sons rising against father, marital infidelity, political intrigue and attempted murder. "Well", as someone might say, "What family doesn't have its little ups and downs." But then, not every family is like this one, which ruled England and half of France 800 years ago.

Such is the backdrop for the newest offering by the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, "The Lion in Winter". Evening performances are scheduled for February 11th, 12th, 18th, and 19th at 8:00 p.m. A Sunday matinee will be presented on February 13th at 3:00 p.m. The Park Grace Theatre, home of the KMLT, is located on Foote Mineral Road in Kings Mountain.

"The Lion in Winter has been among the biggest Broadway hits in recent years as well as a memorable movie starring Katherine Hepburn and Peter O'Toole. The author, James Goldman has taken historical facts and figures and has given them enough humanity and witty dialogue to enable him to call his history a "comedy". It is the story of King Henry II of England, who is trying to keep his kingdom together. But since all three of his sons want to rule, it is likely to be torn apart by civil war. To add to Henry's headaches, his captive and captivating Queen, Eleanor of Aquitaine, and the King of France are also trying to lead their own revolutions against him. Uneasy is the head on which this crown lies."

"The Lion in Winter" features players well-known to Gastonia,

Shelby and Kings Mountain audiences. Jim Chandler plays the part of Henry who, despite his disastrous feud with Thomas Beckett and his constant wars with his sons, loves being king. Jim's own experience in little theatre has been considerable, most recently having directed

"The Desperate Hours" for the Gastonia Little Theatre. Anne Long, who plays the princess Alais, has also appeared in Gastonia Little Theatre productions as well as Flat Rock Playhouse. Richard the Lionhearted is played by Henry Huntt, who has appeared in the

Greater Shelby Theatre's production of "South Pacific".

The challenging role of Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine is portrayed by the Kings Mountain Little Theatre's own Vivian Duncan, who has appeared in (among other plays) "The Night of January 16th" along with John Connor, who portrays Geoffrey, the Duke of Brittany in the current production. In the role of Prince John is Chip Caldwell, a recent "graduate" of the KMLT's Children Theatre. Newcomer Robert Bradshaw portrays Phillip, the young King of France.

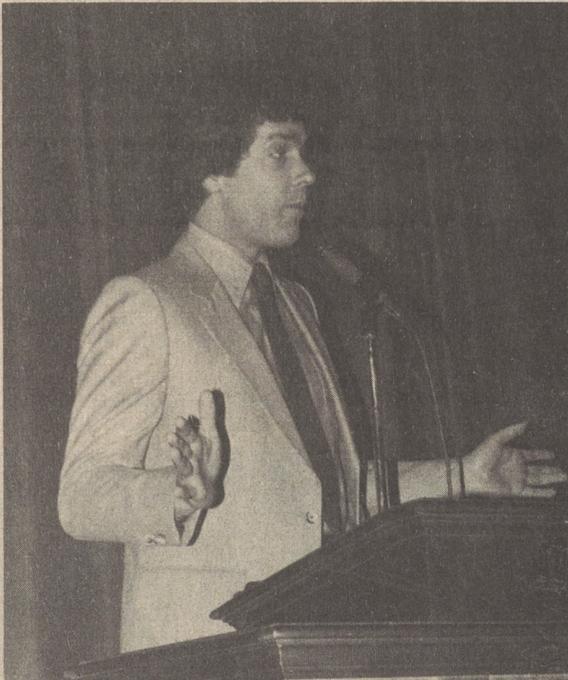
"The Lion in Winter" is being directed by MJ Carbo. Linda Knight is assistant director and stage manager.

Tickets for all performances of "the Lion in Winter" are available now. Advance sale tickets can be bought Monday-Friday between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. at the Mauney Memorial Library, 100 South Piedmont Ave. in Kings Mountain. Prices for advance sale tickets are \$3.00 (adult) and \$1.50 (student). Tickets at the door are \$4.00 (adult) and \$2.00 (student). Group rates are also available. Any group of 9 or more may purchase tickets for \$2.00 (adult) and \$1.00 (student). Senior citizens may purchase tickets for \$2.00.

Advance sale tickets must be purchased and picked up by 6:00 p.m. on either February 11th (for the first weekend) of 18th (for the second weekend). Advance sale ticket purchase will guarantee a seat reservation. KMLT patrons may reserve their seat by calling 739-2371 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.



LION IN WINTER—Anne Long, Jim Chandler and Vivian Duncan, left to right, rehearse a scene from the Lion in Winter, which opens this week at Kings Mountain Little Theatre. Photo by Gary Stewart



MAD WEEK - Mike McKay of WBTB Channel 3 was the guest speaker Tuesday morning during a MAD (Make A Difference) Week assembly at Kings Mountain High School. The week's activities will continue through Friday.

## Police Charge Three For Cemetery Damage

Kings Mountain police have arrested a 17-year-old and two juveniles in connection with last week's vandalism at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Arrested last Friday on a charge of defacing and desecrating graves and sties was Larston Joe Williams, 17, of 402 East King Street.

The damage took place on Monday night, January 31, and was discovered by Cemetery Superintendent Ken Jenkins

when he reported for work the following morning.

Sixty-four monuments were overturned and about 20 percent of them were damaged, according to Police Chief Jackie Barrett. Barrett is continuing to work with monument salesmen and insurancemen to determine damage figures. He is also still in the process of notifying relatives of persons whose graves were disturbed.