



LIONS VALENTINE BANQUET - Kings Mountain Lions Club honored their wives and guests at the traditional ladies night banquet Tuesday night. From left, Johnny Reavis, chairman of banquet committee; the speaker, Earl Hallman of Cherryville, Lions President Robert Davis and Lion Donald Crawford.

KM Lions Club Holds Ladies Night Banquet

Kings Mountain Lions and their "valentines" enjoyed a fun-filled evening Tuesday night on the occasion of annual ladies night at Holiday Inn.



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Earl Hallman, of Cherryville, Gaston County Administrator in charge of school personnel for Gaston County Schools, was the banquet speaker and entertained guests with "real" anecdotes from school children during a 22 year period he served as a teacher, assistant principal, and then principal of East School in Cherryville. Mr. Hallman drew laughs from the audience when he recounted story after story of real-life embarrassing and funny experiences with children in the classroom.

Lion W. Donald Crawford presented the speaker and Lion Johnny Reavis was in charge of banquet arrangements. Guests received red carnation valentine corsages and valentine cards from Lions and were paid tribute by Lion President Robert Davis who recited Elizabeth Barrett Browning's well-known poem, "How Do I Love Thee" and Lions sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

Lion Robert Davis was master of ceremonies, Lion Howard Bryant led the pledge of allegiance, Lion Larry Puryear, Pastor of Grace United Methodist

Church, gave the invocation, Lion Connie Allison gave the welcome, and Lioness Adelaide Allison responded for guests.

Officers of the club, in addition to President Davis, are Howard Berrier, First Vice President; Odus Smith, Second Vice President; Howard Bryant, Secretary; Connie Allison, Treasurer; C.P. Barry, Lion Tamer, and Bill Stone, Tail Twister.

Kings Mountain Lions club was chartered 45 years ago and one of its principal projects is sight conversation through aid to the blind, visual clinics and the purchase of glasses for needy school children.

Reunion Planned For Crew

Attention: Members of the USS Christopher DE 100 Ship's Crew. A reunion is planned in Charlotte this year, according to S. Jack Hughes, of the Dixon Community, who is heading up the reunion meeting.

Hughes said that local members can contact him at Route 4, Box 82, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086, or call 704-739-6269 for more information.

Blue Cross Pays \$15 Million

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina paid benefits totaling \$15,066,504 to hospitals, doctors, skilled nursing facilities, and home health agencies in Cleveland County in 1984, the not-for-profit health service Plan announced today.

During the year, the statewide health service Plan processed 4.6 million claims for the participants in its regular Blue Cross and Blue Shield programs, amounting to \$575 million in total benefits. In addition, \$888 million was paid through the federal government's Medicare program (Part A), which is administered by the Plan. Now in its 52nd year of service, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina is the state's oldest and largest health insurer.

Capps Welding Awarded Contract

A small business in Kings Mountain is benefiting from defense contracts awarded by the Defense Construction Supply Center (DCSC) of Columbus, Ohio. The Center announced today the award of a contract for \$93,692 to Capps Welding & Fab. Co., 506 E. King Street, which will produce fender vehicular for use by the U.S. military services.

Nine out of ten DCSC contracts - over half of the Center's purchase dollars - go to small, minority and women-owned businesses. DCSC is a field installation of the Defense Logistics Agency, Washington, D.C.

Property Damages High In Automobile Wrecks

Property damages were high in several automobile accidents which occurred in the city during the past week.

Police Secretary Marty Blanton said that no injuries were reported.

Gerald Bailey, of Kings Mountain, operating a transfer truck for Quality Exchange, hit a 1976 Datsun operated by Robert Pate of Margrace Rd. Pate's car was damaged approximately \$200 and the truck was damaged approximately \$100. The accident occurred on West Gold Street on Feb. 5th.

A parked vehicle owned by Carole Rippey of Dallas was hit by a motorist who left the scene at the Parking lot of Holiday Inn Feb. 5th. Rippey's car, a 1984 Toyota, was damaged approximately \$175.

A 1970 Chevy operated by Wilburn Crawford, 505 N. Cansler St., struck a 1980 Ford operated by Brenda Childers, Route 5, on Feb. 8th on Phifer Road. The cars were damaged approximately \$250.

Donald Ray Carpenter, Route 3, Lawndale, operating a maintenance truck for Cleveland County Schools, struck the city dog warden vehicle operated by Stretch Bollinger Feb. 8th at 3:09 p.m. on Phifer Road. The 1984 Ford truck operated by Bollinger was damaged \$850 and the truck Carpenter was driving was damaged \$225. There was only one dog in the dog warden's vehicle and he was not injured.

Peggy Strickland, 212 Orr Terrace, operating a 1981 Chevrolet, struck a parked vehicle belonging to Martha Reid, Greensboro, in the parking lot of Orr Terrace apartments doing \$25 damage to Reid's 1974 Chevrolet.

Lucille Gladden, No. 11 Mountain View Apts., operating a 1978 Cadillac

which was damaged \$250., struck a 1977 Ford owned by James Davidson on Stroupe Drive. The Davidson 1977 Ford was damaged \$350.

William Dickerson, of Lincolnton, operating a 1983 Truck International for Biggers Brothers, struck a 1977 Ford operated by Nancy Mintz of Gastonia at 2:30 p.m., Feb. 11th on King Street. Damages were estimated at \$1,000 to the Mintz vehicle and \$2,000 to the truck.

Weather Closes School

Classes were called off for the day Tuesday as the weathermen surprised the city and county for the fourth Tuesday with light snow which tapered off by early morning.

The wintery blast caused no problems in the immediate area. Rains, thunder and lightning and high winds caused some scattered power outages in the county on Monday night.



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**This Week's
Health News
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Ragan Harper

"Pot" use strictly pot-luck
Let's not kid ourselves. Marijuana-use is a battle we'd better be prepared to fight.
One-of-six of our youngsters ages 12-to-17 smokes "pot," while one-of-three 18-to-25 claim use. Damage to chromosomes, alone, is greater from marijuana than from any other drug. Irreversible physical and psychological impairments result.
A generation of "marijuanaholics" with altered behavior, lack of maturation, and clouded thinking now exist who are unable to function without economic, social, or clinical support - In short, wasted lives for a new welfare category!

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MOVING
By RUBY M. ALEXANDER

If you're moving across the country this year, you're not alone. Thanks to economic upturn, more firms are moving more of their people. In one area, for instance, I.B.M. moved 857 employees during the first half of 1983; by the same period of 1984, they moved 3,231.

Whether you're moving now or in the extra-busy June-to-September period, it's smart to book a mover a month in advance. Be sure your mover is licensed. Have him come in person to give an estimate; even then, it's a good idea to accompany the van to the scale to check the weight. Full-value insurance is usually advisable; otherwise, losses are recompensed only by weight.

If you're moving across the country, you'll want the help of a real estate pro who can market your current home and help you get settled in your new location.

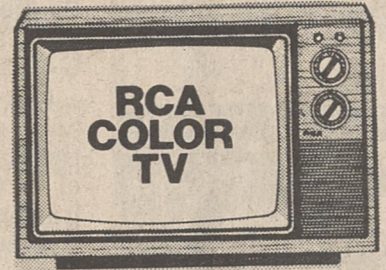
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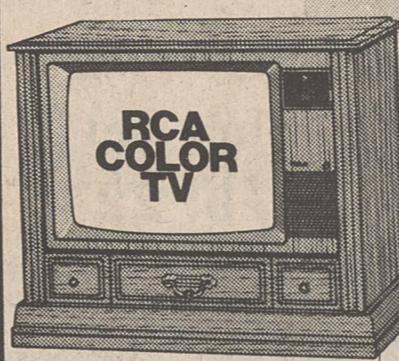
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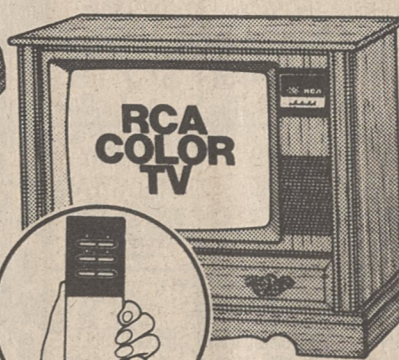
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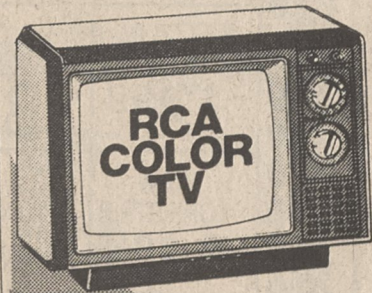
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