

Bloodmobile To Visit KMHS Thursday

The Cleveland County Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Kings Mountain High School Thursday from 9

a.m. until 2 p.m. Persons who donated blood at First Baptist Church at the last visit will

be ineligible to participate in Thursday's visit. Goal of the visit is 150 pints.

KMHS Girls Begin Quest For SWC Crown

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KMHS Losing A Good Deal

"Our Band Does It Better" is the philosophy of teaching that Donald Deal has practiced during 35 years as a band director, 17 in Kings Mountain as Director of Band for KM District Schools.

Mr. Deal is retiring at the end of this school year but he won't give up his love for good music.

Kings Mountain Band students will miss the popular band director who has directed a balanced instrumental program where musical excellence is top priority and where his first duty to his students is to meet

the school and community's obligations.

Deal, who adores jazz and serious music, has instilled his love of music in hundreds of band students over the years, many of whom who have gone on to college and become band directors themselves. His students have played at every Mountaineer home football game, for parades, including the Kings Mountain Centennial and Bicentennial celebrations, and most of his students, at one time during their high school careers, have played at Disney World

in Orlando, Fla., a trip planned especially for band students, with assistance of band boosters.

Deal's students have made him proud of them by consistently earning superior ratings the past nine years in the different grade 6 state competitions and superior and excellent ratings every year that he has served in Kings Mountain. Long hours of rehearsal, in addition to fourth period class schedule in the band room, earned for them high praise from Deal and concert-goers who heard them play "William Tell

Overture" by Rossini, "Tulsa" by Don Gillis, "1812 Overture" by Tchaikowsky and "March Slav" by Tchaikowsky, their most difficult pieces.

Deal tells his students when they report to the first session at the opening of school: "If you're not going to work hard, you're wasting your time. You must work hard to achieve." Since Band is an elective subject at KMSHS, Deal feels that most band students have a real love for music.

Deal inherited his musical ability from his mother, Mrs.

Harold Deal, Sr. of Hickory, a former piano and voice teacher but he went to Lenoir Rhyne College and majored in Business Administration and Accounting because Band was not then offered on campus. After a hitch in the Navy during World War II, he returned to Lenoir Rhyne and majored in music education. "I liked band and had played in both high school and college, so it was just a career natural. I like all kinds of music if it's good, well done good quality of music," he

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DONALD DEAL

Two Die In Wreck

Bonnie M. Ruffin, 68, and Flora Ruffin, 66, of 151 Enon Church Rd., Smyrna, S.C., were killed instantly shortly after midnight Friday in a head-on collision near Kings Mountain that left two others injured, according to the N.C. Highway Patrol.

James R. Sherrill, Jr., 37, of 1233 Grove Road, Kings Mountain, and Phyllis Evans, 39, of South Point Road, Belmont, were hospitalized at Kings Mountain Hospital.

The wreck occurred about 12:07 a.m. on N.C. 161 about one and one half miles south of Kings Mountain. According to the Highway Patrol reports, Bonnie Ruffin was driving South in a 1972 Datsun pickup truck when the vehicle swerved across the center line and smashed headon into the 1979 Ford pickup driven by Sherrill. Both trucks were traveling at 55 miles per hour at the time of the crash and no one involved in the crash was wearing a seatbelt, according to the reports.



PHOTO BY JEFF GRIGG

ART CONTEST WINNER—Himpaphanah Souksavath, left, senior at Kings Mountain Senior High, won the Superintendent's Art Show Contest and displayed the winning exhibit, above, as he is congratulated by Schools Supt. Bill Davis. All school systems enter the winning exhibits at the Capitol in Raleigh and at the Superintendent's Conference in Asheville this summer.

Blanton Is Accepted In Air Force Academy

U.S. Senator John East announced today that one of his nominees, Mary Elizabeth (Liza) Blanton has accepted a fully qualified offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Miss Blanton, daughter of Charlie and Hallie Blanton of Kings Mountain, will enter the USAF Academy July 5 to study aerospace engineering.

Senator East's office said that Miss Blanton may be the only female from Cleveland County even to receive such appointment.

Miss Blanton also received nominations and was accepted to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. from Senator Jesse Helms and U.S. Congressman Jim Broyhill. She also qualified for full ROTC scholarships from both the Army and the Navy and had been accepted at UNC-Chapel Hill, Georgia Tech and North Carolina State University.

All service academy spaces are competitive on a national level. Good scholarship, high test scores, leadership and extra-curricular activities are pre-requisites for these appointments.

Senator East said, "Liza has demonstrated impressive determination and ability in athletic and extracurricular pursuits and has an outstanding academic record. I know that her family and friends are just as proud of her as I am, and join me in wishing her the very best of success in pursuit of a career of professional military service to our country."

A senior at Kings Mountain Senior High, Miss Blanton



LIZA BLANTON

served as a page for North Carolina Senator J. Ollie Harris and North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt and attended the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, D.C. last year. She is a member of the Cleveland United Daughters of Confederacy, American Legion Junior Auxiliary, and the First Presbyterian Church with 17 years of perfect Sunday School attendance. At KMSHS she is active in the National Honor Society, the Beta Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a varsity cheerleader, is active on the tennis, golf and track teams, a member of the cast of the Senior Play, and active in the French Club, SPO, Human Relations Club and a 12 year student of McClure Dance Academy. In April she represented KMSHS on WSOC Channel 9 "Outstanding Seniors" television

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Harris Proposes Referendum

Seventy-five Bethlehem area citizens voiced a variety of opinions Friday night, for and against annexation by Kings Mountain, and planned another meeting in four weeks with Senator J. Ollie Harris to discuss further their ideas of incorporation.

Senator Harris introduced legislation to incorporate the community of Bethlehem

after receiving petitions from 500 citizens of the area. He said purpose of his meetings with citizens is to find out if "incorporation is actually what they want" before proceeding further. Harris introduced a bill for incorporation of the Town of Bethlehem, with no text, merely a title. The details of the bill, if carried through,

can be added later, he said last week.

Harris said that although the General Assembly could incorporate the Bethlehem area through a local bill, he would propose that the bill call for a referendum on the issue. Such a referendum on incorporation could be held in November, he said.

Harris said that to get the proposed incorporation bill introduced to the General Assembly's deadline for local bills, he introduced the title for incorporation.

Some citizens said at Saturday's meeting they are "against any future annexation by Kings Mountain, if and when that should occur." Others said if Bethlehem had to become a town, they might as well be a part of King Mountain.

"I don't see Kings Mountain annexing that area for another 15-20 years", Harris told the group.

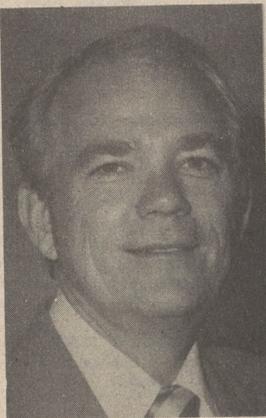
The area, as outlined on a map at City Hall, is about a mile in each direction from Bethlehem Baptist Church. The map gives citizens an advance notice that their area could be considered for annexation at a future time and is part of Kings Mountain's resolution of intent, first preliminary step in a lengthy annexation process before an area is even considered.

Harris said that citizens of the Bethlehem, White Plains, Crocker Road, and Midpines areas had originally suggested the name of White Plains as name for their new town, if incorporated. Harris said there is already a White Plains, North Carolina.

Smith Managing Branch

Home Federal Savings & Loan Association of Kings Mountain has opened a branch office at 283 W. Main Street in Gastonia and Kings Mountain citizen Joseph R. Smith is manager and executive officer.

Offering full service savings and loan checking accounts with interest, home loans, installment loans of all types and all types savings accounts, the financial institution is located in the old Gastonia Mutual Building in the downtown financial district of Gastonia. The offices are open Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



JOSEPH R. SMITH

Mr. Smith, who joined Home Federal Savings & Loan in Kings Mountain in January of this year, said that grand opening will be held May 6-10 during regular office hours and persons 13 and over can register free for a \$500 savings certificate and children 12 and under can register free for a \$500 savings certificate. Free gifts will also be distributed to all visitors and refreshments will be served.

The Federal Home Loan Bank in Atlanta, Ga. approved the establishment of the branch office sometime ago and planning for the new branch has been underway

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Herald Customers Enter Front Door

The Herald has made many renovations to its building recently to accommodate new businesses which have moved into its facility on Canterbury Road.

It has caused some confusion to customers of the newspaper.

Newspaper customers should now enter the front door of the building which faces East King Street. Customers of H&R Block and Jones Intercable should also enter the front door.

Customers of The Printing Press and Mountaineer Video should enter the east side of the building from the Canterbury Road entrance.

The old entrance to the Herald on the east side of the building is no longer an entrance except for employees.