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Woman Drowns When Car Plunges Into Lake

An investigation into the drowning death last Wednesday evening of a Shelby woman in Moss Lake is continuing.

Meanwhile, an autopsy has determined that Pauline Smith Decker, 47, died from drowning when she drove her car off the Moss Lake public boat landing and it landed 30 feet from the shore and sank in about 15 feet of water last Wednesday night at 6:45 p.m. Cleveland County Coroner

Ralph Mitchem said he expects to receive within two weeks a toxicology report which will show if the woman had any drugs or alcohol in her system at the time of her death.

Kings Mountain Police Chief J.D. Barrett said a thorough examination of Mrs. Decker's car, which was recovered from the lake last Wednesday, showed that the brakes were in working condition. No notes or medica-

tion of any kind were found in the car.

Mitchem has said he would not make a determination on the circumstances surrounding Mrs. Decker's death until the investigation is completed.

According to witnesses, Mrs. Decker's car crashed through a thick wooden guardrail to the right of the public boat ramp, landed on the water about 30 feet or more from the shore, floated

momentarily and then sank in about 15 feet of water. Sgt. Danny Gordon of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department and Terry and Sandy Stefanick, of Moss Lake, witnessed the incident.

Gordon, who was riding through the parking lot at the boat landing when the car went through the lot, said the vehicle was traveling twice as fast as a car would normally drive through a parking lot and bounced when it

hit a speed bump.

Mrs. Stefanick, who was in a boat with her family on the other side of the lake, also saw the car plunge into the water. Gordon dove into the water and Stefanick also rushed to the scene in an attempt to rescue the woman. Rescue workers from Kings Mountain Police Department, Kings Mountain and Shelby Rescue Squads, Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department, the Highway

Patrol and Shelby Skin Diving Club, led in the search by Assistant KMPD Police Chief Bob Hayes, searched for the woman whose body was recovered at 7:30 p.m. Rescue workers filled Moss Lake Patrol and KM Rescue Squad boats and as many as 10 people dove into the water in an attempt to reach the trapped woman.

Mrs. Decker was a private duty nurse. The daughter of Floyd L. and Mary Jenkins Smith of Gaffney, S.C., she resided at 1307 Briarcliff Road in Shelby. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Gaffney.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are three daughters, Rita Decker of Gaffney, Sharon D. Bailey of Salisbury and Michele Decker of Shelby; three brothers, Floyd L. Smith, Jr. of Cowpens, Robert Smith of Shelby and Thomas Smith of Gaffney; three sisters, Evelyn Blanton, Sue Hughey and Inez Byers, all of Gaffney, and one grandchild. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from Clay Barnette Funeral Home in Shelby, interment following in Shelby's Sunset Cemetery.



FAIN HAMBRICHT

Hambricht Heads US Postmasters

R. Fain Hambricht, Postmaster at Grover, North Carolina, has been reelected for a fourth term to the office of National President of the National League of Postmasters. Hambricht turned back his opponent with a nearly 80 percent share of the vote. The League, whose Headquarters is in Alexandria, VA, was founded in 1904 and is the oldest organization representing postal managers in the

nation.

Hambricht served on the organization's National Executive Board for a number of years prior to becoming the organization's top officer.

As President, he oversees and directs the daily operation of the association which deals with Congress, the Administration and the U.S. Postal Service. He manages a budget of more than 150 million dollars and a staff of

200 employees.

His reelection took place at the League's 82nd Annual National Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii where such national figures as Postmaster General Paul N. Carlin, Deputy Postmaster General Jackie A. Strange, Congressmen William Ford (D-MI) and Dan Burton (R-IN) joined with others in exalting his leadership.

Hambricht, a postmaster of 28 years is granted a Leave

of Absence by the U.S. Postal Service to fulfill his duties as a resident officer of the nearly 70,000 strong management association.

President Reagan dispatched a letter of well-wishes to Hambricht and the postmasters organization expressing his regrets on not being able to personally attend, while saluting postmasters on their extraordinary service to the Nation.

Swimming Pool Pledges Eclipses \$450,000 Mark

The Kings Mountain Indoor Pool Foundation has announced that fund raising efforts for a community indoor swimming pool have now eclipsed the \$450,000.00 mark.

Fund raising efforts have been underway for the proposed complex since April 1.

The final phase of the campaign, which involves primarily community gifts, is now underway and is expected to last another three to six weeks.

According to Campaign Chairman Grady Howard, the response of the community goal of \$750,000.00 is within reach. He notes that the community gift division, which is now beginning, is by far the largest of the divisions involved with the campaign. Howard stresses that it will be extremely important for each of the campaign workers in this division to perform well in order to meet the projected goal. The Community Gifts Division will essentially allow nearly every citizen in Kings Mountain an opportunity to become a part of this effort for what we all feel is a very worthwhile cause and something that will serve our community and school system for many, many years to come.

Plans for an indoor swimming complex have been underway now for approximately the last three to four years. Initial plans called for

a 12,000 square foot facility to occupy a site on the campus of Kings Mountain High School. The structure itself will house a six lane indoor pool which will have very broad community uses as well as numerous uses within the school system both for teaching and for competitive swimming purposes.

Dedication Service Set

First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain announces inaugural and dedication services for its new worship center for Sunday, September 22, at 10:30 a.m.

This new facility contains sanctuary seating for approximately 750 persons. The building also houses an office suite, music suite, church parlor and senior adult educational wing with total space of around 20,000 square feet.

Sunday's activities also include an open house and program at 2:00 p.m. The building committee, pastor and staff, as well as the membership of First Baptist, cordially invite the public to attend these special services.



BOYS CLUB BENEFIT SATURDAY - An auction, yard sale and bake sale Saturday beginning at 7 a.m. in the old Roses Building in downtown Kings Mountain will benefit the Kings Mountain Boy's Club. Bob Maner, left, and Paul Hendricks show off some of the new furniture to be auctioned along with many other items at the benefit.

Boys Club Auction Saturday

A Saturday auction, yard sale and bake sale will benefit the Kings Mountain Boys Club.

The big yard sale gets underway at 7 a.m. sharp in the old Roses Store Building in downtown Kings Mountain. Promoters of the benefit say the yard sale will be "the biggest ever" and invite yard-sale-goers to come early for best selections of "almost

every imaginable product."

Joyce Dixon will sound the gavel at 8 a.m. which will begin an auction of odds-ends and new furniture, including two sofas and matching chairs, and a wide variety of new and used items.

Citizens having items to donate to the yard sale, bake sale or auction are invited to call Bob Maner, 739-6411;

Paul Hendricks, 739-7588; or Tommy Bennett, 739-3666. Contributions are also encouraged and all contributions are tax-deductible.

"We want to make this the biggest fund-raising project ever," said Hendricks, who said the local Boys Club helps over 200 youngsters in the Kings Mountain area.

Man Drowns While Fishing

A 42-year-old Grover man drowned Saturday while fishing near Dravo Dam in South Carolina.

Clyde Davis was fishing on a private pond about 6:10 p.m. when the aluminum boat he was in overturned. The person in the boat with Davis said Davis went under and was not seen again.

Davis' body, which was tangled in nylon fishing cord, was recovered around 7 p.m. by members of the Gaffney Rescue Squad and the Cherokee Ambulance Association.

A Gaffney, S.C. native, Davis was the son of Novella T. Davis and the late Felix Davis.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Elizabeth A. Davis, of the home; three sons, Thomas Lee, Clyde Eric and Timothy Davis of Grover; a daughter, Lena Elizabeth Davis of Grover; three brothers, George and John Davis of Gastonia and James L. Davis of Charlotte; three sisters, Ola Mae Posey of Gaffney, S.C., Linnie Reinhart of Charlotte and Cora D. Culberth of Grover; and four grandchildren.

He was employed as a custodian at Stouffer's Incorporated and was a member of First Baptist Church of Earl.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon from First Baptist Church of Earl by Rev. D. Whittenburg, interment following in the church cemetery.

Mountaineer Days Events Scheduled For October 4-5

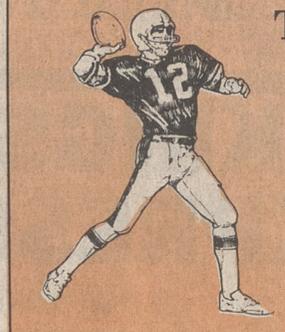
Plans are underway by Kings Mountain Fire Department for annual Mountaineer Days Oct. 4 and 5 with a variety of events slated for all ages.

Fire Chief Gene Tignor said the two-day celebration of the 206th anniversary of the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain will kick off at 3:30 p.m. on Friday,

Oct. 4th, with a big parade on downtown streets. Tignor said that entries are now being accepted and he urges all citizens interested in providing a float or unit in the parade to contact any member of the Fire Department.

Other major attractions of

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Tracy Sullens Wins Herald Football Contest

Tracy Sullens of 309 Somerset Drive, Kings Mountain, edged out Wayne Bridges of Route 3, Box 861, Kings Mountain on the tie-breaker to win the \$100 prize in last week's Pick the Winners football contest.

Both contestants missed just one of the 20 area high school and college games. Sullens picked 45 points on the tie-breaker (Maryland 31, Boston College 13) while Bridges predicted 37 points.

Sullens' only miss was West Virginia's victory over Duke and Bridges' only miss was Ohio State over Pittsburgh.

Several other contestants missed just two games.

The third of 10 weekly contests is inside today's Herald. Pick the most winners and get your entry by 4 p.m. Friday and you'll join Sullens and Robert Murphree in the winners' circle. Mail your entry to Football Contest, P.O. Box 752, Kings Mountain, 28086, or bring it by our office on Canterbury Road. Remember, whether you mail your entry or bring it to us, we must have it no later than 4 p.m. Friday.