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Body Of Missing Woman Found Near KM

Cleveland County sheriff's deputies are still awaiting test results from N.C. Medical Examiner Page Hudson that may tell them how 56-year-old former Lawndale Methodist missionary Barbara Buck Newman died.

Newman's remains, identified Sunday through her dental records, were found about 4 p.m. Saturday by Troy Conner, 409 Scotland Drive, running his dogs in a wooded area off Crocker

Road a mile south of U.S. 74 between Kings Mountain and Shelby.

Mrs. Newman had been missing since Sept. 4, 1985 when she was involved in an automobile accident on East King Street in Kings Mountain and told Kings Mountain police officers at the scene someone was coming to pick her up.

The skeletal remains were found about one and one half miles from the front yard on Shelby Road where

Newman's purse, contents intact, were found four days after she was last seen Sept. 4.

Cleveland County Det. Jerry White said "the body showed no visible signs of trauma, but Dr. Hudson is checking for us. There's no evidence at this point that there was foul play." "Normally I'd speculate that she may have died from exposure, but the weather was really good and warm in September," White said.

"It's possible she got dehydrated or maybe got snake bitten or broke a limb and couldn't move. There are just so many questions and we hope Dr. Hudson can clear up some of them."

The Newman family identified Mrs. Newman's watch found at the scene where the body was found and viewed the site, then returned Monday to Atlanta to plan a memorial service for Mrs. Newman, probably in Florida, where she had fami-

ly and friends.

Newman, a student at the Candler School of Theology at Atlanta's Emory University, disappeared in Kings Mountain after driving from Atlanta to Gastonia, apparently to visit her doctor and friends. She was to get her master of divinity degree in May.

She had been the object of an ongoing investigation since she was reported missing from the Kings Mountain area. Officers said the Crocker Road area had been

searched previously but because of the heavy undergrowth in the area during the summer months "we could have walked within 10 feet of her and never seen her."

According to sheriff department officials the remains were scattered over a 30 foot radius along with a watch, a gold necklace, a wooden cross and sun bleached clothes.

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United Way Wins Award

Kings Mountain United Way and Cleveland County United Way were among four in the state recognized by the N.C. United Way for their outstanding 1985-86 campaigns.

The Kings Mountain United Way, of which Lavon Strickland was campaign chairman, raised a record \$102,250 or 102.5 percent of its goal; the highest amount of money ever raised for the United Way by Kings Mountain area citizens. This was a 35 percent increase over the previous year's campaign.

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UNITED WAY LEADERS—Pictured with the handsome trophy the Kings Mountain United Way won for outstanding leadership are standing from left, Ernest Rome, Dr. Martin Stallings, Lavon Strickland, campaign chairman, Dr. Joel Jenkins, John Young and Ted Kostek. Absent are United Way President Mark Wilson, Treasurer Marvin Chappell and other division leaders Bill Davis, John Moss, Becky Scism and Teenia Henderson.

KM United Way Wants To Cooperate With County

No merger between the Kings Mountain United Way and Cleveland County United Way campaigns is predicted for the near future by directors of the Kings Mountain campaign who say they want to see more co-operation between the programs to prevent competition for donations.

Between now and the opening of the two fall campaigns in September, local board members plan to survey industries in the overlapping area caught between the competing agencies.

The push for a merger between the two agencies, which together fund nearly 40 charitable and human service agencies in the county,

came at the suggestion recently of industrial leader Charlie Harry, of Grover Industries, which supports both campaigns.

Lavon Strickland, chairman of the 1985-86 campaign in Kings Mountain which set a record in campaign gifts and pledges, gave a report from the recent joint meeting of both boards called to discuss Harry's suggestion and concerns that both groups were recruiting the same industries for donations.

"It seems to me that before a merger is decided that both our groups would need to work together for one year in

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CODES DIRECTOR—The city's codes director Bob Davies, above, looks at a map of the city's flood lane which is included in a comprehensive flood hazard ordinance he will present to the city board of commissioners Tuesday night.

Codes Office Moving Downtown

The city codes office is moving today (Thursday) from the Public Works Building on North Piedmont Avenue to the new City Hall and will be located on the second floor.

City Codes Director Bob Davies, who joined the city staff in mid-December, said that he and Clerk-Secretary Connie Putnam will share offices with Community Development Director Gene White.

Mr. Davies said his office has recently completed a flood hazard ordinance for the city and it will be presented to the board of commissioners for review and approval at Tuesday night's 7:30 p.m. regular meeting. Davies said the flood ordinance spells out flood hazard areas in Kings Mountain, including Landing Street, Bridges Drive, east of Cleveland Avenue, northwest of the Country Club along

Potts Creek, Waco Road north of Davidson Estates and north Wales Road. When adopted, property owners may get a break on flood insurance.

Davies said the city was notified in January by the Federal Emergency Management Agency that the city would be suspended from the national flood insurance program if such an ordinance was not prepared and adopted by April 30th. He

said that the Atlanta, Ga. staff of FEMA had approved his draft of the ordinance.

Mayor John Henry Moss said that the local codes office is moving to City Hall for convenience of Kings Mountain citizens requiring building permits. The codes office handles numerous permits, including building and installations of air-conditioning, furnaces, per-

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Gas Station Owner Files Civil Suit

A \$100,000 civil suit has been filed in Cleveland County Superior Court by Willard (Pete) Johnson for alleged injuries he received when a gas can exploded in his hand while he worked on a customer's car.

The defendant in the action was listed as Lemuel A. Johnson, also of Kings Mountain.

Willard Johnson owns and operates Pete's Gulf Station on East King Street.

The Plaintiff alleges the incident occurred when sparks ignited from the car engine caused the gas can to ignite and explode in Pete Johnson's hand.

The plaintiff alleges he sustained severe and permanent injuries and suffered severe burns to his face and body and was out of work three months. He seeks \$3,000 for medical and hospital bills incurred and a total of \$100,000 for permanent injuries and loss of wages.

According to the complaint, Pete Johnson was called to assist the defendant in getting his stalled van started on S. Gaston Street on April 24, 1984. The plaintiff said he had brought a can of gasoline with him in the event the 1967

Chevy van was out of gasoline. The plaintiff alleges that he climbed inside the van to examine the engine for possible flooding, and with the gasoline can with him, removed the fuel pump, cleaned it and added gasoline to the engine. "Then without warning, the defendant, who

was sitting in the front seat, ignited the engine before the plaintiff cleaned the fuel pump and engine of any gas residue caused by flooding and while the can was in the plaintiff's hand and before the plaintiff was able to get out of the car", according to the complaint.

Sandi In Top Ten

Although she didn't return home with the crown of Mrs. North Carolina, Sandi Shockley, 39, of Kings Mountain, placed in the top ten in the finals and said she wouldn't have missed the opportunity to participate in the state pageant.

"It was a great experience," said the Grover Physical Education teacher.

Mrs. Shockley, wife of Danny Shockley, of Kings Mountain, said she wishes to state appreciation to the many individuals and businesses who supported her and for the friends who turned out at the pageant festivities in Wilmington last weekend.

She said she wanted especially to thank her husband, Danny Shockley, and their children, Doug, 18; Shane, 17, and Matt, 11, all of whom were in the audience on Saturday night for the



SANDI SHOCKLEY

finals in which Deborah Shuckman of Wilmington was the winner and Willa Daltezegar of Wilmington was runner up for the title.



Photo by Gary Stewart

LIFETIME SHRINER - Paul Falls, left, of Kings Mountain waves to the crowd Saturday night at Kings Mountain Community Center after Oasis Temple Potentate Gene Morrison, right, honored him with a lifetime membership in Oasis Temple. Falls was a driving force behind the organization of White Plains Shrine Club in Kings Mountain and was the club's first president.