

Mrs. Smith Walking Again

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said Mrs. Smith, thanks to all the Kings Mountain people who have "stood by us" during the tragedy.

"Larry and the children and I had always done everything together and we were a sports family, always attending ball games, and Larry coached little league teams," she said. Coincidentally, the Smiths had attended a ball game that weekend and ballplayers were in the truck which struck the Smith car.

Mrs. Smith started therapy five weeks ago but won't be released from the hospital until she's able to get out of her wheelchair by herself. "I don't think that will be long" she says. The children can hardly wait. Their grandmother brings them to the hospital every day to report their school activities and to take a look at their mother's latest tolework which she is making as Christmas presents. Mrs. Smith will be under a doctor's care for at least 18 months after she leaves the hospital and she doesn't

know when she'll be able to return to work at Spectrum. "I just take one day at a time but I am so thankful my children are fine and that God is letting me walk again," she said.

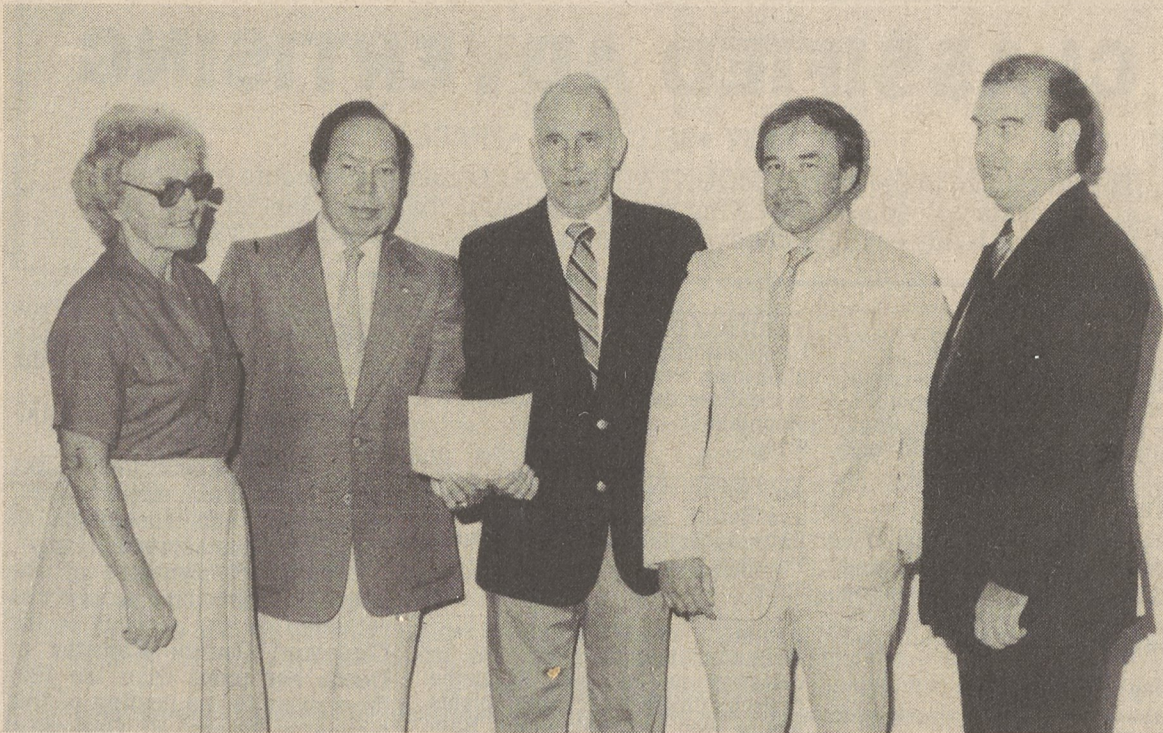
"My family has been so supportive of us, my mother, my father, William Leigh of Shelby, my brother Tony Leigh, of Asheville; and my church family," she said.

Both sons had their cast removed from their legs but on the first day of school the older son broke his leg again and is now on crutches.

Mrs. Smith lost 36 pounds during her hospitalization and plans to stay on a diet. "I'm really proud of the weight loss," she said.

Linda Smith said she especially wants to praise the rescue teams, fire department, and hospital staff, including Dr. Zucker and nurses on East Station, and asks that her friends continue to pray for her family.

"God still works miracles. Look at me", she beams.



UNITED WAY KICKOFF—Five division leaders in the 1987 Kings Mountain United Way campaign for \$105,000 are pictured at a campaign kickoff luncheon Friday. From left, Mrs. Grady Howard, Mayor John Moss, Glee E. Bridges, Bernard Harvey and Ron Bagwell.

Petitions Have 1,100 Signatures

More than 1100 signatures have been obtained on an ABC petition being circulated by "Wet" forces in the community during the past several weeks.

Co-chairman Claude Suber said that "Wet" forces are hoping to obtain as many as 1500 signatures even though only 1100 signatures are required to call for an election on the ABC issue in the city.

Suber estimated he has at least 900 signatures which are "valid" because they represent registered voters of the City of Kings Mountain.

Co-chairman of the effort for Alcohol Beverage Control is Kemp Mauney.

Chairman of the "Dry" forces is Rev. Eugene Land, pastor of Second Baptist Church.

"Drys" met recently at Second Baptist Church to organize to fight the issue, which was voted down three years ago by a slight margin.

\$105,000 United Way Campaign Is Underway

Kings Mountain United Way officers and directors kicked off its \$105,000 goal, a 5 percent increase over last year—at a luncheon meeting Friday at Holiday Inn.

Campaign Co-chairman Lavon Strickland pointed out that the organization's goals have risen from \$50,000 in 1980 to \$105,000, more than doubling its campaign goals over the past seven years.

"We think we can do it", said President Ted Kostek.

Guest speakers at the kickoff luncheon were two representatives of United Way agencies—Bill McCullough of CODAP and Mar-

tha Scruggs of the American Red Cross.

McCullough told the group that polls reveal the public looks at drug abuse as the major problem in the schools and in the nation today, and he said he personally feels the drug issue is more significant than arms control and the economy. He said drug abuse affects one in every four families. Community Organization for Drug Abuse Prevention asks \$5,000 in this year's United Way campaign.

Mrs. Scruggs took the occasion to thank volunteers who staff the bloodmobile visits in

the area and other Red Cross volunteers as she discussed the various programs of the local and national Red Cross. American Red Cross is budgeted to receive \$18,000 from this year's fund campaign.

Other local, state and national agencies and their allotments for 1987 are Ministerial Association Helping Hand Fund and Chaplain Service, \$12,550; Girl Scouts, Pioneer Council, \$8,000; Boy Scouts, Piedmont Council, \$7,500; Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, \$6,800; Cleveland County Shelter Home, \$6,975; Kings Moun-

tain Boys Club, \$7,700; Grover Rescue Squad, \$6,800; Salvation Army, \$3,000; Cleveland County Mental Health Association, \$1,300; Hospice, \$1,500; Child Abuse Prevention Services, \$2,000; Cleveland County Vocational Industries, \$5,000; Toys for Tots, \$1,000; N.C. United Agencies, \$6,634, plus \$2,500 budgeted for administration.

Mrs. Strickland and Bill Davis are serving as campaign co-chairmen this year and Marvin Chappell is secretary-treasurer.

Division chairmen are Mrs. Grady Howard, advance gifts and correspondence; Mayor

John H. Moss, City of Kings Mountain; Glee E. Bridges, commercial; Ron Bagwell, hospital; Bernard Harvey, industrial; Rev. George Auman, ministerial; Dr. Joe Zucker, professional; Dr. Larry Allen, schools; and Lib Stewart, publicity.

Directors are Huitt Reep, Ted Kostek, Jim Harry, Dr. Martin Stallings, Glee E. Bridges, Grady Howard, Ernest Rome, Odus Smith, Dr. Joel Jenkins, Mayor John H. Moss, Ron Bagwell and Dr. Joseph Zucker.

Firemen Preparing For Big Mountaineer Days

City firemen are gearing up for the "biggest and best ever" Mountaineer Days.

Mountaineer Days Oct. 3-4 in downtown Kings Mountain will feature a number of on-stage activities, beginning at

10 a.m. on Battleground and Railroad Avenue, plus a big craft fair at City Hall.

Fire Chief Gene Tignor, chairman of the annual festivities sponsored by the Kings Mountain Fire Dep-

artment on the 206th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain, said that the Swinging Mountaineer Band will kick off the festivities at 10 a.m. following by music by the Kings Mountain Senior

High Band from 10:30 until 11 a.m. An opening ceremony is slated for 11 a.m. followed by a costume contest at 11:30 and a fashion show by models from Joan Baker Studio from 11:40 until 12:10.

Other on-stage activities will include Patsy Parker and exercisers; Kings Mountain City Employees Band; Faithful Gospel Singers;

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