



Bank, Store Robbed

Kings Mountain police are still looking for suspects and leads in connection with two robberies in Kings Mountain Thursday and Friday. No one was hurt in either robbery.

An armed robber, who inquired whether his name was on a bad check list, robbed the Food Lion Store at West Gate Plaza of an undisclosed amount of money about 6:51 p.m. Thursday after pointing a gun at a cashier, police officer Dorothy Howell said. Police are searching for a white bearded male of medium build, about 6-3, last seen driving west toward Shelby.

In an unrelated incident, police said a man walked behind the tellers counter Friday at 1:45 p.m. at Branch Bank and Trust Company on East King Street and grabbed an undetermined amount of money from a cash drawer. Minutes earlier, the black male, who appeared to be in his early teens, had talked with a loan officer about a loan, got out of her sight, and walked behind the counter and told all the tellers to stand back, demanding money. Det. Richard Reynolds said the tellers did not see a weapon. The man, described as being five feet seven, was of slender build with short cropped hair and no beard and moustache. He was wearing blue jeans, tennis shoes, and a blue pullover with white stripes, according to description given to police, and last seen walking on Deal Street.

Sgt. Reynolds said several possible sightings of the suspect were reported and check out by Kings Mountain officers and Cleveland County Sheriff's Deputies who were involved in the search. The investigation is continuing, assisted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sgt. Reynolds said Friday's robbery of BB&T was the fourth time the bank had been robbed. The most recent robbery occurred about two years ago. A quick-thinking cashier foiled a robbery attempt at Harris Teeter Super Market, East King Street, Monday. Police reported that a white male going through a checkout line reached his arm in an attempt to take money from the drawer. The cashier slammed the drawer shut, barely missing the man's hand. The man fled, police said.

Timetable For Completion Of KMHS Pool Is Discussed

The Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday night approved a timetable for completion of the proposed indoor swimming pool at Kings Mountain High School.

Dr. Scott Mayse, president of the KM Indoor Pool Foundation, also received permission for portions of the funds raised to go toward memorials for area citizens. The board also tentatively approved locating the facility on the north side of the campus rather than the south side as originally intended.

Dr. Mayse said architects will begin their final drawings next February and complete them by September of 1987. He said the project will be advertised for bids in October and construction should begin in January of 1988.

Mayse said that after talking with members of the community, the pool foundation is recommending that the facility be located on the north side of the campus. The original plans called for locating the pool on the south side between Barnes Auditorium and the tennis courts. He said that site would be "very accessible" and in "close proximity" to other physical education facilities, but that it could cause a traffic flow problem and decrease the size of the girls softball field.

The natatorium area will be named in memory of Kathryn Neisler. The north entry will be named in memory of Charles F. Harry Jr., the south entry in memory of Rosalee and Samuel Suber Jr., the girls dressing room in memory of Dr. W.L. Mauney, the office in memory of Paul H. McGinnis Sr., the mechanical room in memory of Glee A. Bridges and T. Nelson Bridges, and the filter room in memory of Clyde E. Conner and Viri Conner.

There are some other areas of the pool still available for memorial gifts, Mayse said.



CHEERING FOR MOUNTIES - Kings Mountain High band members, dressed in their brand new black and gold uniforms, help cheer the Mountaineers on to victory in last week's 28-0 win over Burns at John Gamble Stadium. The Mountaineers play their annual homecoming game this week against R-S Central.

Schools Study Facilities, Pay Scales

By GARY STEWART
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Kings Mountain school officials will be doing a lot of "studying" during the next several months.

The School Board, meeting Monday night at the Superintendent's Office, approved studying pay scales for non-certified personnel and authorizing the State Department to update its 1977-78 study on school facility needs.

The idea to study the salaries of non-certified personnel came after the board discussed a study which had been done last year on the salaries of school office support personnel. The plan, McRae explained, calls for placing new personnel on a salary scale based on their experience, job training and size of school being served, and to advance current employees based on their years of service, training and size of school served.

According to McRae, it would cost approximately \$26,000 to implement the plan for one year.

"This is new money and continuing money," McRae told the board. "Once you put it in, it's a \$26,000 base figure that goes up all the time."

McRae expressed mixed feelings toward the matter, stating that the office personnel needed salary increases, but that he couldn't "in good conscience" recommend raising them without including other non-certified personnel such as custodians and lunch room workers.

"We need to continue to work toward improving the salaries of all classified people," he said.

McRae said he didn't feel like money was available in this year's tight budget to implement the plan. However, he said there may be ways to implement part or all of the plan when the time comes to consider next year's budget.

"I believe there is no money this year," board member June Lee said. "We've been told that and told that. I'd like to accept this as one of our goals for next year."

Board member Kyle Smith said he thought the matter should be "top priority" and Paul Hord said he thought the plan presented for the office personnel is a "good plan which should include the other non-certified employees."

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Board Rezones Land For Corporate Center

By LIB STEWART
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Rezoning of 338.65 acres of residential property adjacent to I-85 to Heavy Industry brought the proposed Kings Mountain Corporate Center a step further to reality as the city board of commissioners approved the rezoning after public hearings Tuesday night.

The board rezoned 254.58

acres of property owned by S.R. Suber, III of 805 Hillside Drive, 63.51 acres of property owned by George H. Houser, Ridge St., and 20.56 acres of property owned by John O. Plonk. The Suber property includes two parcels.

All the properties are located adjacent to Interstate 85 and were zoned at the owner's requests "for development of highest and

best use of property."

After a lengthy discussion of assessment costs for street improvements billed 31 citizens, two churches and a masonic lodge, the board approved, with exception of three, the complete roll totaling \$28,576.67 on Landing Street from S. Sims to Phifer Road.

The Landing Street improvements, which cost the

city \$102,697.68 and for which residents were billed \$29,447.87, was at 6.58 per lineal feet with the city paying half the costs of materials and outside contractors costs. Spokesmen for Primitive Baptist Church, which was billed \$1151.50 for 175 feet of improvements, said the surveyor description was for 167 feet. The city used the tax map description of 175

feet. Rev. Richard Styers, pastor of the church, said the church has few members and no one was contacted about the paving and that city workers "took some off our lot and damaged the grass with trucks". Mrs. Styers said the church yard was reseeded last year and the city crews "tore it up." The

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Cornwell Drug Parking Request Passes 4-3

A controversial off-street parking request by Cornwell Drug Stores, Inc., whose new building is going up at the corner of Country Drive and King Street, was approved 4-3 Tuesday, after Mayor John Moss broke a tie vote only after a lengthy discussion

among commissioners opposing strongly and disagreeing among commissioners opposing strongly and disagreeing about the terms.

Tempers flared at several points during the request for a special exception for off street parking in a residential zone which had been previously approved by the Board of Adjustments May 28, 1986.

The city board denied the rezoning of the lot in question on Nov. 25, 1985 but had the power to limit the duration of the Special Exception, a period from 1 to 5 years.

Commissioners had various opinions on the terms.

Commissioners Fred Finger, Norman King, and Harold Phillips disagreed on the five year period which the

board approved 4-3 in a tie vote. Commissioner Fred Finger, who resides at 908 Sherwood Lane in the Country Club section of town, opposed strongly. The residents of Country Club Circle should be protected against drainage problems which could be incurred by a parking lot," he maintained, and the city would be responsible. A paved parking area

could cause those problems," he said.

Both contractor and architect for the Cornwell store were present and agreed to draw up a legal agreement with the city on drainage control. "If there is a storm drain there, we can tie on it but I don't think there is, said the architect, to which Finger

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Rescuers To Respond On Weekends

Kings Mountain Rescue Squad will begin answering calls as "primary responder" for rescue-ambulance service, effective Nov. 1, for a 24 hour period from 6 p.m. Saturday until 6 p.m. Sunday.

The action came after members of the Squad and the board of directors met last week with Emergency Services Coordinator Abbey Ledford.

With 13 EMT's and four ambulance attendants now on its roster of qualified volunteers, Kings Mountain Rescue Squad had petitioned the county board of commissioners, through its board of

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NEW OFFICERS OF KIWANIS CLUB—Pictured, new officers of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club, are installed by Lt. Governor Gene Parks, third from left. From left, Dr. Martin Stallings, Rev. Charles Davenport, Lt. Governor Parks, Doyle Campbell, the new president, and Billy King. Not pictured is Roy Duncan.