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# Mountaineers At Brevard Friday

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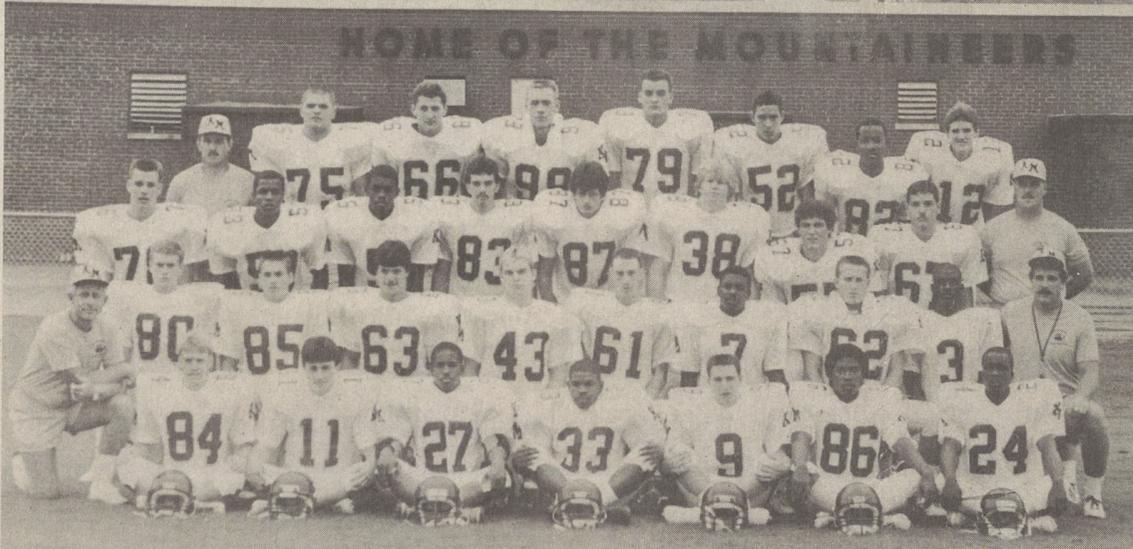
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**SHARE CONFERENCE CROWN** - Kings Mountain High's football team was tri-champions in the Southwestern 3-A Conference this fall with Shelby and East Rutherford, giving the school its first conference football championship since 1964. In a special drawing for seeds for the upcoming state 3-A playoffs, the Mountaineers drew third place. They will open the playoffs Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Brevard. Team members include, front row, left to right, Greg Anthony, Paul Heffner, Shawn Smith, Daron Hillman, Mike Sellers, Tim Guyton and Raynard Roberts. Second row, head coach Denny Hicks, Mark Wyte, Daniel Long, Dallas Stacy, Monty Deaton, Phillip Greene, Anthony Hillman, Mark Crawford, Jerry Jordan and assistant coach Paul Bolt. Third row, Jody Champion, Sam Wilson, Gus Degree, Mike Clary, Shane Cole, David Ledbetter, Kevin Bush, Todd Maples and assistant coach Bruce Clark. Back row, assistant coach John Goforth, Wayne Brazzell, Danny Hamrick, Aubrey Hollifield, Rusty Bumgardner, Kevin Champion, Allen Chisholm and Stuart Spires.

## ABC Vote January 20

Kings Mountain citizens will vote in an ABC referendum Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1987.

Becky Cook, chairman of the KM Board of Elections, announced at Tuesday's meeting of the board of city commissioners that she had verified a petition from citizens with more than 1100 names of registered voters, the 25 percent required by law to call for an election on alcohol beverage control. The election, by law, is set for 70 days after official verification, she said.

Citizens will vote on four questions:

- 1) Permission of off premise sale of malt beverage only;
- 2) Permission of on premise sale of Class A motels and restaurants for malt beverages only and to permit off premise sale of other permittees;
- 3) On premise and off premise sale of unfortified wine;
- 4) Operation of an ABC Store.

Polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. at two Kings Mountain polling places: East Kings Mountain at the Community Center and West Kings Mountain at the National Guard Armory.

Since the city is conducting the election, absentee voting will not be allowed.

All citizens of Kings Mountain who are registered to vote with the Cleveland County or Gaston County Boards of Elections are eligible to vote. Deadline for new registration or

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## Armed Robbery Suspect Charged After Monday Chase

A 32-year-old former Kings Mountain man, Harold Dean Bridges, a Charlotte painter, of 3414 Mathis Drive, wanted in connection with nine armed robberies in this area over the past three weeks, was apprehended by county and city officers Monday afternoon after being chased from the scene of a robbery in Shelby.

Det. Richard Reynolds of the Kings Mountain Police Department said that Bridges was charged with nine counts of armed robbery and jailed Monday afternoon under \$450,000 bond in Cleveland County Jail.

Reynolds said that additional charges are pending against the suspect, including possession of a sawed-off shotgun, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, several counts of kidnapping related to the robberies and the attempted rape of a clerk at the clothing store robbed in Kings Mountain last week.

Bridges is charged with robbing the Food Lion Store in Kings Mountain Oct. 23, Toney's Clothing Store in Kings Mountain last Wednesday, Scissors and Styles Beauty Shop on Shelby Road west of the city and five

customers in the shop last Friday afternoon, and Manufacturing Outlet in Sky City Shopping Center Monday afternoon about 12:40.

Reynolds said the suspect was armed with a sawed off shotgun, according to witnesses.

Bridges was on parole from a federal penitentiary in Tennessee. He was employed by a painting contractor in Charlotte.

The nine counts of armed robbery involve thefts from four businesses and five individuals during the past three weeks.

According to officers, a high speed chase, gunfire and cows in Bill Neisler's pasture, led to the apprehension of the suspect Monday afternoon.

Cleveland County Det. Raymond Hamrick, who responded to the report of the armed robbery Monday afternoon in Shelby, said he spotted the suspect vehicle on Highway 74 traveling east. Hamrick began a high speed chase that led to Long Branch Road. During the chase, he said, the suspect stopped his vehicle at a church and appeared about to get out of the

car. Hamrick fired a shot and the suspect then sped to the end of Long Branch Road and turned north onto Highway 29. The suspect abandoned his 1982 Buick Regal across the road from Norwick Manufacturing Company and headed towards woods near I-85. Lt. Bob Roadcap of the Shelby Police Department arrived with a tracking dog and began a search with Hamrick and Cleveland County Chief Deputy Ron McKinney. As the suspect ran across the field, officers said cows followed him. "We followed the cows", said

McKinney. Officers said the suspect offered no resistance. McKinney said that a .410 gauge shotgun was found in the suspect's vehicle and a large amount of bills were found in the suspect's pockets.

Law enforcement officers in 30 vehicles from the city and county, and N.C. and S.C. highway patrols, Shelby and Kings Mountain police, Sheriffs department and Grover police aided the chase and search for the suspect. Officers had the suspect in custody 50 minutes of Monday's robbery.

## School Board Discussing Needs Of School Facilities

Between now and Spring Kings Mountain Board of Education members will make a decision on whether to take recommendations of a Blue Ribbon Study Committee on school facility construction plans and reorganization.

Beginning Monday night and for the next several board of education meetings, members will be reviewing proposals of a state study nine years ago which recommended closing of both West and East Elementary Schools, closing of Central Middle School and reorganization of the schools by moving 6th graders back into the elementary systems (now K-5), and seventh and eighth graders to the Junior High.

While updating of both East and West Schools will be "expensive", according to Supt. Bob McRae, he said it "may be to the board's advantage to keep those schools the way they are. At this point there

are no plans to close any of the schools," he said.

Board members discussed North, East and West Elementary school sites and plans for improvements on Monday evening, agreeing that enlargement of a library is needed at North School and replacement of old structures at both East and West campuses. McRae estimated that cost of replacing classrooms and administrative offices, kitchen and dining facilities and three mobile classrooms at East School at \$1,278,060 and for similar replacements at West School at \$1,090,000. A major problem at West School, which is situated on a 3.75 acre tract which the state suggests should be at least 12 acres, is that new construction would eliminate playgrounds. Under construction plans he outlined to the board, McRae said that only North School would be able to accommodate sixth grade.

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**MATH TEACHER OF THE YEAR**—Danny Ray McDowell, center, 4th grade math teacher at Bethware School, is congratulated by Bethware Principal Ronnie Nanney, left, and Supt. Bob McRae as 1986 Outstanding Elementary Math Teacher. McDowell was also recognized for his work with young people in KM Boys Club.

## Board Approves Gas Hike

The price of natural gas is going up and natural gas customers of the city will see a 12 percent increase in their November bills.

"We wish this item were not on the agenda tonight but the city is merely passing on what we have to pay. Our gas consulting engineers Heath Associates say we must do it and hope the rate increase won't be in effect any longer than April", said Mayor John Moss in calling for a vote of city commissioners Tuesday night.

While the average Kings Mountain customer will be

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## Mayor Refuses To Break Tie Vote

Mayor John Moss refused to break a 3-3 tie vote on awarding an equipment bid Tuesday night, instructing commissioners to meet this week with Department Head Karl Moss and take a look at three tractor trenches for Water-Sewer Construction and award the bid at the December meeting.

Moss had recommended the city purchase a more expensive model because he said "down the road it will save money because of the extra attachments",

although he noted that all three bidders met specifications. Commissioners Norman King, Fred Finger and Harold Phillips voted to accept the higher bid from Ditch Witch of Charlotte at total cost of \$27,982.22. Commissioners Humes Houston, Corbet Nicholson and Irvin Allen objected, in favor of the low bid, Parker Farm Service, Shelby, at \$25,887.75.

Commissioner Finger also questioned figures from a third bidder who had not included in his bid both sales

tax and county tax and asked the board to make another bid tabulation and award later.

In another bid matter, the board unanimously accepted the low bid from Parker Farm Service, Shelby, at \$10,150.35, for a tractor with front loader and mower for Wastewater Treatment Department.

After considerable discussion of amending of a code ordinance, relative to driveways, Mayor Moss excused Attorney George

Thomasson and Bob Davies for 15 minutes while they conferred on terminology in an amended ordinance which doubled, from 12 to 24 feet, the width permitted on a residential lot for driveways. Commissioner Fred Finger objected to the original 12 feet in Section B of the ordinance, as proposed, but Codes Director Bob Davies said that the ordinance in C section specified that additional footage could be ob-

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### KM-Brevard Game Tickets On Sale At High School

Advance tickets for Friday night's Kings Mountain at Brevard state playoff football game are on sale through Thursday at the KMHS principal's office.

Advance tickets are \$3. Tickets at the gate will be \$4. No more seats are available on the chartered buses. Thirteen buses carrying the football team, band, and fans will leave KMHS at 4:30 p.m.