

## Police Chief J.D. Barrett Is Retiring On January 31

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was the 14th man on the force when the late Hugh Logan approached him about a job with the police department. From the third shift patrol job, he worked his way to the department head position and was acting chief for a number of years before the chief's position was filled.

Barrett, who has long been modest about his role as a police officer in Kings Mountain, said that a cop's job is service oriented and said that while no specific memory stands out from his long

career in law enforcement, the best part of his job was the people with whom he served and those with whom he worked. "There are an awful lot of good people in this town," said Barrett.

Barrett, who supervises four crews of officers, has emphasized training and professionalism in his department. He also supervises the patrol duty of John Moss Lake and animal control office or a staff of 23 at full complement. The staff also includes two detectives and a drug officer.

When Barrett came to work for the city in 1956 the police station was housed in the old city hall on Piedmont Avenue. The jail, dispatcher officer and a small adjoining office for the chief comprised the then-law enforcement center. Now, the police department occupies what then was the city hall and Barrett hopes to see the day the police move into the old postoffice. "We've been laying the groundwork for a long time and are hopeful that since the new postoffice has been built the city will be able to obtain the old postoffice building and use it for a renovated law enforcement building." Before the new city hall was built, the police department was located at one time in the basement it now occupies on Piedmont Avenue.

Barrett praised the officers in the Police Department and said many of them had gone back to school for additional training. "I hope they will continue to do that," he said.

A volunteer in the Kings Mountain Fire Department, Barrett said he expects to continue his volunteer service. He is a deacon in First Presbyterian Church.

Chief Barrett's family includes his wife, Arlene Schneider Barrett, who he married 32 years ago and who is secretary at First Presbyterian Church; a son, David Barrett, who works in the creative advertising department of the Charlotte Observer; and a daughter, Cheryl Butler, who is works in the library at Kings Mountain Junior High School. The family resides at 202 Park Drive.

### Notary Public School Set

The Continuing Education Department of Cleveland Technical College will sponsor a notary public school on Monday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. in the Campus Center Auditorium. The course will be taught by Lynn Wilson.

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Registration will be held at the class meeting. A fee of \$15 will be charged, although anyone over 65 may enroll free. For additional information, please call 484-4015.

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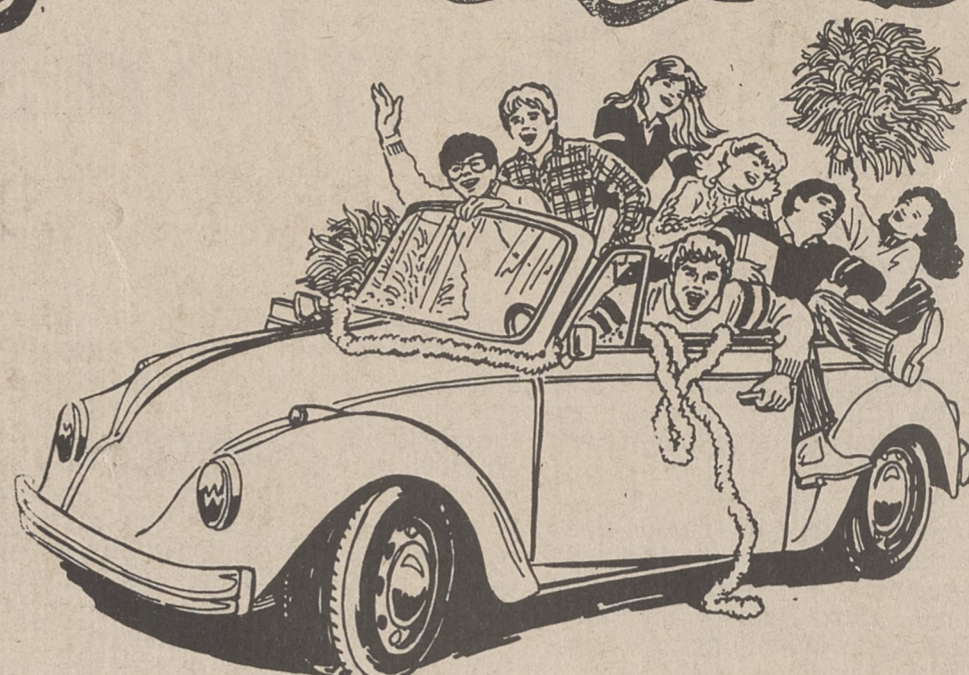
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