

Alcohol Applications To Be Taken Friday

Kings Mountain area citizens may be able to buy beer and wine in the city within four to five weeks.

Permit applications will be taken Friday morning at 10 a.m. at Holiday Inn from those interested in on and off-premise sale of malt beverages, according to Deputy ABC Commissioner Bill Cole of Raleigh.

Mr. Cole said that representatives of the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission will be here to talk with those interested and to take applications for permits. Cole estimated that permits usually take four to five weeks to be approved.

Cole said that setting up an ABC store, which voters also approved at the polls Jan. 20th, will take more time. First step in that procedure is appointment of a three-member local ABC Commission by the city board of commissioners. Once appointed, that commission must meet with state ABC officials to learn proper procedures for running an ABC Store. The commission must then choose a location for the store and advertise the store's location for 30 days. The state Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) must then investigate the potential store site to insure that all transactions are proper. The state ALE officer, who will come out of the Hickory office, will also be meeting Friday morning, as well as an auditor with local people interested in selling beer and wine to answer questions and explain procedures.

"When the local ABC Commission comes to Raleigh we will give them a tour of the central warehouse facility and show how orders will be processed and go over state statutes and rules for operation of ABC stores. An auditor will also talk with them about bookkeeping procedures," said Cole.

All permit applications will be thoroughly investigated by ALE officers, said Cole, and then forwarded to Raleigh where permits will be printed and issued to qualifying individuals.

Jim Carroll, a member of the city board of elections, explained that the soon-to-be-appointed ABC Commission has no control over the malt beverage issuing of permits. "The local ABC Commission will control only the city ABC Store," he said.

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Re-Count Is Denied

A recount request of ABC election results was denied Tuesday morning by 3-0 vote of the Kings Mountain Board of Elections after a hearing by the three-member board which involved both "Dry" and "Wet" forces.

Rev. Gene Land, representing the Kings Mountain Positive Action League opposed to the recent alcohol referendum, based the request on two factors: fatigue among election workers that may have caused at least one vote to have been miscounted; and confirmed reports that at least two people who voted were ineligible because they were outside city residents. Land also said the recount should be allowed because a precedent for granting a recount was established by the board of elections in 1983 when the three issues in that ABC referendum were disapproved by margins greater than this present ABC referendum. The margins were 32, 67 and 72. In that referendum, he said the recount was ordered "in what

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Employees 'Relieved' With Pay After Incident In Shelby

Ptl. Don Johnson and City Animal Control Officer Stretch Bollinger were "relieved of duty, with pay, pending an investigation by the Kings Mountain Police Department and the SBI, following an incident involving some type of altercation Tuesday night," according to KMPD Ptl. Commander-Captain Bob Hayes.

Shelby Magistrate John Allen said he drew up three warrants Tuesday night charging Phillip Bollinger, 30, son of Animal Control Officer Stretch Bollinger of the

KM Police Department, with running a red light, resisting arrest, and assault on police officer, Kings Mountain Police Department Ptl. Don Johnson.

Allen said young Bollinger was released in the custody of his brother-in-law at 11 p.m. Tuesday after posting bond. Trial date is Feb. 3 in Cleveland County District Court.

Magistrate Allen confirmed reports that Stretch Bollinger and Mrs. Linda Hern-

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SNOWY KINGS MOUNTAIN - The range of Kings Mountain and the farm land which serves as its footstool made for a pretty picture during last week's 12-inch snow. The snow crippled parts of the county for a day as driving was difficult and many homes were without power. After things returned to normal, citizens could appreciate its beauty.

Winter Storm Hits KM

Kings Mountain area citizens were recovering this week from a major snowstorm which dumped between 9-12 inches of snow in some areas Wednesday night and Thursday.

Last week's wintry blast and weekend icing caused some inconveniences to in-town residents but none of the power outages experienced by residents of the outlying communities. Residents of the Dixon and Love Valley communities on Route 4 were without power in some sections 24-30 hours. Power was

restored Friday afternoon and by Friday evening power had been restored to all Cleveland County customers by Rutherford Electric and Duke Power company crews.

Highways were cleared Monday but driveways, especially in the rural areas of the city, were yet to be cleared. Warmer temperatures were aiding the clean-up effort.

Area stores were reporting a booming business on Saturday for snow chains, portable oil heaters and shovels. Lines were long at most grocery

stores in town as citizens, fearing they would be snowed in again, were stocking up on milk, eggs, bread and other necessities.

It was back to school on Tuesday at 10 a.m. for area school pupils who had enjoyed a long holiday, beginning with two-day work day for teachers Thursday and Friday, followed by a snow day on Monday. Few teachers were able, due to the weather conditions, to report to school for workdays. Sleet and freezing rain Sunday covered roads with an icy glaze and temperatures dropped.

All mail deliveries were cancelled in Cleveland County Thursday due to safety factors and late delivery of mail to the local postoffices. Knee-deep snow brought few people to town and travel was hazardous.

City of Kings Mountain street crews had all streets cleared and back parking lots by noon Monday, according to Department of Maintenance Head Karl Moss. All city church parking lots were cleared on Saturday, according to Moss, who commended the street department under the direction of Emmett Moss for "long hours of work to clear off snow off city streets to

make them driveable." Moss said that he appreciated the cooperation of Kings Mountain citizens and said that his department had answered all calls. "We did not clear off any private driveways in town," he said. He said some workers worked 17-40 hours in snow removal and their first priority was to clean the streets, although they received 21 legitimate complaints from citizens. "We had lots of calls from citizens wanting us to scrape driveways but we are not permitted to do that and did not," he said.

Moss said that he knew of at least two citizens who proved to be "good samaritans" for citizens needing to get out of driveways. Scott Neisler, who recently bought a backhoe from the city, was clearing off driveways as was garage operator Jim Leigh.

Moss said there were no power outages or reports of frozen pipes. He said the city operated a "command post" on a 24 hour day basis from the Public Works Department and that all calls from citizens came through City Hall and the City Police Department. Moss said some citizens complained that city crews, in process of remov-

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WORK OF ART - Sheldon Lynn points with pride to a huge snowman she and other members of her family created at their home in Kings Mountain during Thursday's 12-inch snow. Unmeasurable snows fell again on Sunday and Tuesday nights.

KM Forecaster Predicts Seven More Snows In '87

Local weather forecaster Arthur Biltcliffe has been keeping charts on the weather for years and according to Biltcliffe Kings Mountain citizens can look forward to more of the white stuff they received the past weekend.

Can you believe seven more snows this winter?

His reasoning is that it's been 12 degrees warmer this winter than last year when the low dipped to 4 and 5 degrees. The low this winter recorded by Biltcliffe at his home on Goforth Street was 17 degrees yesterday morning.

Biltcliffe's forecast calls for more of the all-wet-heavy stick-to-the-highway

snow. "Nature's going back on the wet circuit after a dry cycle with more water and cold blasts," he said.

Mr. Biltcliffe, who posts temperatures on his weather chart everyday, doesn't enjoy his hobby as much now because of failing eyesight. "I can see to put up my figures but then I can't read them," he says. Snow would be good for the farmers," he said.

Farmers who live in outlying areas say they appreciate "more water" but hope Biltcliffe's predictions about snow in February and March are wrong. After last week's wintry blast of snow and ice, they're thinking spring.



Arthur Biltcliffe
...Predicts More Snow