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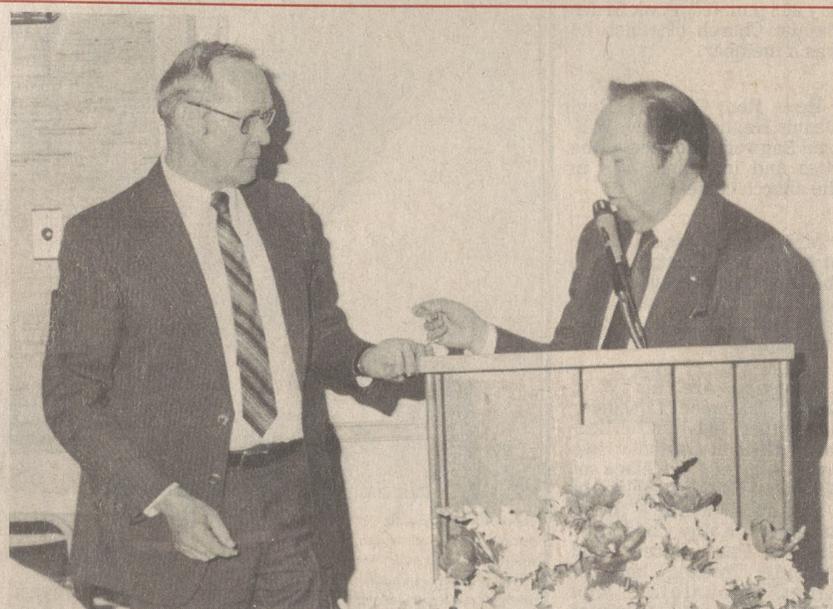
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RETIRING POLICE CHIEF HONORED—Retiring Chief of Police J.D. Barrett, left, receives his badge and service revolver during a retirement and appreciation dinner attended by 130 friends and co-workers Friday. Mayor John Moss makes the presentations.

## 'Gentleman Cop' J.D. Barrett Roasted At Retirement Party

By LIB STEWART  
News Editor

Retiring Chief of Police J.D. Barrett was roasted on his retirement after 31 years on the city police force Friday by 130 friends and co-workers who praised him as a "gentleman, always a cop."

"They wouldn't let me go out quietly as I came in (on the third shift)" but I do appreciate you all being here tonight", said Barrett after friend after friend roasted, toasted and kidded him about his fishing hobby, recounting numerous fishing stories. Shelby Chief J.D. Fish, Former KM Chief Tom McDevitt, now of Forest City, Senator J. Ollie Harris, Mayor John Moss and Lt. Richard Reynolds and Barrett's secretary, Marty Blanton, who co-chaired the event, contributed to the fun of the evening which otherwise could have been a somber affair. Mrs. Blanton gave cleaning supplies to Ex-Chief Barrett "to use as Chief cook and dishwasher at his house" and also took the occasion to present him with a case for his service revolver, an engraved anniversary clock, a handsome fishing rod and reel which Barrett plans to christen today, and a ceramic policeman for his desk. The Mayor presented a signed commendation from the city board of commissioners, Barrett's service revolver and his badge of office.

A dinner of roast beef and chicken with accessories was served at the Holiday Inn. Jerry B. Blanton gave the invocation.

At the end of the "roasting", Barrett, in a more serious vein, talked about his early retirement and urged support for the special supplementary pension plan which he elected to take at age 55 after the special program was approved last year by the General Assembly to encourage police chiefs to retire early and make room for younger officers. "The 40k supplement is one of the best recruiting tools you've ever

seen", said Barrett, who said he would like to see the mayor and city of commissioners go on record supporting it. Barrett said that this plan can save money by causing younger officers with less seniority to move into higher positions.

At the end of his remarks, in which he reminisced about "good and bad times and his early years on the force, Chief Barrett received a standing ovation.

Present as special guests for the roasting were his wife, Arlene Barrett; and their two children, David Barrett of Charlotte, his date, Pam Wallace, of Charlotte; and Cheryl and Randy Butler of Kings Mountain; and Barrett's mother, Mrs. John Queen.

City commissioners and former and present co-workers were present, including former Police Chief William Roper, Jr., Chief McDeritt, Cleveland County Sheriff Buddy McKinney and L.E. Hinnant, Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners and SBI agent Jim Woodard.

Barrett took the occasion to also praise the cooperation between the local department and area law enforcement agencies. "I've never asked anyone for anything that he didn't produce," he said.

"I am a firm believer", said Barrett, "in putting a man in law enforcement when he's young and work him until he's 50. You've got the best years of his life. And if he can put 5 percent of his wages into a 401k supplement program just think what he'd get on retirement."

Barrett also took the occasion to recognize retiring officer Lemuel Beattie. "When Lum retired about 15 of us served up a chicken supper at the police club. And, of course I didn't expect this crowd tonight but I want you to know I feel humble and I thank you."

## 18 KM Businesses Apply For Beer And Wine Permits

Eighteen Kings Mountain businesses have filed applications for permits to sell beer and wine and permits to those qualifying will be issued here at City Hall at 10 a.m. on Feb. 19th.

Making applications Tuesday morning were Winn Dixie, Food Lion, Harris-Teeter, Holiday Inn, Pizza Hut, Linwood Produce, the three Pantry stores in town, Frank R. Burger, Pete's Gulf, Petroleum World's three stores in town, Crawford's Quick Stop, East King Shell Station, Depot Stop and Go and Community Grocery.

The permits cost \$100. Mark Perry, officer with the Hickory office of Alcohol Law Enforcement Division, Department of Crime, Control and Public Safety, picked up the applications from Acting City Clerk Judy Harmon.

All those making permit applications will be thoroughly investigated, said Perry, and then Kings Mountain City officials will be given an opportunity to review them and to recommend any applicant be turned down should the city board feel they are unqualified. However, those people can appeal and even though the city may object to a person being issued a permit there have been instances that the state has overruled and issued permits. All permits will be issued at the same time so as not to give one business advantage over the other, he said.

Some 70 to 100 people interested in on and off premise sale of malt beverages were present Friday morning at Holiday Inn to receive application forms and to get help from representatives of the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission in filling them out.

Deputy ABC Commissioner Bill Cole of Raleigh pointed out these guidelines:

One outside sign may be placed outside a business advertising the sale of malt beverages. Inside signs may be placed at the owner's discretion wherever and how many he chooses.

Those holding permits must buy beverages only from licensed wholesalers, none from "your buddy down the street if you happen to run out."

Copies of all paperwork involving alcohol sales must be retained on the premises for three for three years. No wholesaler can take a check from you and hold it.

Beverages must be paid for on delivery. "No money, no booze."

A wholesaler cannot deliver after hours. After hour sales are illegal. Off premise sales are unlawful from 1 a.m. until 7 a.m. On premise consumption is illegal from 1:30 until 7 a.m. Unless the city passes a local ordinance, Sunday sales are permitted after 1 p.m.

Wholesalers are not allowed to enter into an argument with a retailer to sell only his particular products.

To qualify for a permit a North Carolina resident must be 21 years of age. If the individual applicant is not a resident of this state he must execute a power of attorney with a North Carolina resident to qualify.

To qualify for a permit you cannot have been convicted of a felony in the past three years nor had an ABC permit revoked in the last three years nor have been convicted of an alcohol beverage offense in the last two years. Doug Robinson, also a state ABC officer, pointed out that all partners must apply, regardless of what small portion a partner owns in a business making application. All officers and directors of a corporation and any stockholder holding 25 percent worth of stock must apply and a resident manager must also make application.

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Robinson said the state ALE officer looks at reputation, character, criminal record of the person making application for a permit, the zoning laws of the location and distance from churches and schools. The statutes provide for 50 feet from a church or school, Robinson said, in response to a question. "The location has to qualify as a retail business", Robinson said.

At an off-premise location, the person in charge must be 18 years or older and the person buying must be 21. "It's okay to have a 16 year old checkout girl but you had better be sure she knows to check I.D. cards or you, the holder of the permit, will be in trouble", Cole said. Cole said that ALE periodically sends undercover minors to stores to try to purchase beer and wine. "We're strict," he said.

State officials said the law permits purchase of 12 cases of 12 ounce cans of beer at one time.

Persons filling out the applications had four page forms to complete which they signed and notarized and one sheet detailing personal history. The \$100 fee was in

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## Hayes Named Acting Chief Of KM Police Department

Captain Bob Hayes, a 26½ year veteran of the Kings Mountain Police Department, has been named Acting Chief of the Department.

He succeeds Retiring Chief J.D. Barrett, who completed 31 years with the department and with the City of Kings Mountain January 31.

Acting Chief Hayes joined KMPD as a patrolman August 12, 1961 and was promoted through the ranks to the Acting Chief's job. He has served as Assistant Chief under Barrett the past four years.

A native of Shelby, Acting Chief Hayes is the son of Mrs. Madge Padgett of Kings Mountain and the late Fitchue Hayes. He is married to the former Sue Dover and they are parents of one daughter, Deborah, of Charlotte. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps in 1956-58.

Hayes' promotion was an-



CAPTAIN BOB HAYES

nounced by Kings Mountain Mayor John Henry Moss who said the board of commissioners will begin taking applications for the position of Chief of Police and the item will probably be on the agenda of Tuesdays' board meeting.

## Truck Hit By Two Trains

An Alabama truck driver, who only last week logged his one millionth mile without an accident, escaped injury early Friday morning when his tractor-trailer rig loaded with 27,000 pounds of yarn stuck on the tracks at the Gold Street crossing and was demolished by two Southern Railway freight trains traveling 15 seconds apart.

Olin Wingard, of Rockford, Ala., driver for Avondale Mills, said the dolly on the 48 foot tractor trailer rig stuck as he was crossing the double-crossed tracks.

Wingard told investigating Ptl. S.A. Brown, who witnessed the accident, that he was looking for L&L Hosiery and was coming from Parkdale Mills on Railroad Avenue,

where he had asked for directions. He said he stopped at the stop sign but that a "do not enter truck sign" was turned in the opposite direction and only the white sign was facing his line of traffic. He said he then turned right and started across the tracks. Ptl. Brown said that when the trailer rig became stuck on pavement on the track the railroad flasher was not activated and the train was not then approaching. The signals were activated and were working properly when the train approached. Brown said that city officers and the truck driver attempted to flag down the operator of the first freight train but because the second train was only 15 seconds behind it there was

no way to avoid the second collision. The tractor trailer was struck by the first train on the first set of tracks, locked around and came to rest facing south on the second set of tracks with the trailer resting at an angle across the second set of tracks. The second train, traveling north on the second set of tracks, knocked the tractor trailer 14 feet four inches east of the railroad tracks and struck the railroad flasher on the east side of the tracks.

Brown said the "no truck allowed" sign was turned around and could not have been seen by the truck driver.

He said neither the driver of the tractor-trailer or the

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DRIVER ESCAPES INJURY - An Alabama truck driver, Olin Wingard, escaped injury when his tractor-trailer rig stuck on the Gold Street crossing Friday morning and was struck by two freight trains traveling 15 seconds apart. It was the second train-truck crash in Kings Mountain in the past week.