

### City Board Interviewing For Chief

The board of city commissioners, continuing an interview process to hire a new police chief, interviewed five applicants among 11 who are being considered, during an executive session Monday night.

Mayor John Moss said another meeting is tentatively set for next Wednesday to interview six more applicants from a total of 28 who applied for the Chief's position left vacant by the retirement of J. D. Barrett.

Acting Chief of the Department is Sgt. Bob Hayes, who is a veteran member of the staff and who has not applied for the job. Three members of the Kings Mountain Police Department join two applicants from Shelby, two from Gastonia, and four from out of the area as finalists for the Chief's position.

Prior to the beginning of the interview process, the board met with City Attorney George B. Thomasson and agreed to pay Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company for damages to the Southern Bell System lines caused by the City's Public Works Department crews in the amount of \$4,511.39 with the following stipulations: Southern Bell, under the arrangement, is required to provide the City of Kings Mountain engineering drawings of all lines within the City of Kings Mountain and any future construction plans and construction by Southern Bell System of lines will require written approval from the City of Kings Mountain.

### High Speed Chase Ends In Arrest

A 24-year-old Route 2 man was arrested Sunday morning in the parking lot of Grace United Methodist Church after a high speed chase.

Trooper Lewis Blanton, of the N.C. Highway Patrol, charged Yuthon Trent Redmond with speeding 105 miles per hour in a 55 mile per hour zone to elude arrest, reckless driving, driving while impaired and driving while license revoked.

Redmond posted bond. Trial date is May 20th in Shelby.



LESLIE SHYTLES

### Leslie Is Eight

Leslie Brooke Shytles celebrated her eighth birthday March 31st. She enjoyed a party Sat. at Kate's Skating Rink in Shelby with some of her friends and then enjoyed being served sandwiches, potato chips, cake, cold drinks and party favors. Leslie's friends were, Tonya McGee, Mindy Reynolds, Stacey Reynolds, Lisa Earney, Karen Mabe, Joy Dixon, Clint Hardin, Jimmy Boheler, Tyler Toney, Sage Fulton and her sister Karen Shytles.

Leslie is the daughter of Mark & Cindy Shytles of Kings Mountain. Leslie is the granddaughter of Herman and Ellen Bolin and Doug and Shirley Shytles of Kings Mountain. She is the great-granddaughter of Mattie Bolin of Kings Mountain and Bessie Banks of Spartanburg.



FEATURED SPEAKER AT CONFERENCE—James B. Young, M.D., center, of Houston, Tex., was guest speaker Wednesday, April 1, at the continuing medical education conference at Kings Mountain Hospital. Dr. Young spoke on the effective use of calcium channel blockers for conditions other than chest pain. A cardiologist, Dr. Young is Assistant Professor of Medicine at Baylor University and director of non-invasive cardiology and cardiac catheterization laboratories at Ben Taub General Hospital, Houston. Shown here with Dr. Young are, from left, T.J. Roberts, M.D., J.B. Gentry, M.D., W.D. Beutel, M.D. and L.W. Muench, M.D.

### Letters To The Editor

### EMS Does Work

To The Editor:

This letter is in response to Harry Kyle's "Open Letter to the Citizens of Kings Mountain."

At a time when all Rescue Squad members and EMS personnel in Cleveland County are trying to build a good working relationship with each other so that we can do the best job possible, why does Mr. Kyle only want to criticize? What is he doing to make the system work?

I've received many comments in the past 1½ years from citizens in the Kings Mountain area regarding how good you feel the EMS system is working. If this has changed, please let me know. We are always glad to hear from the community. We are constantly striving to find the best and most efficient ways to run the EMS service in Cleveland County.

We want to be partners with Kings Mountain Rescue in our efforts to serve you, the citizens. We sincerely hope that Mr. Kyle was speaking for himself rather than for the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad.

I wonder if Mr. Kyle has ever heard the saying, "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem."

Sincerely,  
Abbey S. Ledford  
EMS Director

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