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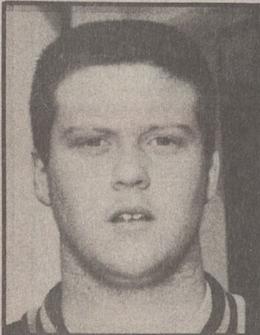
## INSIDE...

### TV LISTINGS

You'll find interesting reading inside today's Herald, including one new feature that we hope you'll enjoy.

Beginning today, the Herald will bring you up-to-date television listings, including cable and regular TV programming. The listings and feature stories on movies and the Olympics are on pages 10, 11 and 12-B. Area businesses wanting to advertise on those pages each week may call Darrell Austin at 739-7496.

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BRENT BAGWELL

Brent Bagwell, 235-pound tight end, defensive tackle for Kings Mountain High's Mountaineers, today inked a full scholarship with the N.C. State Wolfpack. Read about Brent on page 5-A.

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Also in sports, on pages 5-7 A, read about a professional wrestling card which is coming to Kings Mountain Community Center on February 27, along with results of area basketball, prep wrestling, and other sports.

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The People Section includes feature stories on Kings Mountain people. On page 1-B, read about Martha Bridges, who is retiring after 28 years with the Kings Mountain School System. Also on page 1-B, you'll find what second graders at East School think about pickles.

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On page 3-B, Grover School first and second graders write about love. Travis Patterson best sums up what love is all about. He says, "Love is treating others the way you want them to treat you."

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February is Dental Hygiene Month and local dentist Dr. G.K. Howard Jr. tells us how to care for our teeth in a special column on page 14-B. Section B also includes news from local schools, engagements, church news, news about our people in the armed services, and other interesting reading.

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The attorney for Ken Jenkins, former superintendent of Mountain Rest Cemetery, has filed a motion to request that the Kings Mountain Herald and WBTV disclose their "confidential sources" of information about Jenkins' firing. See page 3-A.

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This is Boy Scout Week and Kings Mountain has a troop that was formed before Boy Scouts was founded in America. Troop 91 of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church was chartered by Lord Basden Powell, the founder of Boy Scouts. See page 10-A.



H&R Block's "Rapid Refund" is under investigation by the State Attorney General's Office. See page 16-A.

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The Kings Mountain Indoor Pool Foundation is about to let bids for construction of the facility at Kings Mountain High School. See page 16-A.

## Shopping Center Okayed

A proposed shopping center on Cleveland Avenue go the go-ahead from the city board of commissioners Tuesday night when the board agreed to participate in the cost of relocation of 900 feet of sanitary sewer lines.

Commissioner Al Moretz's motion, however, did not include participation in cost of storm drainage and stipulated that the developer's contractor put the job out for bid. Moretz said the line is the major out-fall line to the McGill Sewer

Plant, a portion of which will be included for consideration in the regional wastewater treatment plant project.

Moretz said he understood that Food Lion Stores plan to build a second food store in Kings Mountain. The first Food Lion Store is in West Kings Mountain, a little over two miles from the site of the new shopping center site near the Cleveland Avenue-Highway 74 Pass Interchange.

Bob Neill of Charlotte, former Kings Mountain resi-

dent, plans to build a 35,000 square foot shopping area on the 12.3 acre site.

Neill placed the item on the agenda for the November meeting which was tabled. After taking office in December, the new commissioners voted to table the proposal and seek more information from Neill.

In other actions of a 40-minute meeting, the board:

Retained W.K. Dickson & Company of Charlotte for construction administration

and resident inspection services for two water and sewer projects, on Highway 74 West and Thermacote Welco on York Road and extended a purchase order agreement after Commissioner Moretz, a resident engineer, suggested cutting the hours of periodic inspection and suggested that Walt Ollis, city employee, do some of the field inspections and coordinate the inspections with W.K. Dickson to save money.

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## City To Interview Four

City commissioners have narrowed the field of 31 applicants for city manager to four, Mayor Kyle Smith said this week.

The Mayor said the city board will interview the four applicants on Feb. 23, Feb. 25, March 1 and March 3 at City Hall.

The Mayor, who declined to name the applicants or give the city they come from, said the four are all from North Carolina and are "top notch" in their field.

Mayor Smith said the city

council has "burned the midnight oil" in recent weeks to "weed out" the applicants who did not meet the board's qualifications. The Mayor said that applications came from all over the country, as far away as Alaska and Seattle, Washington. Some of the requirements for city manager that the city board established at their initial session was a degree in public administration, at least five years of experience in the field, good public relations skills and a working

knowledge of public utilities.

Mayor Smith said the commissioners are unanimous in their choice of the four who will come to Kings Mountain for interviews. Mayor Smith said that officials from the N.C. League of Municipalities and Institute of Government have concurred with the city commission on their four choices for interviews. "They are among the top in the state, they tell us", said Smith.

The Mayor said the board has also studied salaries of ci-

ty managers in 10 cities of comparable size with Kings Mountain and the salary of Kings Mountain's first full time city manager could run between \$42,000 to \$48,000 annually. The current salary of the Mayor, who also serves as full time mayor and city administrator until a city manager is hired, is \$33,473.96 annually. The salaries of six commissioners are \$27,454.20 annually, a total of \$60,928.16 annually paid to the mayor and board to run the city.



CRIME PREVENTION—Marty Blanton, left, Pt. Randy Davis and Chief of Police Warren Goforth demonstrate how marking your personal belongings with your ID number can help police in locating the owner when stolen property is recovered. Chief Goforth was robbed of a VCR from his home last week. Because the item was etched with Goforth's driver's license number, the VCR, when recovered, can be traced back to the owner.

## Three Snow Days Waived

Kings Mountain Board of Education amended the school calendar Monday night, waiving three of the five days missed for snow, and decided to make up the two snow days on teacher work days, March 4 and April 22.

If snow forces the closing of any more school this year, students and teachers will lose some of their Easter vacation. More missed days will be made up on day one or two of the Easter break and day three and four would extend the end of school.

If more than a total of nine days of school are missed this year, consideration will have to be given to holding school on Saturday, said Supt. Bob McRae.

## This Is Vocational Ed Week

Vocational Education students and teachers in Kings Mountain District Schools are celebrating Vocational Education Week February 7-13.

As they celebrate Vocational Education Week, 1232 students in Kings Mountain District Schools are learning a living in such programs as career exploration, auto mechanics, agriculture, business education, carpentry, cosmetology, drafting, home economics, principles of technology, and welding.

In 1987 alone, in Kings Mountain the unemployment rate of students who had just completed vocational programs was only nine percent, compared with a statewide youth unemployment rate of 17 percent. Last school year the 91 vocational students enrolled in a cooperative program worked 82,532 hours and earned \$324,208. Vocational education gives students the competitive edge in the job market or as they go on for further education.

"In addition to providing background for students going directly to work, vocational classes can play an important role for students who intend to go on to college," said Betty Gamble, vocational director in Kings Mountain District Schools. "Vocational programs provide opportunities for students to make meaningful choices for further education."

Vocational students receive instruction not only in the skills they will need on the job, but in attitudes that are necessary to be successful in the workplace states Mrs. Gamble.

Industry Education Coordinator Carolyn McWhirter conducts mini workshops for junior vocational students that places emphasis on self actualization. These workshops are created to help improve self worth. Mrs. McWhirter states that studies show students with good self image are productive workers and vocational education is striving to produce productive workers.



VOCATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK—This is Vocational Education Week in Kings Mountain. Mayor Kyle Smith, center, signs an official proclamation as Mrs. Betty R. Gamble, Director of Vocational Education for the KM District Schools and Mrs. Carolyn McWhirter, right, observe. Various activities are planned in the schools this week.