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## KM Girl In Movie



The pretty blonde teenager skating with the only male in the rink in a scene in "The Ryan White Story" on ABC's Monday night movie was Central School 6th grader Deana Brafford.

Deana, who holds 126 trophies for figure skating and placed first in eight state competitions and third in the nation in Lincoln, Nebraska, got the chance to skate for Nikki

DEANA BRAFFORD

Cox as teenage sister of Chad, cast in the movie as the real Ryan White, in the skating scene filmed for television at a skating rink in Statesville.

Deana received no cash for her performance but high praise from the producers who say they may want to use her in a "scary movie soon."

Deana said she met Nikki Cox, one of the stars of the movie, in Statesville where Cox practiced for about three months. "She was real nice but she was too old to skate as a teenager and they chose four girls and one boy from the Greensboro area for the scene and my teacher, Tina Tow, of Greensboro, recommended me," said Deana who skated with a partner, Jonathan Cantey. She wore her practice outfit for the scene, a black skirt and aqua blue shirt which enhanced her 4 feet 11 inch 76 pound figure and long blonde hair.

Deana started skating when she was six years old and now practices three days a week in Greensboro and twice a week in Forest City. She became a skater because her father, although not a professional skater, loved to skate and once she learned she loved it too and plans a career in gymnastics. Deana's mother works at Copeland Corporation and her father works at Commercial-Intertech.

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## Crawford's Body Found In Lake

The body of a Kings Mountain man missing for a month was found Thursday by a fisherman in Lake Murray, S.C.

Robert Louis Crawford, 56, 811 Rhodes Ave., had been missing and presumed drowned after an early morning boating accident Dec. 18, 1988, said Gail Wright, a spokesman for the S. C. Wildlife and Marine Resources.

Wright said officers are still looking for Crawford's companion, Ernest McNeal, 35, of Northwoods. McNeal's son, Ernest Petis, 19, was rescued by a boat party. Surveillance by boat and air is continuing for the second missing fisherman.

The three left Holland's Landing, a marina on Lake Murray near Newberry, S.C. at daybreak on Dec. 18 to fish for striped bass. The lake, just west of Columbia, S.C., is well known for its bass and numerous Kings Mountain fishermen have fished there.

The boat sank soon after the men left shore when they tried to retrieve a headlight that had fallen overboard. The men had life jackets aboard the boat but were not wearing them.

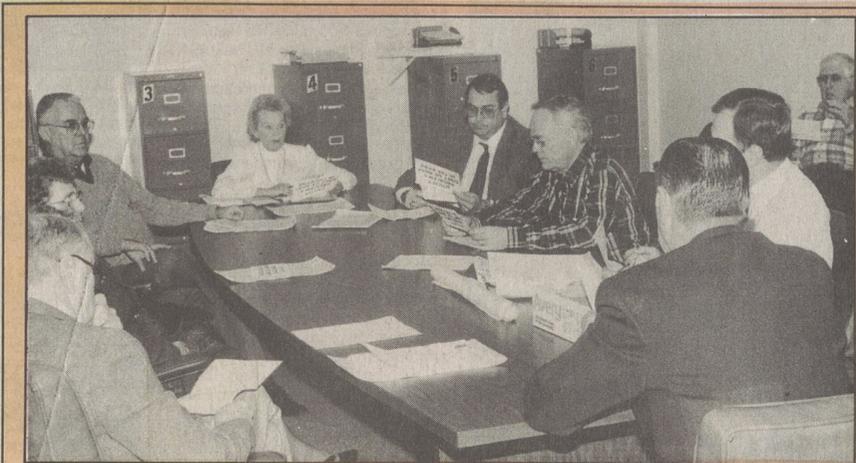
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## Chamber Of Commerce Banquet Monday Night

The annual banquet of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce will be held Monday, Jan. 23 at Holiday Inn and tickets are available at \$10 per person from Lucille Williams, Chamber Secretary.

Mrs. Paulette Purgason, Public Relations Co-ordinator for Charlotte's Douglas International Airport, will make the keynote address.

Mrs. Vickie Smith has arranged the program. Mrs. Smith said that Mrs. Purgason is a dynamic speaker and urged all members and guests to attend the annual meeting.



BOND COMMITTEE-Pictured are some of the members of a special bond committee named by the City Council. From left around the table Bob Maner, Liz Lynch, Mayor Kyle Smith, Norma Bridges, at head of table, Al Moretz, Joe Smith, City Manager George Wood, C. T. Carpenter, on sideline, and Harold Phillips, back to camera, chairman of the group. The citizens group met Tuesday night.

## Committee Urging Yes Vote

By C.T. CARPENTER JR.

Stating that "no city funds whatsoever" are being spent on the project, Bond Committee Chairman Harold J. Phillips, ward six council member, showed off at the city's bond committee meeting Tuesday (last) night a brochure which is to be available this week from the "Kings Mountain Citizens for GO."

The "GO" in the group's name stands for "General Obligation," the type bonds to be sold should voters approve the Feb. 7th (a Tuesday) referendum asking for authority to borrow up to \$9.2 million to update and improve the electrical, water and wastewater systems.

Use of general obligation bonds can help save the community over \$3.7 million against use of revenue type bonds, which can be voted by council for the improvements, the brochure points out. "GO" bonds require vote and full-faith backing by the citizens and can be sold to investors at a reduced interest rate, thereby accounting for the savings.

Phillips admonished the committee members to "spend all the time needed to get the message across to voters, saying 'it will be time well spent.'" The "GO" also means go, so let's get moving, he said.

The committee discussed plans for a taped TV informational program, radio spot announcements and call-in question/answers programs, brochure mailing, telephone calling, newspaper advertising, bumper stickers and news releases, including question and answer columns directed to elected officials, city staff and committee members.

"We've got to let people know that it's going to cost more money if not passed this (GO) way Feb. 7th," said Vernon Smith, who has shown a long-time interest in city affairs and attends many council sessions.

"The vast majority of the work planned has got to be done now and is not dependent upon rates, the rates are going up April 1 anyway. The city needs funds now and at the savings gained by general obligation bond sale," City Manager George Wood reminded the group.

Chairman Phillips and Smith, were Bob Maner, Norma Bridges, Al Moretz, Joe Smith, Elizabeth Lynch and Jeff Gregory.

Mayor Kyle Smith, who appointed the committee, was present, as were Manager Wood, Tom Howard, Gene White and Marvin Chappell from city staff.

## KM Project Completed

The \$498,000 U. S. 74 West Waterline project has been completed and fire protection, in the form of 31 new fire hydrants and the capability for over 130 new water customers and hookups has been added to the Kings Mountain water system.

City Engineer Tom Howard said minor shortcomings are being completed by the contractor this week. The project took 7 1/2 months to complete.

Howard and Water Department Supt. Walt Ollis said that a larger waterline was installed so that if customers were experiencing low water pressure and/or low water volume, they can now receive adequate water capacity with the new waterline system. There is no tap fee for this changeover. Customers will need to apply for a new plumbing permit(\$10) at the City's Building and Inspection Office. The plumber's work will be inspected by City Inspector Tom Fields.

According to Ollis the westerly extension of the Kings Mountain waterline along State Road 74 and adjacent streets has been completed, tested, and accepted from the construction contractors. Those customers who have already paid the original fee can now apply and hook-on to the system, said Ollis, who estimated that 30-40 residences are located on what was originally on an undersized system with very little volume and pressure. With the new pipeline, these property owners can now hook on and pay a marginal fee for a permit, he said.

If you are a new customer of the city living on the north side of 74 West and never used city water or on the south side of U.S. 74 and never used city water and desire water, you will need to do the following: Go to the Governmental Services Facilities Center and apply for a water tap permit and pay the residential fee of \$800. The Kings Mountain Water Department will then install your water meter. Stop by the Utilities and Billing Office (in the same building at City Hall) and pay a \$25.00 billing deposit and a \$10.00 Administration fee; and connect your house to the new water meter. The city recommends you contact your plumber for this as this will require a new waterline as well as the connection. You will need to apply for a plumbing permit (\$10) at the City's Building Inspection Office.

Over 130 new water hook-up points have been added to this water system, said Ollis.

## Cast Vote That Elected Speaker

## Weatherly Sees Better Days

Kings Mountain's representatives in the N. C. Legislature-veteran Senator J. Ollie Harris and freshman Rep. John Weatherly-can't predict how the recent shakeup in the N. C. House will affect pending legislation but Weatherly, the first Republican ever elected from this area, sees a brighter day for the GOP.

By coincidence Weatherly said he cast the 61st ballot to elect the new speaker Joe Mavretic who defeated Liston Ramsey 65-54 in a roll call vote last Wednesday afternoon in the opening session of the 1989 General Assembly in Raleigh. "From what my constituents are telling me they are pleased with the action we took to change how the General Assembly operates," he said.

Senator Harris, reappointed for the 14th year as chairman of the Human Resources committee, was also named to 10 other committees Tuesday, including vice chairman of manufacturing and labor, appropriations, base budget, finance, judiciary I, rules and operations of Senate, state government, ways and means and banks.

Committee assignments were being made this week. Weatherly said an agreement was worked out last week with a coalition of dissident Democrats and Republicans to have GOP representatives serving as chairmen of 20 of the sub-committees and vice chairmen of all other committees.

Weatherly was pushing for membership on basic resources since his background has been as a professional forester. He's also interested in serving on resources, education, transportation and government.

The freshman representative was enjoying his first week in the state capital and will be assigned a permanent office this week, he told The Herald.

In the Senate the first week of the new session the rules were changed that stripped Republican Lt. Governor Jim Gardner of his power to name committee chairman and elected Democrat Senator Hanson Barnes



JOHN WEATHERLY



OLLIE HARRIS

of Goldsboro as president pro-tem.

Harris said he thinks Lt. Gov. Gardner is doing a good job as presiding officer of the Senate. Harris said he was sorry to see Rep. Jack Hunt of Cleveland County eliminated as House speaker pro-tem because the new Lieutenant Governor needed Hunt but felt that even with "completely new leadership we'll be able to come out with a balanced budget in July."

The nine-term Senator from Kings Mountain introduced two bills this week: a Safe Roads Act reducing point1 to point 0.8 for drunk driving offenders and point.02 for drunk drivers of 18 wheelers, buses and commercial vehicles and also a bill requiring an aborted fetus to be cremated or given a proper burial. Harris, who is a mortician by profession, said as a matter of ethics he would seek other sponsorship of the second bill in event he should be accused of conflict of interest. "Under the bill the hospitals could implement the intent," he said.

Both Harris and Weatherly said the biggest jobs facing the General Assembly this session is matching the funds to the needs and both said they anticipate an in-

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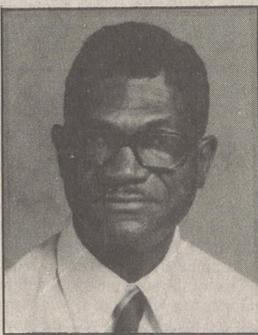
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## King Service Is Held

Keeping the late Rev. Martin Luther King's "mission and vision alive" 300 citizens joined Monday morning at 10:30 a.m. in a religious service at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Rev. M. L. Campbell, associate pastor of Bynum Chapel AME Zion Church, said the 60th birthday anniversary of the late civil rights leader was planned by churches in the Greater Kings Mountain area. Local ministers read scripture and offered prayer and the audience joined in the singing of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" and "We Shall Overcome." Rev. Billy Howell of Lawndale sang a song he wrote in honor of King and remarks from



REV. M. L. CAMPBELL

whites and blacks of all ages echoed the theme of the birthday celebration of keeping King's mission and vision alive.

Rev. Campbell, in his address, challenged the audience to continue King's non-violent ways in a country where people today believe in a more militant way, to practice King's dream and vision, have faith in the future and justice of America, and love all people, not only those who love you but those who don't love you.

Also participating on the program were Schools Supt. Bob McRae, Mary Adams Edwards, Rev. Philip

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### COMMUNITY FACTS

#### Kings Mountain Police Department Arrests

	1985	1986	1987	1988
Driving While Impaired	30	58	68	142
Liquor Laws Arrests	4	2	2	60
Drunk And Disruptive	14	22	29	36
Offenses Against Family And Children	30	21	15	14

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