

Rescue From Well



Rescuers Remove Top From Well...

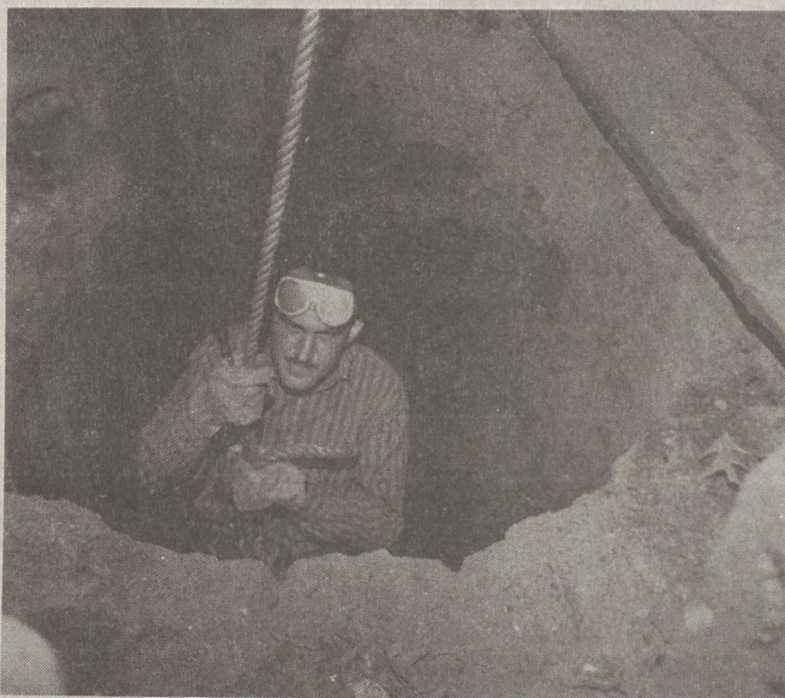
All He Needed Was Some Relief

All he wanted to do was use the bathroom...

But when 21-year-old David Bumgardner of Kings Mountain went into an old field off Elm Road near Grover Sunday night to relieve himself, he fell into a 50-foot abandoned well and had to be rescued by the Grover Rescue Squad and nearby residents who came to help.

Bumgardner, who had been riding in a car with his brother, Tommy, stepped inside the door of the old wellhouse but didn't know that some planks had been removed from the side, leaving an opening into the deep hole. He suffered leg injuries and perhaps was saved from further injury because of an old mattress and other debris that people had been dropping into the well.

After learning of his brother's accident, Tommy Bumgardner went to a nearby house and got a 20-foot extension ladder, but David couldn't reach it. The Grover Rescue Squad was called and members of the squad, with the help of others at the scene, removed the huge top of the well. Rescue Squad member Ronnie Smith of Grover was lowered into the well to administer first aid and hook Bumgardner to a block and tackle which other rescuers used to pull him out.



Ronnie Smith Lowered Into Well...



Jeff Cash Helps David Bumgardner Out Of Well...



Ronnie Smith Administers First Aid At Bottom Of The Well...

Photos By Lem Lynch

Mounties

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bounds and sophomore Mark Byers had 14 points and six rebounds. Jeff Ross scored 10 points.

Carter led the Wildcats with 27 points, including seven during the Wildcats' late fourth quarter comeback bid. Antoine Welcome added 11.

Kings Mountain's girls bowed to North Gaston's fourth quarter pressing defense in the opener, 52-47. The loss dropped the KM ladies to 4-5 in the conference as the Lady Wildcats improved their league record to 4-5.

Kings Mountain, which led 18-12 at the quarter break and 31-21 at intermission, managed only 16 points in the second half and only five in the fourth quarter. North Gaston outscored Ronny Funderburke's

ladies 17-5 in the final eight minutes to win.

Becky Brittain scored 15 points and Chastity Friday 13 to lead the North Gaston attack. Sharon Melton scored 22 and Adrienne Woods 11 for Kings Mountain. Kings Mountain travels to South Point next Tuesday.

GIRLS GAME

KM (47) - Barnes 6, Smith 6, Gardner 2, Melton 22, Woods 11.

NG (52) - Friday 13, Hope 6, Glenn 4, Rushing 7, Brittain 15, Huggins 3.

BOYS GAME

KM (74) - Hollifield 22, Jones 19, Byers 14, J. Ross 10, D. Ross 5, Griffith 2, Hager 2.

NG (73) - Carter 27, Welcome 11, Ferguson 6, Woods 8, Becton 8, Brooks 6, Wilson 4, Burris 2, Patterson 1.

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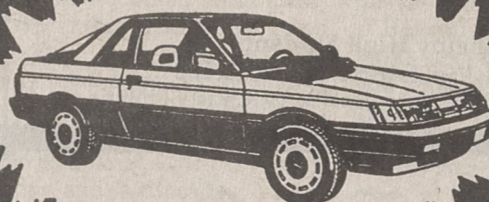


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