



PLAQUE FROM MADD CHAPTER-The Cleveland County Chapter Mothers Against Drunk Drivers has presented a plaque to the Kings Mountain Police Department in recognition of the department's DWI and highway safety program. From left, Don Nail, of the Governor's Highway Safety Program, makes the presentation to Chief Warren Goforth, center, and Captain Bob Hayes. The MADD Chapter is sponsored by the Cleveland County Law Enforcement Officer's Association.

Divers

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not only to search for bodies but to search for property. The diving team has recovered several vehicles from the waters of Moss Lake. In addition to the 57 mile shoreline of Moss lake where the water is 85 feet at its deepest point, Kings Mountain also owns the Davidson Lake and Police club lake, there are about 10 rock quarries in town, two or three lakes on the Country club golf course and two lakes on South Cherokee Street plus numerous, area farm ponds.

When an accident occurs it becomes a police matter and certain information has to be obtained. Who else other than the police to be called to the crime scene?

Their enthusiasm about diving is contagious when you talk to the diving policemen who use their own funds to buy equipment and attend classes, although they quickly point out that the city has been generous in allowing them time off to attend diving schools. What they are looking for now is citizen support and funds to help divers pay for additional schooling and more equipment. The city presently owns two sets of diving equipment in use by the fire department, a pontoon boat at Moss Lake and a van. Local police hope that funds can be included in the police budget for the diving team. If not, they suggest that local businesses "adopt a diver."

Local police completed 12 dives during the weekend and open water tests in 75 feet of water at 30 degrees in pitch dark. They passed with flying colors.

Members of the team, who have completed advance steps, took a basic six weeks course which included swimming 200 meters, treading water for five minutes, completing a dead man's float five minutes, and then completed written examinations and open water tests. More underwater navigation was required in the advanced course, night and deep diving,

Council To Meet Monday

The regular monthly meeting of City Council has been moved up to Monday night at 7:30 instead of Tuesday.

The agenda for the meeting was not ready at press time yesterday but City Manager George Wood said the meeting would be lengthy.

Wednesday night the Utility Committee discussed gas expansion, engineering contracts and were updated on possible long-term gas supplies.

Action on the recommendations of the special committee are expected to be taken by the full board on Monday.

Music

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tion by being the #9 song for a year. Their newest single is "When I Reach That City" and is on the Morningstar label. They record for Eddie Crook Company in Nashville.

A concert with The McKeithens is a refreshing experience. Their stories and music are Christ-centered.

search and recovery procedures, CPR, diving by compass, etc. were a few of the specialized part of the training.

More importantly, rescue training will help save lives and increase diving safety by preparing police to respond properly to diving emergencies and near-emergencies.

Rescue diver trainees provide their own equipment: an exposure suit appropriate for the local environment, a regulator with a full assortment of gauges, an alternate air source and an adequate vest with a low pressure inflator. Medic First Aid is a basic training course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency care. This course is eight hours in length and offered by PADI instructors.

Pt. Davis points out that rescue competency begins with the ability to care for yourself and the diving team takes pride in caring for themselves and their diving buddies. "When you're going underwater you have to know what your buddy is doing," they all agree.

The police diving team is open to any member of the Kings Mountain Police Department and it has been in the planning stage since December 1988. On May 28 Chief Goforth led a basic course at the KMHS pool and six weeks of training followed by PADI instructors. Each team member was assigned a responsibility. Bunderick keeps the log, Johnson is treasurer and public relations director, Proctor is in charge of all equipment, Melvin is assistant equipment specialist, and Randy Davis is team leader of training with Bunderick, assistant. Chief Goforth, who initiated the formation of the team, is a vital link in the team success.

Johnson, Proctor and Davis completed rescue diving last weekend at Siler City. The advanced course was taught at Moss Lake and Lake James. A diving experience is physically draining and stressful. Diving with a buddy, the rescuer must pinpoint the location and find the victim underwater, give him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation every five seconds, strip him and themselves of equipment and swim with the victim 50-75 yards to shore. The training exercise is timed and the performance of each member of the team is essential to the success of saving a drowning victim or completing a search operation.

KMPD's diving team is the first diving rescue team in Cleveland County and the local divers have been called out on two occasions: once by Gastonia Police in search of a homicide vehicle in Moss Lake and another time when a vehicle was seen floating in the lake in 30 feet of water after an attempted suicide.

The team eats, sleeps and trains together and must function as a team, the training leaders point out. Police estimate that costs of the various courses have run \$400-plus per man plus equipment costs which have run about \$1500 to \$2000 per man. In addition, they have been away from their families for training exercises.

"We have a dedicated bunch of guys here," said Pt. Davis. They have no phobia at all to the water and this is strictly volunteer. To remain on the team, each member must spend at least four hours a month in dive training. Davis commended Chief Goforth and Lake Officer Phil Witherspoon for their assistance to the team.

"Ninety percent of diving is mental and divers must be physically fit and have an open mind in traumatic situations," said Sgt. Johnson.

"When we get in the water we know that every team member knows what he is going to do and we all focus on getting the body or object out of the water," said Davis.

"The public has a misconception that our only service is to drowning victims or in boating accidents but one of our duties is to recover any property of citizens from bodies of water," said Johnson.

The nearest rescue team to Kings Mountain is in Burke County and that's a long way from here," said Davis. "Our diving team is badly needed and the city administration supports it 100 percent but we need more money to keep our equipment in top shape and more schooling," says Davis, who noted that each crew member has a pager for 24-hour communication with Chief Goforth in event of emergencies.

"We're a really close bunch of guys," said Proctor. We look out for each other and we do a good job but our main goal is to save lives and be a productive tool for the Kings Mountain Police Department. Police live with stress every day. Diving may be called a glorious adventure but for police it's serious business."

Fire Chief Gives Tips To AARP

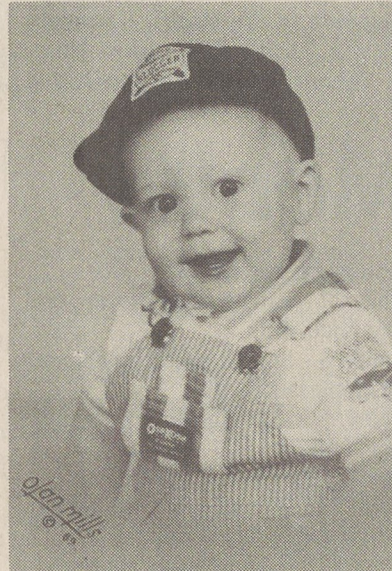
Kings Mountain Fire Chief Frank Burns presented a film clip on the importance of fire prevention and gave tips on the "dos and don'ts" of good fire prevention around the home at Tuesday's meeting of the Kings Mountain AARP at the Senior Center.

Burns discussed electrical outlets, kerosene stoves, chimneys, old wiring, and smoke detectors.

Senior citizens who don't have them may apply for a smoke detector at the fire department. Handicapped senior citizens will be given first priority. The fire department will install them free of charge if necessary.

William Alexander and Thelma Hicks were appointed to head the nominating committee for 1990.

The group's next meeting will be on November 21 at 3 p.m. It will be a covered dish meal.



TYLER SCRUGGS

Tyler Celebrates Birthday

Tyler David Scruggs, son of Stan and Lynn Scruggs, celebrated his first birthday Sept. 13. Hamburgers with all the trimmings were enjoyed by family and friends.

A clown ice cream cake was served.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Eters and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Scruggs, all of Kings Mountain.

Great-grandmother is Mrs. Mary Sue Eters of Kings Mountain.

Great-grandparents are T. B. Rape of Blacksburg, S.C. and Guy Scruggs of Gaffney, S.C.

HAUNTED TRAIL

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