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Jim Anderson, who will retire Friday after 36 years with the National Park Service, will be honored by the Kings Mountain National Military Park staff at a retirement dinner January 8.

Anderson retiring from National Park

Jim Anderson, who retires Friday after 36 years with the National Park Service and 23 years as Chief Ranger in Kings Mountain, won't be giving up his love of history and books completely.

Anderson will continue to operate the bookstore at Cleveland Community College.

And Jim's boss, Kings Mountain National Military Park Superintendent Mike Loveless, plans to keep spinning the yarns that this personable storyteller loves to tell. Loveless has planned a retirement dinner for Anderson on January 8 at 7 p.m. at Kings Mountain Holiday Inn.

Anderson, a cousin of U.S. Senator Sam Ervin, says he probably inherited his love for storytelling from "Senator Sam" who visited him at the Park on several occasions.

"Senator Sam told me about three good stories on the way to the water fountain," said Loveless.

Historians have the reputation for being good storytellers and Anderson can even tell stories on his hands. A former teacher at the North Carolina School for the Deaf from 1958-60 and Florida School for the Deaf and Blind in St. Augustine from 1960-63, Anderson is also well known as an historian of the American Revolution in the South. He joined the National Park Service in 1960, working part time at Castillo De San Marcos National Monument in St. Augustine, later transferring to Wright Brothers National Memorial at Manteo in 1965 and in 1967 to Kings Mountain National Military Park.

"I was so excited to be coming home to North Carolina that I forgot to look at the atlas and realized that moving to Kitty Hawk would be five miles further from my hometown of Morganton than our home in St. Augustine, Florida," said Jim, recalling his move to the North Carolina Outer Banks in 1965.

When his chance for a promotion at Kings Mountain came, Jim said he jumped at the chance to get 55 miles closer to his hometown but he had to read and reread the book, "Kings Mountain and Its Heroes" by Draper to learn about the famous Battle of Kings Mountain and the park he would be serving as the unofficial historian.

Anderson said he had never been to the Kings Mountain battlefield until the day he came to work. He left Kings Mountain briefly in 1970 to teach again with the the North Carolina School of the Deaf and returned in 1973.

"The Park Service has been good to me and I will miss my co-workers and the people I meet on a daily basis," said Jim. He said that the quietness of the Park offers the visitor a time for reminiscing and also to enjoy nature and the countryside.

Anderson was instrumental in developing plans for the exhibit and audiovisual facilities at the park during the Bicentennial improvements. In the late 1970's he researched and mapped the trail route for the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail established in 1980. He was a key planner and participant in the Bicentennial Celebrations in 1976 and 1980.

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KM native George Anne Marston sees changes in store for China

Hong Kong is a city of contrasts, says Kings Mountain native George Anne Moss Marston, who is home for the holidays after a year there on assignment with Pulse Engineering of Los Angeles, where she has been employed 20 years.

The citizen on the street is worried about the Chinese takeover in 1997 when British troops and government organizations will be dismantled in Hong Kong. The change could mean the end of democratization under the leadership of Great Britain governor Chris Patten.

Marston found Hong Kong much different from her first visit in 1992 when she spent two

months there. She found double-digit inflation and the days of cheap bargains over. She also said that clothing is the big industry and most manufacturing is gravitating from Hong Kong to China.

Some people are immigrating from Hong Kong to Australia, the United States, New Zealand and Canada, she said, and Third World countries are going through periods of political corruption. The Chinese government has fought self-government and self rule for a long time and she thinks that when China rules Hong Kong that personal and human rights may be violated and that the official second language won't be English but Mandarin Chinese.

A SECOND CHANCE

Prayers, faith help KM hunter survive near fatal fall

By ELIZABETH STEWART
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"Are we hunting?" were the most beautiful words Chip Cash's anxious parents ever heard him say when he returned to the world of the living after five traumatic weeks in the hospital after falling the equivalent of four stories from a deer stand.

"I'm glad I was out of it from what Mom and Dad tell me," said Cash, 21, as he laughed and relaxed at his home on North Piedmont Avenue. For the Cashes, December 23 was a homecoming and Christmas 1993 was their best ever.

Pattie and Randy Cash kept a diary of the events of their only child's traumatic experience with near death but Chip says he will rest up before he reads it.

After three major operations, including the removal of his spleen and part of his liver, and four minor surgeries, the only noticeable difference in Chip's handsome physical appearance is that he has lost 30 pounds. Miraculously, he

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CHIP CASH
DENA RAMSEY

had no broken bones and bruises have healed.

For now he can lift nothing heavier than his tennis shoes and on doctors' orders must rest and eat to regain his strength. Doctors told him to use a walker but Chip's determined to walk unaided. He talks

on the telephone with friends, visited relatives on Christmas Day and on Sunday took communion at Penley's Chapel Methodist Church with his fiancée, Dena Ramsey.

As soon as the doctors let him drive a car, Chip plans to return to his studies at Gardner-Webb

University, where he is pursuing a career in law enforcement. And, he has a bet with his Dad that he will open turkey hunting season in March.

"The recoil on my gun might be too much for me to handle right now," said Chip. "But I'd like to give it a try."

"The Lord moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform," says Mrs. Cash, who credits prayer with saving her child's life. "The doctors told us they did all they could but what they did might not be enough. It was up to God."

November 19 was no different from many times that young Chip Cash had hunted on the 200 acres of land a local hunting club leases near Chester, SC. On a regular basis he clears the trails and readies the land for deer hunting. Often, he hunts by himself.

"My friend, Brian Smith, and I dressed in layers of clothes and drove in my truck to Lockhart, SC to hunt for about two hours," said Chip. "We got there about 30 min-

See Cash, 3-A



Developer Mike Brown stands in front of a lighted sign in front of his three new businesses on East King Street that the Zoning Board of Adjustments says must come down. Brown will ask City Council to amend its sign ordinance and allow him a total of 90 square feet for three signs.

Developer told to remove sign

Developer Mike Brown was told Tuesday by the Kings Mountain Zoning Board of Adjustments to take down one of two new signs in front of his new businesses on East King Street because he is in violation of city codes.

Brown immediately filed notice with Planning Director Gene White that he would seek an amendment to the present zoning laws by making a formal request to City Council.

Under law, Brown can't appeal the Board of Adjustment's ruling to City Council but could appeal its ruling to the courts.

"I am very disappointed that only three of you support me in bringing three new businesses to King

Street," said Brown after Van Birmingham, Clavon Kelly and Bud Ballard voted in favor of his request for a variance that would allow him to keep up a temporary, lighted 4x8 feet sign or a total of 90 square feet of signs in front of Mobile Designs, Brown Construction & Rental and All Tell Mobile Agency.

"It seems like that everything I want to do for the city raises some objections," said Brown, who needed four votes to pass his request. Bob Myers and Allen Fuller didn't vote when Chairman Birmingham called for a vote on Kelly's motion to permit additional signs. Fuller objected to the request, saying that to honor it would be setting a precedent.

See Brown, 3-A

Weatherly to run for House

John Weatherly of King Mountain has announced that he will file for reelection to the N.C. House of Representatives.

Weatherly represents the 48th

District which is comprised of Cleveland and Rutherford counties, most of Polk County, Cherryville, and part of Bessemer City. Weatherly is completing his third year in the House. His term ends in December 1994. All General Assembly seats will be up for election next year.

Weatherly said he is confident he is doing a good job of representing the district. "The people of this area are conservative and care about traditional family values, he said. "I am reconized for my consistent support of those values."

Weatherly was the first Republican to be elected from the district in 1988. He says the way people are registered now do not dictate the way they vote. "More and more voters vote for the candidate on merit, not political party," he said.

Weatherly is a retired industrial forester. He has served as a county commissioner in Catawba County and has held many community service positions.

"I enjoy representing the district and hope to be reelected so I can continue dealing with the legislative process as well as assisting citizens with problems," he said.

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Davis running for Senate

Dennis Davis of Lattimore has announced his candidacy for the North Carolina State Senate, representing District 37.

A teacher of Economics and

Government at Crest High School, Davis, 45, is a native of Cleveland County and a graduate of Gardner-Webb University and Appalachian State University.

He served as assistant basketball coach at Gardner-Webb College from 1975-79.

He is active in Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church where he is teacher of the Senior Adult II Class, an usher, and former Deacon.

Davis ran unsuccessfully for the Senate seat last year, losing by a narrow margin to Senator Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain. He serves as chairman of the Cleveland County Republican Party, is an 11th Congressional District Executive Committee member, North Carolina Republican Executive Committee member, Republican County Chairman's Association member, Congressman Charles Taylor's Priority Council member, and Upper Cleveland Reservoir committee member.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Economic Educators of North Carolina, a member of the Tech Prep Committee at Crest High School, an alumnus of the North Carolina

See Davis, 6-A



GEORGE ANNE MARSTON

See China, 6-A