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## Tornadoes rip-up county

### Volunteers help neighbors clean up

Kings Mountain volunteers from the Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works are helping clear the debris left from Sunday's tornado which devastated the town of Boiling Springs.

Acting City Manager Maxine Parsons, who lives in Boiling Springs and luckily had no damage at her home, said that the city sent a wood chipper and crews Monday and Tuesday to help clear limbs and trees from power lines and roads.

Police Records Clerk LuJuan

Dover, who also lives in Boiling Springs, said she found tree limbs in her yard after the storm but luckily had no damage. Dover said she was glad she was not at home when the tornado touched down near the University.

Parsons said the damage to the University buildings was extensive. Parsons said an air conditioner on top of the University Observatory was taken several feet, a car parked at one dorm landed on

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High winds took about a fifth of the roof of one home on Zeb Cline Road at Moss Lake Sunday and ripped through a barn and tore tin loose from several buildings but otherwise the Kings Mountain area escaped major damage from one of the worst tornadoes to hit Cleveland County.

The home of John F. Yarbro Sr. was damaged when the wind took most of his roof on the Lake end. Yarbro quickly covered up the roof with tarp but reported some rain damage. At least one other home and a barn, all on Zeb Cline Road, sustained some wind damage.

No one was injured. Although there were major pow-

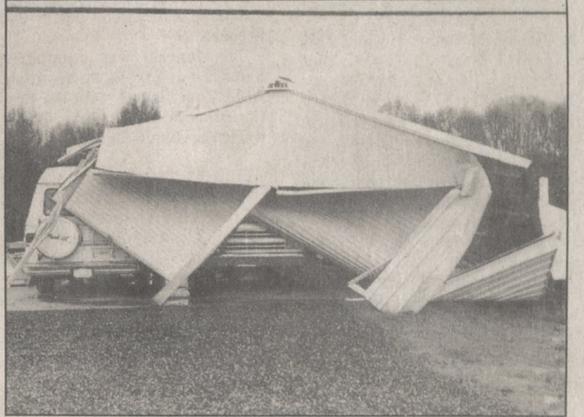
er outages in other areas of the county, Kings Mountain citizens escaped the storm's wrath.

The tornado, which ravished Boiling Springs, also touched down again in Suburban Acres Mobile Home Park near Oak Grove, leveling trailers and uprooting trees. A shelter was set up by the Cleveland County Red Cross Chapter at Oak Grove Fire Department for victims in this area.

Luckily, no one was seriously hurt.

No one was treated at Kings Mountain Hospital for storm-related injuries and Kings Mountain Police Department answered no

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Sunday's tornadoes caused major damage in Cleveland and Gaston counties, but the city of Kings Mountain was spared.

## Hospital to hire doctor

Kings Mountain Hospital's Board of Trustees Tuesday night approved the employment of a family doctor and took steps that it hopes will keep McGill Clinic open.

Since veteran Dr. Charles H. Adams of McGill Clinic informed the medical community of his intentions to retire and the possibility that the clinic would close May 30, medical officials have been working hard to secure at least two doctors to occupy that facility.

Hospital Administrator Huitt Reep told the board that the hospital had entered into a contract with Dr. Edward Butler of Atlanta, Ga., and that he could begin practice as early as April 4.

The hospital is also negotiating with Dr. Richard Francis of North Vernon, Indiana, who said he will establish a family practice if McGill Clinic becomes available.

The board approved Reep's request to negotiate with Dr. John McGill, a member of the board, to lease McGill Clinic and its equipment. McGill excused himself from the meeting while the matter was discussed.

"I strongly recommend that we lease McGill Clinic and put two or three doctors in there," Reep said. "I didn't learn about this possibility until 3 o'clock this afternoon but it is very important to get this under contract."

Reep said it is important to the hospital and the community to recruit doctors for the clinic that will admit patients to Kings Mountain Hospital and follow-up with their care.

"If you have someone in there just during the day and if they don't admit patients to Kings Mountain Hospital it will put a tremendous burden on other physicians in the community," he said.

Reep said he doesn't believe  
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Chris Westmoreland, as Jesus, holds up the cup as the disciples gather for the Lord's Supper during Maundy Thursday service at Central United Methodist Church. Mike Norwood is seated left of Westmoreland and Terry Edwards is at his right. Other disciples, standing left to right, John Rauch, David Dilling, Jerry DePue and David McDaniel. Back row, Jim Ware, David Potter, Johnny Reavis, Jim Potter and John Clemmer.

## Churches plan Easter services

Rev. Harold Schwantes, pastor of Central United Methodist Church, will deliver the sermon at the traditional community-wide Easter Sunrise Service Sunday at 7:08 a.m. in Veterans Park of Mountain Rest Cemetery.

His sermon topic is "Assumptions That Hinder."

The service is sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association.

Special music will be presented by the Choir of First Presbyterian Church under the direction of Shirley Austin.

The public is invited.

### CENTRAL METHODIST

Maundy Thursday Communion at Central United Methodist Church will be a solemn 7:30 p.m. service during Holy Week.

Twelve men from the congregation will portray the Twelve Disciples and Chris Westmoreland has the role of "Jesus."



REV. HAROLD SCHWANTES

The men in the drama will be dressed in long robes and costumes. They will assist the Rev. Harold Schwantes in the Lord's Supper after the 20-voice Chancel

Choir presents the cantata, "On The Passion of Christ," by Williams.

Linda Dixon is directing the cantata, for which Libby Putnam is organist.

The church sanctuary will be centered by a long Lord's Supper table at which the disciples will be seated. The bread and wine will be served as worshipers come to the altar.

The March 31 program is open to the public.

Sonny Peeler, Jake Dixon, Teresa Williams, Sue Horton, Rev. Harold Schwantes, and John Warlick have solo parts in the cantata.

Trudy Rauch, Judy Norwood and Kathleen Walker assist with costumes and direction.

The disciples are portrayed by David McDaniel, David Dilling, John Rauch, John Clemmer,

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## City policemen threaten to quit

Several patrolmen threatened to quit Tuesday on the eve of Chief Warren Goforth's proposal that City Council change the work schedule of patrolmen from 12 to eight hour work day shifts.

But Goforth told City Council Tuesday night he changed his mind and wanted to rescind his agenda item that would save the city overtime money and vacation time for some employees in the Police Department.

He said the reason he made the suggestion was at Council's insistence that department heads make cuts in spending but changed his mind about the schedule because one employee came to him Tuesday afternoon and said the change would cut her paycheck \$100.

"I have always done what I thought was best for my people," he said.

After the meeting, the Chief said that 20 members of his department had signed a petition objecting to the change of work schedule. He said the petition, which did not surface in the open session, had nothing to do with his withdrawal of the recommendation.

Goforth said he had the backing of some members of Council but not a majority of the board to change the work schedules effective Easter Sunday.

"I'm sure that about 20 of my employees have already talked to you folks," Goforth told Council.

Two police sergeants and two dispatchers were in the audience.

There were no comments by Council nor from the audience. There was no motion made to rescind or accept the Chief's recommendation. Mayor Scott Neisler moved on the next agenda item.

Goforth said that on July 1, 1988 KMPD made the change from eight hour work day shifts to 12 hour work day shifts to allow

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## Mayor offers board apology

Mayor Scott Neisler apologized to City Council Tuesday for not letting all of the members know about an informational meeting Monday with the two facilitators who will organize and lead the Council's April planning retreat.

"There was nothing secretive about it," said the Mayor.

"If I overstepped my bounds, I am sorry."

The Mayor's apology came after Ward 1 Councilman Phil Hager said that he would have attended the meeting if he had known about it.

"At this crucial period in the city all of us should know about every meeting and in the future the whole Council needs to be told," said Hager.

Hager made the comment after Councilwoman Norma Bridges asked the mayor when council scheduled the Monday meeting which was attended by the mayor, Councilman Rick Murphrey, who is Mayor Pro tem, and Acting City Manager Maxine Parsons.

"It's a part of our duty as elected officials to be present at every meeting," said Hager.

Neisler said Zebulon City Manager Charlie Horne and Institute of Government facilitator Deborah Henezey were interested in how to structure the upcoming retreat and will be given a free hand in working it up. He asked the Council to approve a \$250 scholarship to the Institute of Government since the facilitators can't accept fees. Both leaders will be paid travel money and two days housing in Kings Mountain to attend the meeting at Gardner-Webb University Observatory in Boiling Springs.

## Council reverses decision on Mike Brown's sign

### City employees to take Monday off

City employees will be off Monday for the traditional Easter holiday but next year their spring holiday could be on Good Friday if the policy is changed at next month's spring retreat and planning session.

The recommendation to change the holiday schedule this year was on the agenda at Tuesday's City Council meeting but the board sided with employees, voting unanimously not to make the change since the holiday is on Sunday.

Jimmy Maney, Director of Utilities, said his employees want Good Friday off because they have already made plans for the long weekend and would have difficulty in getting babysitters for their children on Friday since Day Care Centers are closed.

Maney said he agreed with city officials supporting the change in

holiday schedule that Good Friday may be the best time to close since local banks and other businesses already observe Good Friday as the official holiday and this poses a slight imposition on the operation of several city functions.

"We had little notice, however, and my people are upset that they may have to make last minute changes in vacation plans," said Maney.

Maney said that city employees were surveyed several years ago about their choice of Easter Monday or Good Friday and a majority chose Good Friday.

The change came at the suggestion of Personnel Director Winston Bagley who proposed a permanent change in the months to come, along with additional updates to the personnel policies.

After taking his business sign down several months ago on King Street because it didn't meet city specifications, developer Mike Brown got approval Tuesday night from City Council to put it back up.

Council amended the zoning ordinance to permit Brown to increase the aggregate square footage at his new businesses on East King Street to 75 square feet but the ordinance specified that all five signs he wants to put up be erected on one structure near the sidewalk.

City Attorney Mickey Corry objected to a "hodge podge of separate signs" and suggested that all attached signs be placed on a one time supportive structure.

Corry's remarks brought discussion from Council. Councilman Jim Guyton said that adding a new ordinance for multiple signs might be the way to go but Planner Gene White said the present ordinance will take care of Browns' needs.

"Brown's situation is unique," said White. "His building doesn't face the road."

Guyton said that the amendment would mean limiting the total square footage for any one business in town. White said the ordinance spells out that 30 feet maximum is required for signs at any business location but for any additional sign to be put up at the same spot the maximum footage would be 75 feet.

Councilman Phil Hager asked Corry to word the ordinance at his discretion but Corry said the motion by Council must spell out exactly what Council wants. Hager then made the motion that the ordinance stipulate 30 feet for the first sign and 15 feet thereafter up to a maximum of 75 square feet.

Brown has three separately metered businesses in one location on King Street.

Brown's proposal had been turned down by the Board of

Adjustments. Brown's only recourse for appeal after City Council would have been Superior Court.

In other actions, Council: Approved the interview process schedule for the position of city manager.

Contracted with Browne, Keller and Associates, CPA, the firm which does the annual city audit, to balance the monthly bank statements during the period of interim city manager. Acting Manager Maxine Parsons made the recommendation, noting that the auditing firm would balance the check books and also keep internal control.

Set public hearing for April 26 at 7:30 p.m. and referred to the Planning and Zoning Board for recommendations a request from Charlie Barnes to rezone his property from GB to R-20 at Gaston County Tax Map 11-48, Parcel 22.06; request from Warren

Huffstetter to rezone his property from GB to R-20 at Cleveland County Tax Map 4-57, Block 1, Lot 57; and TEA Group, Inc., for a special use permit to construct a Telecommunications tower in the L-1 district at Cleveland County Tax Map 27, Block 1, Lot 6.

Called for a public hearing on May 31 at 7:30 p.m. and referred to the Planning and Zoning Board for a recommendation a request from Anvil Knit, Inc. to rezone property from R-8, to L-1 at Cleveland County Tax Map 19, block 3, lot 5, partial, and lot 4.

Approved an exchange of property with James C. Crawford in order to perform the required construction of upgrades for the Davidson Lake Dam. Director of Community Services Tom Howard said the dam must be fixed to comply with state mandates.

Accepted the low, negotiated bid

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