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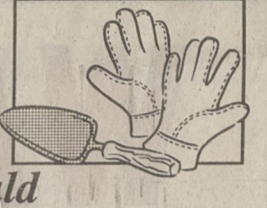


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## Roamin' 'Round Kings Mountain

By Gary Stewart

### PD radar emphasis pays off with fewer accidents

If you're driving on Kings Mountain streets, especially in the morning, you would be wise to stay a mile or two under the speed limit. For the past three weeks, Kings Mountain Police Department has been running radar on several busy streets and they plan to continue the practice indefinitely. Contrary to natural belief, Chief Richard Reynolds and Captain Houston Corn, who are coordinating the effort, say the intent is not to catch speeders but to reduce the high number of accidents and the potential for accidents. Each week, the police department surveys the areas where the most accidents are happening and concentrate on running radar there. Police run radar each weekday morning from 7:30-11 a.m. in targeted areas, and randomly on other streets. The schedule is publicized each week in the Herald.

Officers have written 42 speeding citations since the program began March 9, but more importantly statistics show a decrease in the number of accidents.

So far in March, officers have been called to the scene of 26 accidents compared to 36 in February and 40 in January. Half of the March accidents have occurred in the area of Cansler and King Streets, which police call the worst intersection in town for wrecks.

Because of those figures much attention has been given to that area of town. But police are also actively running radar around public schools and other busy streets.

One intersection that has shown a sharp decrease in accidents is Sims and King streets in the area of First Baptist Church. Accidents have almost been eliminated since the city installed a traffic light there.

The police say they get a large number of complaints from citizens about speeding in school zones and residential areas.

"Our intent (in running radar) is not to give people tickets," says Reynolds. "Our intent is to try to get people to obey the law, and hopefully keep somebody from getting hurt in an accident or if someone steps off a curb in front of a vehicle."

"It's a public service, really," Reynolds added. "We thought if we publicized it and let people know where we're concentrating it would help, but that's not to say we won't be in other places also. By knowing that we're going to be there we would hope they would pay more attention to their speed and go by the posted speed limit."

Reynolds said as the program reduces accidents it also reduces the amount of hassle and time citizens have to spend with insurance companies.

"I'm not saying speed always causes the accidents," he said, "but we've seen a decrease and we're hoping some of this will slow down the property damages and personal injuries. It's like the world has ended when you have an accident and have to deal with insurance companies, but personal injury is even worse."

In addition to trying to cut down on speeding and accidents, Reynolds said officers often talk to children in residential areas and urge them to be careful when playing outside.

"But," he said, "if someone's going over 35 miles per hour it's hard for them to react."

## KM Hall of Fame ceremony April 23

### Carolina coach Torbush will be guest speaker

Carl Torbush, the new head football coach at the University of North Carolina, will be guest speaker at the 11th annual Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony Thursday, April 23 at Kings Mountain High School.

Dinner, catered by Town and Country BBQ, will begin at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. The induction will begin at 7 p.m. in B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from members of the Hall of Fame committee and at the Kings Mountain Herald, First Charter Bank and McGinnis Department Store.

This year's inductees include the 1956 KMHS football team which won the Western North Carolina Activities Association championship; former Compact High and KMHS basketball coach John Blalock; and former KMHS and Appalachian State University basketball star Charles Barnes.

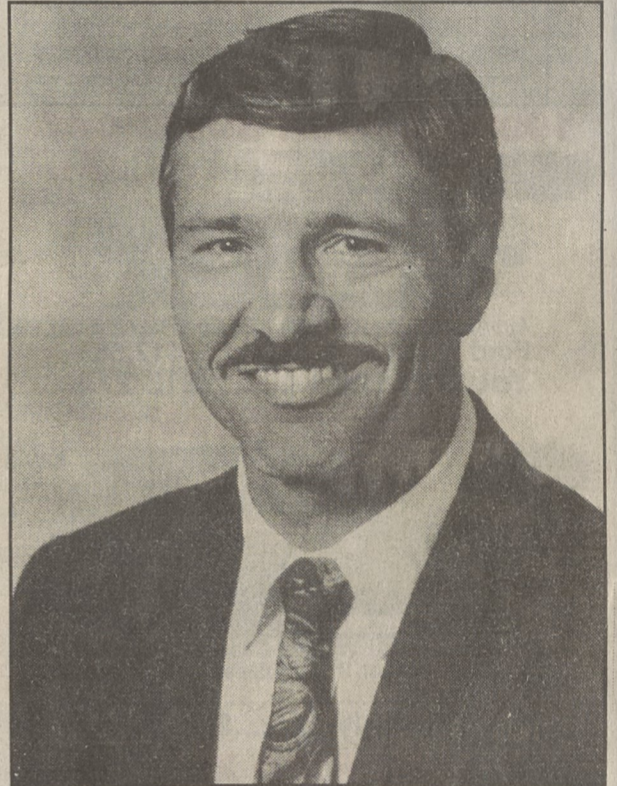
The 1956 football team, coached by Shu Carlton, joins the 1955 and 1964 Mountaineer elevens as the only football teams in the Hall of Fame. The team

compiled a 10-0-1 overall record and defeated Valdeze 7-6 for the Western Championship.

The team was led offensively by halfback Ken Baity, who was the school's first thousand-yard rusher, and quarterback Johnny McGinnis who played in the East-West All-Star Game. Other members of the team were Keith Layton, Charles Bridges, Tony Goins, Tom Gilbert, Donald Parker, David Marlowe, Steve Wells, Max Lee, Larry Miller, Randel Elgin, J.L. Stewart, Bill Herndon, David Plonk, John Rudisill, Roy Hammett, Jimmy Bennett, Hoyle Burton, Gene Bowers, Gary Blanton, Don Fisher, Jerry Phillips, Jimmy Blanton, Doug Rathbone, Frank Hinson, Don Gladden, Don McKinney, Curtis George, Wray Plonk and Robert Rudisill. Carlton's assistant coaches were Don Parker and John Gamble.

Blalock, who played basketball at Davidson High in Kings Mountain and at Livingstone College, coached at several schools in South Carolina and one year at John Chavis High in Cherryville before returning to his hometown as head coach at Compact High School in 1962. He coached the 1964 Compact team to the 1A state championship. He also organized the football program at Compact. After

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**Guest Speaker** - Carl Torbush, the new head football coach for the University of North Carolina Tarheels, is the speaker for this year's Hall of Fame ceremony.

# Madam P President

## Kings Mountain native Laura Bingham, Peace College's first alumna president

By Gary Stewart  
Editor of The Herald

Kings Mountain native Laura Carpenter Bingham, an administrator in both higher education and health care, has been named the new president of Peace College in Raleigh. With her appointment, Bingham becomes the first alumna and the second woman in the history of the women's college to hold the post.

Board of Trustees Chair Sherry Cameron Worth and Search Committee Chair Philip R. Tracy, both of Raleigh, announced the appointment.

A 1977 Peace graduate, Bingham will become the College's ninth president, succeeding Dr. Garrett Briggs, who will retire in June after 10 years of service. When Bingham begins her tenure in July, she will be the first woman to serve as president since 1924, when Mary Owen Graham left the post after eight years. Bingham will be the first woman to lead the College since it began offering baccalaureate degrees in 1995.

"It's hard to imagine the privilege of returning to Peace 20 years after graduating to become president," Bingham said. "I am deeply honored by the confidence expressed in me by the enthusiastic support of trustees, faculty, staff, students and the alumnae constituency. Consensus propels momentum, and I feel we're off to a strong start together."

"The Board of Trustees is thrilled with the selection of Laura Bingham as Peace's president," trustee chair Worth said.

"She brings to the position an excellent background in women's higher education, consummate skills in administration and fund-raising, and a passion for the College and its mission to educate young women. She is visionary, focused, energetic, and successful in everything she does, and I have no doubt that she will continue that record of success at Peace."

Bingham, 41, is senior vice president for philanthropy at Covenant Health, a not-for-profit health care organization in Knoxville, TN, and president of Fort Sanders Foundation, the largest fund-raising program within the Covenant system.

Prior to joining Covenant, she served five years as vice president for development and external relations at Hollins College, a liberal arts women's college which also offers coeducational graduate degrees, located in Roanoke, VA. There Bingham planned and managed a comprehensive endowment, capital and annual fund campaign that yielded gifts and pledges of \$47.2 million, surpassing the campaign's goal by \$6.4 million and securing some of the largest gifts in Hollins' history. During her tenure, Hollins' endowment jumped from \$44 million to \$70 million, and the college received the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education's 1994 Award for Excellence in Educational Fund Raising. In addition to her work in fund-raising, she also directed Hollins' alumnae institutional advancement and public relations efforts.

The Peace president-elect pre-



Laura Bingham

viously served as director of external relations for the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Duke University Medical Center in Durham. She also served in several North Carolina legislative and executive government posts, including assistant for policy for former Lt. Governor Robert B. Jordan; director of a 1983 Governor's Conference which focused on women and the state economy; and human resources planner for the Department of Human Resources. She also served on the Governor's Legislative Lobbying Team for the 1981 and 1983 North Carolina General Assembly sessions.

Bingham is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has done further study at Duke and North Carolina State universities, and is completing an executive master of arts in philanthropic studies at Indiana University. A 1990 recipient of Peace College's Young Alumna

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## KM City Council may appoint ABC members

Kings Mountain City Council will consider appointing two new members to the ABC Board at Tuesday's regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Council discussed the ABC board and its operations at length at last month's meeting at which time Ward 4 Councilman Gene White said he will ask the Council to reverse its previous decision to expand the board from three members to five.

But since that meeting, City Manager Jimmy Maney said City Attorney Mickey Corry has reviewed House Bill 583, which was ratified May 12, 1997 and the bill says that the ABC board "shall" consist of five members.

In addition to opposing expansion of the board, White said he would request audit reports, a budget, documentation of salaries and travel expenses paid to board members.

Board Chairman Andy Neisler said the board's charge is to manage the ABC Store and distribute its net profits. He said net profits are disbursed quarterly - with 15 percent going to the school system for alcohol education, 15 percent to Kings Mountain Police Department for alcohol enforcement, and the rest divided equally between the county and city governments.

He said the ABC store showed a \$21,000 profit last quarter, with \$3,200 going to the school system, \$3,200 to KMPD and \$6,000 each to the city and county. The Board is allowed to set aside some funds for emergencies.

Neisler said he was under the impression at last month's meeting that City Council "has an option" to expand the board from three members to five, "but I've been told since then that I was wrong. I didn't really have anything to do with that."

According to House Bill 583, City Council was to appoint two new members with one member appointed for a term to expire on March 31, 1998, and one member for a term to expire on March 31, 1999. Thereafter, the Bill said, terms "shall" be for three years.

Current members of the Board also serve three-year terms, but White has indicated he will ask for term limits.

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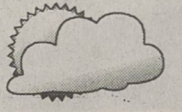
#### THURSDAY

Sunny and warming high in the mid 70's.



#### FRIDAY

Continued warm partly sunny, high near 80.



#### SATURDAY

Partly sunny with a high in the mid 70's.



### KINGS MOUNTAIN PEOPLE

## Family history important to KM's Edna Wells Barry

Edna Wells Barry is a history buff with good reason.

When she and her siblings get together they return to the home of her sister-in-law, Zoe Goforth Wells, at the Campbell Wells homeplace on Whitworth Road on N. C. 161 a few short miles from Kings Mountain in what is commonly known as the Bethany Community.

No one cares if the relatives are sitting on the North Carolina side or the South Carolina side of the house especially when you consider that the North Carolina-South Carolina state line runs right through the middle of the Wells home.

When the family relaxes in the liv-

ing room they may be sitting smack on the state line. Mrs. Wells may be sitting in North Carolina but holding her newspaper in South Carolina.

Edna says the line passes right through the chimney of the sitting and living rooms.

"Because the line passes through the house at an angle, it's sometimes confusing to know which state you're in at a given moment," says Edna.

The unusual situation made Campbell and Edna's daughter, Lea, a South Carolinian, and Suzanne, a native of North Carolina, though they were born in the same house.

Actually, both rooms are in both states but Suzanne was born in what is now the sitting room. It used to be the back bedroom and was located on the North Carolina side. On the other hand, Lea was born in a bed on the South Carolina side of the front bedroom. Lea now lives in Chapel Hill and Suzanne lives with her mother. Their brother, Harry Wells, who was also born in the house, runs the dairy farm across the road.

Edna says the unusual history of the house provides lively conversation for visitors.

"My sister-in-law and niece cross the state line many times while doing the household chores, making beds in the

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EDNA BARRY