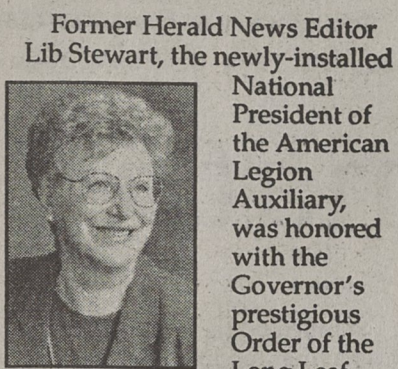


Stewart receives state's highest honor



Former Herald News Editor Lib Stewart, the newly-installed National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, was honored with the Governor's prestigious Order of the Long Leaf Pine during homecoming festivities Saturday. National Commander Al Lance of Meridian, Idaho, also received an Honorary Tar Heel Award from the governor.

The awards were presented by North Carolina National Committeeman Jerry Hedrick of Lexington. The two leaders of veterans service organizations number 4 1/2 million people also received United States flags which had flown over the nation's capitol. The presentation was made by Past State Commander Frank Stencil of Cary.

Kings Mountain American Legion Post 155 hosted a barbecue for 350 people Friday night. Post Commander Claude Pearson presented a bouquet of red roses to Stewart, and Mayor Scott Neisler presented keys to

the City of Kings Mountain to Stewart and Lance. The City of Kings Mountain also presented key chains with the monument on the front and Ms. Stewart's name on the back. Lou Ballew, Unit 155 President, presented a gift to Stewart from the Unit. Assisting in serving were members of the Post and Unit and SAL Squadron from Kings Mountain.

Thursday evening, American Legion Post 380 and Auxiliary from Charlotte hosted a dinner for Miss Stewart and other guests with over 150 people in attendance. Friday morning, Brevard Post 88 and Unit hosted a brunch as three buses of

visitors stopped en route to a tour of the Biltmore House in Asheville. Stewart received a key to the city from the Brevard mayor. Saturday morning, some 150 people visited Old Salem in Winston Salem. Stewart received a gift from the City of Winston Salem and also from the Unit and Post.

A Saturday evening banquet at Hilton at University Place was attended by 275 people. The Kings Mountain High School Kings Revue presented the entertainment. Special music was also presented by Stewart's niece and nephew, Beverly Berry and Jeff Grigg.

DETTER

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juries resulted in a loss of memory and Jessica still can't recall anything that happened to her on the day of the accident.

"The blood clot on her brain dissolved, but she still has a slight bruise and his going to have to have some rehab with her motor skills to get her memory back, and also to get her school work back to where it was," Mrs. Detter said.

"But her speech is wonderful. She does more and more every day. She's getting up and walking around. She uses the walker some, but she does real good."

Mrs. Detter said doctors have told Jessica she will have headaches for a long time - possibly up to a year - because of the head trauma she sustained.

"She has been having headaches for the past three or four evenings," Mrs. Detter said. "But so far everything looks good."

Mrs. Detter said Jessica to Charlotte three times a week for rehab.

Mrs. Detter and her husband, Ronnie, told their daughter about the wreck, but she doesn't remember anything about it, or even about going to work earlier in the day.

"When she got to progressive care she asked us what happened, so we told her that she

was in a wreck and that everything was fine and not to worry about it. Sunday she was talking about it and asked us again, so we sat her down and told her everything we know. We showed her pictures of the car and she did real well. It didn't upset her or anything."

Doctors say it will take time for her to remember the details of the accident, and she may never recall them.

"Even from the time she first woke up and was real alert and aware of everything, she was able to tell nurses what month it was and what year it was," Mrs. Detter said. "She knew she was in the hospital, but didn't really know she was in Charlotte until we told her."

It's uncertain when Jessica will be able to return to school. Mrs. Detter said they'll cross that bridge later.

"But she says she will drive again," Mrs. Detter said. "She was joking with her father the other day, saying she was going to drive my car home."

Mrs. Detter said Jessica's accident has proven to her again how wonderful people are.

"I just want to again express how much outpouring of love and prayers that we have felt and experienced," she said.

"You don't realize until you've gone through a tragedy like this how much you appreciate everybody. God's been good to us. He's had his hand on Jessica the whole time, and we want to thank everybody for their love and support."

New Christmas decorations planned

By GARY STEWART
Editor of The Herald

The first blast of winter hasn't hit us yet, but it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in area stores, and soon it will begin looking like Christmas on the streets of Kings Mountain.

The city recently allocated \$50,000 for new Christmas decorations and named a special committee to make recommendations on new decorations for the downtown area.

Recreation Director Tripp Hord said much of that committee's work has been accomplished, and last week they ordered almost \$20,000 worth of

decorations for the downtown area.

Hord said new banners and new decorations will be on each pole in the four block area of downtown, and the old decorations will be saved for future use in other areas of town.

"We're basically going with snowflakes on one side of the poles and banners on the other side," he said. "The snowflakes are equipped to be lighted, but all won't be lighted because we have to do some work for next year."

Every pole from Mauney Memorial Library to the new gazebo (a four-block radius including Piedmont, Mountain,

Battleground and Railroad Avenue), will be decked out in new decorations.

Reindeer have been ordered to be placed outside the new police department, and pictorial carolers will be placed in front of the library. Reefs have also been ordered for the old post office.

Four snowflake celestial archways have been ordered to hang in different parts of town - possibly at the entranceways to the city.

"The committee did a good job," Hord said. "They got a lot of stuff for the money."

Members of the committee are Sandra Murphrey, chair-

man; Shirley Brutko, Ashley Harris, Mary Ann Hendricks, Shirley Austin, Mary Neisler and Evelyn Hamrick.

The group began meeting on September 20, and opened bids last week.

Decorations will be going up soon, and the city will hold to past tradition of lighting up downtown on Thanksgiving.

The annual Christmas parade is scheduled for December 4 at 3:30, and the Kings Mountain Business and Professional Association's annual Mountaineer Christmas will begin as soon as the parade is over and last until about 9:30 p.m.

KM POLICE REPORT

ARRESTS

William Holden, Kings Mountain, DWI, driving left of center, \$500 unsecured bond.

Geraldine Roberts, Kings Mountain, simple possession of marijuana.

Moibes Marcial, Dallas, DWI, \$300 secured bond.

Karen Sloup, Clover, SC, DWI, \$300 secured bond.

Chad Carpenter, Kings Mountain, DWI, speeding, \$500 unsecured bond.

Jamie Gann, Kings Mountain, common law robbery, \$10,000 secured bond.

Kenneth Greason, Kings Mountain, communicating threats, assault on a female.

Ken McGill, Kings Mountain, assault on a female.

Kenneth Lewis, Kings Mountain, giving false information to an officer, improper tail lights, failure to carry license, \$500 secured bond.

CITATIONS

Michelle Johnson, Kings Mountain, stop sign violation.

Michael Marlow, Kings Mountain, fictitious registration plate.

Octavia Childers, Kings Mountain, driving too fast for conditions.

Lisa Outen, Chester, SC, red light violation.

Tremaine Phillips, Kings Mountain, fictitious license plate.

Terry Crocker, Kings Mountain, red light violation.

John Derosa Jr., Kings Mountain, driving without license.

Billy Payne, Kings Mountain, red light violation.

Stephen Ramsey, Kings Mountain, speeding 50 in 35 zone.

Todd McIntire, Kings Mountain, speeding 65 in 45 zone.

E.C. Small, Kings Mountain, red light violation.

Steven Ray, Kings Mountain, speeding 50 in 35 zone.

Joshua Carver, Gainesville, GA, speeding 75 in 55 zone.

Gilbert Davis, Kings Mountain, possession of marijuana.

Helen Williams, Kings Mountain, speeding 70 in 55 zone.

Michael Odom, Gastonia, driving while license revoked.

Antonio Kennedy, Gastonia, driving while license revoked.

Stephen Cooke, Lawndale, stop light violation.

Mia Carroll, Kings Mountain, speeding 50 in 35 zone.

Derek McClain, Charlotte, speeding 50 in 35 zone.

Krystal Johnson, Bessemer City, speeding 50 in 35 zone.

Tasha Webber, Shelby, red light violation.

Janis Martin, Kings Mountain, red light violation.

Le Vongxay, Clover, SC, inspection sticker violation; ficti-

tious registration plate.

Kenneth Ledford, Kings Mountain, expired registration plate.

Nicoles Jefferies, Shelby, no operators license.

Anthony Petty John, Kings Mountain, driving while license revoked.

INCIDENTS

William R. Scates, Kings Mountain, reported that someone kicked his storm door causing \$300 damage.

Donette Hensley, Kings Mountain, reported breaking and entering of a motor vehicle while it was parked at Harris-Teeter.

Rachel Morrison, Kings Mountain, reported that she was assaulted.

Pine Manor, Kings Mountain, reported that someone placed a dead skunk in front of the manager's office.

KM Express, Kings Mountain, reported larceny of gas.

Silver Express, Kings Mountain, reported larceny of gas.

Texaco, 511 Linwood, reported larceny of candy and gasoline.

Sharon Phillips, Kings Mountain, reported larceny of money and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Christopher Paysour, Kings Mountain, reported that someone smashed the front window of his house, causing \$100 damage.

Kings Mountain High School reported that two students fought on the school campus.

Alexander Realty, Kings Mountain, reported that someone pried open a window screen and cut weather stripping.

Virginia Ford, Kings Mountain, reported breaking and entering of her auto, and larceny of a stereo and compact discs. Total damage/loss was \$620.

Kendrick Bell, Kings Mountain, reported that someone broke the window on his vehicle, causing \$200 damage.

Kim Goode, Kings Mountain, reported that she was assaulted.

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Kings Mountain, reported that someone smashed a glass sign with a brick.

Express Store, 212 W. King St., reported larceny of beer.

Tammy Niedermeier, Kings Mountain, reported larceny of a bicycle, valued at \$89.

Billy Patterson, Kings Mountain, reported a suspicious fire at a storage trailer.

Mountain Market, 506 Waco Rd., reported larceny of kerosene.

M&T Properties, Kings Mountain, reported larceny of an air conditioner valued at \$700.

Paul Rathbone, Kings

Mountain, reported a common law robbery and assault inflicting serious injury.

James Norris, Kings Mountain, reported breaking and entering of his vehicle, and theft of a \$30 cell phone.

WRECKS

Laura Walker of Kings Mountain said she swerved to miss a car that was traveling in her lane, left the roadway and hit a ditch on Waco Road. Damage to her car was \$800.

Cars driven by Phillip Bowman and Diane Banks, both of Shelby, struck on West King Street. Damage to Bowman's car was \$100 and damage to Banks' was \$200.

Cars driven by Tanya Jackson of Kings Mountain and Linda Smith of Grover struck on West Gold Street. Damage to

Jackson's car was \$100.

A moped driven by Ronnie Moore of Kings Mountain hit a curb on North Piedmont Avenue, throwing the driver off the vehicle. Damage to the moped was \$500.

Vehicles driven by Mark Deese and Angela Huskey, both of Kings Mountain, struck on Cleveland Avenue, causing \$3,000 damage to Deese's truck and \$7,000 to Huskey's truck.

Charley Love of Gastonia told police his car was parked at Pine Manor and was struck by an unknown vehicle. Damage was \$2,000.

Bernice Chappell of Kings Mountain told police a car pulled in front of her on Waco Road, causing her to have to swerve to miss it. Chappell's car then hit a utility pole. Damage to the car was \$800.

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them," Bolin said. "I hope they tear every one of them down."

Dawn Wood of Grover was more inclined to see the video poker casino question in terms of individual rights.

"Even though I don't really care for the casinos, I believe people should have the right to play if they want to," Wood said. "I think it's a constitutional right."

Even though the men and women on the street at the state line in Grover spoke freely about their feelings on video gaming, the casinos themselves were tight lipped about the court decision that spelled doom for their businesses.

Employees at the Caribbean, State Line, State Line II, Lucky Diamond, Treasure Island, and Caribbean parlors all said they were instructed not to discuss the subject. One casino employee, lunching in Grover, did offer an opinion on the fate of her livelihood but asked not to be identified.

"Closing down the casinos will put 70,000 people out of work," she said. "It's going to put a big dent in the economy."

In many ways the video gaming business ended up like the Castle casino that was under construction near Grover - a palatial building that was stopped in its tracks. No matter what takes place at the casinos before the July 1, 2000 deadline for their closing, the bottom line is that video gaming was dealt a losing hand by the powers that be in South Carolina.

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