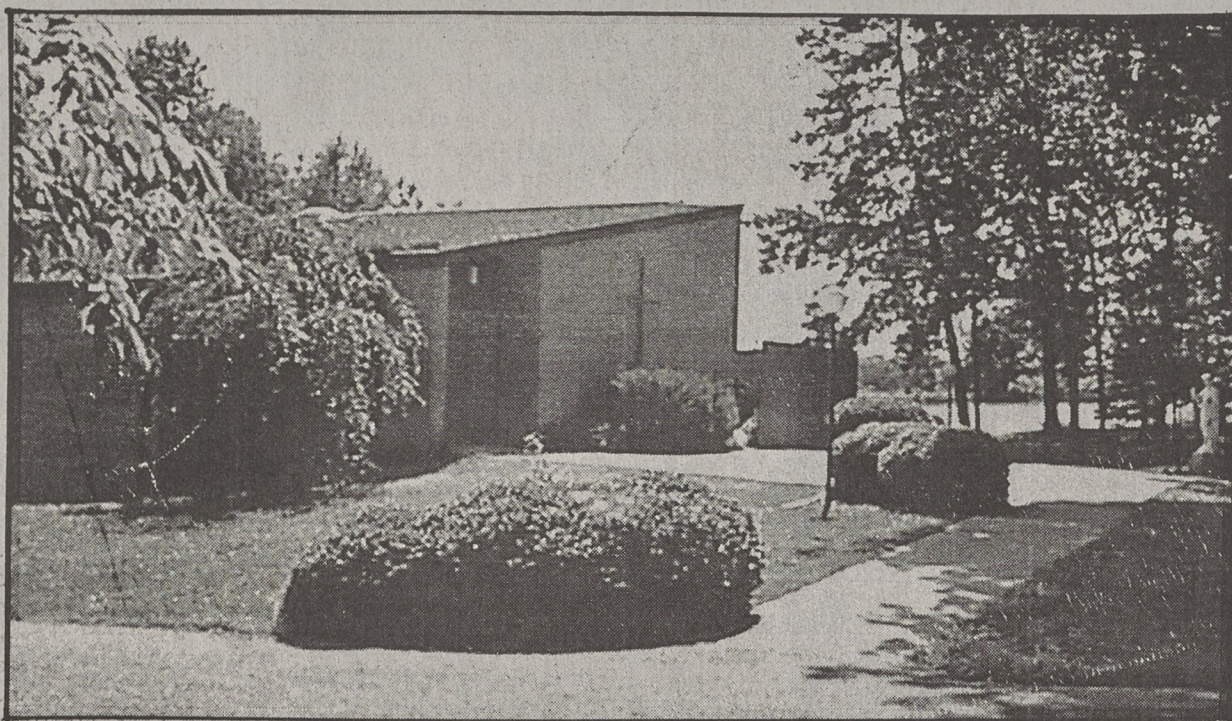


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Dalton is selected Legislator of Year

State Senator Walter Dalton, a Democrat who represents Cleveland and Rutherford counties, was chosen recently as 1999 Legislator of the Year from Region C Law Enforcement.

During the 1999 legislative session, Dalton, vice chairman of the Senate's judiciary committee, pushed through several initiatives to help protect children, families, and communities, including:

School safety initiatives including tougher penalties - such as mandatory suspension and driver's license revocation - for students who engage in violence, make a bomb threat or bring weapons to school or school-related events; more student resource officers in schools; protections for school volunteers; and after school activities and student prevention efforts.

The Safe Families Act to crack down on domestic violence by expanding police abilities to respond to calls and make arrests, making it easier to track stalkers and batterers, and providing more help for abuse victims.

Juvenile justice programs to provide swift, sure punishment for offenders and more community based rehabilitation and prevention programs.

Help for crime victims with more district attorneys, investigators and support staff; victim witness assistance; assistance pilot programs and new Victims Assistance Network services.

Dalton, who won the same award for 1997, also worked to make sure the Cleveland Correctional Center remained open, strengthened penalties for oral or written threats against children and spouses, and supported tougher drunk driving laws and truck safety laws.

KM Military Park develops fire plan

Kings Mountain National Military Park superintendent Erin Broadbent recently announced that the park is in the final approval stages for the park's new Fire Management Plan. As in many other federal and state agencies, the plan call for the implementation of a prescribed fire program to assist managers in forest protection and cultural landscape restoration. The need for the plan was identified in 1996 after a vascular plant study indicated that the heavy fuel layer was contributing to the decline in the park's biodiversity.

Park Rangers emphasize the implementation of prescribed fire in no way impacts the park's wildfire program. All wildfires will be suppressed and the park will continue all pre-suppression activities during periods of of extreme fire danger. The park staff has begun preparing for its first burn this spring. A National Park Service Fire Use Model based a the Great Smoky Mountains National Park has begun preparation of the burn plan, and a Fire Effects Monitoring Crew has established research plots within the burn arena.

The Fire Management Plan is available for review and comment at the Kings Mountain National Park Administrative Headquarters from 9 am until 4 pm, Monday-Friday. The review period will end January 21, 2000.

For more information, call 864-936-7921.

Hunt graduates basic training

Army Pvt. George M. Hunt has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

3802 Towery Road, Lattimore, N.C., and a graduate of Crest High School.

During training, Hunt received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map treading, tactics, military courtesy and justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army traditions and history.

Army Staff Sgt. Rodney Arrowood has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal. The medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Army.

Hunt is the grandson of Clifford G. and Elaine Hunt of

KM students graduate ASU

Three Kings Mountain students received degrees at the fall semester commencement ceremony December 18 at Appalachian State University.

Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education; and William Hart Wells, Bachelor of Science in Music Education.

They included Justin Howard Faunce, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Windy Rose Bagwell Phillips.

Molly C. Broad, president of the University of North Carolina System, was the guest speaker.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Building program at Open Door Mission

"Seven-Up," a special building fund program, will beheld Saturday, January 22 at 6 p.m. at Open Door Mission, 309 Hillway Drive, Kings Mountain. Guest speakers will be "First Ladies." The public is invited.

Clopton Family at Christian Freedom

The Clopton Family of Gaffney, SC will be in concert Sunday, January 23 at 6 p.m. at Christian Freedom Baptist Church, 246 Range Road, Kings Mountain. The public is invited.

Crosstar at First Baptist, Blacksburg

Crosstar will be in concert Sunday, January 23 at 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Blacksburg. The group will debut its second CD. A love offering will be received. The public is invited.

Singing set at Eastside Baptist Church

A fourth Sunday night singing will be held January 23 at 6 p.m. at Eastside Baptist Church, 308 York Road, Kings Mountain. Featured singers will be Tracy and Kevin Bolin. The public is invited.

Revival at Calvary Way Holiness Church

A Holy Ghost revival will be held at 7 p.m. January 24-28 at Calvary Way Holiness Church, 310 Long Branch Road, Kings Mountain. There will be a different preacher and special singing each night. The public is invited.

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