



Diane Cornwell and Susan Cash were two of the Kings Mountain High School majorettes who gave out brochures during United Fund Day in Kings Mountain Tuesday. Diane hands fund brochure to Bill, Belk manager, while the pep band plays in the background. (Mirror Photo by Lem Lynch)

Weekend Storm Causes Power Failures, Flooding

Unseasonable thunder storms Friday night and early Saturday morning brought an estimated 5 inches of rainfall down on Kings Mountain, resulting in street damage, power failures, and flooding in low lying areas.

By 9:30 Friday Evening, the city's emergency crews in the electrical, water and sewer, street, and gas departments were in effect in order to continue service in these areas.

Mayor Moss worked with the emergency crews until about 4 A.M. Saturday. "It was the most rainfall I've ever seen in Kings Mountain," said the Mayor, who expressed his appreciation for the members of the various city departments who helped to restore normal services.

Flooding was reported in the areas of Landing, Bridges Drive, Hillside, Meadowbrook, Monroe Ave., about seven areas of the city in all suffered water damage.

A cement block pump house and three small wooden bridges at the Country Club were destroyed by the flooding. Numerous basements, including city hall's were flooded. Several downtown stores also reported water damage.

School Superintendent Donald Jones reported Monday that water was standing 24 inches deep on the south end of the football field.

Power transformers were knocked out in different areas of the city.

A spokesman for the electrical department reported that a transformer on Cleveland Ave. was out for about half an hour Friday, and power on Landing Street was knocked out for about one hour, also transformers on York road were out for about an hour.

Two transformers behind the Country Club were knocked out, but not detected until Monday morning.

By Monday afternoon, all city power was functioning as normal. The power failure interrupted the high school football game at halftime, and the police department had to assist in re-

moving stranded motorists from the parking lots. Some cars were reported stranded as water flooded the parking areas.

Rising water at the Kings Mountain water project was kept under control. In the vicinity of the dam, the water level rose approximately 12 feet, according to Mayor Moss.

The bridge maintenance department of the Highway Commission reports that two bridges were washed out in the lower end of the county. The Long Creek bridge between Grover and Archdale is out, closing the road for an estimated 30 days. Damages to bridges in the county was estimated at \$50-\$60,000.



The heavy rains and flooding left much damaged property in its wake. This cement block pump house at the country club was demolished by the flood water.

School Superintendent Investigates Alleged Injury

After looking into charges that a student received a fractured arm in an alleged fight at the high school, City School Superintendent Donald Jones said Tuesday that a check with the attending doctor revealed that no fracture was incurred.

Jones and the City Board of Education were confronted at Monday's regular meeting by Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Conner of Kings Mountain. The Conners reported that their 16 year old son had been in a fight at school on a Wednesday about three weeks ago, and as a result was sent by the school for X-Rays which revealed a fracture of the arm.

Conner said when he went to the school to find out about the incident, the principal said nothing happened.

He further charged that the boy who fought with his son wasn't even a student at the school. "There's a good deal of fighting going on," said Conner, "no discipline, kids doing as they darn well please... 8 to 10 boys taking belts off and beating up one!"

Superintendent Jones replied that he has a report that Mr. Atkinson on what took place at the high school, and there is nothing in it about the incident.

"Mr. Atkinson is conscientious, and works hard at having the type of school the people of Kings Mountain want. There have been a lot of rumors about what went on over there."

Conner cited another incident where someone tore the side mirror off his son's

car at school and scraped the paint down the side of the car.

Jones promised to check out the incident, and set up an appointment with Conner and his son to discuss it further.

Regarding the presence of unauthorized persons on school property, the Superintendent said that signs have been ordered to be posted at the schools, all visitors to register at the school office before visiting anyone.

Police Chief Thomas McDevitt was brought into the discussion when Conner brought up another incident which allegedly occurred at the end of school last spring.

Conner charged that three kids at the high school had blocked off the hallway and had a case of beer and a pint of liquor in their possession. According to Conner, one of the students became so intoxicated that the Chief of police had to go remove him. Conner said the chief himself had confirmed this.

Jones promptly call Chief McDevitt on the phone to confirm or deny the incident.

After talking with the chief, Jones said: "The chief said at the end of the year he was called out to the school by Mr. Bates to remove a boy who was drinking... but he did not see any beer or whiskey."

"Bad information can tear up a family, school, or anyone else," Superintendent Jones offered, but once again stated his intention to personally investigate the alleged injury.

K.M. Calendar

Chicken Supper

The Bethlehem Fire Department is having a bar-be-que chicken supper Saturday Oct. 23rd from 5 - 8 P.M. at the fire department.

Tickets may be bought from any fireman.

First Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church services conducted by Dr. Paul K. Ausley, pastor, will be broadcast over radio station W.K.M.T. October 24th and 31st.

Gospel Singing

The Singing Doss Family of China Grove, N.C. will present a program of gospel singing during the Sunday School and morning worship hour on Sunday October 24 at the East Gold Street Wesleyan Church of Kings Mountain. The public is invited to attend. Rev. Edwin A. Christoee, Pastor.

Halloween

The Kings Mountain Jaycees are sponsoring a Halloween carnival Saturday, Oct. 30, at Central Junior High School.

Games for children will begin at 6 P.M.

Prizes will be given for the most original costume in contests for boys, girls, and adults.

A magician from Gastonia is also scheduled to make an appearance.

The carnival is designed to keep children off the streets, and has been well received in the past.

Admission is \$1 per person.

Kiwanis Speaker

Dr. H.C. Evans Jr., President of Lees-McRae College and Chairman of Vocational Guidance for the Carolinas District, will be the speaker at the Kiwanis Club meeting Thursday night at 6:45 at the Womans Club.

North PTA

North School PTA will meet Tuesday Oct. 26th at 7:30 P.M. for Open House rescheduled from last Tuesday.

Rescue Squad Has Busy Week

During the past week the squad made nineteen trips, traveling 461 miles and standing 301 man hours on duty.

They answered one wreck call, made three flood relays, eight trips to the Kings Mountain Hospital with patients, carried one patient to a doctors office and made one service call.

Two trips were made to Charlotte Memorial, one to Gaston Memorial, one to the Medical Building in Gastonia and stand-by duty for one ball game.

Kickoff Begins Fund Drive

The Kings Mountain United Fund campaign was held Tuesday, beginning with a 7 A.M. Kickoff Breakfast at the Royal Villa Inn.

This year's goal was set at \$34,500. By 11 A.M. Tuesday, Campaign Chairman Marvin Teer reported that \$11,500 had been raised.

At the kickoff breakfast, Sen. Ollie Harris spoke about the various agencies benefitting from the fund. Woody Ralston presented a film on the United Way, and Duplex International presented a check for \$4,372.20.

Also attending were campaigning workers and representatives from the Red Cross, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Salvation Army, Kings Mtn. High Chorus, Band, Ministers Helping Hand Fund, and Mental Health Department.

School Board Approves Band Funds

The City Board of Education Monday approved a \$1,000 request for funds to replace old band instruments.

Superintendent Donald Jones said bids will be taken for the instruments, mostly small instruments such as flutes and cornets.

The board also approved the Superintendent's Recommendation that students be assigned as they are now enrolled.

Jones reported that N.D.E.A. funds in the amount of \$5,429 have been allotted for library materials.

"We met with the physical science department, and recommend that \$2,000 be applied to the department to be matched with local funds. This will update the physical science department, and give a new approach to its teaching... I recommend that these appropriations be made appropriately," said Jones.

The recommendation was approved, unanimously.

The superintendent also suggested that the board reject the highest bids of \$200 on two pickup trucks for sale by the city schools. Jones said he feels like the trucks are worth at least \$350 each.

Plonk Property Is Rezoned

The City Board of Commissioners meeting Monday approved the rezoning of property belonging to Hal S. and Fred W. Plonk on Oakland Street from R-10 to R-6.

Plonk went before the board three weeks ago and submitted plans for four units of luxury type apartments he wanted to build on the property. The request for rezoning was tabled at that time until the city attorney could check with the Attorney General on the legality of an approval of the property by the zoning board, on which Fred Plonk served as chairman.

At 9 A.M., the Kings Mountain High School pep band was out on Battleground Road to provide music while majorettes gave out United Fund Brochures.

Boy Scouts Get Training Awards

Twenty Boy Scouts from Battleground District, Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America completed their Junior Leader Training course Saturday and Sunday in Rutherford County.

Those receiving their Junior Leader Training certificates were: Micheal Maddon and James Camp, Troop 409, Camp Community; Chris Ager, Garylin Howell, Zeno Borders and Ricky Wilson, Troop 400, Washington Baptist Church, Waco; Glenn Roberts and Bo Maner, Troop 92, First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain; Richard Lawson, William Peace, Joe Pearce, and Bo Maner, Troop 99, Waco Ruritan Club, Waco; Herman Birdges, Jim Cline, and Charles White, Troop 117, First Baptist Church, Boiling Springs; Danny Parker, and Donnie Hunt, Troop 291, Casar United Methodist Church; Coleman Keeter, Troop 112, Lawndale Methodist Baptist Churches; Danny Green, Joe London, Mike Green, Troop 401, Salvation Army; J.B. Nicholson and Charles Lofite, Troop 415, American Legion, Kings Mountain; Bryan Shull, Mark Buse and Jody Kindrick, Troop 100, Shelby Presbyterian Church.

Pancake Supper

The Rotary Club's annual pre-game pancake supper Friday night was a big success.

According to Joe Laney, Rotary President, the club took in an estimated \$654 from the ticket sales.

Northwestern Applies For Shelby Bank

The Northwestern Bank, fifth largest in North Carolina, has applied to the State Banking Commission to build a branch in Shelby.

If approved, Northwestern would become the fifth bank in the County.

Glenn Bowers, Assistant Vice President of Northwestern which is headquartered in North Wilkesboro, was asked Monday if the bank plans to establish a branch in Kings Mountain sometime in the future.

"Not at this time," he replied, but added that he wouldn't rule out the possibility.

Of the four banks in the county, First Union is in Kings Mountain, while First Citizens has branches in Kings Mountain and Shelby. Union Trust has branches in Shelby and other locations in the county, while First National, the oldest bank in the county, has three locations in Shelby, and a fourth under construction.



Scoreboard Tells The Story..... As Kings Mountain And Shelby Tie In Monday's Last Half Of Play.