



The driver of this car, Charles Thomas Lowe, Jr., of Grover was arrested for driving under the influence and hospitalized when his 1968 Plymouth cut down a utility pole after running

off S. Battleground and stopped against this tree in front of First-Citizens Bank. The accident occurred at 10:31 p.m. Thursday. The car was totaled.

Bowles To Campaign Here Friday, Open County Headquarters Sat.

Cleveland County supporters of Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles will be the first in the state to open a county campaign headquarters for the Democratic gubernatorial candidate.

The county headquarters in downtown Shelby will be opened with official public ceremonies next Saturday, Feb. 12, and Bowles' local supporters are gearing to make the event one of the biggest days in the campaign.

Plans for Saturday include a festive reception for Bowles to which all Clevelanders are invited, and a major news conference here.

Bowles will arrive in the county Friday in advance of the opening and get in some campaigning in the Kings Mountain area. He has chosen the Cleveland County headquarters opening as the occasion for the announcement of an important platform plank. He'll hold a scheduled news conference for the state press, radio and television at 9:40 a.m. Saturday in the campaign office in Shelby.

He'll remain at headquarters from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. to greet Clevelanders during a reception. He'll be accompanied by two of his four children -- daughter Holly, who is the wife of John Geil, and daughter Martha Bowles, freshman at the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill.

Kings Mountain supporters will host a dinner and reception for Bowles on Friday night.



"SKIPPER BOWLES"

Mauney Names Grafton Withers

Representative W.K. Mauney, Jr., has appointed Kings Mountain High School Student Body President, Grafton Withers, to represent the 40th House District at the 1972 Youth Legislative Assembly.

Withers will be sponsored as a delegate to the assembly by the Kings Mountain Rotary Club.

The purpose of the youth assembly, which is held in Raleigh on March 10-12

is to give youth a chance to propose legislation in the form of resolutions, which will be presented to the N.C. General Assembly.

On Friday night, March 10th, a debate between the gubernatorial candidates will be staged. This will give them a chance to voice their opinions and the youth a chance for their voice to be heard.



Big Boost For Boys

A \$100 check from the Kiwanis Club of Kings Mountain is presented to North School to help finance a Cub and Boy Scout troop made up of students in Special Education Classes.

23 boys are eligible for membership in the troop which has already been chartered and is under the supervision of North School.

Participating in the check presentation Monday were (left to right) Lou Sabetti, President of Kiwanis; Richard Hamrick Scoutmaster; Richard Greene, Principal at North; and Marvin Teer, Kiwanis Committee Chairman of the project. (Mirror Photo)

Plans for the opening and campaign swing in the area are being worked out by Bowles' state co-manager, R. Patrick (Pat) Spanger of Shelby; Tom Camp, Horace Ledford, Mrs. Fred Flowers and Mrs. Donald Crawley, his Cleveland County campaign coordinators; and L.E. (Josh) Hinnant, his Kings Mountain coordinator.

The Cleveland County headquarters is located at 114 W. Warren St. in Shelby beside Hotel Charles. Decked out in red, white and blue, the headquarters already is open for business from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Mrs. E.C. Sparrow is serving as headquarters hostess.

DSA Banquet Is Feb. 15

The Kings Mountain Jaycees will have their annual DSA - Boss of the Year Banquet at 7 p.m. on February 15th at the Royal Villa Motel.

The banquet is held for the purpose of honoring the jaycees' bosses.

The Distinguished Service Award will be presented to Kings Mountain's Young Man of the Year. The outstanding teacher in Kings Mountain will be presented the Outstanding Young Educator award.

Tom Dean, President of Thomas J. Dean Associates, will be guest speaker.

All Jaycees, their bosses, former DSA winners, and the press are invited.

Squad Answers 14 Calls

The Kings Mountain Rescue Squad had 14 calls last week. They were, two trips to Charlotte to pick up blood for the hospital, one trip to Cleveland Memorial, three transport trips to the Kings Mountain Hospital, one house call, three service calls, they also answered a call where a small child was reported lost and had stand-by duty at the Crossroads Music Park and the Community Center and one fire. The squad traveled 250 miles making trips and stood 365 man hours of duty.

Nurses Convene

Eleven Counties in Western North Carolina were represented Monday when Health Department officials and nurses convened at the Cleveland County Office Building for a Health Club Workshop, sponsored by Cleveland County Technical Institute.

The subject for the inservice education program was "Health Care in the United State - Do People Receive the Care They Need? Why?"

Following the welcome by Mrs. Annie Eskridge, Nursing Supervisor of the local Health Department, Richard Steeves, Director of the Department, introduced the speakers for the day's session.

February is Heart Month. Heart Sunday is February 27th. Cleveland County's Goal is \$25,000.

Fritz Morehead

Sixth Candidate Enters County Commissioner Race

Fritz Morehead, Jr., 37, filed yesterday afternoon for another term on the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners. Morehead was first elected to the board in 1968. He is a resident of the Swainsville community and employed at the Lithium Corporation of America in Bessmer City.

In filing for his second term, Morehead joins five other candidates competing for the three vacant seats. They are J.D. (Dock) Turner, Robert Hubbard, Josh Hinnant, W.D. Dodd, and Coleman Goforth. In announcing his candidacy, Morehead issued the following statement:

"If re-elected to another term on the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, I will continue to try to serve a very special group of approximately 75,000 people. This is every resident in Cleveland County, regardless of their wealth, section they live in or their political position.

I will continue to work by the majority of the taxpayers wishes and to continue to answer all questions even though it takes a few days to get a ruling from the attorney generals office.

In my opinion, there are many needed projects in Cleveland County. There are also many that are not needed. I will continue to work for the ones that are needed as well as rid us of the ones that are not needed.

Our Education System is one of the areas we need to improve. This is not only

for the scholastic level of the schools from grammar through high school and Cleveland Tech, but for the physically and mentally retarded children of our county. It is also necessary to educate some of the residents on littering of garbage on the roadsides as well as turning dogs loose to prey on others whether it be children, cattle, or personal property. It is the responsibility of the county to provide a place for the dogs as well as a suitable place to dispose of garbage and waste of all kinds. In order to do these things, we will have to re-arrange the money and funds we now have.

I see no need for a property tax increase to provide for the finances of this county for the next few years. With 3/4 of a million dollars per year coming in from the sales tax and the state take over of some of the counties expenditures, we should be able to provide for all the needs.

We should be able to out the tax rate to under a dollar per 100 value. This will give many a change to say no. This could be proven in a complete financial statement with an income and expense statement to let every taxpayer know where his money is going as well as where all money comes from. I have failed to get this published as often as I would like because of the wishes of other board members. I have tried on at least a dozen occasions and promise to try for another 4 years if necessary, to make available this information to every resident of this county.

I would ask that every eligible voter to make sure he is registered and go to the polls and vote on May 6. Everybody must be registered to vote. Remember if you are not registered, you not only can't vote for me, but you can't vote against me either.

I'm closing, I would like to say, when you vote for 3, remember me."



FRITZ MOREHEAD

Increase Noted In State Birth Rate, Illegitimacy

For the first time since the downward trend started in 1962, an annual increase in the birth rate has been reported in North Carolina, according to a report released today by the Vital Statistics Department of the State Board of Health. However, the past decade showed a downward trend of 19.4 births per 1,000 population, a 20 percent decrease since 1960. A total of 98,455 births were registered in North Carolina in 1970.

White births increased by 14 percent, compared to three percent for nonwhites. According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, the population of North Carolina in 1970, was 5,082,059, an 11 percent increase over 1960. In 1970, whites comprised 77 percent of the population and females outnumbered males by 107,275. The increase of births over deaths was 53,783.

The report also showed that 98.5 percent of all live births in North Carolina during 1970 occurred in hospitals. For nonwhites, the percentage of hospital births rose from 74 to 95 percent since 1960.

Approximately one out of eight North Carolina infants born in 1970 was illegitimate. Nonwhite births out of wedlock occurred at a rate of one out of

three. Although the incidence of illegitimacy is less for whites, the illegitimacy rate for whites rose by 65 percent during the decade.

The number of marriages registered in North Carolina during 1970 was 48,291, about 900 less than in 1969. This was the first annual decrease observed since registration began in 1962.

Divorce decrees and annulments of marriage numbered 13,702 during 1970. The rate has more than doubled since 1960.

New Junior Police Officers

New Junior Police Officers have been elected to 6 month terms.

They are Keith Falls, Sergeant; Michael Brown, Captain; Kenneth Burris, Lieutenant; Johnny Roberts, Sergeant; Larry Brown, Sergeant; and Donnie McDevitt, Chief.

Porter, Carrigan Form New Company

Charles Porter and Buell Carrigan announce the formation of their own company - Capo Mechanical Contractors, which will specialize in plumbing.

Headquarters for Capo will be at Oak Grove, between the Church and fire department. The phone number is 739-7512.

Prior to the new venture, Porter has been general manager of Queen City Mechanical Co. of Charlotte for the past three years.

Carrigan has been associated with Metrolina Sprinkler Co. of Charlotte.

Before joining the Mecklenburg firms, Porter was foreman of W.O. Blackstone Plumbing of Columbia, S.C. and Carrigan worked for Viking Pipe Co. of Virginia.

Both hold master plumber licenses in North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Virginia.

Carrigan is married to the former Dorothy Scruggs and are parents of two sons.

Porter is married to the former Joan Ford and they have two daughters.

Both Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Carrigan are employees of Kings Mountain Drug Co. Capo will offer 24 hour plumbing and installation service.



Not Like A Fox...

Pat Martin and children, Sandy and Dickie of Linwood Road play with their pet fox which they adopted as a little pup and is now tame as doggie.