



Too Far Gone!

Fire swept through the home of Mike Toney off Foote Mineral Road early Sunday morning, apparently the result of a burst heater. The family was away from home, and when firemen answered the call around 5:30 a.m., the house was so far gone that the Kings Mountain and Bethlehem Fire Departments concentrated

on wetting down the surrounding houses to save them. According to the fire department, a heater had been reportedly left on, and Chief Floyd Thornburg said the heater was found burst wide open after the fire was extinguished. (Mirror Photo by Lem Lynch)

Bonnie Hinnant Is Spelling Champ

By Sylvia Holmes

There were five girls and one boy, five sixth graders and one seventh grader, five right handers and one southpaw.

meticulous marsupial maneuver

All six were contestants in the Kings Mountain schools spelling contest on Wednesday, March 29th. Each was representing one school and competing for the right to represent Kings Mountain in the eighteenth annual spelling bee next month. The rainy weather did not dampen the enthusiasm of these wizards with words.

resuscitate reverie rambunctious

It was a written test of one hundred words enunciated clearly, plus a short phrase showing use of that word, then a final pronunciation. It took Mr. Howard Bryant about forty minutes to administer the test which included a short break for leg stretching, half way through at the fifty word mark.

galivant genuflect galoshes

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Auditions Set For New Play

Public auditions for parts in the Kings Mountain Little Theatre's upcoming production of "Ladies In Retirement" will be held on Saturday, April 8th from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at the Park Grace School auditorium. There are roles in the play for six ladies and one man.

The director is Stephen H. Baity and he hopes that anyone who is interested in trying out for a part will come to the

auditions. Prior stage experience is not necessary and the Little Theatre is anxious for some new faces behind the footlights.

Help backstage is also needed and anyone interested in set construction, technical work or make-up is also invited to come to the auditions to meet the director.

Donations of old clothes and furniture will also be accepted by the Theatre at Park Grace on April 8th.

Would You Like To Be The Mirror's "June Bride"?

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The young lady selected as the Kings Mountain Mirror's first "June Bride" will be featured in a special section of the newspaper in June.

She will be the object of a special personal feature and photographic layout, and will be photographed, along with the groom-to-be, on a shopping tour of Kings Mountain businesses, looking for all the good things necessary to begin housekeeping.

To be eligible for the distinction of being "The June Bride", any girl in the Kings Mountain area getting married in June need only come by the Mirror and register. This will not be a drawing, however; the "June Bride" will be selected by the staff of the Kings Mountain Mirror. Remember, to be considered, you must register between now and May 20th.

KMHS Band Superior

The Kings Mountain High School Band received a Superior Rating at the State Band Contest in Marion, N.C. on March 29th.

The band participated in grade 5 Music participation.

On May 18, all Kings Mountain City School Bands will participate in a concert at Central Junior High School Auditorium.

No Real Clues

Shotgun Bandit Surprises Local Motel Clerk

By Rodney Dodson

"I don't know how he got in—I was working here—I turned around and he was standing there with a double-barrel shotgun pointed at my head."

E. W. Anderson was back on the job Monday night at the Royal Villa Motor Inn, relating what happened when he was held up at gunpoint and robbed of approximately \$300 Sunday morning about 3 a.m.

Anderson, who lives in Shelby, has been working the desk at the local motel on the 11 p.m. - 7 a.m. shift for 3 months. "I was scared," he said frankly. Late at night the front door to the motel is usually locked, but "we had a very full motel Saturday night—a lot of traffic," Anderson explained.

The bandit came in alone and Anderson saw no car.

"He asked for all the money we had, and gave me a paper bag. Then he put me on the floor and told me not to get up." The bandit was reportedly black, and was wearing a stocking over his head.

Chief of Police Thomas McDewitt said Tuesday afternoon that the department may not have a single clue to go on.



GEORGE THOMASSON

Thomasson Is Galifianakis KM Manager

Congressman Nick Galifianakis today named attorney George Thomasson as manager of his U. S. Senate campaign in Kings Mountain.

Thomasson, a lifelong resident of Kings Mountain, is a member of the Cleveland County Bar Association, the North Carolina Bar Association, and the North Carolina State Bar Association. A former judge in the Kings Mountain Recorders Court, he is chairman of the local March of Dimes, a past president of the Lions Club, and a past president of the Jaycees. He will be coordinating his efforts in behalf of Galifianakis with state campaign manager Russell Walker of Asheboro and Cleveland County Manager Bill Lamb.

After the announcement Thomasson said he had decided to work for Galifianakis, who is running for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senator in the May 6 primary, because "he is not only the best qualified candidate, but the one most concerned with the particular problems of Western North Carolina. Nick is a strong and dynamic leader who will give us energetic representation now and for a long time into the future." Galifianakis will be campaigning in Shelby and Kings Mountain today.

March Quiet For Squad

Compared to February, March was a quiet one for the Rescue Squad. Squad members answered 62 calls, 9 involved car accidents, 19 were transport trips to carry patients to the hospital and 6 were made to take patients home, 4 house calls, 2 stood relay, 1 shooting, 2 cuttings, and 5 service calls were also made.

Members were also present for the Music Park shows and Wrestling at the Community Center.

Out of town trips were 5 to Charlotte, 2 to Shelby, 1 each to Forest City and Bessemer City. A special trip was made to carry children from the Orthopedic Hospital in Gastonia to Charlotte to see the circus.

The squad traveled 1,006 miles and stood 554 man hours on duty.

Plans Are To Relocate McGinnis Property By Summer

Redevelopment Director Joe Laney says plans are to relocate the McGinnis Department Store Annex and McCurdy Cleaners on Battleground Avenue by early summer, and offer the 5,400 square-foot property for private building of a new retail facility.

The property, owned by Paul H. McGinnis, was acquired by the Redevelopment

Commission on March 29th, at a purchase price of \$21,450.

This is the tenth property to be acquired for the downtown renewal project. Laney also reported that the last residence has been demolished on the Bonnie Mills property. He expressed hope that the property can be cleared and offered for sale by May 1.

No Injuries In 3 Wrecks

The Police Department investigated three wrecks during the past week, resulting in thousands of dollars in damage, but fortunately no injuries.

An accident Thursday, 10:15 a.m., at the intersection of U. S. 74 and Battleground occurred when Albert Edward Florini of 1047 Rocky Ridge Road reportedly reached down to pick up a book that had fallen from the front seat, when his 1971 Olds struck the rear of a 1970 Ford driven by Zeb Monroe of Bladenboro, N. C. Damage to the Florini car was listed at \$1800. The 1970 Ford owned by Bladenboro Cotton Mills was not seriously damaged.

Another accident at 4 p.m. Thursday at King and N. Goforth Streets involved a '69 Plymouth driven by Walter Gerald Gladden of Route 2, Kings Mountain, and a '67 Plymouth driven by Billy Miles, Jr., of 802 Tryon St., Shelby.

The Gladden vehicle reportedly stopped behind traffic for a traffic light, and was hit in the rear by the vehicle driven by Miles. Miles reported that his car was then struck by a third vehicle. His car suffered \$350 damage. Damage to the Gladden car was set at \$150.

On Sunday, April 2nd, at 4:45 p.m., Paul Helma Grohman of Charlotte was traveling east on King Street in a 1969 Cadillac, and had stopped for traffic when a 1964 Volkswagen driven by Donald Elwood Caldwell of Wilmington, N. C., reportedly struck his car in the rear. Driver of the VW stated that vehicle 1 (Cadillac) pulled over to the right side of the road in front of him. Traffic was reported very heavy at the time. Damage to the Caldwell car was listed at \$300, damage to the Grohman car, \$25.

Troop 91 Regrouped

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church has regrouped its scouting efforts, and after only three meetings a fine nucleus has been organized, and is functioning as a Scout Troop.

Adult leaders are Wallace Stawis, Scoutmaster; Joe Smith, Committee Chairman; Josh Hinnant, Advancement; Aubrey Mauney, Membership; Lee McIntyre, Finance; Charles Dixon, Transportation; Douglass Falls, Membership; and Ricky Falls, Assistant Scoutmaster.

Junior leaders are Roger Hovis, Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster, Scott Hovis, Sr. Patrol Leader; Curtis Hovis, Patrol Leader; Randy Oliver, Patrol Leader; and Scouts Tony Oliver, Bill Patterson, and Phillip Strickland.

Troop 91 will climb Brown Mountain two weeks after Easter Sunday. Church services will be held on top of the mountain. Anyone who would like to make the trip should meet with Troop 91 at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Monday nights at 7 p.m.

Inside The Mirror!

* A Springtime hike to the top of Kings Mountain ... See Page 8.

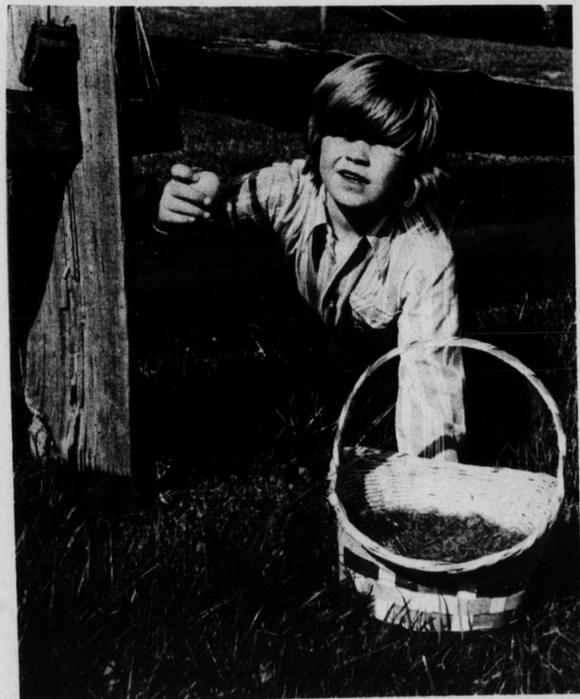
* Bonnie Hinnant is City spelling champ. . . Photos!

* What's new in Grover??? Read Jackie Rountree. . . Page 5.



Wade Tyner, owner of Wade Ford in Kings Mountain, is presented with honorary membership into the North Carolina Traffic Safety Education Association by the Kings Mountain School System. Left to Right are Bill Cashion, Driver Training Co-ordinator, Police Chief Thomas McDewitt, School Superintendent Donald

Jones, making the presentation, to Tyner, and Bill Bates, Community Relations Director for the school system. Jones said of the presentation to Tyner, "He has shown a tremendous amount of interest in the school system's driver training program. The award is presented to people throughout the state who have contributed to the program. (Photo by I.G. Alexander)



Finders Keepers . . .

An Easter Egg Hunt at the home of Bessie Bumgardner Monday afternoon was attended by area youngsters getting their last opportunity to hide the eggs in the old Easter tradition. The camera caught this candid expression of David Grant, 7, as he finds his first egg. David is the son of Nan Jean Gantt Grant. (Mirror Photo by Lem Lynch)