



Passenger Killed In Sunday Accident

Pictured above is the car driven by Michael Ernest Harris that overturned on I-85 Sunday. Gayheart Sims, passenger in the Harris car was killed when the car overturned and threw both occupants out. Sims was a native of Woodruff, South Carolina.

Weekend Wrecks Claim Two Lives

Two accidents occurred in Cleveland County over the weekend taking two lives. Tony Lane Bell, 18, was dead on arrival following an accident on RP 2013 two and one half miles outside Kings Mountain. The wreck occurred at 6:00 p.m. Saturday. Also listed among the injured were David Bell Jr., 15, Ralph Johnston Jr., 15, Burkley Bell, 14, Jerome Parker, 9, and Jerry Parker, 7. All victims were listed as having Route 3, Kings Mountain addresses.

Trooper B. W. Propst investigated the accident and reported that Bell was traveling north on RP 2013 at a high rate of speed when he lost control of the car. The occupants were thrown from the car. Damage to the 1969 Ford were estimated at \$2,000.

Another one car fatality was listed by the Cleveland County Highway Patrol. Gayheart Sims, passenger in a car driven by Michael Ernest Harris, 19, died in Charlotte Memorial Hospital, 2:00 a.m. Monday morning. Sims lived at 203 W. Griffith Street, Woodruff, South Carolina. Harris of 1911 Erma Street, Charlotte was admitted to Kings Mountain Hospital where his condition was listed as fair.

Investigating officer J.L. Evans said the 1965 Ford was traveling on I-85, .7 mile south of U.S. 29 towards NC 216 at a high rate of speed when Harris lost control and overturned into the left lane, throwing both occupants out of the vehicle. \$600 worth of damage was estimated for the car.

A Kings Mountain man was involved in an accident Sunday, near Shelby. Jerry Thomas Bell, 19, of Route 1, Kings Mountain was charged with failure to yield.

The investigating officer reported that Bell pulled his 1972 Ford onto NC 180 into the path of a 1966 Plymouth. The Plymouth was driven by Glenn Allen Brooks, 20, of Route 1, Shelby.

The accident at the intersection of NC 180 and RP 2202 left \$800 damage to the Brooks car and an approximate \$1200 to Bell's car. Both men were only slightly hurt and were taken to their homes.

Driving too fast for conditions was the charge against Ricky Patterson of Route 3, Kings Mountain this weekend. The charge was the result of a wreck Sunday morning at 3 a.m., four miles north of Shelby on RP 2057.

Patrolman B.W. Propst reported that the Patterson vehicle ran off the road after entering a curve and then ran into damages estimated at \$150.



Jay Ashley

Joins Mirror News Staff

The Kings Mountain Mirror announces the addition of James "Jay" Ashley to its staff. Jay will fill the position of news editor becoming effective immediately. Ashley is a native of Graham, North Carolina, and is a graduate of the University of North Carolina of Journalism. He has worked on the staff of the Alamance News, and at WCHL Radio in Chapel Hill, prior to coming to Kings Mountain.

In making the announcement, Co-Publishers Lem Lynch and Rodney Dodson state that Ashley's addition to our staff will allow the Mirror to expand its local news coverage even more, to include news of the county which pertains to Kings Mountain. The Mirror will begin immediately reporting the County Commissioner meetings, and include news from the Sheriff's Department and Highway Patrol. Readers can look to the Mirror for complete coverage of events that affect the people of Kings Mountain. The publishers believe that this is another step in the Mirror's goal to provide the best possible newspaper for Kings Mountain.

Jay is married to the former Barbara Edmonds of Graham, N.C. She is a 1971 graduate of Atlantic Christian College.

Postpone Action On Budget

Shelby Asks County To Extend Zoning Limit

The Cleveland County commissioners heard Dave Wilkison, city manager of Shelby, in a Monday morning meeting. Wilkison showed the board a plan to extend Shelby's municipal zoning and subdivision control authority beyond its present one mile limit. The proposed extension would be within a radius of two miles from existing boundaries. According to Wilkison this extension is designed for the city to have authority to develop and promote the welfare of the inhabitants of the area. By citizens being under this jurisdiction the city can protect their interests by establishing zoning ordinances and control of subdivision development.

Wilkison stated that the extension would not cause the annexation of schools into the city system of an extension of city school systems into the outlying area. "The only effect," Wilkison said, "that this plan would have, would be an extension of city zoning laws."

The city council is to hold a public hearing on the matter on July 17th. The commissioners voted to stay any action on the matter until after the public hearing. The commissioners agreed that the public hearing would offer a better index of the feelings of the proposal in the community.

In other business the commissioners also approved appointments of Mr. Roy Dedmon, Mr. C.R. McBryer and Mr. Bobby Stone to the Shelby Planning and Zoning Board. The board also approved three road petitions requests. They were, extension of Scenic Drive, abandonment of a section of SR 2228 and maintenance of Wright Road off N.C. 18.

It was also decided that the board would meet Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. to hear requests for budget adjustments from department heads.

Budget's Aim To Improve City's Service

In a fairly brief meeting Wednesday night the Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners adopted the preliminary 1972-1973 budget. Motion for adoption was made by Commissioner W. S. Biddix and seconded by Commissioner J. J. Dickey.

Total projected expenditures for the 1972-1973 fiscal year is set at \$3,485,647.68. Spending breakdown by departments is as follows: Utility fund, which includes water and sewer, electric and power and natural gas systems, will be \$2,026,500.00. The general fund, made up by the cemetery, administrative, sanitary, street, police, fire and general departments is estimated at \$812,229.00. The debt service fund, of which the bond principal payments, bond interest payments and fiscal agency fees are made is to be a total of \$364,196.25. Scheduled capital improvements expenditures will be \$230,801.43 and the Recreation fund for all operations is \$51,921.00. City employees salaries will be raised by 5%. The income needed to fulfill this budget

is estimated at \$3,485,647.68. According to the budget plan, income will equal expenditures sufficiently for 1972-1973.

Also included in this budget were tax rates to be levied in order to raise revenue to meet the budget appropriations. For general expenses for the operation of the city in the general fund the rate will be 15.3%. In the debt service fund for payments on the interest and principal of outstanding debts the rate will be 52.7%. Rates for making permanent improvements in the capital fund will be 12.0% and the recreation fund rate will be 05.0%. This total tax rate will be 85% which has been the same rate for citizens of Kings Mountain for the past nine consecutive years.

Compared with last year's budget, the 1972-73 budget is estimated at \$411,953.02 more. Mayor Moss attributed the ability to raise the budget without raising the tax rate to the co-operation of the citizens of Kings Mountain with all departments of the governing bodies. A growth in the residen-

tial as well as industrial population has made it possible for a wider tax base and thus leaving the rate steady.

Moss added that the purpose of this year's budget is "to try to establish programs to raise the quality of service to the citizens of Kings Mountain and to respond to complaints with an answer in a reasonable length of time."

In other business the board of commissioners approved a budget amending ordinance and an interim appropriations ordinance. A 1972-73 Privilege License Ordinance was also approved.

The board welcomed Gene White, new director of redevelopment to Kings Mountain and showed their support by adopting a co-operation agreement between the city and the redevelopment commission.

Insurance For Apple Growers

Congressman Nick Galifianakis today urged the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture to extend federal crop insurance coverage to apple growers in Cleveland County.

In a letter to Mr. Richard Aslakson, Manager of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Galifianakis said the Cleveland County apple industry needs the coverage "to continue its impressive growth" and noted that Federal Crop Insurance is presently available in Henderson, Wilkes and Alexander Counties.

"Your cooperation in making certain that the request of the apple industry in Cleveland County for Federal Crop Insurance is approved will be gratefully appreciated, not only by me, but by the many North Carolinians who will benefit," Galifianakis said.

Fire Hits Elmer Lumber Co.

"We won't know how much damage there is until we can dry everything off and try to run the machines" was the statement made by Sonny Peeler upon surveying the results of a fire Tuesday afternoon. The fire started in the finishing shop of the Elmer Lumber Company around 10:30 a.m. The fire was spotted by one of the residents near the lumber company and the fire trucks were dispatched and finished by 12 noon.

No damage estimates had been made at the time although the heat had been high enough to melt a circular saw blade. The ceiling of the shop was completely charred along with the beams. Large plywood pieces stacked against the wall were also burned.

No speculations were made concerning how the fire was started.



History Comes To Life

A Revolutionary Tory stalks the woods at Kings Mountain Battleground. In an effort to re-create the atmosphere surrounding the independence of the U.S. from Britain, the Park officials have instituted a program of "living history." An encampment around the U.S. Monument at the park has been established and each week for the remainder of the summer this soldier and many other sights may be seen. Tourists will have an opportunity to talk with the men, witness the firing of genuine revolutionary firearms and view authentic garb of this period.



Inspecting Fire Damage

Sonny Peeler, left, inspects the damage done to the shop in a fire Tuesday morning at Elmer Lumber Company. An undetermined amount of property was burned and melted by the

blaze. Joe Peeler, center, and Bill McDaniel attempt to clean up some of the mess in the shop. Origin of the fire has not yet been determined.