



I-85 Crash Claims Life

Members of the Grover Rescue Squad surround the automobile that was wrecked Friday night on I-85, seven miles south from Kings Mountain about one mile north from the South Carolina State Line.

Trooper Blair W. Propst was at the scene and reported that the car was traveling north on the interstate when it ran off the road into the median and struck a huge boulder that had recently been unearthed due to construction. The car then flipped in the air, turned over and landed on its top in a deep ravine, Wil-

lie Paul Mixon, 53, of 515 Pennsylvania Avenue in Bessemer City was killed in the accident. He was also listed as owner of the vehicle. A passenger, Daniel Lewis Walker, Jr., of 1312 West Second Street in Gastonia was injured and taken to Kings Mountain Hospital.

Both occupants were thrown from the car during its 50 feet flight in the air. The driver of the car has not yet been determined. (Photo by Lem Lynch)

Patriotism Not Dead - Says Veterans Day Speaker

"No one can say patriotism is dead in Kings Mountain," was the words spoken Monday at Mountain Rest Cemetery by Maj. General Ferd Davis at a Veterans Day memorial service. Davis, who is the N.C. Adjutant General praised all those who participated in and attended the services as patriots.

The services were sponsored by the Otis D. Green Post 155 of the American Legion and the Frank B. Glass Post 9811 of the VFW and both posts' auxiliaries.

Davis arrived by helicopter at the cemetery around 5 p.m. and took the stage along with the Veterans and other officials. The Star Spangled Banner was led by Mrs. B. M. Jarrett of Shelby, National Vice President of the American Legion Auxiliary. Following the anthem, Ben Case led the pledge of allegiance and Marion

Dixon had the invocation. Both men were past commanders of the Frank Glass Post 9811 of VFW. Chairman of the 23rd District of the American Legion welcomed guests to the special services and the Kings Mountain High School Choir rendered renditions of "God Bless America," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Let There Be Peace On Earth."

Recognition of Units was cited by Jack Smith, commander of Frank Glass Post 9811 and guests were recognized by the American Legion Commander Lindbergh Dixon and Jack Smith.

Gold Star mothers, fathers, wives and sisters were introduced by Mrs. Robert Ruff, President of Frank Glass Post 9811. Mayor Moss introduced Maj. General

Ferd Davis and Davis delivered a brief speech on the assets of patriotism and honor to the country.

After the speech, the mayor placed a wreath in honor of the veterans of wars and the High School band played "Taps." About 250 to 300 people were on hand in the misting rain to hear the speaker and observe the Veteran's Day Services.

Two Injured In Wrecks

Five wrecks occurred in Kings Mountain over the past week injuring two persons. The accident causing the injury was investigated Saturday at 11:28 p.m. by Ptl. Jerry White. Those injured were the driver of the lone vehicle, Richard Woodrow Rigdon, 23, of 717 Gantt Street in Kings Mountain and an occupant in the car, Donald Dean Clontz of Shelby. Apparently Rigdon was traveling west on Lackey Street when the car left the road on the left side and struck a house. The dwelling was owned by Ray Plonk, of 207 Lackey Street. \$700 damage was done to the house. Clontz and Rigdon were taken to the Kings Mountain Hospital.

An accident at the intersection of Church Street and Cleveland Avenue involved one car and a utility pole Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock. According to investigating officer Lt. Bob Hayes, David Keith Mann, 16 of Bessemer City was going south on Cleveland and was turning onto Church. Mann said his front end began to shake and he lost control and struck the pole. Damage to his 1972 Pontiac was listed at \$500 and \$50 was the damage done to the pole. Driving left of center was the cause listed on Hayes' report.

Two wrecks on King Street happened Thursday. The first was at West King and City Street involving Michael Ray Mode of Shelby and Veron Marcelle Carpenter of 102 N. City Street. Lt. Johnny Belk reported that Carpenter was turning right onto King and Mode started to pass on the right and the cars collided. Mode said that Carpenter swung left causing him to attempt to pass. Mode's car was damaged \$25 worth and \$200 damage was done to the Carpenter vehicle. Mode was cited for improper overtaking and Carpenter was cited for giving no signal.

The other Thursday accident happened at East King and N. Gaston and was reported by Ptl. Garland Edwards. Edwards said in his report that Larry Stephenson Evans of Gastonia was headed west on King when he stopped for traffic and was struck from behind by Paul Anderson Howard of Route 1, Kings Mountain. Violations against Howard were listed as exceeding stated speed and following too closely. Evans 1966 Ford was damaged \$75 worth and the Howard car also \$75.

A Friday morning wreck on Childers Street between Watterson and Tracy saw William Joe Gist of 317 Tracy Street cited for driving left of center. Investigating officer Lt. Bob Hayes said that Gist was stopped for a car in front of him and that he attempted to pass and hit a car driven by George Washington Ramsey head-on. Ramsey of 908 First Street in Kings Mountain tried to avoid the collision by pulling off the road but damage was still inflicted. Gist's 1966 Chevrolet was damaged \$500 worth and \$550 damage was done to the Ramsey 1968 Ford.

Bowles Stumps In KM As Election Day Nears

By Jay Ashley
Mirror News Editor

Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles, described as the "Issue Oriented Candidate" visited Kings Mountain Tuesday and addressed a crowd of about 100 supporters.

Bowles arrived about 5 o'clock from a heavy day of campaigning in Shelby. Mayor Moss introduced the smiling candidate as a hard working person and hard working candidate. He also cited Bowles work as the head of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and a three term member of the N.C. General Assembly as an example of his work for the State.

The gubernatorial candidate told the crowd that he was indeed issue oriented and would continue to be so right up to the day of election. Concerning the closeness of the governor's race Bowles stated, "I'm glad it's close. To me a close race will make for a better government for the people of this state."

"I have spent this whole race talking about the issues," Bowles continued, "and I will do so for the next two weeks more than ever. I will talk about roads,

education, welfare reform and getting the drunk driver off the road."

"If I win and am riding around Raleigh in that long black Cadillac smoking a big cigar with Billy Mauney (State Senator elect) and Marshall Rauch (State Senator) on either side, you can bet we won't forget the people who put us there," Bowles went further with all seriousness, "we will know that the people have put us there to do a job. And that job is to make North Carolina a better place."

Bowles ended his speech with a short story about an old man who had renovated a broken down ferry boat to one of the finest ones afloat. "And that is what we aim to do for this great State, make it the best it can be."

Also as part of the ceremonies, Bowles presented a North Carolina State flag to Mayor Moss and the city of Kings Mountain to be flown at the community center and the candidate added, "If I win, Mayor, send it to Raleigh and I'll make sure it flies one day over the Capitol and then I will send it back for the community center to be proud of. We need to fly the American flag but I also want to see more interest in our own State flag and its heritage."

Dixon Chevy Break-In Nets Thieves Car

A 1969 Ford LTD Station Wagon was stolen from the Dixon Chevrolet used car lot Saturday night according to Capt. William Roper and Lt. David Corn of the Kings Mountain Police Department.

The officers reported that someone entered a window of the building and made off with three N.C. 20 day license tags and 14 inspection stickers. The thieves also stole a whole box of used car keys from the office.

The car was apparently stolen Saturday night according to police who further stated that an employee of Dixon's had seen the car Saturday morning. Another employee of the establishment said that he had driven by the lot Sunday and saw that the car was gone. He said he thought one of the salesmen was using it. The theft and break-in was reported Monday morning by J. T. McGinnis, salesman for Dixon.

A larceny of money from a customer in Cato's was reported Friday morning at 11:55 a.m. Reporting the larceny was Mrs. Mary Boone, an employee of Carolina Throwing. According to the report filed to Capt. William Roper and Ptl. Ernest Beam, Mrs. Boone's billfold was taken by two women in the shop at the same time. Apparently Mrs. Boone had left her purse unattended and when she returned, the money was gone. The wallet contained \$55. She recognized one of the two girls who took the money as a co-worker. The two were arrested and were listed by police as Doris McClain, 27, of 47 Chesterfield Court and Joyce Thompson, 23, of 15 Chesterfield Court.

KMPD Calls It A "Quiet Week"

The Kings Mountain Police Department reported a very light week with only 23 persons being listed on the arrest reports. This weeks arrests bring the total for October to 132.

Steffy Ezra Eugene, 49, trespassing; Bynum Ham Cook, 53, non support; Linda Tignor, 31, simple assault; Linda Tignor, 31, trespassing; Ethel A. Conner, 36, driving while intoxicated; Howard L. Moore, 52, improper registration; Charles R. Harrison, 18, no tag; Daniel G. Butler, 25, public drunk; Dennis H. Butler, 30, public drunk; David D. Lawson, 30, capias; Donald G. Foster, 24, non-support; Charles N. Blackmon, 38, public drunk and driving while intoxicated;

Fredrick J. Campbell, 32, driving while intoxicated; Basil G. Hoyle, 38, driving while intoxicated; James Bratton, 37, 45 in 35 zone; Willie J. Perkins, 25, non-support; Joyce Thompson, 23, larceny of money; William Mitchem, 58, public drunkenness; Paul Chambers, 42, assault on a female; Charles E. Parker, 32, public drunk; Paul Chambers, 42, public drunk; Harrison Tate, 17, stop light violation; Richard Messer, 17, driving under the influence; Doris McClain, 27, larceny of money; Richard H. Messer, 17, driving while intoxicated; Willo Dean Ashford, 20, stop light violation; Johnnie Jackson, 46, public drunk.

\$321,451 In Food Stamps Issued

During July, August and September 1972, a total of \$321,451 in food stamps was issued to residents of Cleveland County, according to United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service, Concord, N.C. Of this amount, \$204,321, 95 was the "free" or bonus portion. An average of 4,090 persons participated each month. The cash outlay or purchase requirement totaled \$117,138.75. There are 108 stores authorized in this county. Persons desiring information about the Food Stamp Program should contact their local Department of Social Services.

Only authorized stores may accept food coupons. Any store desiring information about authorization should contact the Food and Nutrition Service Field Office, Room 12, Morris Bldg., 54 South Union Street, Concord, North Carolina 28025.

School Bond Election Day Moved To Dec. 16

The Kings Mountain City School Bond election previously set for December 9th, has been postponed one week later, on December 16 due to legal technicality, Superintendent Donald Jones announced Tuesday. Efforts by the attorney for the board of education to keep the date as previously announced were unsuccessful, and the bond election will be held on the 16th.

Registration for voting in the election is the same as for state, county or national elections. Those not registered should do so by November 17th and may do so by contacting the precinct registrar. Their names and phone numbers are as follows: Bethware-Mrs. Alice Connor, 739-3657; Grover-Mrs. J. B. Ellis, 937-7772; East KM-Mrs. Neil Cranford, 739-3132; West KM-Mrs. J.H. Arthur, 739-5318.



The rains did not dampen the spirits of those in attendance at the Veteran's Day ceremonies at Mountain Rest Cemetery Monday afternoon. Maj. Gen. Ferd Davis was the guest speaker for the event. Gold Star mothers, fathers, wives and sisters were also honored.

On the stage was the Mayor, commissioners and officials from the American Legion and VFW. The audience was also entertained by the Kings Mountain High School Choir and Band. The local national guard unit advanced the colors during the ceremony. The event was sponsored by the American Legion and VFW and their auxiliaries and Mayor Moss placed a memorial wreath to top the program. (Photo by Rodney Dodson)



Members of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club turned the flapjacks Friday night just before the Kings Mountain-Crest football game. Tickets were sold for the event and the proceeds are to go for the scholarship set up by the Rotary Club. The scholarship goes to any student from KMHS that goes into further study of foreign language. The final figures have not been tallied but Alfred Grigg, chairman of the project, reports that

the net profits should be in the neighborhood of \$575. Approximately 600 people were fed and this year's event was termed "One of the best years we've had." Grigg also stated that "The Rotarians did a fantastic job as far as active participation and procurement for the supper and I was really proud of them."