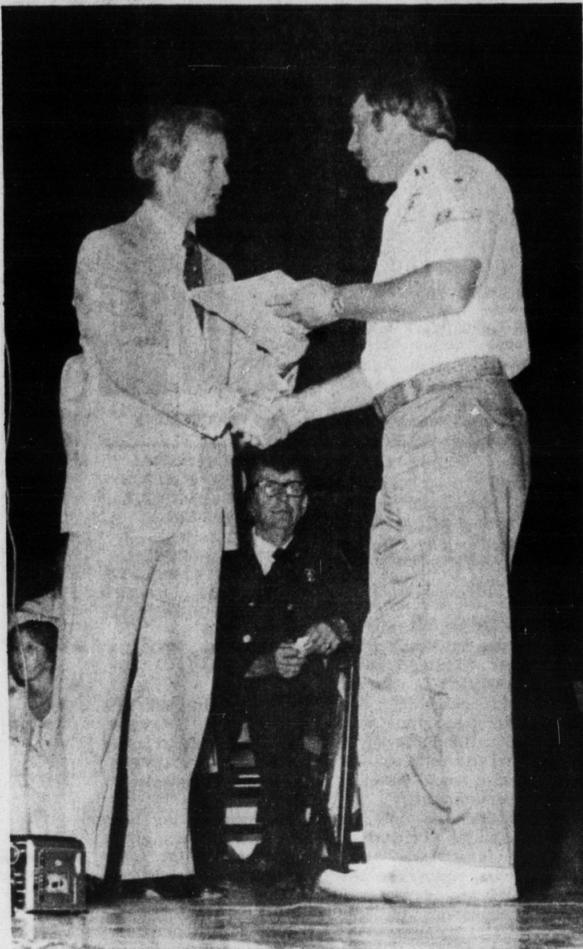


KINGS MOUNTAIN HERALD



ACCEPTING AWARDS—During special ceremonies held at Malcolm Brown Auditorium in Shelby Monday, Gov. James Hunt spoke in memory of five Shelbians who died while trying to protect the community during the May 25 fire that devastated a city block in downtown Shelby. During the ceremonies Gov. Hunt also honored the men of the various fire,



rescue and police departments who assisted during the tragic incident. In photo No. 1 Johnnie Caldwell accepts the Governor's Award on behalf of the Kings Mountain Fire Department, No. 2 is Capt. Johnny Hutchins of The Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, and No. 3, Hood Watterson, who accepted the award from Gov. Hunt on behalf of the Grover Rescue



Squad. The Governor's Heroes Award was presented the families of the four Shelby Firemen and one Shelby Gas Department employe killed when an explosion brought a brick wall down on them. After the presentation, Gov. Hunt presided at groundbreaking ceremonies on the site where a memorial will be erected in memory of the five men.

Photos by Rick McDaniel

Grover At Standstill

On Town's Sewer Plans

GROVER—The Town of Grover is at a standstill on its proposed sewer plans which hinge on a letter of intent from the City of Kings Mountain on treatment of sewage.

Mayor W.W. McCarter told the board at the regular Monday night meeting that date for presentation of the 201 Sewer Study is slated for Aug. 1 but that procedure will also depend upon a letter of intent from Kings Mountain on whether or not the city will negotiate for treatment of sewerage.

Mr. McCarter said that a meeting scheduled by Grover with the Kings Mountain committee, of which Comm. Jim Dicke, is chairman, was cancelled by the KM board and has not been rescheduled. Mayor McCarter said that he will ask for another meeting with the KM sewerage committee after the July 4th holidays.

The mayor made the remarks during a progress report which also revealed that any future plans, such as annexation, will also hinge upon water and sewer for the areas considered.

An annexation study conducted by the N.C. Department of Resources & Community Development did not recommend any annexation "at the present time" but leaned more favorably to an area around Spring Acres and Elm Rd., recommending that the board "sit on any annexation plans until sewer system plans are completed."

"Until we're further along with our sewer system and we won't know our debt limit", said Mr. McCarter, "this group does not recommend any annexation. Area One, the largest of three areas under consideration in the proposals, would require the town buy a \$40,000 deep well, spend \$54,000 in street paving and employ an additional policeman, while also supplying water and sewer services to 370 people. Area Two, the more compact of the three areas under discussion,

is recommended annexed only if determination can be made that a new deep well would not be needed and only if the 143 residents could be adequately served with water and sewer. Additional policemen would be required and street paving would cost approximately \$14,000. Area three, the smallest of the trio, would not be a financial risk to annex but the annexation would hinge on water to the 67 residents of that area, said McCarter in reviewing the study which is in booklet form and available to Grover citizens in the Town Hall.

In other business, Charlie Duvall, spokesman for Minette Mills, asked the board to rebate Minette Mills for disposing of its own industrial waste, suggesting a figure of \$250 per month. "Our cost for refuse hauling is \$525 per month", said Duvall, "and we think it only fair that our firm be treated fairly and that Minette be allowed some com-

pensation from the town". Duvall pointed out that his firm is the city's largest taxpayer and receives little city services, noting that Minette has its own fire and police protection for employees. Duvall suggested that the \$250 per month allocation come from the former fee which was paid the city's refuse collector, Marvin Turner, whose salary was cut from \$350 per month to \$600 per month Mr. Duvall said that garbage is collected only on Saturdays and that his firm has been handling the collections itself for sometimes.

Upon motion of Comm. Harold Herndon, seconded by Tommy Keeter,

the board tabled the matter until its August meeting, Herndon commenting that "since some cities leave waste pickup to industry and there are other plants in town, we need to study this proposal further and come up with some workable solutions."

Girls State Delegates To Speak At Meeting

Girls State Citizens Janet Childers and Leslie Hambright will give a report of their week at Girls State this summer at Thursday's (tonight's) meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Building.

A covered dish supper will be

Little Theatre Meeting Tonight

Kings Mountain Little Theatre will hold a regular meeting Thursday (tonight) at 7:30 p.m. at Park Grace Auditorium. Ray Holmes, new president of the

group, will preside at the regular meeting, to which all members and any prospective members are encouraged to attend to plan the year's work.



Photo by Tom McIntyre

EARN GOVERNOR'S AWARD—Monday three members of the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad were singled out by Gov. Jim Hunt and presented Governor's Awards during ceremonies at Brown Auditorium in Shelby. Left to right, Sgt. Roy Hammett, Capt. Johnny

Hutchins and Lt. David Hannah. The awards read: "For outstanding citizen involvement and for exemplary volunteer service to your community and to the state of North Carolina..." A separate award was presented by the Governor to the entire squad.

Observed The Holiday

Independence Day 1979 was a holiday for majority of Kings Mountain citizens.

Most of the Kings Mountain business and industrial community closed for the day, with most activity at the area shopping centers and at parks and swimming pools. Downtown stores will be open for business today (Thursday).

Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department sponsored a mammoth Fourth of July celebration at City Park where young and old participated in contests, fun games, sports, and varied activities.

Kings Mountain Country Club and Lake Montonia Club, Inc. also sponsored events for members and guests.

Most industry in town, with the exception of Phenix Plant of

Burlington Mills, closed for the week. Employees of Phenix Plant will take a vacation, beginning July 8th.

Cleveland County Historical Association sponsored an old-

Rescue Squad Report

Kings Mountain Rescue Squad traveled 2,571 miles for a total of 341 man hours on 110 trips during the month of June, according to Squad Capt. Roy S. Hammett.

The monthly log reports 58 house calls, 11 wrecks, 48 emergencies, 33 transports, three blood runs, nine assists, answering calls where two persons were dead on arrival, and transporting four pedestrians to hospitals after accidents.

fashioned July 4th celebration at the historical museum on the court-square. Country music, square dancing, clogging, games, and other events were on tap.

Sgt. Hammett said that KMRS made 50 trips to Kings Mountain Hospital, and other transports to hospitals: KMCC, six; Shelby, one; Charlotte Memorial, six; Cleveland Memorial, four; Charlotte Rehabilitation Center, one; Morganton, one; Gaston Memorial, two; Guardian Care, one; Gaston Mental Health, one; Winston Salem, one; and Roanoke, Ala., one.