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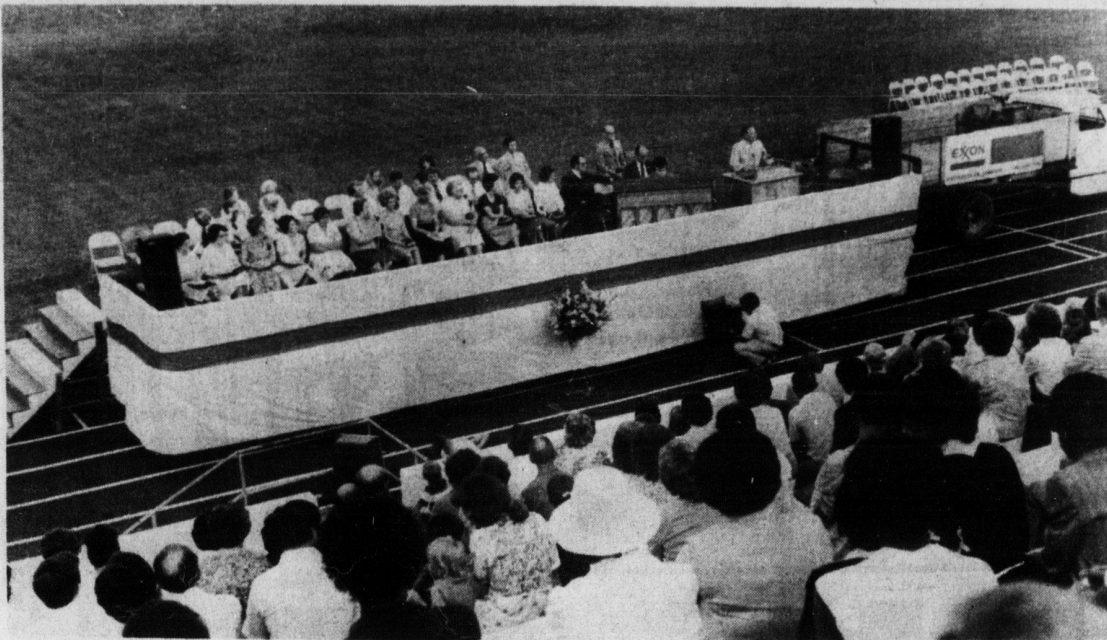


Photo by Gary Stewart

GROWTH CONTINUES—A huge crowd is shown worshipping in the open air at Gamble Stadium in the community-wide Christian Growth Celebration which continues through Sunday. No services will be held tonight. In case of bad weather, services will be held at Barnes Auditorium.

Celebration Continues

The Christian Growth Celebration resumes Friday at 7:30 p.m. and runs through Sunday night at John Gamble Stadium.

The week-long series of worship services began Sunday night. Services will not be held tonight due to a conflict in the use of the stadium.

Rev. Harwood Smith, pastor of St. Mathew's Lutheran Church, will speak Friday. His text will be Romans 12:4-5 and his sermon topic will be "Our Responsibility in the Church."

Rev. Pruella Kilgore, pastor of

Adams Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, will preach Saturday night. Her text will be James 2:14-17 and her sermon topic "Our Responsibility in the World."

Rev. Tom Patterson, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, will deliver the message on Sunday night. He will preach on "Our Hope", taken from Romans 8:38-39. Singing groups scheduled for the remainder of the week include:

Friday, James M. Rogers, soloist; and Daybreak from First Presbyterian.

Saturday, Adams Chapel Church Choir and Bethlehem Church of God choir.

Sunday, Delores White, soloist; and Bynum Chapel Church Choir. The Christian Growth Celebration is sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association. All proceeds over and above the cost of the services will go into the association's Helping Hand fund which benefits needy families in the area.

In case of bad weather, services will be held in Barnes Auditorium.

Commission Told To Leave Building

Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission, in process of phasing out its 12-year operation in the city, is flirting with an eviction notice from its landlord if the commission doesn't vacate present location soon.

Attorney Scott Cloninger, who rents the suite of offices to KMRC, told the board Tuesday morning that the additional space is required for expansion of his own offices, to include his newly-acquired partner, Andy Neisler, and to accommodate Barry Jenkins, certified public accountant, who has rented offices upstairs in the former First Union National Bank Building. Cloninger plans to use the upstairs offices for a law library and conference room.

Executive Director Gene White said the commission has been in process of setting up office space in the new City Hall but had hoped to remain in the present office until the closeout procedure is effective and the city assumes full responsibilities for completing projects underway by the redevelopment commission. This includes, continuing, under the city's community development program the land acquisition, families, individuals and business relocation and demolitions.

Resolutions from the city board of commissioners outlining the closeout procedures have gone to the Department of Housing and Urban

Development (HUD) for final approval or rejection. Mr. White guessed that it will probably be mid-November or December when the city receives the surplus in money (approximately \$300,000) plus the value of 45 unsold lots (about \$185,000) in the Cansler St. project. In the CBD project, surplus funds are estimated up to \$50,000.

White said both projects, the Central Business and Cansler St. Urban Renewal, are essentially complete.

"Ideally," said Mr. White, "we'd like to remain in this location through November for the financial closeup."

Attorney Cloninger said he had conferred with CD Director Arnold Gordon-Wright and was advised that room dividers were on order and would require 12-16 weeks to relocate the Redevelopment Commission in permanent facilities in the new City Hall. He had indicated that a temporary location might be obtained.

Commissioner members Leroy Blanton, Chairman Carl Mauney, Paul McGinnis, John Plonk and Attorney Bob Bradley questioned the timetable for moving, several suggesting that the offices could be moved "over a weekend."

Our most basic problem now," said Director White, "is the involvement with HUD in finishing the

financial settlement and it would be a tremendous undertaking just to pick up and move today."

Directors authorized White to take immediate steps to begin moving into other facilities.

Mr. Cloninger had advised the board to vacate the building by Aug. 31.

Mayor John Moss, who appeared briefly at opening of the regular meeting, commended the KMRC board of directors for its long and "outstanding service" to the community since the board's inception in July 1967. He asked, and members agreed, to continue in an advisory committee after the close-out of KMRC in the city. "We value your experience," said the mayor, "which represents 100 person plus years of service on this body including membership and staff."

Bob Bradley, attorney for the group since it was appointed by Mayor Moss, praised the volunteer group for their devotion to duty and said he was gratified that this body would continue to serve in an advisory capacity, even though the KMRC was phasing out.

Paul McGinnis, a board member, said he was proud of the accomplishments of the community but disappointed by general citizen response but could understand that

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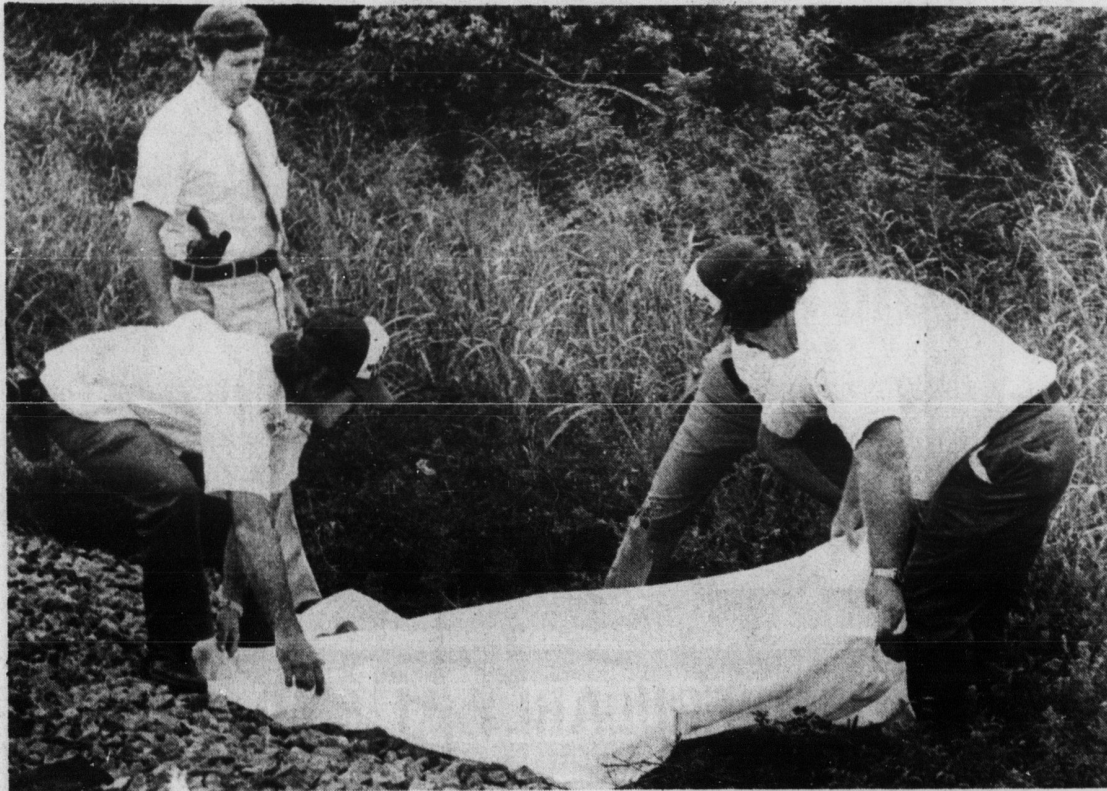


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DEATH SCENE—Members of the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad and Kings Mountain Police Department prepare to remove the body of Luther Ford from the side of the Southern Railway tracks Tuesday. Ford, 62, was killed as he walked to Kings Mountain. Left to right are rescuer Roy Hammett, police officers Robert Dodge and Lem Beattie (partially hidden) and rescuer Raymond Galloway.

Grid Contest Has Mistake

Oops! The football season hasn't even started yet, and we've already fumbled.

In the Herald's first "Pick the Winner" football contest, found on page 10 of Tuesday's paper, two games are listed twice. It's causing some confusion for the contestants.

The games in error are Villanova at Maryland and Richmond at Virginia. You'll find them as games nine, 10, 14 and 15 in the contest.

To set things straight, just disregard either games nine and 10 or 14 and 15, and there'll be only 18 games to predict.

We apologize for the slipup, but keep those entries coming in. Bring them by our office at 431 N. Piedmont or mail them to P.O. Box 752. Next week you may be \$75 richer!

KM Man Killed By Train

A 62-year-old Kings Mountain man who often walked to town along the Southern Railway tracks was killed Monday when he was struck by a northbound freight train at 9:20 a.m.

Luther Ford, who lived at 3 Chesterfield Courts, was killed instantly after he reportedly crossed the tracks in front of the train and began walking north toward Kings Mountain several hundred feet south of the Hawthorne Street crossing.

According to the Kings Mountain Police Department, the "part of the engine that sticks out the side" struck Ford in the back and threw him southbound.

Ford's brother, Harvey, who was at the scene, said he had often warned his brother about walking the tracks. "He walked to town a lot

to see our sisters," Ford said.

T.L. Allen of Greenville, S.C., was engineer. The police said no charges will be filed.

Pt. Houston Corn investigated. Officers Lem Beattie and Robert Dodge and members of the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad assisted.

VFW Dance Set Saturday

Frank B. Glass Post 9811 VFW will sponsor a dance Saturday night from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the Post Home on Grover Road.

Music will be by "J.R. Company," featuring rock and roll, country and beach and boogie selections.

Tickets are \$6 couple and \$4 single.

NEWS BRIEFS

MEMBER OF MONTH

Bobby King has been named Kings Mountain Rescue Squad member of the month for August. He was selected for making the most volunteer trips and working the most hours.

POLICE AUXILIARY

Kings Mountain Police Auxiliary will meet Monday night at 7 p.m. at the home of Mrs. M.L. Williams, Cansler St.

YOUTH PROJECT

"Here's What's Cooking" from the kitchens of Boyce Memorial ARP Church are once again available in the Kings Mountain area from youth of Boyce Memorial ARP Church. The cookbooks sell for \$5.50 and all proceeds are earmarked for the church.

FILING DEADLINE

Candidate filing in the 1979 city election ends Friday at noon. Contact Luther Bennett, chairman of the city board of elections, 739-3100 after 6 p.m., or Mrs. Betty Mercier, 739-2192. Filing fee is \$5 for city commission and \$10 for mayor. Four seats, the mayor, and districts 1, 3, and 4 are open.

GROVER BOARD

Grover Town Board will hold the regular September meeting Monday night at 7 p.m. in Town Hall at Grover. The meeting was rescheduled due to the Labor Day holiday. Mayor W.W. McCarter will preside.

SCHOOL BOARD

The September meeting of the KM Board of Education will be held Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Administrative Offices on Parker St. Board Chairman Alex Owens will preside over business of the meeting.

CITY BOARD

Kings Mountain Board of City Commissioners will meet Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the new City Hall. Mayor John Henry Moss will preside over business of the meeting.



GARY STEWART



LIB STEWART

Co-Editors Named

Gary and Lib Stewart have been named co-editors of the Kings Mountain Herald, it was announced today by Publisher Garland Atkins.

The Stewarts are probably the only brother-sister editing team in North Carolina. Both have been associated with the Herald for a number of years.

They are son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart of the Dixon Community.

Atkins also announced that Tom McIntyre, former editor of the Herald, will assume new duties as editor of the Gaston Independent, recently purchased by Herald Publishing House, and Clyde Hill, former advertising director of the Herald, will be General Manager of the Cherryville Eagle, also recently purchased by Herald Publishing House.

Mr. Stewart, 33, is married to the former Mary Jo Rogers of Taylorsville and is the father of two children, Leigh Anne, age five, and Gary (Dee) Jr., age three. He is a member of Dixon Presbyterian Church, where he is a ruling elder, senior high youth teacher, and co-director of the youth fellowship. He is a former member of the Salary Support Committee of Concord Presbytery.

He began his newspaper career in 1964 and since that time has served as a sports writer-photographer for

the Gastonia Gazette, Kings Mountain Mirror and Herald. He is a 1964 graduate of Kings Mountain High School.

Miss Stewart joined the staff of the Herald under the editorship of the late Martin Harmon after graduation from Grover High School and a year of training at Montreat College. She served as state president of the American Legion Auxiliary in 1976-77 and is serving her third year in a national chairmanship. She served for several terms as president of the local Unit 155 Auxiliary.

A former chairman of North Carolina Press Women, she has won first place awards for news and feature writing.

She is also active in Dixon Presbyterian Church.

Rescue Squad Yard Sale Set

Kings Mountain Emergency Services will sponsor a hotdog supper and yard sale Saturday at 608 Alexander St.

All proceeds will be earmarked for new equipment.

The KMES telephone number is 739-8088.