



## The Streak Ends

The scoreboard tells the story as Kings Mountain High fans rush onto the court to congratulate the Mountaineers following Tuesday night's 69-67 victory over R-S Central at the KMHS gym. The KM victory snapped a 43-game winning streak by the Hilltoppers, defending state 3-A champions. Full game details are on page 2-A.

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### Hires Crossing Guard

## Grover Hopes To Ease School Traffic Problem

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Grover Town Council and the Kings Mountain School System are taking steps which they hope will ease the traffic problems in front of Grover School.

The Grover Council at its regular monthly meeting Monday night at Town Hall approved hiring a crossing guard to work school traffic from 7:30 until 8:30 in the morning and 2 until 3 in the afternoon.

The board hopes to work with the Kings Mountain School Board to hire another crossing guard, erect two or three caution lights and paint at least two crosswalks.

Mayor Bill McCarter, School Superintendent William Davis and Bob Jenkins, safety consultant for the Department of Transportation, hope to meet this week and discuss the situation.

Traffic in front of the school has been a problem for years, but came to light again a week before Christmas when a nine-year-old student, Kelli Harry, was struck and seriously injured by a pickup truck. The girl remains in a coma in a Charlotte hospital.

One of the main problems near the school, which is located on Carolina Avenue, is that big trucks use it as a cutaeross on Highway 226 to Highway 29.

Mayor McCarter pointed out that the Council and other Grover citizens worked for months several years ago to get the speed limit on the road lowered to 25 miles per hour.

"We hashed this thing out five or six years ago," he said, "and went to the state but they said they can't stop it."

Mayor Pro Tem Edward Philbeck, who seconded Quay Moss's motion to hire a crossing guard, directed traffic at the school on Friday, Dec. 17, the day school let out for the Christmas holidays and one day after the Harry girl's accident, and on Monday, when school reopened.

"I plan to continue doing it until we get someone else," he said.

Police Chief Mike Brown suggested that the town urge the state to designate truck routes in Grover, and route trucks on 29 and 226 and keep them off Carolina Avenue.

Supt. Davis, contacted by phone following the meeting, said the school system is not responsible for providing crossing guards but that the school board is eager to work with the Town of Grover and the DOT to solve the problem. He said the item would probably be on the January 19 school board agenda.

School crossing guards are on duty each morning and afternoon at West, East and North Elementary schools, but all guards are paid by the City of Kings Mountain, Davis said.

Grover hopes to have a crosswalk in front of the school (on Carolina Avenue) and at Highway 226 in the area of First Baptist Church. Caution lights would also be installed in those areas.

In other action Monday, the board:

- Took under study a request from Bethany Baptist Church for curb and guttering for a proposed parking lot.

- Proclaimed 1981 as the Year of Community Colleges.

- Approved a resolution asking that Grover "break away" from the Greater Gaston 201 sewer study.

- Approved payment of \$100 to Gaylon Canipe for installing 28 Christmas lights.

- Was told by Commissioner Juanita Pruette that speed limit signs all over town would be changed to 35 miles per hour.

- Approved a workshop to discuss a proposal for water lines in the Spring Acres sub-division.

- Approved hiring Jackie Bennett to train as a part-time office clerk.

- Heard arrest reports for the months of November and December, and the 1980 yearly report.



Photo by Gary Stewart

**LISTING TAXES** - Probably the busiest place in town is the new Governmental Services Facilities Center lobby, where area citizens are listing their city and county taxes. If you haven't listed yet, you have the rest of the month.

### Inauguration Is Saturday

For the first time in more than 100 years, an N.C. governor will be sworn in Saturday for a second consecutive term.

About 8,000 people, including Nepal's ambassador to the United States and the consul-general of Japan and the Federal Republic of Germany, are expected to be on hand in Raleigh for the ceremonies at noon on the steps of the Archives-Library building. Members of the Council of State will also be sworn in.

Under a 1977 amendment to the state Constitution, Gov. Jim Hunt and Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green were eligible to succeed themselves. Both were re-elected.

The inaugural festivities begin with the Inaugural Ball Friday night at Reynolds Coliseum on the campus of N.C. State University. A pre-inaugural concert at 11:20 a.m. will be followed by an inaugural procession from the Executive Mansion to the State Archives Library. A 90 minute parade will follow the swearing in ceremonies and a public reception at the Executive Mansion will follow the parade.

### BENEFIT

Friday, January 9, Missionary Methodist Church will sponsor a hot dog and hamburger sale. All proceeds will go to the Scott Carigan Cancer Fund. To order call 739-3134 (they will deliver). Hamburgers are 60 cents and hot dogs, 50 cents.

### MEETING

The Cleveland County Heart Association Unit Board of Directors will hold an organizational report meeting on Tues., Jan. 13 at the Western Steer Steak House on Highway 74, Shelby. The meeting will begin at noon.

## Hickory Firm Buys K Mills

Perks C. Underdown Jr., President of Hickory Springs Manufacturing Company, today announced the acquisition of K Mills of Kings Mountain. The Kings Mountain Company is a manufacturer of fabric, used by the furniture industry, and will operate as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hickory Springs.

Hickory Springs Manufacturing Company, headquartered in Hickory, is privately owned, and is one of the larger suppliers of products to the furniture and bedding industries in the country. Hickory Springs plants, warehouses, and service centers are located all across the Southeast and Southwestern United States.

"This acquisition," said Underdown, "fits well into our image as a national supplier of products for the furniture and bedding industry, of which we have been a part since the 40's. Further, it will give us greater versatility in serving our varied customers - and provide a better market saturation in general for our product lines."

Underdown said the factory would continue to operate under the present name of K Mills without interruption with the present workforce. The new management will be under the direction of Ned Lilly, Vice President and General Manager and will have responsibility for all manufacturing and sales. George N. Cambell will continue as plant superintendent.

## Harris To Speak At Legion

Senator J. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain will review the 1980 legislature and "Outlook for 1981" in a program before the American Legion Auxiliary Thursday night.

The Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Building.

Unit President Clara Rhea encourages all members and visitors to attend.

Co-hostesses are Mrs. John W. Gladden, Mrs. Ida Houser, Mrs. Billie Carroll and Mrs. Daisy McCurry.



SENATOR J. OLLIE HARRIS

## Marco Leases Joy Theatre

Marco Enterprises of Charlotte has leased the Joy Theatre and will begin operation there Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Marco is owned by Ernest Marion of Charlotte and Dana Cox of High Point. Cox and his wife, Linda, will manage the Joy.

The theatre, owned by Mike Brown of Kings Mountain, will operate on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and will not show any X-rated or sacrilegious shows.

The Joy is the third theatre in the Marco chain, which began four years ago. Marion and Cox also operate theatres in Wadesboro and High Point.

The Joy will be unique, says Marion, as are the other two theatres owned by Marco. It will show double features, will have a Western Film Festival every Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m., and will show Kung Fu movies on Saturday and Sunday nights.

They call their Western films "Oldies But Goodies." Each Saturday afternoon, they will feature two pictures and a serial chapter for one dollar.

"We find that there are a lot of people who still enjoy seeing the old westerns," said Marion. "Even the young people become interested after they once see them."

B Westerns, featuring stars like Johnny Mack Brown, Bob Steele, Ken Maynard, Buck Jones, Randolph Scott and young John Wayne, will be shown.

The admission price for double features will be \$3 and \$2 for singles.

"We try to keep the price of tickets and concessions as low as possible," said Marion. "We t

to give the ordinary people a fair shake for their dollar."

"Alligator" and "Close Encounters" will be the Joy's first double feature Friday night.

"We're going to run good movies," said Marion. "We run pretty much first run movies after they have been out for awhile. We think we're going to have something for everybody."

Marion said the Joy will adhere to a strict rule of discipline.

"We want people to be able to come to the movie and enjoy it," he said. "We love to have the kids come and have fun, but they will respect our discipline."

"One thing we want to encourage the people to do is to let us know what kind of pictures they want to see," said Marion. "We want to show what the public wants. We invite everyone to call us or come by and give us their opinions, except for X-rated and sacrilegious. I don't want my kids to see that, and if I don't want my own to see it, I don't want other young people to see it."

Marion, a Pittsburgh native, worked in government, real estate and insurance in Washington, D.C., before going into the movie business four years ago.

Cox, formerly in printing and engraving, has been managing theatres for seven years. Both men became interested in owning theatres after starting a hobby of collecting old westerns.

"We're opening for the people and to bring them entertainment," said Marion. "We don't want them to have to go out of town. We want them to feel they have something right here."