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## EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

### Good Luck, Reagan

At 10 a.m. today the nation will usher in a new administration with the inauguration of Ronald Reagan as the new president and leader.

Even those who did not vote for him and the Republican Party in November are wishing him the best of luck in the tremendous responsibilities that lie ahead.

As these words are written President Carter and the outgoing administration are working to com-

plete an agreement to free the American hostages in Iran. Reports indicate their freedom may be imminent.

At the top of the list for the new Reagan administration is the continuing problem of inflation, plus many other issues for which there are no simple solutions.

As President Reagan goes into office today he does so with the best wishes of all of us.

## First 12 January Days Tell Weather For The Year

Old-timers will tell you that winters are not what they used to be and that the average person has shied away from cutting wood until necessity forced him to it.

Nowadays, wood stoves are about the most popular thing on the furniture market and cutting wood provides both exercise and pleasure.

Weather forecasters are already saying that a white Christmas may be in the offing for 1981 with a balmy May and a hot July.

According to a feature story in a recent edition of The Asheville Citizen, a lady from Asheville, Mrs. Joe A. Davis is keeping up the prognostications begun 70 years ago by her father, the late John Drake, who issued annual forecasts based on his theory that the first 12 days of January indicated corresponding 12 months of the year.

The Asheville Citizen reports that Mrs. Drake's predictions for 1981 are:

January - The month will be clear and cold but little rain if the theory holds.

February - Clear skies and little rain.



### Lib Stewart

March - Clear with much sunshine.  
 April - Just about normal.  
 May - Balmy weather.  
 June - Clear skies with little rain.  
 July - Hot and dry.  
 August - Clear skies.  
 September - Cool and dry.  
 October - Beautiful October weather.  
 November - Cold but clear skies.  
 December - A white Christmas may be in the offing for 1981.



### GARY STEWART

#### WCU Fire Personal Loss For McDaniel

The fire that destroyed the newspaper offices at Western Carolina University last Thursday morning was a big personal loss for Rick McDaniel of Kings Mountain.

Rick, who worked as a photographer for the Herald and the Cherryville Eagle last summer, is managing editor of the weekly college paper.

The fire not only destroyed the paper offices and all back issues, but also all of the negatives and pictures Rick had taken during his four years at Western.

The fire broke out at about 4:30 a.m. Thursday, about two hours after Rick and other members of the staff had put the Thursday edition to bed.

It's times like these that I wish this old country boy, born and raised, lived in the city.

Kings Mountain, as most of you probably know by now, will soon be getting cablevision.

Cable Systems Inc., represented locally by Jonas Bridges, will offer the service to every home in the city and to a few lucky ones who live up to a quarter mile outside the city limits.

My problem is, I live way out in the sticks and it's doubtful cable TV will ever come to my home.

Bridges, manager of WKMT radio, was giving a progress report on the TV service at last week's meeting of the Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners.

Thirty-five channels will be offered, including one that offers sports 24 hours a day.

So, there you see why living in the country is sometimes difficult.

But, as tough as it'll be for me to do without 24-hour sports, living in the country (and far away from cable sports) will make my wife much happier.



### Poets Corner

#### SUMMER'S BEAUTY NAP

Summer is not gone, she is only sleeping, safely and warmly in winter's keeping. Summer is taking a long winter nap, in a blanket of gray and a frosty cap.

Summer is dreaming of flowers of strawberries and cream, Rich blossoming meadows that sing with a flowing stream; Of roses and dewdrops under a haven of blue, Her dreams are colorful with everything new.

Winter has taken over by day and by night, So when summer awakens her eyes will be bright.  
 Vivian S. Biltcliffe

## LOOKING BACK

(From The Thurs., Jan. 21, 1954 Edition Of The Kings Mountain Herald)

The North Carolina Utilities Commission on Tuesday granted the City of Kings Mountain a certificate of convenience and necessity for the sale of natural gas within the city limits.

#### Social and Personal

Town and Country Garden Club members held their Thursday night meeting at the home of Mrs. S.S. Weir Jr.

Miss Lola Mae Harmon entertained at her home on Grover Road Friday night at a party honoring James Crook of Grover, who has accepted work in Detroit, Michigan, and Eddie McDaniel, who left Tuesday to enter the Marine Corps.

Mrs. A.L. Ramsour entertained members of the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club last week.

## Vandalism Is Reported

A 1966 Ford truck owned by a member of highway construction crew on Piedmont Avenue was set on fire and damaged \$800 by vandals during the



DAVID BLANTON

### Blanton Wins Essay Contest

David Williams Blanton won the D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution) Essay Contest from the primary school division. His essay was entitled "Faith In My Heritage" and was written about the American flag.

David, age 7, is a student in Mrs. Jean Webb's second grade class at Bethware Elementary School. His parents are Hallie and Charles D. Blanton and grandparents are Mrs. Helen Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. "Toby" Williams, Mr. and Mrs. "Wink" Russell.

### Edie Schronce Is "Scholar"

Edie Darlene Schronce, a high school student from Kings Mountain has been nominated as a Columbia College Trustee Scholar because of outstanding academic achievement.

She has received a Trustee Scholar Certificate of Merit which recognizes, according to Columbia College President Ralph T. Mirse, "outstanding individual ability and effort." The Certificate of Merit is one of the highest honors that Columbia College bestows on high school students.

Each of the Trustee Scholars now is eligible to compete for the Trustee Scholarship Award, a \$500 per year scholarship based on academic achievement.

Columbia College, a four-year liberal arts college, is South Carolina's only private church-affiliate college for women. It was founded by the United Methodist Church in 1854.

### Champion Heads Squad

Eugene Champion has been elected Captain of Kings Mountain Rescue Squad for 1981.

Also elected at a squad meeting last week were Richard Byers, assistant captain; Charles Martin, First Lieutenant; Roy Hammett, Second Lieutenant; Bill Hannah, Second Lieutenant; David Hannah, First Sergeant; Jeff Cloninger, Second Sergeant; Richard Byers, secretary; Johnny and Mary Ann Hutchins, treasurers; Scott Cloninger, Legal Advisor; and Dr. Keene, Medical Advisor.

Elected to the Board of Directors were Richard Byers and Johnny Hutchins from the squad and Don Graham, Dr. Sam Robinson, Bennett Masters, Ronnie Hawkins and J.B. Falls from the public.

### Scout Awards To Be Given

Awards for outstanding service to youth will be presented to volunteer Scouting leaders at the Scouters' recognition dinner to be held on Tuesday, January 27, at 6:30 p.m. at Shelby Presbyterian Church.

Among the awards to be presented is the District Award of Merit for outstanding service to Scouting as a whole in Cleveland County. The District Award of Merit is the highest honor given by a Scouting district. Several training awards will also be presented. Mackie Linnens of WXIK/WOHS will be the emcee.

Tickets for the banquet are \$5 and are for advance sale only. For tickets call Bob Jenkins at 482-0592 or Betty Hoffman at 538-3772 before January 23. No tickets will be sold at the door.

weekend, according to report of Kings Mountain Police Department. The truck is owned by Robert Burns of Woodbridge.

Police are also investigating other reports of vandalism and larceny during the weekend.

Burlie Barnes, of 209 Morris St., told police that vandals broke out the windshield of his car and Kevin James, of 405 N. Tracy St., said his car windshield was also damaged extensively by vandals.

Bertha Williams, 91 Pine Manor Apts., reported that food was stolen from her kitchen, Lucy Lockridge, 911 N. Piedmont, reported theft of a go-cart, Robert Boyd, 311 Scotland Dr., reported larceny of four handguns, Tim Sanders, of 806 Landing St., reported theft of weights, Alice Fulton, 111 Wells St., reported the theft of money from her pocketbook and Shane Absher, Battle Forest Apts., reported that his bicycle was stolen.

## OBITUARIES

### J.E. CHILDERS

J.E. Childers, 79, of 103 Margrace, died Monday morning at 7:05 a.m. in Kings Mountain Hospital after several months' illness.

Mr. Childers was a retired employee of Margrace Mill. He was son of the late Robert and Sarah Stewart Childers. He was married to the former Ethel Farris. He was a member of Dixon Presbyterian Church.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are four daughters, Mrs. John Henry Caldwell, Mrs. Glenn Spearman and Mrs. Don Roark, all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Faye Lovelace of Pineville; and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Dixon Presbyterian Church. The family will receive friends Tuesday night from 7 until 9 p.m. at Masters Funeral Home Chapel.

Masters Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### MRS. ADA McCLUNEY

Funeral services for Mrs. Ada McCluney, 79, of 404 N. Tracy St., will be conducted Tuesday at 4 p.m. from Vestibule AME Zion Church by Rev. Walter Adams, Dr. T.A. Powell and Rev. Wade Wallace, interment following in the church cemetery.

Mrs. McCluney died Thursday night in Cleveland Memorial Hospital. She was a native of York County, S.C. and a member of Vestibule AME Zion Church.

Surviving are a son, Frankie McCluney of Baltimore, Md.; a daughter, Janice McCluney of Baltimore; three sisters, Mrs. Bessie Foster of Shelby, Mrs. Inez James and Mrs. Alice McCluney, both of Kings Mountain; and three grandchildren.

J.W. Gill and Son Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### MRS. MARTHA P. KEMSLEY

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Poythress Kemsley, 89, of 905 Crescent Circle, who died Wednesday afternoon in Kings

Mountain Convalescent Center, were conducted Friday morning at 11 o'clock from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

Rev. Harwood T. Smith officiated at the rites and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Kemsley was a native of Rincon, Ga. and widow of Albert H. Kemsley. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Savannah, Ga.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Glee Edwin (Martha) Bridges of Kings Mountain; one son, L.R. Polythress of Bethesda, Md.; one brother, Auburn A. Gnann of Chillicothe, Mo.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

### J.H. WOODY

WAYNESVILLE — Funeral services for Jonathan Huff Woody, 84, uncle of Mrs. Tom Trot of Kings Mountain and Lynwood Parton of Gastonia, were conducted Friday morning from First United Methodist Church by Rev. Kelley Jones, interment following in Green Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Woody, retired banker, civic and church leader, died Wednesday in a Haywood County hospital following an extended illness. He retired in 1961 after 20 years of active banking in Waynesville and was executive vice president of the Waynesville office of First Union National Bank at his retirement.

He was the last living member of eight children from the original Woody family who came to this area from Capaloochee. He was brother of the late Mrs. H.R. (Ethel Woody) Parton of Kings Mountain. Woody was one of the individuals who founded the First Union National Bank of North Carolina. He was executive vice president and director of the First Union Bank of North Carolina with supervision of the Waynesville, Canton, Brevard and Hendersonville offices.

Also surviving are his wife, Mrs. Anne Foote Woody; a son, Stephen W. Woody of Asheville; a daughter, Mrs. Roger Soltis of Waynesville and five grandchildren.

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