

## State's Firemen Praying For Rain

Dry weather and March winds have spelled bad news for firefighters in North Carolina during recent weeks, but Kings Mountain has been lucky, according to Fire Chief Gene Tignor.

Over 150 grass and woods fires were reported across the state over the weekend, resulting

in huge losses of property and the death of one fireman in the eastern part of the state.

Kings Mountain city firemen have been idle since last Tuesday, and Tignor has his fingers crossed that the good fortunes will continue.

"We were hopping last week," he said. "We had five grass fires in all and three in two days near Pine Manor Apartments. But this has been a good week."

Those fires are under investigation by Cleveland County Fire Marshal Delane Davis. "Somebody had to do something to have three in a row in the same area," Tignor said.

Bethlehem and Oak Grove volunteer firemen battled a woods fire for several hours Sunday night off Highway 74 near Claude Harmon's Store.

The fire began when a tree fell on power lines and a live wire ignited the fire.

Heavy winds made the fighting difficult. Duke Power Company worked during the wee hours of Sunday morning replacing power poles and restoring power to nearby residences.

Bethlehem also battled a chimney fire Sunday morning at the home of William Bess near Grover. No damage was reported.

Meanwhile, the county has banned burning permits at least until the area receives a good rain. The weatherman was calling for a slim chance on Monday, but at the Herald's presstime, Kings Mountain had received only a few scattered drops.

Burning permits, when the ban is lifted, can be obtained by residents of the Kings Mountain city limits at the Kings Mountain Fire Department. Residents living outside the city limits may obtain permits from Bridges Hardware.

### Prayer Urged

The Kings Mountain Baptist Association is urging all Christians to make a special effort during the week to pray for an end to the crisis in Atlanta.

Christians are asked to pray for protection to the children of Atlanta, their families and other families of Atlanta, and the person or persons who are responsible for the death of Atlanta children.

The recommended time for prayer each day is 12 noon.

The Baptists also urge all churches to plan a special time of prayer from 12 noon until 1 p.m. Friday. A devotional period or time of silent prayer is recommended.

### Area News Bulletins

#### REVIVAL

Eastside Baptist Church of Kings Mountain will hold revival services the week of March 23 at 7 p.m. each night. Rev. Leon Michaels of Elkin, N.C., will be the visiting evangelist. Rev. James Williams, pastor, invites everyone to attend.

#### REVIVAL

Antioch Baptist Church has slated revival services for March 22-27 at 7 p.m. nightly. Rev. Raymond E. Crow, pastor, will deliver the messages. The public is invited.

#### CONCERT

The Kings Mountain Senior High Blazer Band and the Kings Mountain Junior ninth grade band will present a concert at Barnes Auditorium on March 19 at 8 p.m. The program will consist of State Contest Festival music. The Senior High Festival will be held at Garinger High in Charlotte on March 21. The public is invited to attend the concert.

#### SHELBY THEATRE

Shelby Community Theatre will present "Lion In Winter," March 19th, 20th and 21st at 8 p.m. and March 22 at 2:30 p.m. in the Intimate Theatre at the Malcolm Brown Auditorium on Highway 74. Tickets are \$2 and will be available at the door. For advance reservations, call 434-9766.

#### EMPLOYMENT SURVEY

Mrs. Doris S. Brooks and Mrs. Vera Morrison will conduct a regular survey on employment and unemployment in this area for the U.S. Bureau of the Census the week of March 16-20.

#### GOSPEL SINGING

There will be a gospel singing at Eastside Baptist Church, Highway 29, Blacksburg, Saturday at 7 p.m. Featured groups include "The Goodnewsmen," "Hinkle Little and Sons and Daughters of Faith," "The Keenan Family," and "The Hampton Quartet." Rev. M.P. Hampton, pastor, invites everyone to attend. A nursery will be provided.

## Memorial Services Held For Paul Hambricht, 60

Memorial services for Paul Roberts Hambricht, 60, of Grover, agriculture teacher at Grover High and Kings Mountain Senior High School for a number of years, were conducted Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Shiloh Presbyterian Church of which he was an Elder.

Rev. Harold Hutchinson officiated at the rites, and interment was in Grover Cemetery.

Mr. Hambricht was a native of Cherokee County, S.C., son of the late Jacob F. and Ida Ware Hambricht. He was a veteran of service with the Marines during World War II.

He had been a teacher for many years and retired recently due to a heart ailment. He died Wednesday after declining health.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mildred Bonebrake Hambricht; two sons, Robert Hambricht of Syracuse, New York and Alan Hambricht of Statesboro, Ga., three daughters, Miss Ann Ham-



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bright of Cowpens, S.C. and Leslie and Jane Hambricht of the home; three brothers, Jackie Hambricht of Grover, Fred Hambricht of Chester, S.C. and Myers Hambricht of Kings Mountain; a sister, Mrs. J.M. (Sarah) West of Irvington, Va. and three grandchildren.

The family has requested memorials to Shiloh Presbyterian Church.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Photos by Lib Stewart

SKIPPING ROPE - These Central School students skip rope in a special demonstration project before elementary students at

Grover School. March is Skip for Heart Month and the youngsters are skipping rope in PE classes.

## Students Skip For Heart

March has been designated North Carolina Jump Rope for Heart Month in a proclamation issued by Governor James B. Hunt Jr. and Central School Physical Education students are doing just that.

Jump Rope demonstrations were given by the over 300 PE students in Sara Whetstone's 6th and 7th grade classes at all elementary schools in the city system last week and team techniques were demonstrated to PE teachers throughout the county to show how the activity is a means of promoting body building and beneficial exercise through voluntary action among our young people in their daily lives.

The physical education program also demonstrates to fifth graders in the system what they can expect when they enroll at the Central Middle School next year. Ms. Whetstone said that young people have been excited about the program.

Central School students in PE completed a unit in "Skip It" and jump rope routines this week and several of the students, Jennifer Hamrick and Tina Lawson, will show off their techniques in the Central School Talent Show. Twenty-five more jump rope artists will perform for a special P-TO program.

Although the students have not been jumping rope for benefit of the Kings Mountain Heart Fund, they encourage the activity as good lung and heart exercise as well as aerobics, disco, and clogging, one of the oldest forms of American folk dances which is coming back to life and is popular with the upsurge in country music and cowboy westerns.

Popular exercise in the Central PE Classes, six classes of seventh graders, and six classes of sixth graders, or a total of 335 girls and about the same number of boys, are clogging. Ms. Whetstone's girls gave clogging demonstrations recently in the elementary schools and Steve Moffitt's PE class of young men demonstrated the art of wrestling. Mr. Moffitt said that the Wrestling Club is open to third graders and up but he instructs a seventh grade group of wrestlers at Central and they demonstrated their skills at the elementary schools during the past week.

"By going to the various schools and letting fifth graders know what to expect in the PE Programs at Central we feel that we are offering a valuable service to these young people," said both Ms. Whetstone and Mr. Moffitt. Ms. Whetstone said that

prospective sixth graders are often afraid of the Physical Education Classes but that the demonstrations have been received favorably by the students.

The North Carolina Alliance for Health, Physical Education and Recreation is sponsoring

Jump Rope events throughout the state for the benefit of the North Carolina Heart Association and the Governor's Council on Fitness and Health has endorsed such programs. In some areas of the state students solicit donations for each minute their teams jump, and the team which raises the most money wins

prizes for each team member. This program started in 1978 in Milwaukee, and the next year involved 2,900 schools and 300,000 students in 39 states. This is the first year the program has been implemented in North Carolina, where over 300 schools and 25,000 students were participating as of March 6.



DEMONSTRATION TEAM - These seven Central School Physical Education students have been demonstrating rope jumping before all elementary students in the system. Front row,

from left, Paris Floyd, Jennifer Hamrick, Michelle Stewart. Back row, Tina Lawson, Susie Moore, Sonya Leach and Lavonda Grier.

## KM's Tripp McGill On Tour With Erskine Choraleers

Tripp McGill, son of Mr. and Mrs. N.F. McGill, 606 W. Mountain St. in Kings Mountain, will tour with The Choraleers, mixed chorus of Erskine College, as they sing in churches and schools of Florida March 18-25 during their twenty-ninth annual spring tour. Highlighting the tour will be a concert March 19 at Disney World. The Choraleers will also sing in Palm Bay, Melbourne Beach, Lake Wales, Lake Placid, and Bartow, Fla.

McGill is a tenor with the group, a sectional accompanist, and a flute accompanist. A junior music education major at Erskine, he is a 1978 graduate of



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Kings Mountain High School.

The Choraleers are a 30-member chorus directed by Erskine Music Professor Don L. Lester. Over the past 29 years the group has sung in virtually every eastern seaboard state from New York to Florida, as far west as Tennessee, Louisiana, and Alabama, and in Mexico. Highlights of earlier tours have included performances before members of the U.S. Senate in Washington, D.C., at the New York World's Fair, at Disney World, at the Southeastern Choral Conductors Convention in Baton Rouge, La., and in A.R. Presbyterian churches of Mexico.