



SUMMERTIME AND THE LIVING'S EASY—As the temperature soared during the recent weekend, these Kings Mountain youngsters headed for the fishing pond. That was about

the only way to keep cool as summertime weather sent folks scurrying to the seashore and the mountains.

"Then Conquer We Must" Set To Open July 2

What do a judge, a chef, a minister, and a professional actor all have in common? Such are the occupational descriptions of some of the leading actors in "Then Conquer We Must", the summer outdoor drama at the amphitheatre in the Kings Mountain National Park scheduled to open July 2.

These individuals come together during performances and leave their everyday roles behind them as they portray the characters of yesteryear who helped in the American Revolutionary effort known as the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Sam Mendenhall of Rock Hill, S.C., is a family court judge. In his role as Archibald Storey he transforms from one who judicially controls situations to a man who is "henpecked by his wife, but admires the beautiful woman nonetheless."

Reb Wiesener is the notorious good cook at a motel in Kings Mountain. On stage he becomes the notorious Col. Sevier, leader of the mountaineers. He is no stranger to theatre having starred in the Gaston College production of "Count Dracula", and the Kings Mountain Little Theatre plays "Cinderella" and "Barefoot in the Park." A gifted orator, Mr. Wiesener won the V.F.W. "Proud to be an

American" competitions and placed second in the state for the N.C. American Legion Oratory Contest.

For Harwood T. Smith, one of his roles should come naturally. It is that of Rev. Doak who evangelizes and intensely exerts the mountaineers on to victory. Originally from New York, Mr. Smith is a minister in Kings Mountain on to victory. Originally from New York, Mr. Smith is a minister in Kings Mountain and he "practices his part every Sunday in the pulpit." He also doubles as Lord Cornwallis which gives him the opportunity to exchange the clerical robes for a British uniform.

The leading role of Major Patrick Ferguson is played by veteran actor Charlie-John Smith. In "real life" Smith is a professor and director of theatre at Louisburg College in Henderson, N.C. Outdoor drama buffs may remember him as Simon Fernando and Chief Manteo in "The Lost Colony" or as Mike Stoner in the state of Kentucky outdoor drama "The Legend of Daniel Boone." Aside from live performances, he has appeared in the film "Dare to Be Great" and acted in two "made for television" plays for the Alabama ETV network.

"Then Conquer We Must" is the Tom McIntire adaption of Robert Osbourne's play recreating the events leading up to the Battle of Kings Mountain. Produced by Limestone College in Gaffney, S.C., the production is directed by Dr. Charles Hanum, head of the college's theatre department.

The play is scheduled to run every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evening beginning July 2 through August 8. Tickets are \$3.50 for bleacher seats and \$4.50 for orchestra seats. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m.

Bible School To Begin At Pathway

Pathway Baptist Church on Parkdale Circle will conduct Bible School for all ages through Friday night and classes are from 7 until 9 p.m. Classes for nursery through adults will be taught.

Church vans will be operated to take students to church. Willie Arrowood will lead the adult class.

For transportation, call 739-3728.

Rev. James Hamrick is pastor of the church.

Over Mayor's Objection Grover Approaches Second Policeman

GROVER—Town Commissioners overruled objections of Mayor W.W. McCarter and approved by unanimous vote Friday the hiring of a second policeman effective July 6.

Mayor McCarter said his objections were based on the fact that the police budget for the new year is \$29,622.60 and will take all tax revenues anticipated to meet it.

"We'll be operating the town on federal money", he told the board.

The new policeman is expected to receive \$8400 annually, which will bring the police staff to three members, including Chief Mike Brown and a reserve officer. Chief Brown's salary was upped from \$10,920.00 to \$11,793.60 for a 40 hour work week. The policemen will be expected to rotate shifts and to work from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. on a graveyard shift when possible and a seven day work week when possible. Police schedules are to be made by Police Commissioner Martha Byers who made the motion, seconded by Comm. Quay Moss, that a second policeman be employed. The board discussed three applications and after an executive session announced that a decision would be made prior to July 6th when the new officer is to report for a police training course at Cleveland Technical Institute.

Board members also discussed, but took no action, on a proposal to move the police department from the Town Hall into the new Grover Fire Department.

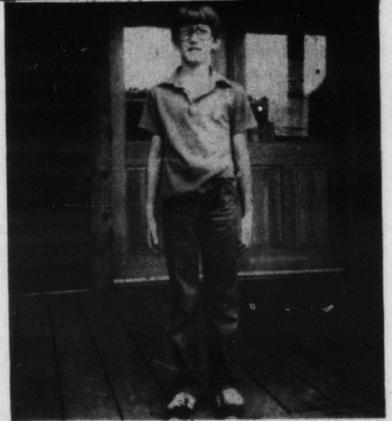
Town employees got a bonus in the form of an extra day vacation, from five to six days each year, an extra holiday and six paid sick days per year.

The board approved employee insurance and voted to close the business office at noon on Wednesdays, effective July 1.

Mayor McCarter told the board he had conducted an informal poll of Grover citizens and 18 of 19 citizens were not in favor of a second policeman due to the increased budget and operating costs. "I would hate for us to go into this and later find we were in error and have to let one of our officers go", he said.

The Board also set the tax rate at 23 cents per \$100 valuation, and same rate which applied last year. The tax rate was cut last year from 35 cents to 23 cents per \$100 valuation.

In other action, the board raised Town Clerk Gloria Horton's salary from \$4.04 to \$4.36 per hour, increased salaries of two school patrolmen to \$3.45 per hour, and increased by 10 cents per hour, the salary of the maintenance worker to \$3.45 per hour for a three day week. The salary of the meter reader was approved at \$3,116.40 annually and includes \$35 per month for car expense.



WINNER—Jamie Ledford of Lawndale, son of Ted and Ruby Ledford, won the Snoopy Corner sign which was presented during the recent "Going Out Of Business" sale at the Hallmark Shop at Herald Publishing House. Ledford is grandson of Mrs. Bessie Oliver of Kings Mountain and the late G.P. Oliver, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ledford of Lawndale. The Hallmark sale continues this week.

Legion Auxiliary Wins Top Awards

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 155 won four major awards during the 1981 convention of the Department of North Carolina during the weekend in Raleigh.

The Unit was the outstanding unit among 220 in Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, was a first place winner in the President's Project, was cited for its work in Special Olympics in Children and Youth, and won first place in history competition among other units of the state.

The Unit also received an honor roll certificate for reaching membership goal during the past year.

Mr. J.D. Barrett of Kings Mountain, unit treasurer, received an award for signing up the most junior members in the membership campaign.

Mrs. Ruth Gamble and Mrs. Orangrel Jolly, both of Kings Mountain, were cited for 50 hours of volunteer work at Kings Mountain Convalescent Center and recognized during the VA & R presentation.

The Unit won two plaques, one in VA & R and one for its president's project, in connection with its community project last year which raised \$3800 for cancer victim and veteran Bill

Putnam and his family. As the top entry from North Carolina, the VA & R award was submitted for national competition.

Miss Elizabeth Stewart, unit historian and a past state president, attended the meeting. She presented the flags to the outgoing state president, Mrs. J.P. Dalmus, during the closing exercises Saturday.

Representing Post 155 at the meeting were Adjutant Joe H. McDaniel, Jr. and District 23 Commander Rick Moore.

Mrs. Carl Riddle of Durham was elected the new president of the 10,000-member organization and E.C. Topping of Edenton was elected commander of the 25,000-member Legion organization.

Grover Gearing Up Recreation

The Town of Grover is gearing up its summer recreation program.

The six weeks program, which got underway Monday, runs from 9 a.m. until noon daily. Children from 4 to 14 years old qualify for the sessions.

Principal Jim Scruggs, who is coordinating the program this summer, said that participants can play a variety of sports, including basketball and tennis. Children will be taken to a pool twice a week for swimming lessons.

Mr. Scruggs said that fees include \$5 for the first week, to cover insurance, and \$3 for each week after that.

Another feature of this program will be a six weeks afternoon reading program to be conducted from 12:30 until 2:30 p.m. The reading course fee is also \$5 per week of instruction.

Students interested in registering for the program should contact Mr. Scruggs at 937-7671.

Teacher Is Being Investigated

A federal investigation report involving alleged weapons violations by a Kings Mountain teacher could lead to the indictment by a federal Grand Jury of the teacher and two other persons from Eastern North Carolina allegedly involved in the case.

The report has been filed with the U.S. District Attorney in Asheville.

The penalty for possession of illegal automatic weapons is 10 years and a fine up to \$5,000 for each count.

Agents of the U.S. Treasury Department's Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau stopped a vehicle being driven by a teacher in Kings Mountain on March 10th and reportedly confiscated two 30-caliber full-automatic fire carbines.

Osteen Wins At Gaffney

Gaffney, S.C.—Woodruff's Doug Osteen slipped around Union's Billy Scott in the late laps to win Saturday night's late model sportsman main event at the Cherokee Speedway.

"Dougman" Davis, Shelby, finished third in the C.L. Pritchett Camaro, No. 27.

Fred Hawkins, Greer, outran John Patty of Gaffney in the limited sportsman feature. Butch Bowen, Shelby, finished third.

Bud Faires, York, was the rookie winner. Gene Camp took first money in the street division.

The fastest cars and best drivers line up here each Saturday night for the richest purse and fastest track in the Southeast. Gates open each Saturday at 5 o'clock. Action begins at 7:30.

Hullender Is Decorated

Air Force Staff Sgt. Janie P. Hullender, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey M. Hullender of 520 Cleveland Ave., Kings Mountain, N.C., has been decorated with the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal at the 3706th Basic Military Training Squadron, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

The Air Force Commendation Medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Air Force.



Photo by Lib Stewart

STORY HOUR AT LIBRARY—Mrs. Carl Finger reads a story at Mauney Memorial Library to a large group of students enrolled in the summer reading program. The Story Hour will be held on Wednesdays.