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## KM Water Project Approved

By GARY STEWART  
Editor

Kings Mountain city commissioners Monday night approved advertising of bids for materials for water and sewer improvements in districts three and four.

Mayor John Moss estimated the cost of the projects at \$65,000 in District Four and \$10,000 in District Three. The work will be done by city work forces.

Moss said District Four water improvements are targeted for the Stowe Acres area off Piedmont Avenue, including Fairview, Katherine, Linwood and Second Street areas.

"That's the highest area in our water system," Moss pointed out, "and over the years as the city has developed industry, we have had considerable pressure reduction in this area."

The city will install an additional pump and a two million gallon storage tank at the nearby Citizen's Services Building on Piedmont, which Moss said would "augment pressure and give adequate water pressure and flow."

Also, the city will install 6,000 feet of line of various sizes and six fire hydrants. Moss said the improvements would also improve fire protection for the 277 homes, seven churches and two neighborhood groceries located in the area.

Areas effected in District Three will include Katherine Avenue, Boyce Street, Monroe Avenue, Rhodes Avenue, Groves Street and the Northwoods area.

Moss said 1,300 feet of line will be installed in District Three, giving that area "adequate protection in compliance with North Carolina codes."

Also in District Three, the city

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## Herald To Feature KM Schools Programs

Various programs in the Kings Mountain District Schools will be featured in a series of articles to be published in the Herald beginning Thurs., Aug. 6.

The feature stories will be written by school personnel and will run for 17 consecutive weeks.

Superintendent William Davis will write the first article "Vital Statistics of Kings Mountain District Schools."

Other articles include: August 13, School Maintenance, by Assistant Superintendent Larry Allen.

August 20, Parent Support to the School Child, by Assistant Superintendent Howard Bryant.

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## Teachers Report

School bells will be ringing again soon for teachers and students in the Kings Mountain School District.

All employees of the Kings Mountain School System will report for work at Kings Mountain Senior High School by 8:30 a.m. on August 17, Supt. of Schools Bill Davis has announced.

The first day for students will be on August 24, with a full day's schedule except for kindergarten students. Kindergarten students will report on a schedule to be announced later.

## 'Local Hero' John Cissell Is Honored By President

By GARY STEWART  
Editor

John F. Cissell, the Kings Mountain National Military Park ranger who was credited with saving the life of Grover School student Kelli Harry last December, was honored Tuesday during special ceremonies at the Military Park.

Robert M. Baker, National Park Service Southeast Regional Director, presented Cissell with the Red Cross Certificate of Merit, the highest honor given by the American Red Cross. It was signed by President Ronald Reagan.

The certificate read: "For selfless and humane action taken on December 18, 1980, when he administered first aid to Kelli Harry, victim of a traffic accident, and saved her life." herald add cissell

Cissell was at Grover School to pick up his children, Rebecca and J.B., on the day Kelli was struck by a pickup truck.

"Jim Scruggs (Grover Principal) came out of his office and said there had been an accident in front of the school. He knew I was an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) and asked if I could help.

"We found Kelli in the road," he went on. "There were a lot of people around her. I'm not sure if they knew what to do. Kelli was lying on her back and I knew she had taken an awful hard lick. I knew she had head and back injuries and was unconscious and I knew we couldn't move her.

"I was in hopes that when I opened her airways, she'd breathe on her own," Cissell went on. "But she didn't. I gave her artificial respiration for about three minutes and she started breathing on her own."

Cissell said he stayed with her until the Rescue Squad arrived. She was rushed to a Charlotte hospital where she remained in a coma for about eight weeks.

An improving Kelli, still in a wheelchair but talking and smiling, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Harry of Grover, and other family members attended the ceremonies honoring Cissell.

A television newswoman covering the event described Cissell as a "local hero."

"I don't consider myself a hero," Cissell said. "There are so many times when park rangers and others are involved in similar situations, and there are so many times when they're not thanked at all. In this case, I'm

just glad that Kelli came out okay."

"Cissell said, "I've thought about Kelli often since the accident, and I'm just glad I was there to do what I could. The feeling is hard to describe. I'd like to thank everybody in the Red Cross and all the people involved in emergency services for training me. They deserve the recognition."

Cissell, who has been employed by the National Park Service for eight years and at Kings Mountain National Military Park for four years, was also awarded a special commendation by Rush Dickinson, Director of the National Park Service.

"Without a doubt, your efforts saved Kelli," Baker said as he presented the two awards.

Others taking part in the ceremony were Cissell's wife, Norma, a Grover School teacher, Kings Mountain National Park Superintendent Mike Loveless, Bob Spangler, manager of the American Red Cross Southeast Region, and Martha Scruggs, programs director for the Cleveland County Red Cross.

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**HONORED** - John Cissell, right, park ranger at Kings Mountain National Military Park, was honored Tuesday with a Red Cross Certificate of Merit, the highest honor given by the American Red Cross, for his efforts last December which saved the life of Grover School student Kelli Harry. Cissell is pictured here with Kelli and Robert Baker, Southeast Regional Director of the National Park Service.

## Armed Robbery Is Investigated

Kings Mountain police are investigating an armed robbery which occurred Friday night at Revco Drug Store in the Westgate Shopping Center.

Detective Richard Reynolds said a white male, who was the last customer in the store at closing time, pulled a revolver on store manager Bruce Summey and a clerk, took all the money in the cash drawer and a quantity of scheduled drugs.



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School's Reading Program, by Mrs. Martha Bridges.

September 3, School Transportation, by Larry Allen.

September 10, The School Board and its Responsibilities, by William Davis.

September 17, Programs for Exceptional Children, by Jane Shields.

September 24, Child Nutrition, by Mrs. Martha Wright.

October 1, School Finance in the Kings Mountain District Schools, by William Davis.

October 8, School Support Services (Health, Social Services, Attendance) by Jane Shields and Hallie Blanton.

October 15, Physical Education and the Athletic Program, by KMHS Principal Bob McRae.

October 22, The Fine Arts in Public Schools, by Mrs. Shirley Austin and Mrs. Betsy Wells.

October 29, Vocational Education in Kings Mountain District Schools, by Betty Gamble.

November 5, The Foreign Language Program, by Carol Ann Peeler.

November 12, School Facilities and the Blue Ribbon Facilities Committee, by William Davis.

November 19, Parent Involvement in Public Schools, by North School Principal Connie Allison and Grover School Principal Jim Scruggs.

November 26, The Community Schools Program, by Bill Hager.

## Tyner, Scism Elected

Wade H. Tyner Jr. and Nancy Scism have been elected to the board of directors of Home Savings and Loan.

Tyner is the president and general manager of Wade Ford Inc., and is the owner of Wade's Insurance Company. He is a member and past president of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club and his a charter member and past president of the Shelby Civitan Club.

He is an active member of Allen Memorial Baptist Church, where he serves as a Sunday School teacher and chairman of the finance committee.

He resides at Woodbridge on Moss Lake. He is married to the former Bradine Lail and is the father of three children.

Mrs. Scism is vice president and secretary at Home Savings and Loan, where she has been employed since 1963. She is married to Charles Scism and has two children, Charlotte and Philip.

## Funeral Service Today For Charles Merck, 54

Charles Vernon Merck, the Kings Mountain man police say shot and killed his wife on Mon., July 20, then turned the gun on himself, died Tuesday at Charlotte Memorial Hospital.

Merck was wounded by what police called a "self-inflicted" gunshot to the right side of his head. He underwent surgery last Tuesday and had been listed in critical condition throughout his stay in the hospital.

His wife, Clara Martin Merck, 51, was pronounced dead on the scene at 12:35 p.m. Monday. She was shot twice with a .38 calibre handgun.

Merck, 54, lived at 204 Cranford Drive, Kings Mountain, and was employed at Lithium

Corporation. He was a World War II veteran.

He is survived by his parents, E.B. and Daisy Mae Bowen Merck of Kings Mountain; three sons, Ronnie Merck of Grover and Chuck Merck and Doug Merck, both of Kings Mountain; four daughters, Mrs. Sheila Smith, Mrs. Gail Peterson, Mrs. Sissy Gibson and Miss Tammy Merck, all of Kings Mountain; one brother, Sonny Merck of Cramerton and one sister, Mrs. Grace Holbrook of Las Vegas; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 4 p.m. Thursday at Second Baptist Church by the Rev. Eugene Land and the Rev. Charles Ingle. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

## Bloodmobile To Visit Kings Mountain Monday

The Cleveland County Red Cross bloodmobile will be at First Baptist Church in Kings Mountain Monday from 12 noon until 5:30 p.m. The visit is being sponsored by employees of the City of Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Martha Scruggs, programs director, said donors who gave blood at the last Kings Mountain visit on June 30 are

ineligible to give this time. "There has to be a 56-day break between donations, and we have had trouble scheduling the visits 56 days apart," she said. "Therefore, it is very important that other people make a special effort to give on Monday."

The goal for Monday's visit is 150 pints.

## 'Lost' Tracy Black Turns Up Safe, Awake

A six-year-old Kings Mountain girl thought to have been lost or kidnapped turned up safe and wide awake Monday morning after spending Sunday night in the attic of her next door neighbor's house.

Tracy Michele Black was the subject of a search that began around 11 p.m. Sunday night and lasted until she appeared in the home of Mrs. Joy Lawson at 10 a.m. Monday.

Around 150 police officers, rescue personnel, friends and neighbors, and other volunteers searched the entire area of her Lynn Drive home near East School.

According to police, Tracy left her home during an argument between her mother, Debbie Black, and her boyfriend, Jerry Lawson, and went next door to

Jerry's mother's home. Mrs. Lawson left the house momentarily to check on the couple and when she returned, Tracy was gone. Tracy apparently entered a closet and climbed into the attic and went to sleep.

The Lawson house--except for the attic--was searched numerous times the night before. A search of the entire area, including woods, ditches and knocking on doors, continued until about 4 a.m., Detective Robert Dodge of the Kings Mountain Police Department said. When no evidence of Tracy's whereabouts was turned up, the search was discontinued until the next morning, except by Ricky McDaniel of the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, who is related to the girl. He continued to search on his own until Tracy was found.

## You Can Win Prizes In Herald 'Free For All'

Hey, kids! Adults! Anyone with a little spare time on your hands! **The Herald** has something for you.

Beginning today, we are beginning a "Free For All" subscription drive which you can cash in on.

Here's how it works. Anyone selling 20 new subscriptions to the **Kings Mountain Herald** during the month of August may have their pick of a number of prizes, including bicycles, an AM/FM eight-track audio stereo tape player with AM/FM radio, a Kitchen Aid food waste disposer, or an AM/FM stereo radio. Or, if you prefer cash, you may earn one-half of each sale you make.

A full page advertisement on page 10-B of today's **Herald** explains the subscription drive.

Any persons interested in selling are urged to come by our office on East King Street between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. There is no age limit but children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Subscription rates are \$8.32 a year for North Carolina residents and \$9.36 a year for out-of-state residents.