

## Grover Board Takes Oath, Makes Administrative Changes

Grover's newly-elected town council took the oath of office Monday night at Grover Town Hall and immediately approved two administration changes.

Vickie Smith, who is serving her first term of office, was named to replace Gloria Horton as town clerk, and Mayor Bill McCarter was given the duties of town finance officer, a post he held for years before being replaced during the past administration.

But Mrs. Smith's term as town clerk may be short-lived, as she has requested a special meeting of the board for next Tuesday night to talk about the situation.

She said she was led to believe Monday night that town clerk is a title only, and that Mrs. Horton would continue to carry out the clerk's duties.

"But, I have had second thoughts about it," she said, "and I feel like the position will take a full-time employee."

Mrs. Smith, who is employed full-time at First Citizens Bank and Trust Company in Kings Mountain, questioned the motion of commissioner Bill Camp Monday night, but said she was told by McCarter that Mrs. Horton would continue to carry out the clerk's duties.

However, Mrs. Smith took some books home with her following Monday's meeting and after reading them, changed her mind.

"It is more detailed work than I realized and was led to believe," she said. "If Gloria has done a good job I don't think she should be removed from the position. And if she's doing the job, she should have the title."



VICKIE SMITH

Mrs. Smith said that during the meeting she was under the impression that the position had to be filled by one of the five commissioners. "I'm new at this," she said, "and being inexperienced, I feel it would be too much of a job for me."

As finance officer, McCarter replaces Ronald Queen, the only one of the five incumbent commissioners elected during the November 6 election.

McCarter was replaced as



BILL McCARTER

finance officer in the midst of the past administration. Those duties were first given to Edward Philbeck, and then to Queen when Philbeck resigned.

In other administrative appointments, Camp was named Mayor Pro Tem and Queen was asked to oversee the town's water system.

The board did not appoint individual commissioners to specific duties. In the past, individual commissioners were

assigned such duties as street commissioner, police commissioner and water commissioner, but the board agreed that those assignments would be handled by the entire board in the future.

Queen's responsibilities with the water department will be in emergency situations only.

The outgoing board held a brief meeting prior to the swearing in ceremonies and approved a request to gravel the parking lot at the Grover Fire Department and the new Police Department.

The board discussed several other items, but took no action.

Local druggist Quint McCoy expressed appreciation to each outgoing commissioner for their service to the town during the past two years and asked the council to re-establish prayer in to the town meetings.

Larry Crocker, who is in the process of organizing a youth basketball league, asked the council to consider furnishing and maintaining facilities for youth athletic teams.

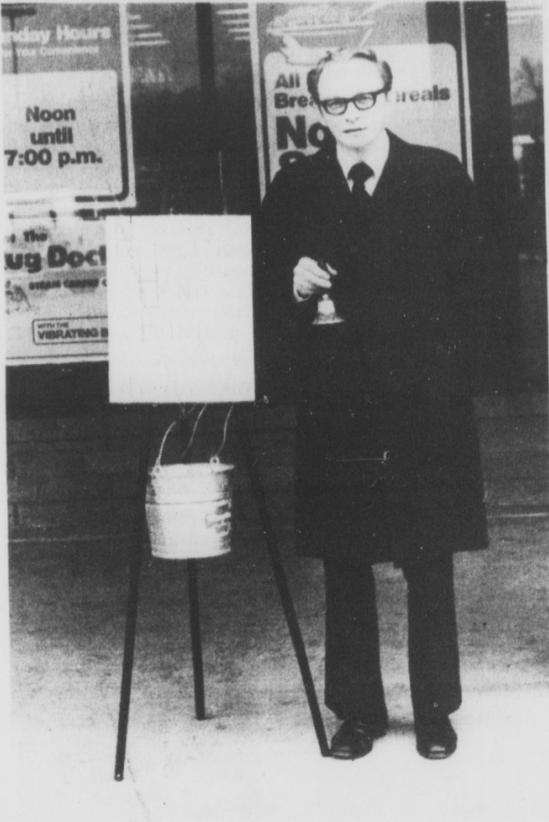


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**HELPING HAND** - Rev. Mark Roberson, pastor of Kings Mountain Pentecostal Holiness Church and chairman of the Helping Hand Fund's bell-ringing committee, is pictured above ringing the bell for donations at Harris-Teeter on East King Street. Members of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association will ring the bells Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week and next to seek donations to the Helping Hand Fund, which provides year-round assistance to needy families in the Kings Mountain area.

## Ministers To Ring Bells To Aid Needy Families

The Kings Mountain Ministerial Association will hold its annual Helping Hand bell ringing at Kings Mountain shopping centers December 10, 11 and 12 and December 17, 18 and 19.

Bell-ringing stands will be set up in front of TG&Y at the Westgate Plaza, Ray's Drug at the KM Plaza, and Harris-Teeter on East King Street.

All donations will go to the Ministerial Association's Helping Hand Fund, which provides food and other essentials to needy families in the Greater Kings Mountain area.

The Helping Hand Fund is a year-round program which depends entirely on donations for its operation.

The program is overseen by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association and one full-time staff person, Mrs. Diane Davis.

## What's Happening

### Grover Parade

The annual Grover Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Grover Fire Department, will be held Friday at 4 p.m.

The parade will lineup on Highway 226 at Bethany Baptist Church and proceed on 226 to Main Street. There, it will turn south and go through the main part of town, and then turn right and disband in the area of the Grover Medical Clinics.

There are 115 units entered, including six high school bands. Bill Dollar, popular WSOB radio disc jockey, will be the grand marshal.

Bands include the Rambling Rebels, and high school bands from Kings Mountain, Gaffney, Chesnee, Clover and Blacksburg.

Some of the floats entered are from Grover School, Kings Mountain banks, Jim Testa Chevrolet, Grover Fire Department, and Grover mills.

There will be a number of old cars, clowns, Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Smokey the Bear, and, of course, Santa Claus.

### Free Concert

Choral groups from Kings Mountain Junior and Senior High Schools will present a free concert Thursday at 8 p.m. at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Participating will be the Junior High Ninth Grade Chorus, the Senior High Ensemble and the Senior High Chorale.

All will be under the direction of Gene Bumgardner, KMHS chorus director, and accompanied by Jerri Patterson and Angel Allen.

Over 160 students will be singing.

The program will consist of Christmas music and will include such traditional selections as "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and "Have Yourself A Merry Christmas."

The public is invited to attend.

### North Program

North School fifth graders will present a Christmas program "The Fifth Grade Scrooge" Thursday at 7 p.m. in the North School auditorium.

The musical will be under the direction of Mrs. Shirley Austin, music director for the Kings Mountain elementary schools, and North teachers Mrs. Ann Scism, Mrs. Beth Fender and Mrs. Connie Bell.

The cast of characters include Travis Wells, Father; Kim Scism, Mother; Rame Eskridge, David; Anissa Jones, Kim; Dana Whetstone, Mary; Rusty Bumgardner, Mike; Carolyn McSwain, Susan; Derek Reese, Jason; Jackie Plonk, Mrs. Hearing; Michael Jenkins, Mr. Badguy; James Adams, Mr. Goodguy; and Principal C.A. Allison, the Minister.

The public is invited to attend.

### Carol Singing

Familiar sounds of the Christmas season may be heard Friday, December 11, from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. when eight local girl scout troops sing Christmas carols on the steps of Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

The girls and their troop leaders invite all the community to come and join in singing their favorite carols.

Also, at this time the girls will trim a tree for the birds which is an annual project.

Rain date for this event will be December 18.

### PTO Program

The kindergarten, first and second grades of Grover School will present the annual PTO Christmas program on Tues., Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. All parents of Grover School children and others in the community are invited to attend.

### LT Auditions

Auditions for the upcoming Kings Mountain Little Theatre production of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown", a musical to be directed by Debbie Rushing, will be held Sat., Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. at the Park Grace Auditorium.

Performances are scheduled for February 18-21. Rehearsals will begin on December 16.

There are six major roles (two females and four males) and all but one have solos. There will also be a singing chorus.

Any young people between the ages of 10 and 18 are invited to audition and must be willing to sing or willing to learn to sing. The production will be funded by a North Carolina Grassroots Grant.

### Sertoma Award

The Kings Mountain Sertoma Club's first annual Sertoma Service To Mankind Award Banquet will be held Thurs., Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. at Hank's Steak and Chicken Ranch.

Dr. Harris Blair, a club member and retired minister, will be the speaker for the evening. Dr. Blair is well-known for his humorous but meaningful sermons and speeches.

The climax of the evening will be the presentation of the club's Service to Mankind Award for 1981.

Any persons interested in attending should contact Lynn Welborn at 739-3325.

### Toys Needed

Kings Mountain Fire Department is still in need of new and used toys to distribute to needy children at Christmas. Any persons interested in donating toys, or money to purchase parts to repair used toys, are urged to call Chief Gene Tignor at 739-2552.



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**AWARD WINNERS** - Larry McDaniel, right, chief of the Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department, poses with winners of special awards at Saturday night's annual Christmas dinner.

Left to right are Tim Echols, Fireman of the Year; Fred Tate, Special Service Award winner; and outgoing chief Don Graham, Special Award of Appreciation.

## Echols Fireman Of Year

Tim Echols was honored as Fireman of the Year at Bethlehem Fire Department's annual Christmas dinner Saturday night at the fire department.

Echols is the fourth fireman honored. The other three were Harold Dean Farris, Don Graham and Larry McDaniel.

Echols, a math teacher and coach at Kings Mountain High School, has been with the department for four years and has served as chairman of the social committee for three years.

He is married to the former Lynn McDaniel and has one child, Lee Edward, three months old.

First Baptist Church in Grover, was guest speaker.

Officers for 1982 were announced. They include Larry McDaniel, chief; Brent Leigh, first assistant chief; Jeff Dixon, second assistant chief; Don Sellers, secretary; Harold Dean Farris, treasurer and chaplain; Tim Echols and Ken Bridges, captains; and David McDaniel, Bob Hullender, Warren Falls and Paul Farris, lieutenants.

Members of the board of directors are Bob Hullender, chairman; Jim Yarboro, vice chairman; Ken Bridges, Don Sellers, Harold Farris, Tim Echols and Brent Leigh.

"He worked hard, has done a good job and deserves the award," said Larry McDaniel, who presented it.

Echols said his job "is easier because of the people who help."

Two other awards were given Saturday.

Fred Tate, former chief and chairman of the board of directors, was given a special award for outstanding service to the department, and Don Graham, who is stepping down after six years as chief, was given a special appreciation award.

Rev. Paul Sorrells, pastor of Beaver Dam Baptist Church of Swainsville and former pastor of

## DSA Deadline Monday

Monday is the deadline for nominations for the Kings Mountain Jaycees Distinguished Service Award.

The annual DSA banquet is scheduled for January 9 at the Holiday Inn. H.A. Thompson, popular WBT-Charlotte radio personality, will be the guest speaker.

Thompson is one of America's premiere midday personalities and is a genuine on-air friend with a contagious enthusiasm for his city and listeners.

His daily audience surveys draw crazy comments on topics ranging from when you know the honeymoon is over to junk food fetishes. Frequent special



H.A. THOMPSON

guests have run the gamut from Burt Reynolds to Miss America to Vidal Sassoon.

He is in constant demand as a commercial voice talent, emcee and motivational speaker. He's also the first in line to greet visitors to WBT's charitable World's Largest Attic Sale or turn his toes purple at the York County Grape Festival.

All area citizens may make nominations for the DSA Award. Applications may be picked up from Louie Sabetti at the C&S Mart on Battleground Avenue.

Any persons between the ages of 18 and 35 who live in the

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