

1981 Year Of Triumph And Tragedy

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A record \$12,320,200 budget was approved by the City Board of Commissioners, and the board maintained the ad valorem tax rate of 50 cents per \$100 valuation.

Rev. M.L. Campbell appeared at a city board meeting to question why the city hires from outside Kings Mountain at what he termed "the expense of qualified workers within."

Dr. Paul E. Hendricks, 68, well-known Kings Mountain physician, died of a heart attack while on a vacation trip to Pawleys Island, S.C.

Rev. Kenneth E. Looney, who grew up in the Grover-Kings Mountain area and was a member of the Kings Mountain Church of God, assumed pastorate duties at the Kings Mountain Church of God.

James Meldeau Stoll Jr., 54, of 1015 Sherwood Lane, a former KMHS teacher, died.

Martha Wright, director of Child Nutrition Services for the Kings Mountain Schools since 1972, was elected President of the N.C. School Food Services Association.

JULY

Franklin Ware, 65, Kings Mountain native, retired after 35 years with the Employment Security Commission. He was manager of the Shelby office for 14 years.

The Kings Mountain Herald announced that it would return to a weekly publication. Herald Co-Editor Lib Stewart was named editor of the Cherryville Eagle.

The City Commission approved a \$218,248.32 bid from P&M Construction Company of Shelby to build a gas transmission line from Transco to the city regulator station.

Grover Mayor Bill McCarter threatened town council members with a "friendly suit" after the council voted unanimously not to reimburse him for some seeding work he had done on Carolina Avenue.

Dr. Jeff Mauney and Jim Lee Yarbro were elected as two new members of the Kings Mountain Hospital Board of Trustees, replacing John L. McGill and Carl F. Mauney.

Dr. Philip Grover Padgett, 70, of 605 North Piedmont Avenue, died. He practiced medicine in Kings Mountain from 1940 until he retired in 1978.

Dr. Everette Bernard Thombs announced the opening of his offices for the practice of internal medicine at 103 West King Street.

A weekend break-in at McGinnis Furniture resulted in the loss of six Zenith televisions valued at \$2,428.

The Herald learned that the State Utilities Commission had been trying since 1971 to get the city of Kings Mountain to update its gas system.

Dr. John C. McGill of Kings Mountain was one of five persons elected to six year terms on the Board of Trustees at Erskine College.

Clara Martin Merck, 51, of Kings Mountain, was shot to death in what police called an attempted murder suicide. Her husband, Charles Merck, died later.

New box numbers for rural mail route customers went into effect.

Kings Mountain Sertoma Club received its organizational charter.

City commissioners approved advertisement for bids for an estimated \$65,000 water project in District Four and a \$10,000 project in District Three.

John F. Cissell, a Kings Mountain National Park ranger who was credited with saving the life of Grover School student Kelli Harry last December, was honored in 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, and signed by President Reagan.

Wade H. Tyner Jr. and Nancy Scism were elected to the Board of Directors at Home Savings and Loan.

Six-year-old Tracy Black, thought to have been lost or kidnapped, turned up safe and wide awake after spending the night in the attic of her next door neighbor's house. She apparently left her home during an argu-

ment between her mother, Debbie Black, and her boyfriend, Jerry Lawson.

AUGUST

Asheville defeated Kings Mountain for the championship of the Senior Babe Ruth State Tournament at Lancaster Field.

A 25-year-old Kings Mountain man, Joseph Lee Morrow, was beaten, stabbed and left for dead near Myrtle Beach, S.C.

KMHS teacher Kenneth Blanton and two other men were indicted by a federal grand jury in Charlotte on three counts of violating federal weapons laws.

Kings Mountain police investigated a break-in at Herald Publishing Company.

Kings Mountain Convalescent Center was awarded a certificate of accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

Jerry L. Eskridge and Coleman W. Goforth were named to the local board of directors of First Citizens Bank.

Dr. Thomas Breeden, gynecologist, of Gastonia, announced he will be alternating the use of an office with Dr. John Brooks, allergy specialist, at 608 West King Street.

Filing began for the October 6 election of three Kings Mountain city commissioners.

The City Board approved a \$36,300 traffic signalization project and temporary detouring of truck traffic onto Cansler Street until the bypass work on Piedmont Avenue is complete.

Senator Ollie Harris was re-appointed to a two-year term on the Mental Health Study Commission.

Kings Mountain School Board approved a 10 cents per plate increase in the price of school lunches.

O.C. Kiser, chief operator of the T.J. Ellison Water Plant, was named Clas B Water Plant Operator of the Year in North Carolina.

James Dickey, Jan Deaton, Johnnie Caldwell and Curt Gafney filed for city commissioner seats.

School opened for over 4,000 Kings Mountain district students.

Kings Mountain commissioners approved a natural gas reduction of seven percent, but Commissioner Jim Childers said "it should have been more."

Kings Mountain Hospital announced an increase in room rates of approximately \$28 per room.

District Two commissioner Humes Houston filed for reelection.

William Steven Wells, Kings Mountain teacher, assumed the presidency of the N.C. Association of Classroom Teachers.

Lt. Gov. Jimm Green announced the appointment of Senator Ollie Harris to a two year term on the Child and Family Service Interagency Committee.

SEPTEMBER

Kings Mountain United Fund kicked off a \$62,150 fund drive.

William Orr and Johnny A. Ross filed for city commissioner seats.

Cleveland County Unit of the American Cancer Society completed its annual fund drive and reported donations of \$40,347. The goal was \$40,000.

The city board passed a resolution authorizing Mayor John Moss to ask the N.C. Housing Finance Agency to set aside \$3 million to assist city residents in mortgaging of new homes.

Jacob G. Hord, 78, of Shelby Road, died. He was a retired groceryman and a member of the first Kings Mountain High football team.

Jerry Ledford announced that he would run for the Kings Mountain Board of Education.

Kings Mountain Baptist Church held dedication services in its renovated sanctuary.

C.A. (Gus) Huffstetler, Chief Deputy of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, died after several weeks illness.

Jim Testa, owner of the Kings Mountain Truck Plaza and Jim Testa Racing Team, announced that he had purchased Jerry Nation Chevrolet and had begun clearing for construction of a new facility on York Road.

Bill McCarter filed for reelection as Grover Mayor and Grady Ross filed for one of five seats on the Grover Town Council.

Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners approved a plan which would re-align East and West Gd.

Richard Greene resigned as Central School principal to take a newly-created position as Administrative Coordinator of the N.C. Alternative Energy Corporation Electrical Load Management Program.

A hunting accident was fatal to Louis Sabetti Sr., 59, well-known insurance man and community leader.

The City Elections Board learned that John Ross lives in District Six and would have to run for a District Six commissioner's seat. He earlier filed for the District Five seat.

OCTOBER

The City Board adopted the hydro-electric plant project for Moss Lake and authorized Mayor John Moss to develop a financing plan.

The late Louis Sabetti Sr. was posthumously honored as Volunteer of the Year by the Cleveland County Unit of the American Cancer Society. His son, Lou Sabetti Jr., accepted the award.

The city board learned that the re-alignment of Gold Street would cost over \$300,000.

Rev. C.C. Crow, 81, of Kings Mountain died. He was a long-time Baptist minister in Cleveland and Rutherford counties.

Humes Houston and Curt Gaffney won seats on the city board of commissioners but Jim Dickey and Jan Deaton will have a runoff on November 3.

Fiber announced that it would discontinue the production of textured polyester filament yarns at its Shelby and Greenville plants by December 31, 1982, and approximately 1,250 Shelby and 260 Greenville jobs would be eliminated.

Seventeen year old John Ferri of Charlotte was injured when he lost his footing and fell 50 feet while climbing the Kings Mountain Pinnacle.

The N.C. Symphony announced a performance at Barnes Auditorium.

Martha Byers filed to run for Mayor in Grover. Filing for commissioners were Juanita Pruitt, Ronald Queen, Quay Moss, Edward Philbeck, Kenneth Anthony, Bill Camp, Thomas Childers, James Grindstaff, J.N. howell, Dennis McDaniel and Vickie Smith.

Glenda O'Shields was named principal at Central School.

Kings Mountain Police Officers Richard Reynolds and Robert Dodge were awarded the Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate, the highest certificate awarded by the N.C. Criminal Justice Training and Standards Council.

Kings Mountain teacher Kenneth Blanton was sentenced to 18 months in federal prison after pleading guilty to one count of possession of an unregistered firearm. He plead guilty to the charge in exchange for dismissal of two charges of aiding and abetting possession of unregistered firearms and aiding and abetting transfer of an unregistered firearm.

The three Cleveland County school boards met in Shelby to discuss the possibility of studying a merger of the three administrations.

Governor Jim Hunt announced that Kings Mountain was a winner of the Governor's Community of Excellence Award for the second straight year.

Twelve-year-old Scott Carigan of Ocala, Fla., formerly of Kings Mountain, died of leukemia.

Kings Mountain United Fund held its victory diner and announced pledges of \$67,587.17.

Governor Hunt named Mayor John Moss to the Governor's Crime Commission.

Judge Woodrow Jones changed his mind on the sentence of KM teacher Kenneth Blanton and gave Blanton a suspended sentence and a \$5,000 fine for his conviction of possession of unregistered machine guns. He was earlier sentenced to 18 months active sentence. The judge said he had received a number of letters and character references and since Blanton had no previous record, he felt he should change his decision.

NOVEMBER

Incumbent James Dickey defeated Jan Deaton for the District Six seat on the Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners and Jerry Ledford and June Lee were elected to the Kings Mountain School Board.

Bill McCarter was re-elected mayor in Grover, defeating Mar-

tha Byers by a vote of 100 to 98. Vickie Smith, Ronald Queen, Bill Camp, J.N. Howell and Dennis McDaniel were elected commissioners.

Grover Town Council approved closing an 873-foot portion of Maple Avenue at the request of Minette Mills and Grover Industries, which anticipate future expansion. Commissioners Martha Byers and Edward Philbeck voted against the motion.

Ed Gavin, attorney with the N.C. Dept. of Natural Resources, promised landowners in the Kings Creek area south of Kings Mountain, that the state will begin an investigation into what is causing fish kills, dirty water and odors in the creek.

Shelby School Board went on record as approving a study of merger of the three county school systems.

Kings Mountain Lions Club presented District Governor Neal Alexander Jr. a check for \$2,84 for its contribution to the Lions annual White Cane drive.

Mrs. Hazel Fryer retired after nine years as director of Mauney Memorial Library.

Mrs. Sara Mae Beam, 82, longtime Kings Mountain resident, died.

Kings Mountain Commissioners approved of the city and the Kings Mountain Development Corporation entering into a contract to construct a gas line to provide natural gas for Reliance Electric and Bethware School.

Greg Payseur, eighth grade science teacher at Kings Mountain Junior High, was named assistant principal at Central School.

The city of Kings Mountain lost its two law suits in Cleveland County Civil Court. A jury ruled that the city must pay \$23,300 to Cecil's Inc., of Spartanburg, which built the new city hall. Kings Mountain's counter suit of \$65,000 was dismissed by Judge John Friday.

Dawn Hambright of Grover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hambright, represented KMHS in the Carolinas Carrousel Parade in Charlotte.

Kings Mountain School Board voted unanimously not to participate in a merger feasibility study of the three county school systems.

DECEMBER

Derrick Lewis Freeman, 23, of Shelby, night clerk at the Holiday Inn in Kings Mountain, was robbed, abducted and taken to a remote area of Gaston County and shot. He escaped when his two attackers became entangled in some vines and fallen trees and ran a half mile to a farmhouse.

Sunday's Christmas parade, sponsored by Kings Mountain firemen, the city of Kings Mountain, and the Merchants Association, was well-attended.

The new Grover Town Council took the oath of office, and immediately made two ad-

ministrative changes. Vickie Smith was appointed town clerk, replacing Gloria Horton, and Mayor Bill McCarter was named office manager and finance officer. Mrs. Smith, who later learned the duties of town clerk, requested a special meeting to resign the position.

Tim Echols was named Bethlehem Fire Department's Fireman of the Year. Fred Tate, former chief and chairman of the board, was given a special service award and Don Graham, outgoing chief, was given a special appreciation award.

Kings Mountain City Board approved a 12.1 percent electrical rate increase. Mayor John Moss later named a special committee to study a pay plan for senior citizens.

Willard Jarbrough was named Kings Mountain's Fireman of the Year at the annual Police-Fire Christmas dinner.

Commissioners Jim Childers, Bill Grissom and Norman King attended the National League of Cities meeting in Detroit.

Commissioners Curt Gaffney, Humes Houston and Jim Dickey took the oath of office. Houston was elected mayor pro tempore.

June Lee and Jerry Ledford took the oath of office for the Kings Mountain Board of Education. Mrs. Lee was elected chairman.

Rev. Kelly Dixon was named the first winner of the Kings Mountain Sertoma Club's Service to Mankind Award.

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