

## Scavenger Hunt

### People Grab Food Quicker Than Trucker Can Dump It

Cleveland County deputies had to be called to the trash dump on Margrace-Midpines Road Tuesday night to stop scavengers from stealing possibly contaminated french fries and cookies being dumped there by two truck drivers from Carolina Western Express.

The unidentified truck drivers, acting on company orders, began dumping the food around 4:30 p.m. Within minutes people began arriving at the dump and were loading the food on pickup trucks and hauling it away.

The drivers warned the people that maybe the food was contaminated, but as the word spread, more and more scavengers arrived and the Sheriff's Department was called.

Officers Vickie Howard and Shirley Pruitt arrived about 5:30, and Sgt. Pruitt estimated at that time about 75 persons were hauling food away.

As the deputies pulled up, a pickup truck pulled out of the area and was fully-loaded with french fries. The officers tried to stop the vehicle, but Sgt. Pruitt said the driver shouted "I've got enough" and pulled off. She got the tag number.

The deputies said they had no trouble getting the point across to the people that maybe the food was contaminated and it was unlawful for them to take it out of the trash dumpsters.

But, obviously, it was their uniforms which helped get the point across. The drivers said they had tried to get the word across during the whole ordeal but were paid no attention. Some of the scavengers even tried to persuade the drivers to hand them the food so they wouldn't have to get in the dumpsters and get it out.

"We just work for the company," one driver said. "They sent us to dispose of it."

Sgt. Pruitt noted that both the dumping of food into trash dumpsters and the scavenging of trash dumpsters are illegal, but her main concern was the people who had hauled food away and the possible sickness they will encounter if they consume it.

"We're going to have some sick folks," Sgt. Pruitt said. "They ought to know people are not going to dump food if it's good."

"The drivers have been very nice," she went on. "They tried to explain to the people that the food could be contaminated and that they shouldn't take it."

"The majority of the people we've talked to understood and were real nice," she added. "Some of those who carried food away probably didn't know it could be contaminated."

One of the drivers said the tractor-trailer was full of french fries and cookies. "If it was full," Sgt. Pruitt said, "three-fourths (of the food) was already gone before we got here."

One man, who asked not to be identified, said some of the food was taken to a nearby grocery store and put in freezers.

"The Health Department might raise Cain about them dumping food in the trash containers," Sgt. Pruitt said. "But the drivers are just doing what they were told. The sad thing is that some people might eat contaminated food."

The officers said traffic on Margrace-Midpines Road was "hectic", and much heavier than normal. People who were unaware what was going on and

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Trucker throws food into trash dump....

## What Does The New Year Hold For Kings Mountain?

What lies in store for Kings Mountain in 1982?

Things aren't promising at present, but by summer, experts say the country will be coming out of what is now called a light recession, and the outlook will be much brighter.

Mayor John Henry Moss hopes 1982 will bring at least two new industries to the city, meaning more jobs for people who are currently unemployed because of recent layoffs at Fiber and other companies. And he also hopes 1982 will be a year when Kings Mountain can cash in on some more Community Development Block Grants, which in the future will be distributed by the states instead of the federal government.

But, keeping in mind the reality that grant money will not be as easy to get as in years past, he feels this could also be the year

that local businesses and individuals begin to work together to evaluate the needs of the community, and plan together the best methods of bringing those projects to reality.

Moss fell short of his number one prediction of a year ago, that 1,000 new jobs would be opened up for area citizens because of the recruitment of new industries and expansion of existing ones.

But, he didn't fall far short, as Commercial Shearing began full operation, and new industries such as Sulzer, Reliance Electric and Great Dominion Corporation began initial hiring. As those companies move into full operation in the near future, many more jobs will become available.

Moss says the city is presently negotiating with two industries, who hope to announce plans to build here later this year.

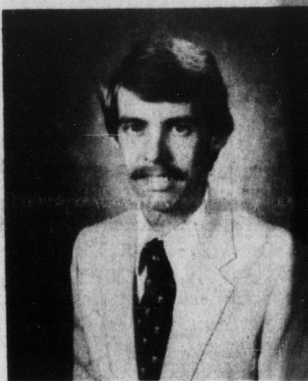
"They are facing the industrial expansion financing problems as are most other corporations," Moss said, "but I hope by mid-year the financing picture will be brighter and we will be able to complete negotiations for locating those companies in Kings Mountain."

The city plans to submit applications for a Community Development Small Cities Grant and will explore an Urban Renewal grant program for assisting economic development programs designed to create new jobs.

Housing will continue to be a high priority. Moss said the city has been working with the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency in hopes that plans can be finalized for development of single-family homes. The city last year requested that the Agency set aside \$3 million for Kings Mountain in that program.

"I plan to put forth considerable effort to encourage citizens activities to accomplish community needs," Moss said. "This will be a new approach to do with local talent and resources the things that are determined as needs and desires by the citizens of Kings Mountain. I believe this new innovative approach for community development will be one that offers Kings Mountain and other

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DR. DOUGLAS STOVER

### Dr. Stover Opens Office On W. King

Dr. Douglas Lee Stover has opened an office for the practice of dentistry at the Kings Mountain Professional Park on West King Street.

Dr. Stover is single and resides at 4712 Little Mountain Road, Gastonia. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil R. Stover of Gastonia.

Dr. Stover is a graduate of Ashbrook High School and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he received a B.A. in Chemistry in 1977 and was President of Sigma Chi Fraternity.

He graduated from Emory Dental School in 1981, and

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## DSA Banquet Saturday

The third annual Kings Mountain Jaycees Distinguished Service Award Banquet will be held Saturday night at the Holiday Inn.

Guest speaker for the event will be H.A. Thompson, popular WBT Radio personality.

Highlight of the night will be the presentation of the DSA Young Man of the Year Award, which annually goes to a man of Jaycee age (18 to 36) who has made outstanding contributions to the community.

This year's DSA nominees are Tom Franks, Physical Therapist at Kings Mountain Hospital, and John Cissell, a ranger at

Kings Mountain National Military Park.

Franks has been active in a number of Jaycee projects, has served on the Board of Directors of the Cleveland County Red Cross, is active in the Medical Explorers at Kings Mountain Hospital, the Kings Mountain Little Theatre and youth activities at Kings Mountain High School and Temple Baptist Church.

Cissell is active in the Sierra Club, the American Red Cross, Antioch Volunteer Fire Department and First Baptist Church of Grover.

Last year he received the Red

Cross Certificate of Merit, the highest award given by the American Red Cross, for his efforts in saving the life of Grover School student Kelli Harry after she was struck by a pickup truck in front of Grover School in December of 1980.

The previous two winners of the DSA Award were Lyn Cheshire and Corky Fulton.

Other awards to be presented include the Outstanding Young Educator, Outstanding Young Fireman, Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer, Outstanding Young Farmer and Outstanding Young Rescuer.

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## Chamber Banquet Set

The annual Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association banquet will be held Tues., Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

John Ed Davis of Shelby, a popular after-dinner entertainer for over 30 years, will provide the entertainment.

Davis has presented his show in both Carolinas, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia, and has entertained and served as Master of Ceremonies at Lions International Conventions in Toronto, Canada, and Tokyo, Japan.

An N.C. State graduate and World War II veteran, he has been active in a number of community activities in Shelby and Cleveland County. He is currently on the Board of Directors of the United Fund and is a member of the Christian Service Organization at Gardner-Webb College.

He is a past recipient of the Shelby Jaycees Distinguished Service Award, past President of the North Carolina Eye Bank, has served as President of the N.C. Association for the Blind, is a past District Governor of

Lions International during which time he was Chairman of the State Council of District Governors, is a past district chairman for Boy Scouts, and was Shelby's Citizen of the Year in 1973.

Davis, who is retired after more than 31 years of service with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and eight years as a construction contractor, is an active member of First Baptist Church, Shelby, where he serves as a deacon. He is married and has three daughters.

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**LISTING TAXES** - One of the busiest places in Kings Mountain during the month of January will be the lobby of the Governmental Services Facilities Center (new city hall), where citizens will be listing their city and county taxes for 1982. Tax listers will be there each Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. They will be at the Grover Rescue Squad on

Sat., Jan. 9, and Sat., Jan. 23, from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Harold Riddle of Kings Mountain was the first person to list his taxes this year. He was waiting at the city hall when the listers arrived Monday morning, and beat the heavy traffic pictured above at mid-morning.

## Design Patch, Win \$50

Kings Mountain Rescue Squad is re-designing its patch for the first time in 21 years and is offering a \$50 prize to some talented person who comes up with the best design.

The deadline for entering your design is February 10 and the winner will be announced on February 15. Entries may be mailed to the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 362, Kings Mountain, or taken by the squad headquarters on East Parker Street.

Here is the basic information needed on the patch:

The patch must be 4 1/2" by 4 1/2" and include the following: Kings Mountain Rescue Squad. Founded 1958. And it must have some green color in it.

If additional information is needed, call 739-2141.

Persons affiliated in any way with the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad are not eligible to enter.