

KINGS MOUNTAIN
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Talented
Youngsters
To Perform

Plans are underway by the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club for the 20th annual Kiwanis Club Talent Show to be held in B. N. Barnes auditorium on April 21 and April 28.

Proceeds from this year's event are earmarked for the Food Bank sponsored by KM Ministerial Association, the "Greater Years" program of Senior Citizens and to buy tennis court equipment for the Kings Mountain Senior High School.

President Bill Grissom said the civic club has contributed nearly \$43,000 over the years to community service projects from the schools talent event, always a highlight of student activities for youth.

Churches
Sponsor
Bus Trip

Central United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church and Resurrection Lutheran Church will jointly sponsor a bus trip to the Friday night service of the Billy Graham Crusade in Asheville. The crusade began Wednesday and the group from Kings Mountain will go on Friday, March 25.

The group will be transported on the First Presbyterian Church Bus and the Central United Methodist Church Van. The two vehicles have a capacity of 51 passengers.

The three host churches issue an invitation to all persons in the community who would like to attend the Friday night service of the crusade to make reservations as space will allow. To make your reservation, call the office of either church: Central Methodist, 739-2471; First Presbyterian, 739-2121; Resurrection Lutheran, 739-5580.

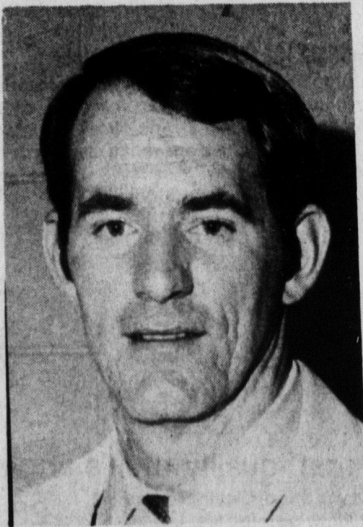
The buses will depart from First Presbyterian Church at 4:30 p. m. Friday. The cost of the trip (gas money only) will be one dollar per person. Each person is asked to eat an early supper and carry a snack or take along a bag supper.

Rev. Putnam Called
To Pastor In Dallas

Rev. Dale Putnam of Kings Mountain has been called as the first full-time pastor of Maranatha Baptist Church of Dallas.

Maranatha, which has 72 members, was organized in October and has had supply pastors until February, when it called Rev. Putnam.

The church is located on Downey Lake Road, north of Dallas on the



REV. DALE PUTNAM



POPPY PRESENTATION — Governor James B. Hunt holds Little Miss Poppy Leigh Anne Stewart as Lynn Grigg, Junior Miss Poppy, standing at left, and Jeff Grigg look on at the Governor's office at the Capitol. Representing the state American Legion Auxiliary, the Kings Mountain young people are nieces

and nephew of the state auxiliary president. Leigh Anne presented the first memorial poppy made this season by hospitalized veterans to Governor Hunt. Leigh Anne is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stewart and Jeff and Lynn are children of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Grigg, all of Kings Mountain.

Photo By Gary Stewart

Beaunit Trucking
Closing, 46 Jobless

The Kings Mountain Beaunit Trucking Corp. will close at the end of this month, according to a company spokesman in Raleigh.

Steven Timko, executive vice president of Beaunit Corp. said this week, "A group of investors is buying all the assets of Beaunit Industries. They have chosen not to buy the trucking division in Kings Mountain."

The announcement means 46 employees at the Kings Mountain terminal will be without jobs by the end of this month. The group in-

cludes 34 truckers, six mechanics and six office staffers.

Although the group was notified of this action on March 10, William Nolen, manager of corporate trucking for the Kings Mountain division, said, "the announcement was somewhat of a surprise" and that none of the employees here were prepared for a cutoff.

"What we will do for jobs now is a good question," Nolen said.

The Beaunit Corporation, previously owned by the El Paso (Texas) Company, has fiber and fabric plants in North and South Carolina, and Tennessee. Besides the Kings Mountain division, Beaunit has a plant in Lowell (Gaston County).

According to Timko, the Kings Mountain trucking division was formed in 1974 with truckers hauling Beaunit goods all over the southeast.

Timko denied the cutoff at the Kings Mountain terminal had anything to do with the past union troubles here. "This has nothing to do with the unions," Timko said.

"Don't try to read this as an activity against the unions. The old Beaunit operations will not exist. The new owners may retain the same name."

Timko said the new owners are interested only in the manufacturing end of the business and choose not to handle trucking and transportation of their own goods.

Bands Will
Perform At
Barnes Tuesday

The Kings Mountain Junior High Ninth Grade Band and the Kings Mountain Senior High School Blazer Band will present a concert Tuesday night, March 29th, at 8 p. m. in B. N. Barnes Auditorium.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

Both groups will play state contest festival selections.

Christopher Cole will direct the Ninth Grade Band and Donald Deal will direct the KMSHS Blazer Band.

Coronator Bill Still
Bugging Med Society

Dr. Avery McMurry was in Raleigh Wednesday to speak during a hearing on a local bill to increase the powers of Cleveland County's coroner.

Dr. McMurry, a county medical examiner, represented the county medical society Monday by making a request of the county commissioners that they withdraw support of the bill introduced by Sen. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain.

The commissioners took no action on the request at Monday's meeting, however.

The Harris bill, which is backed by the county commissioners and has been introduced in the General Assembly, would allow the county coroner to order removal of a body from the scene of death, to sign death certificates and to order autopsies.

Dr. McMurry charges that the county commissioners gave their support of the bill after hearing only one side of the question and had acted on a medically-related matter without hearing from the medical community.

McMurry said the medical society here is in agreement that there have been problems with the medical examiner system in the past, primarily difficulty in reaching the medical examiners and in coordination among medical examiners, the coroner and agencies involved with them.

He said Senator Harris knew the county medical examiners were working to correct those problems before the senator introduced his bill.

Dr. McMurry also said the medical society strongly objects to the county coroner signing death certificates and ordering autopsies. He said that further the coroner system is "archaic" and many counties in North Carolina are phasing them out. To give the powers asked for in the bill to the coroner would be a step backwards for the county, according to the county medical society.

Sen. Harris said this week that his bill would not allow the county coroner to sign death certificates in deaths of a medical examiner nature, established by state law.

Pentecostal Yard Sale

Pentecostal Holiness Church will sponsor a big yard sale Saturday from 9:30 a. m. until 4 p. m. for

benefit of the church building fund. The church is located at 508 Branch St.

Bethlehem VFD Yard Sale

Bethlehem Ladies Auxiliary of Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor what one spokesman calls a "gigantic yard sale" Saturday beginning at 9 a. m.

The yard sale, featuring an assortment of items, will be held at Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department headquarters.

Holy Ground Mission
To Offer Presentation

Has Noah's Ark been discovered? Was Columbus the first to discover America?

Are we living the last days of life as we know it?

On Tues., Apr. 5 at 7 p. m. at the Kings Mountain National Guard Armory representatives of the Holy Ground Mission will present a program designed to give you their interpretation of these questions and answers.

Mel Barcelo and John Bartels, members of the Holy Ground Mission Community in Texas, will present slides and show data they have gathered over the years doing research into Biblical prophecy.

Several months ago a film company, Sun Classics, released a feature movie entitled "In Search of Noah's Ark." A great deal of the information and photographs and film footage used in that movie was taken from the accumulation of research data gathered by the Holy Ground Mission.

"The movie did not tell all of the story," said Mel Barcelo, "because they were more interested in making a profit from a commercial movie."

There has been some criticism of the movie by consumer advocate David Horowitz of California. He called the film a rip-off saying it did not give definite proof that the object found on a mountain in eastern Turkey was in fact Noah's Ark.

To this John Bartels says, "We feel this movie is a reflection of greater glory to God."

Barcelo and Bartels have participated in eight separate Holy Ground Mission expeditions to Mount Ararat to see the object they believe to be Noah's Ark. The closest they have been to the object is 2,000 feet. From that distance they photographed the object with a telephoto lens.

"We return to Turkey in August," Bartels said, "and this time, if we have God's permission, we will attempt to reach the ark. We want to take drill core samples of the materials to develop further proof of the ark's authenticity."

Interpreting Bible verses, such as Genesis 8:4 and Acts 2:19, the Holy Ground Missionaries believe the world is in its last days and that the final day will come when the prophecies of the Bible are once again revealed to man. By this, Bartels said, "We feel that once the ark is proved to be the one Noah built, when the Holy of Holies and the actual Ten Commandments as handed down to Moses, and when other things foretold in the Bible are once again re-discovered, then Jesus Christ will return to earth."

During their program at the armory next month, Barcelo and Bartels will discuss the copper and clay tablets discovered by archaeologists in Michigan in the early 1900's as proof the Israelites were on this continent long before Columbus.

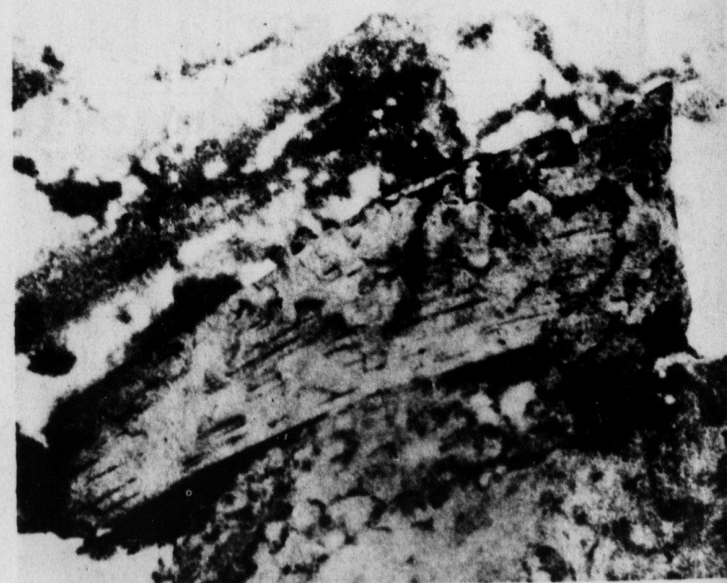
"One of the tablets has been defined as telling the story of Noah,"

Barcelo said. "How did that tablet come to be in this part of the world? It had to be brought here long before Columbus sailed from Italy."

Barcelo mentioned a publication they will have available at their program which gives many facts about the rediscovery of Noah's Ark, about what happened in the Garden of Eden and also of "the perilous times we now live in."

"Noah condemned the world," Barcelo said, "and became heir to righteousness. How did he do this? By exposing the government, the religious and educational system of our day."

The Holy Ground Mission program is free and the public is invited to attend. Following the formal program there will be a question and answer period, according to Barcelo and Bartels.



IS THIS NOAH'S ARK? — This photo was taken by the Holy Ground Mission expedition to eastern Turkey in 1974. It was taken from 2,000 feet away through a telephoto lens. Expedition members believe it reveals a portion of the ark built by Noah. The group plans another expedition in August to attempt to get closer to the precariously perched object on Mount Ararat.