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Harris, Allen, Masters Are In



GRADY HOWARD
... hospital administrator

Howard Honored At KMH

The 200 employees of Kings Mountain Hospital and the Board of Trustees honored Administrator Grady Howard on his silver anniversary with the hospital Monday.

A three-tiered silver anniversary cake was cut and served with punch and cheese straws from 2:30 until 3:30 p. m. in the hospital lobby with members of the Kings Mountain Hospital Auxiliary assisting in entertaining. Mrs. Henry Neisler, Auxiliary president, served punch to visitors and Mrs. Grady Howard cut and served the cake.

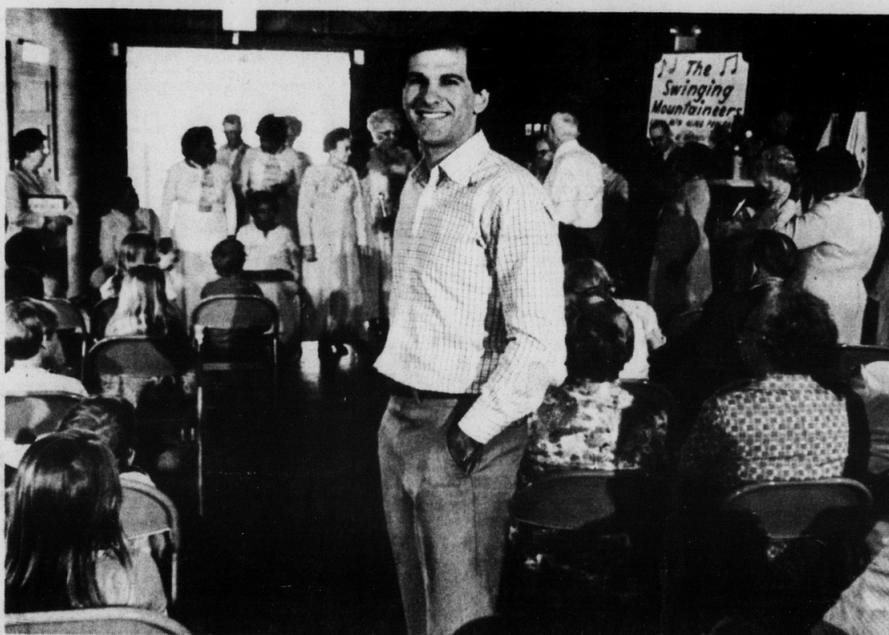
The hospital has grown from a 24 bed facility to 102 beds during the past 25 years with a staff of 200, the expansion encompassing four different building programs.

A native of Lincoln County, Mr. Howard joined the local hospital after a tour of military duty with the U. S. Marines and service with Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. He was educated in the Lincoln schools and Western Carolina University. His wife, the former Susie McGinnis of Kings Mountain, is a veteran Kings Mountain schoolteacher. They are parents of three children and are active in Central United Methodist Church and numerous civic and community affairs.

Mr. Howard was also honored by trustees Monday evening at a dinner at Kings Mountain Country Club. The 40 guests included trustees and their wives and members of the medical staff and their wives.

John L. McGill, chairman of the hospital board, was master of ceremonies and Mrs. Henry Neisler welcomed the group. Tom Tate presented a gift to Mr. Howard from the hosts and entertainment was provided by Rev. Russell Fitts who gave humorous anecdotes relating to Mr. Howard's tenure at the hospital.

The U-shaped dinner tables were arranged with silver tapers and white flowers.



CAROLINA CAMERA - Andrew Schorr, on-camera commentator for WBTV's Carolina Camera, brought his cameraman with him to Kings Mountain recently to film a segment slated for May 17 on Channel Three's 6

p. m. news. Schorr, shown here, will feature the Kings Mountain Aging and Title Seven programs. In the background are The Swinging Mountaineers preparing for scenes for the special film feature.

Photo By Tom McIntyre

Paving, Water Decisions Unsettled At Grover Meet

GROVER - The Town of Grover has been growing "in the direction of Spring Acres" during the past several years as 30 new homes have been constructed in that area.

Mayor W. W. (Bill) McCarter made the statement after Monday night's regular meeting in which requests for water lines and paving for the new development were left unsettled by council members for the second time after a heated discussion.

The matter had been tabled from the previous month's meeting after Bob Hambricht, representing Hambricht & Herndon, had requested water lines and paving for part of the development which he and Councilman Harold Herndon are principal owners. The cost was estimated over a three-year period to cost \$52,103. There are 100 lots in the 69-acre development and 85 are owned by Hambricht and Herndon. Councilwoman Martha Byers wanted to know if the proposal

Hambricht represented a conflict of interest by Herndon

Herndon contended he was making the request for property owners in the area. He says he does not own a home in Spring Acres. He argued that he and Hambricht had paid for half the paving of all the five streets already paved and half the water line expense and had spent more than \$10,000 having underground wires installed for power lines. He also argued that Spring Acres is bringing in revenue for the town, population and new business. "They want to be treated fairly," he said.

Mayor McCarter said after the meeting that of the \$40,000 in property tax collected last year approximately \$29,000 was paid by industry and about one fourth of the remaining was paid by property owners in Springs Acres. McCarter said that some rivalry exists bet-

ween people living in the "old part of town and those in the newly developed area."

There was no motion made. Mr. Herndon's later motion to install four street lights in Spring Acres died for lack of a second.

Councilman Tommy Keeter suggested the board check on other streets that need repaving before obligating the town for the long-range plan.

Mayor McCarter said that policy has been to place street lights at intersections only "and not in between."

The board discussed but took no action on social security coverage for employees and okayed inclusion of Isothermal and Institute of Government memberships in the budget. The board also authorized a pre-application to HUD for a single-purpose grant for the sewage system and approved alley lights for the police car. The board received prices for street signs.

Senator J. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain won renomination to his fourth consecutive term in the N. C. Senate, leading the ticket handily in the 25th Senatorial District of Cleveland, Rutherford, Gaston and Lincoln Counties in Tuesday's Democratic Primary.

A light turn-out of No. 4 Township voters went to the polls and like their Cleveland County neighbors supported all the winners with the exception of the U. S. Senate race where Clevelanders supported second runner John Ingram, the former insurance commissioner. Former Charlotte banker Luther Hodges, Jr. rolled up an early lead in his bid to win the Democratic nomination for the U. S. Senate seat held by Republican Jesse Helms. Ingram is expected to call for a runoff.

L. E. (Josh) Hinnant, Kings Mountain banker, led in the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners race but may have to face C. M. Peeler, second-runner, David M. (Pete) Stamey, and Tommy Bridges, also of Kings Mountain, in a run-off should Stamey, the third place finisher, elect to call. Mr. Stamey, who is associated with the extension

program of Cleveland Tech at Shelby, said yesterday that he is undecided. He has five days in which to call for a run-off. The vote totals were: Hinnant, the incumbent, 4,102; Peeler, the incumbent, 4,003; Stamey, 3,803; Bridges, 2,937; and J. D. (Doc) Turner, 2,633. The two top vote-getters will be elected.

Bennett J. Masters, Harris Funeral Home mortician, won renomination to a second term as Cleveland County Coroner, defeating Dwight Tessner by vote of 5,495 to 4,405.

In the Sheriff's race, the incumbent J. Haywood Allen defeated Charles L. Peeler by vote of 6,389 to 3,979.

Rep. Bob Jones of Rutherford County lost in his bid for renomination to his seat in the 40th District House. Lattimore dentist John J. (Jack) Hunt won nomination, placing third on the ticket which was led by Edith Ledford Lutz, incumbent, who polled 7,223 followed by Robert Z. (Bob) Falls, 6,907; and by Hunt with 6,568. Jones polled 5,249.

Senator Harris led the 25th Senatorial District race with a total of 9,053 votes followed by Marshall A. Rauch of Gastonia with 6,866; Helen Rhyme Marvin of Gastonia with 5,935; and P. W. Bailey with 3,424. The three incumbents face re-election from one Republican candidate in November.

Cleveland County citizens gave Ingram, 4,821 votes on Tuesday and Hodges, 3,147. Other vote totals in the U. S. Senate race were Lawrence Davis, 1133; McNeill Smith, 582; Joe Felmet, 57; William B. Griffin, 75; David McKnight, 163; and Thomas B. Sawyer, 90.

Unofficial returns put the incumbents Robert M. Martin, David M. Britt, and Richard C. Erwin in the winners' columns in the races for associate justice of the supreme court and judge of court of appeals. The Cleveland County votes were: Martin, 5,249; Brock, 3,216; Britt, 5,016; Frazier, 2,932; Erwin, 4,460; and Austin B. Campbell, 3,662.

Both candidates Harris and Masters of Kings Mountain expressed appreciation to local voters for "their tremendous support" in Tuesday's Primary. Harris said he was rather surprised that he led the race in Lincoln County where he had never before "ran beyond third."

Commissioner Hinnant also thanked local voters but expressed disappointment at the small number, 1,237, of Kings Mountain voters who turned out at the polls or 30 percent of the registered Democratic vote in the city.

"It (the commission race) was a clean, hard-fought, close contest between friends," said Hinnant.

Tuesday's voter turnout throughout the state was termed light to moderate by election officials.

Public Is Invited To Depot Meet

The Kings Mountain Business Development Corporation will hold a public meeting Tues., May 9 at 7:30 p. m. at the Depot Center.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive input from area businessmen and citizens on the types of projects the corporation should undertake with proposed Urban Development Action Grant funding.

Information of corporation shares of stock and the cost will also be discussed. Stock share sales is expected to begin following the public meeting next Tuesday.

KMUF Will Take Budgets

The Kings Mountain United Fund board of directors will serve as the budget and admissions committee this month to receive budget requests from participating agencies for the 1979 campaign drive.

The board will meet at 8 p. m. Thurs., May 11 at First Union National Bank. A second meeting is scheduled for 8 p. m. Tues., May 23 in the bank conference room to further discuss and to set up the 1979 United Fund budget.

Surface Drainage Is Constant Problem

By TOM MCINTYRE
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In last Thursday's Mirror-Herald there appeared a photo showing water coursing across private property. It was surface drainage caused by the rain.

The problem is not unique in Kings Mountain since all communities across the country have similar problems. And there is nothing new in stating this.

The problem initially lies in the geography of the land; secondly, it is enhanced when the housing developer builds without regard to the natural flow of surface water; and thirdly, the problem is compounded when the city accepts the subdivision as it stands.

In the past this is what has happened in Kings Mountain. The

evidence is here and can be attested to by any number of disgruntled homeowners who watch their lawns being washed away each time it rains.

In the final analysis very little can be done about correcting the situation if these homeowners are waiting for the city to step in. In the first place it is illegal for the city to do construction work on private property. In the second place it would be physically and financially impossible for the city to even attempt to correct all of the surface drainage ills.

And the homeowner is somewhat tied up legally also because it is illegal to change the lay of the land to divert surface water flow from one drainage area to another.

An individual may dredge out drainage ditches to carry the water

along its natural course, or install pipe to carry the water. But the homeowner must be careful not to cause the drainage to be shifted to another area.

City Engineer Al Moretz said, "The city is like an individual. It has to grow and learn from its mistakes. The older it gets the more it understands the need for rules and regulations, for uniformity, fairness and as much equality as possible.

"Years ago we didn't have a code of ordinances as restrictive as we do now," he continued. "We didn't have as many people nor as much going on as we do now."

Kings Mountain does have very restrictive codes pertaining to subdivision and individual housing construction because such things as surface drainage, something ignored in the past, is given as much

consideration now as other services like water, sewer, electricity, natural gas and streets.

Moretz said the new subdivision regulations require in-depth consideration of all problems. The codes also call for a review by the Department of Natural Resources in Asheville if as much as an acre of land is to be disturbed. Such things as erosion control during construction and surface drainage after construction are carefully studied before the work is done.

"The state has developed minimum requirements concerning surface drainage and many communities have adopted even more strict measures to control the problem in new construction," Moretz said. "These requirements did not exist until approximately five years ago."

Kings Mountain has even had aerial photos made of the city and these will be used in determining drainage basins and according to Moretz, even stricter controls will be added if it is discovered they are needed to control the problem in the future.

"As for existing problems of drainage," Moretz said, "these must be considered as a part of the total basin and to attempt to correct one problem it could create even larger problems in another area."

Moretz said property owners are encouraged to consider what they may do themselves to solve drainage problems on their property. And if technical assistance is needed Moretz' office will provide the assistance.

Citizens interested in purchasing homes are also warned to exercise

caution when considering a site. There are numerous homes now constructed on sites where no dwelling should be because of surface drainage problems. The same warning goes to citizens planning to buy property and build.

"It is much easier for precautions to be taken prior to construction than afterwards," Moretz said. "The reason we have the problem now is because no one took such things as surface drainage into consideration. But drainage was a problem then. It is now and always will be a problem to be dealt with."

The city's current curbing and guttering and storm drainage plan will relieve a lot of the problems now existing, but truthfully will not relieve all the problems. The citizens are going to have to help themselves in these instances.