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## Schools Will Follow Up On Immunization

The Kings Mountain District Schools will be sending a follow up letter in the next few weeks to students who have not produced a completed immunization record to the school they attend.

"We appreciate the response we have had so far but we must have every child's record completed as soon as possible," said Federal Programs Director Larry Allen.

Second notices will be sent out April 4. All immunization records should be in the process or completed by April 10. If by this time no initiative has been shown by the parent appropriate action will be taken by the school, said Allen.

"No mass immunization clinics will be held in any Kings Mountain schools, therefore, we encourage parents to take advantage of the Kings Mountain immunization clinic held at the Kings Mountain Community Center each Friday morning from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.," Allen added.

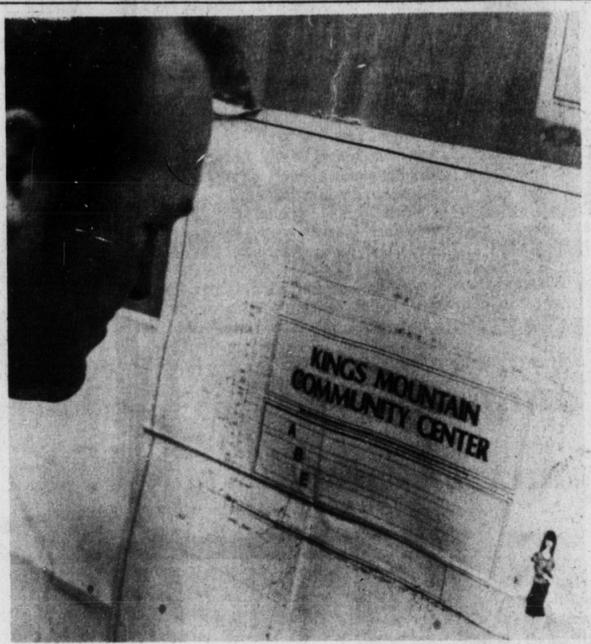


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A CLOSER LOOK—Commissioner Bill Grissom takes a closer look at the drawing of a proposed marquee type sign proposed for the Kings Mountain Community Center. Action was tabled at Monday's board meeting.

## \$5-Million Expansion Planned By Hospital

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Kings Mountain Hospital, Inc. has plans to update and modernize its facilities by 1982.

The estimated cost of the project is \$5 million.

The hospital and grounds is Cleveland County property, said Grady Howard, hospital administrator, "But the board of trustees has decided to seek a \$4,800,000 loan from the Farmers Home Administration and to use \$200,000 from other sources for the project. The board decided not to go to the county taxpayers for the money."

The renovation project is known as Concept 100 and represents implementation of objectives established in the hospital's long range plans. The planning came out of Health Care Concepts, a consulting firm in Greenville, S.C., ideas developed in 1978.

County Manager Joe Hendrick, quoted in a Shelby Daily Star article Tuesday, said, "I can see no reason why the county commissioners would object to improvements at Kings Mountain. However, I am at a loss to be in a position to make a recommendation on this matter."

In the same article Edwin Ware, administrative officer of Isothermal Planning and Development Commission, commented that it appears, since the Kings Mountain Hospital is owned by the county, that the county commissioners and not the trustees of the KM Hospital would have to make application for the FmHA loan.

Kings Mountain Hospital trustees also learned Tuesday that trustees of Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby that while they do not oppose the KM request, they cannot give it wholehearted support.

Meanwhile, KMH trustees are going ahead with its Concept 100 plan.

Under the plan the needs of the hospital are spelled out. The first floor of the hospital, constructed in 1950, '55 and '60, needs extensive modernization, alterations and new mechanical systems. This will require the relocations of some 35-40 patients displaced on the first floor by the expansion various ancillary services, conversion of 4 and 2 bedrooms into private rooms to conform with space allocation codes, and adding baths for all patient rooms. A third floor will be added to the present two-story section of the building to house the displaced beds.

In a letter to Edwin Ware at Isothermal, Grady Howard outlined the remainder of the hospital plans:

"Virtually all ancillary services will be expanded to conform with space allocation codes-emergency area, dietary, maintenance, laboratory, radiology, medical records, pharmacy, central supply, storage, obstetrics, special care, and administrative office areas, office areas.

No new beds or services will be added," Howard stated. "This program addresses itself only to alterations, renovations and modernization. Our needs were probably best defined by a study of N.C. Division of Facility Services in 1977, in which they stated our present building only had adequate square footage to house 70 beds. We have 102 licensed beds. Moreover, federal funding (Hill-Burton) was unavailable to this hospital for the 1970 project, at which time some of these problems could have been resolved if money had been available. All Hill-Burton Funds were allocated to Cleveland Memorial Hospital at that time."

## \$120,000 In Bonds To Be Sold

The Local Government Commission has been authorized to request bids on \$120,000 water bond anticipation notes on April 17 in behalf of Kings Mountain.

The bond-sale funds are to be used as part of the construction and equipping of an alum sludge treatment facility at the T.J. Ellison Water Treatment Plant.

Mayor Pro-Tem William Grissom, conducting Monday night's board of commissioner meeting in Mayor John Moss' absence, read a lengthy document covering the note sale and stated the notes would mature on Oct. 24, 1979.

The sludge treatment facility will cost over \$400,000 to complete.

Commissioner James Childers motioned that action on a bid from Andco of Greensboro to erect a two-face marquee sign at the Kings Mountain Community Center be tabled until a determination on what Community Development funding is available to cover the \$10,533 project.

Pete Baugham of Holland McGinnis Associates, Shelby architects, recommended the Andco proposal be accepted prior to Childers' motion.

Baugham explained that the sign would be located on the property facing Cleveland Ave. and that it would have two sections, both four by 18 feet. The upper section is to contain the legend Kings Mountain Community Center, and the lower section four rows of high-output lamps behind the clear panels. These panels will be designed to hold black letters used to spell out promotions, shows, ballgames and other events planned at the center.

The sign, to be set in concrete, is to be of aluminum in dark bronze to match the decor of the new addition to the community center.

The \$10,533 price tag, which covers the sign and installation, also covers installation of 12 inch letters in bronze color to be attached to the wall of the community center; the letters to spell out Kings Mountain Community Center.

The board approved a request from Kings Mountain taxi franchise holders to increase customer rates in six categories.

The requests approved covers local trips (\$1 to \$1.25); trips across town (\$1.50 to \$2); package pickups (\$1.50 to \$2); grocery pickups (50 cents to 75 cents); waiting time (\$6

per hour to \$8 PH); and extra stops (25 cents to 50 cents per).

The new rates will go into effect April 15.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grissom said the request is the first since rates were increased in 1974. The franchise holders said increases in gasoline and insurance prices is behind this request.

The commissioners approved going into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The session lasted 29 minutes and Grissom reported no action was settled during the private session.

## Curtain Goes Up Friday Night On Drama

The curtain goes up Friday night at 8 o'clock in B.N. Barnes Auditorium for "The Remarkable Incident At Carson Corners", a drama in three-acts by the Kings Mountain Senior High Seniors.

A cast of 26 will present the annual Senior Play on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. under the direction of Mrs. Ray Holmes.

Kristen Serge's drama was adapted from the television show by Reginald Ross and was originally presented on Studio One, CBS-TV.

Leading roles in the drama will be played by John Noblitt, David Barrett, Todd Gatts, Lindsay Holmes, Teresa Turner, Steve Boggan, Cindy Wells, Sherry Short, David Bolton, Butch Pearson, Sherman Jenkins and Nancy Lee.

Ticket prices are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Cast members will be selling advance tickets for \$1.50 and 75 cents.

Members of the cast are Todd Gatts as Dr. Caldwell; Nancy Rikard as Mrs. Caldwell; Cindy

Wells as Susan Caldwell; Sherman Jenkins as Mr. Prince; Kim Watson as Mrs. Prince; Teresa Turner as Teresa Prince; David Barrett as Mr. Rogers; Cathy Heavner as Mrs. Rogers; Chuck Walker as Joey Rogers; Butch Pearson as Mr. Woodbridge; Sallee Durham as Mrs. Woodbridge; Lindsay Holmes as Alice Woodbridge; David Bolton as Mr. Wright; Fame Ramey as Mrs. Wright; Nancy Lee as Elizabeth Wright; Steve Boggan as Mr. McGinnis; Darlene Jones as Mrs.

McGinnis; Rusty Bumgardner as Bobbie McGinnis; Tom Cox as Bill McGinnis; Brad Tate as Bert Hendricks; John Noblitt as Mr. Kovalesky; Barbara McClain as Janet; Robin McSwain as Carol; Bridgette White as Madge; Sherry Short as Miss Frank and John Haruin as the painter.

Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce will hold open house Wednesday from 1 until 3 p.m. in its new offices in the new addition of Kings Mountain Community Center.

All members of the C of C and visitors are invited to drop by the offices and see the new furnishings and quarters which are located across from the KM Development Office in the recently-completed addition of the Center.

The story is set at Carson Corners High School, an old decrepit building, where a young student fell to death from a rickety fire escape several months earlier. Students at the school have arranged a special

assembly program for their parents and, in the absence of their faculty advisor, proceed with the "entertainment" which turns out to be a mock trial in which the school janitor is accused of pushing the boy to his death. Through a series of flashbacks, the evidence is presented, and it becomes apparent that several of the parents may have unwittingly contributed to the boy's death. A surprise turn of events is revealed during the final moments of the play.



Photo by Lib Stewart

COURTROOM SCENE—Kings Mountain High School seniors are pictured in a scene from "The Remarkable Incident at Carson Corners", the annual senior class play, to be presented Friday and Saturday evenings.

From left, John Noblitt (Mr. Kovalesky); Lindsay Holmes (Alice Woodbridge); Teresa Turner (Teresa Prince); Chuck Walker (Joey Rogers) and Sherry Short (Miss Frank, the teacher).



PLANNING MOCK TRAIL—KMSHS seniors are pictured in a scene from "The Remarkable Incident At Carson Corners", annual senior class play which opens Friday night for performances on Friday and Saturday evenings. From left, Todd Gatts (Dr. Caldwell); David

Barrett (Mr. Rogers); Sherman Jenkins (Mr. Prince); John Noblitt (Mr. Kovalesky); and David Bolton (Mr. Wright). Seated, from left, are Robin McSwain and Cindy Wells who portray students in the drama.