



## KM's ESC Office Saved At Least Through March 31

Kings Mountain's branch office of the Employment Security Commission has been saved at least through March 31.

Glenn R. Jernigan, chairman of the ESC, said the commission has taken action to delay the closing of 48 offices and reduce employee layoffs from 400 to 230 through March 31.

The ESC will use \$1.9 from a Special Administration Fund while it tries to encourage the Congress to restore the federally mandated cuts retroactive to October 1, 1981.

The ESC, at the request of Governor Hunt, is also asking local governments and industries

to provide funds to pay for rent of local offices in order to keep them open.

The City of Kings Mountain has been providing a rent-free office at the Kings Mountain Community Center, and has also agreed to furnish a phone free of charge. Paying for phone services would cost the city about \$26 per month.

Mayor John Moss said he had not heard from the ESC about the local office. He said, since Kings Mountain has already been providing the free office space which the ESC is asking local communities to do in the future, he hopes "our generosity

will pay off."

Jernigan said commission members will make every effort to communicate with local communities between now and the next commission meeting on February 11.

"Our Congressional delegation is continuing to be made aware of the impact which will result from mandated federal cuts and a resolution from the commission is being forwarded to them which requires their assistance through the restoration of funds which have been cut," he said. "The communities represented at our meeting last

week are continuing to solicit the help of Congress in addressing this problem.

"This is a positive action by the commission in conjunction with the Governor's support to avoid losing essential services to our communities, employers and the unemployed at a time when North Carolina needs these services most because of the declining economy," he said.

## Bloodmobile Visit First Baptist Monday

The Kings Mountain community Red Cross bloodmobile visit will be held Friday at First Baptist Church.

Registration hours are from 12 noon until 5:30 p.m. A donor may come up until 5:30 and still be processed.

The goal is 150 pints. Anyone who donated at the last KM visit is eligible to donate as well as anyone who has not donated for the last 56 days.

Vegetable soup will be served

to all donors.

There will be an express line for persons who wish to give blood during their lunch hour. Those persons will be processed quickly.

Any RNs, EMTs and LPNs who can help work are asked to contact Janet Tate at 739-5658. Any volunteers who can help at other times during the year in any capacity are urged to contact Diana Dellinger at 739-6619 or Lynn Eskridge at 739-2602.

## Grover Okays Engineering Fees

Grover Town Council Monday night approved engineering fees totaling \$1,700 for plans for water and sewer projects.

## Still No Word On Expense Money

The expense totals of city employees, which were approved to be made public at last week's meeting of the Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners, have still not been released.

Joe McDaniel, city clerk and treasurer, said his staff has been preparing the expense records "around our other work" and has not had sufficient time.

The board of commissioners, at the request of Bridges Drive resident Jan Deaton, directed the clerk's office to compile expense totals of all employees for the year 1981.

McDaniel said that requires going over the records of parts of

two fiscal years and will make the task harder.

The office has also been short-handed because of sickness and McDaniel said this is the busiest time of the month with citizens coming in to make utility payments.

"But we'll get the totals just as soon as we can," he said.

Mrs. Deaton made her request because of a recent unsigned circular which criticized commissioners Jim Childers and Norman King and former commissioner Bill Grissom for spending \$2,490.44 for a trip to the National League of Cities meeting in Detroit.

system to provide emergency water for Grover.

Kings Mountain commissioners have already agreed to sell Grover water at a cost of 57.47 cents per 1,000 gallons the same price it currently sells water to Cleveland County and Bessemer City. Grover will be responsible for all installation costs.

Grover Mayor Bill McCarter and Commissioner Ronald Queen recently met with Kings Mountain Mayor John Moss and the KM water committee to work out a plan to provide Grover water in emergency situations only.

Grover's water tank recently drained almost empty after a line burst and was not discovered.

McCart said Grover will be able to use an unlimited amount of Kings Mountain water but Mayor Moss has requested that Grover notify him if it sees a need for more than 100,000 gallons a month.

McCart said Grover's supply could be increased in the future if it lands a large industry.

The board also approved a \$1,200 engineering fee for Edwards to provide plans for a sewer system.

The town has been considering a system since 1972, McCarter said, and its plans were held up for several years because of the Gaston County 201 sewer study. Grover asked several years ago to pull out of the 201 study but McCarter said the Environmental Protection Agency would not agree until recently.

At one time, he said, the town was in a position to get a \$400,000 EPA grant, but it is no longer available.

McCart said total cost of a sewer project now would be \$1,182,821. He said the town could receive grants totaling \$578,000, and has promises of loans from the Farmers Home Administration of \$170,000 at five percent interest and \$433,000 at 12.25 percent interest.

If the sewer system is approved, McCarter said there was a

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Photo by Lib Stewart

**BAND REHEARSES** - Students from 12 counties were selected last week to participate in the South Central All-State Band Clinic at Kings Mountain High School. The two-day clinic culminated Saturday night with a free concert at Barnes Auditorium. Some of the students are pictured above during rehearsals on Friday.

## Bennett Masters Files

Cleveland County Coroner Bennett Masters of Kings Mountain has filed for re-election.

Masters, who has been coroner for seven years and was assistant coroner for seven years prior to that, will oppose Ralph Mitchem of Shelby, a dental technician and 18-year veteran of the Shelby Rescue Squad. Mitchem is running for public office for the first time.

Masters said he has "served to the best of my ability and if re-elected will continue to do so. I'd like to continue to serve in this capacity. There are a lot of legislative matters in the making that I don't think will benefit the county. I'd like to continue as coroner to make sure those things don't come about."

Masters is a Cleveland County native and has lived in Kings Mountain for the past 18 years.

He is owner and manager of Masters Funeral Home and previously worked for a number of years at Harris Funeral Home.

He is married to the former Betty Patterson of Patterson Springs and has three children, John, Robin and Lee Ann.

He is a member of Central



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United Methodist Church, and is a lay speaker. He is a Korean War veteran with the U.S. Army, is a member of the Cleveland County Nursing Home Advisory Committee, the Kings Mountain Lions Club, is on the board of directors of the Bethware Progressive Club and serves as chaplain of the Kings

Mountain Fire Department.

Masters is a graduate of the Dallas Institute of Guppton Jones College of Mortuary Science in Dallas, Tex., and Howard's Business College.

Filing for the May primary ended Monday, and last-minute filing developed races for all but one office. Ruth Dedmon was the only person to file for Clerk of Court.

For sheriff, Sheriff Dale Costner, who was appointed to his present position after the retirement of Haywood Allen, is opposed by former deputy Buddy McKinney and Charles Peeler.

Seeking the two seats coming open on the County Board of Commissioners are incumbent Josh Hinnant and Martha Scism, both of Kings Mountain, and Pete Stamey.

## Singing Valentines Available

The Cleveland County Unit of the American Cancer Society is sponsoring "Singing Valentines" in the Kings Mountain area this year.

A choral group from the Kings Mountain High School under the direction of Gene Bumgarnder will deliver your choice of songs to the person and place you request. Cost of a "Singing Valentine" is a \$12 contribution to the American Cancer Society. For \$15, flowers and the song will be presented.

Requests must be paid for in advance with checks being mailed to Suite 314, The Whistlestop, Shelby.

Songs to choose from include "You Light Up My Life", "Let Me Be There", "Don't Sit Under The Apple Tree", "You Are My Sunshine", "Annie's Song", "Heart of My Heart" and "Getting to Know You".

Requests may be called in to Helen Turpish at 482-8133 or Kay Holshouser at 482-8714 or 482-1566.

## Funeral Services Held For Paul Hartsoe Briggs

Funeral services were held Monday, at 2 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church in Kings Mountain, for Paul Hartsoe Briggs, who passed away Saturday in Cleveland Memorial Hospital, Shelby, following an extended illness. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Briggs was born November 30, 1906, in Pineville, North Carolina, to the late Benjamin J. and Etta Newton Briggs.

Prior to his retirement, he was employed as overseer of carding at Mauney Textiles in Kings Mountain. He was an active member of Central United Methodist Church and the Davis Bible Class. He was a mason, and for years was active in the Boy Scouts of America, having served as Scout Master of troops in Lincolnton and Kings Mountain.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Maxie Hamrick Briggs, one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Ware of Charlotte; one son, Dr. William J. Briggs, of Gaffney;



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and five grandchildren, Lt. Com. Jerry S. Ware, U.S. Navy, Paul M. and Miles E. Ware, both of Charlotte, and Julie M. and Billy J. Briggs, both of Gaffney.

## Koontz To Speak

Ken Koontz, Community Affairs Director for WBTU in Charlotte, will be the guest speaker for the Eta Mu Lambda's Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's 22nd Founders Day Observance Sun., Feb. 14 at 4 p.m. at the New Bynum Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church.

The church is located at the corner of Cansler and Ellis streets in Kings Mountain.

The public is invited to attend.

## KMHS Students MAD

Kings Mountain Senior High School students will take part in MAD Week activities at the school on February 8-12. MAD (Make A Difference) Week will feature a week of activities designed to call to the attention to all students and faculty the value of an education and the value of attending Kings Mountain Senior High School.

MAD Week activities will begin with "Sprucin' Up Day" on Monday, February 8. Activities of this day will focus on taking care of the campus. Each faculty member will take at least one period of the day and have his students do a clean-up project in the classroom or on the

campus. Emphasis will be placed on not only getting the campus clean but also keeping it clean.

Tuesday will be Human Relations Day. The focus of the day will be on improving student relations. Emphasis will be given to fostering a friendly attitude among students and to helping each student better understand his school mates.

WBT Radio personality H.A. Thompson will speak to a school assembly in Barnes Auditorium on this day. The Human Relations Council will sponsor other activities in keeping with the theme of the day.

Wednesday will be "Classes with Class" Day. The focal point

of this day will be the teachers. Each teacher will be planning special activities for each class period of the day. Innovative teaching will be the order of the day as the senior high teachers put their best foot forward.

Thursday will be Appreciation Day. Activities will focus on saying thank you to people at school who have been especially helpful. Students and teachers will be involved in the activities and recognition will be given to members of both groups who have given outstanding service to the school.

Friday will be Spirit Day. A spirit assembly will be held during which students will see a

film, participate in a pep rally and be involved in other special activities. Emphasis will also be on a large student attendance at that night's basketball game with Chase High School.

During the entire week the school intercom will be used to recognize outstanding accomplishments by students and faculty members. Clubs and other school organizations will be conducting special projects. It will be a week when Kings Mountain Senior High students will concentrate more than ever on their ability to Make A Difference for their school and their community.