



**OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY** - Kings Mountain Hospital, which has undergone a \$6 million renovation project, will hold open house at its facilities Sunday from 2-5 p.m. The public is in-

vited to take tours of the facilities and learn the uses of new, modern equipment. Feature stories and photos of the facilities are in Section C of today's Herald.

## Open House Is Sunday

Kings Mountain Hospital will hold open house at its renovated facility Sunday from 2 until 5 p.m.

Members of the public are encouraged to visit the facility and take part in one of many guided tours which will be offered.

Slide presentations will be given in the spacious new lobby at the front entrance of the hospital and departments heads will be on hand to explain the features and use of all the new equipment which has been installed.

The \$6 million renovation project included the building of a new, modern patient wing with virtually all private rooms, a well-equipped Special Care Unit, expanded ancillary services and renovation of the old facility.

The hospital has purchased additional medical equipment and has expanded its staff to offer citizens of the Kings Mountain area the best health care in the area.

Groundbreaking for the new facility was held on March 20, 1981. The new structure was completed in June of 1982 and the extensive renovation of the old facility was completed just weeks ago.

Many departments have been expanded and relocated and additional parking areas constructed.

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## City Board Approves Dam Project

City commissioners, in a special noon meeting Wednesday, approved revised plans and specifications for the improvement of the dam at Moss Lake.

Buck Johnson of the W.K. Dickson Company explained that a siphon would be used to lower the lake level by 20 feet. In earlier plans, the city had planned to use an under-water valve. The city plans to purchase a valve and two fittings to keep in storage in the case of a future emergency. Johnson said the valve needs to be on hand because it takes about six months to get one.

Bids on the earlier plan were rejected at a February board meeting because Johnson said installing an underwater valve was dangerous. If the current plan is approved by the State Department of Natural Resources, the city will re-advertise for bids.

Johnson said the siphon would be installed on top of the dam next to the spillway. Most of the siphon would rest on

natural ground. He said the siphon would operate at a maximum velocity of 10 feet per second.

A small vacuum building will be constructed at the high point of the line and would hold a reservoir of air and water. Pumps would pull air out of the line which will penetrate the cap of the dam. When they are filled, valves would be opened to discharge the amount of water needed.

A screen installed at the bottom of the siphon would keep sticks and other debris out "if the city ever goest to a hydro-electric system," Johnson said.

Installation of the siphon and line through the dam can be achieved without the use of divers, Johnson explained. Under the earlier plan, divers would have had to go 90 feet under water level, causing a

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## Wilson Named KMJH Principal

The Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday afternoon appointed Shelby native Ronnie Wilson as the new principal of Kings Mountain Junior High School.

Wilson, 36, replaces Fred Withers, who retired last week.

Wilson, who is presently the principal of the 900-student Washington High School in eastern North Carolina, will begin his duties here on July 11. His family will move to Kings Mountain during the summer.

Wilson is a graduate of Shelby High School and Erskine College, where he played baseball and still holds a number of batting and fielding records. He received his Master's Degree in Education from the University of South Carolina and will complete work at East Carolina University this summer on an Advanced Degree in School Administration.

He holds North Carolina certification as a principal and teacher of math and physical education. Prior to taking over as principal of Washington High, he served as a teacher, coach and assistant principal in Latta, S.C., and as principal of Chesterfield Junior High in Chesterfield, S.C.



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A Baptist, Wilson has served as a deacon in his church and was active in many civic affairs in Washington. He served on the United Way, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Association of Secondary School Principals, Governmental Affairs Council and the Chamber of Commerce. He is also a lay speaker.

He and his wife, Mary, have two sons, Brad 12, and Robbie, 10.

## Man Threatens Suicide

A Bessemer City man surrendered to police after holding a gun to his own head for about two hours Friday on Highway 161 south of Kings Mountain.

According to the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, Roy Ernest Preston threatened to kill himself after deputies Eddie Barkley and Phillip Todd stopped the car. The deputies

said they approached the car and asked to see Preston's driver's license. As Barkley was looking at the license, Preston allegedly pulled a gun from underneath the front seat. The officers reportedly drew their guns and Preston placed his own gun to his head and threatened to kill himself.

Several more officers later ar-

rived at the scene and after a two-hour standoff, Preston reportedly threw his gun to the ground and surrendered.

He was charged with driving while intoxicated and carrying a concealed weapon.

According to the deputies, the incident began around 7:52 p.m. when Deputy Mike Brown received a call about a disturbance and possible hostage situa-

tion at a residence on Highway 161 near the South Carolina line. When Brown arrived, he found the residence of Patricia Ann Bolt ransacked and the suspect gone in Ms. Bolt's 1970 Ford station wagon.

Brown sent out a report on the vehicle, which was later spotted by Barkley and Todd as the suspect was apparently attempting to return to the Bolt residence.

## Crosby Faces Law Suit

A Kings Mountain trucking company has sued local attorney Steve Crosby. Quality Exchange

Inc. alleges that Crosby converted to his own use money that was given to him to make

payments on debts.

The trucking firm seeks to recover \$18,792.17 plus "interest at the highest legal rate," \$1,155 in late payments and overdrawn check charges and \$5,000 in punitive damages for loss of credit and "undue embarrassment."

Crosby is presently under indictment on charges of embezzlement and forgery. He is charged with allegedly cashing a \$16,181 check made out to himself and a client.

Quality Exchange charges that on April 25, President Ed Gardner gave Crosby a check for \$5,168.28 to make a payment toward a 1979 Peterbuilt truck, and that on April 28, he was given another \$6,000 check for another truck payment. The firm charges that on April 28, the firm also gave Crosby a check for \$523.26 for payment of a debt, that on May 13

Crosby was given \$2,951.78 to be used as payment for Cleveland County taxes, and that on May 16 he was given \$4,148.85 for payment of highway use taxes to Arizona.

The suit charges that Crosby diverted all the funds for his own use.

## Dutch Wilson To Run For District 4 Seat

Harry "Dutch" Wilson of 109 Stowe Acres announced Monday that he will seek the District Four commissioners seat in the October city elections.

Wilson will seek the seat presently held by Commissioner Norman King. He is the second citizen to announce his intentions to run. Irvin "Tootie" Allen earlier announced that he is running for the District One seat presently held by Jim Childers.

Wilson is a former city employee. He worked with the city for 33 years and was superintendent of the electrical department for 10 years. He retired from the city in 1979. He is now employed in the maintenance department of McBess Industries in Bessemer City.

"I would like to see a better city government," Wilson said. "I think there could be something done about the high utility bills."

Wilson and his wife, Reba, are members of Second Baptist Church. They have one daughter, Janice Gann, of Kings Mountain.

Candidate filing for the October 11 election will begin at noon on August 19 and continue



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through noon September 9. Runoffs, if necessary, will be held on November 8.

All candidates must file with Luther Bennett, City Elections Board chairman.

Voter registration deadline is September 12. Voters who are not registered may register by contacting any of the city registrars for an appointment.

The seats of District Three Commissioner Corbet Nicholson and Mayor John Henry Moss will also be available for four-year terms.

## Bloodmobile Here Tuesday

The last bloodmobile of the 1982-83 fiscal year will be held Tues., June 28 at First Baptist Church. Hours are 2:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.

The goal of this community visit is 150 pints.

Registered nurses, Licensed Practical nurses and Emergency Medical Technicians are needed to assist in taking blood pressures and temperatures. Anyone interested should call Mrs. Tom Tate or the Red Cross office in Shelby.



Photo by Jeff Grigg

**SUMMER FUN** - School's out, the weather's warm, and there's no better way to spend some free time than going to the old swimming hole. Kings Mountain youngsters find the pool at Deal Street Park the perfect place to be.