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MONITOR - Shirley McMurray, a nurse in the Special Care Unit of Kings Mountain Hospital, explains the mechanics of a heart monitor during open house Sunday at the renovated facilities.

Open House Held At KM Hospital

Hundreds of King Mountain area citizens attended Sunday afternoon's open house of the new wing at King Mountain Hospital.

Visitors were given a tour of the facility by hospital personnel and members of the hospital board of trustees, along with Administration Grady Howard, Mrs. Grady Howard and Mrs. Tom Tate served refreshments.

Kings Mountain Hospital, now a 102-bed acute care facility that serves 13,000 in-patients and out-patients annually, goes back to the early 1940's when the late Miss Lottie Goforth bequeathed her estate valued at \$33,000 to build a hospital.

Herald To Close On July Fourth

The Herald will be closed Monday, July 4. All advertisers are urged to have their copy in by 5 p.m. Friday, if possible. Society news deadline will be 5 p.m. Friday. News and sports deadline will be 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Other benefactors, including a trust fund in excess of \$200,000 as a memorial to Herbert Johnson Plonk, have been given to aid hospital expansion which began in 1952 and has continued steadily since.

Visitors were impressed with, among other things, the beautiful special care unit which features power columns with life-saving devices at the patient's bedside. Each of the six beds in special care is equipped with columns which have monitoring systems for cardiac and critically ill patients.

In addition to the many new services, the expansion provides 34 all-private patient rooms and the six-bed special care unit on the second floor which features a central nursing station with monitors which provide constant surveillance to each special care room.

Three prominent Kings Mountain doctors, who died before the new wing was completed, are memorialized. Plaques with the names of Dr. J. E. Anthony, Dr. W. L. Ramseur and

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Reunion

Marlene Smith Hadn't Seen Mother In 24 Years

By GARY STEWART
Editor

Pardon Marlene Smith if you haven't seen her out and about lately. She's spending most of her time at her Mountain Street home with her mother, who she hadn't seen in 24 years until last Friday.

Clara L. Guerra of Cuba and her Kings Mountain daughter had a tearful reunion Friday at the Charlotte Airport, and they'll be spending 24 hours a day together until September, when Mrs. Guerra returns to her homeland.

Ms. Smith left Cuba in 1958 after marrying a Marine. She returned home after the birth of her first child, Mercedes, in 1959, but that's the last time she's seen her homeland and most of her family.

"After that the Revolution got real bad, I went through a divorce and Castro wasn't letting people come into the country except at certain times," Ms. Smith recalled. "We've been keeping in touch by writing for 24 years."

Ms. Smith and her mother had been trying for a year and a half to get the paperwork done for her mother's visit. "We had to file an affidavit saying how much money we had in the bank and proving that she wouldn't be dependent of the U.S. government," Ms. Smith said. "The Cuban government allows a mother to visit a son or daughter for three months. If I had gone to Cuba, the United States government would have allowed



MARLENE SMITH (left)...Reunited with Mother.

me to stay only eight days. What can you do in eight days when you haven't seen each other in 24 years?"

Ms. Smith and her two children, Mercedes and Tony, have kept their mother and grandmother to themselves since Friday. But before her visit is up, they plan to take her on a trip to the mountains and other local attractions.

"She really likes Kings Mountain," Ms. Smith said. "The town we're from in Cuba is small and plain. She thinks Kings Mountain is pretty and she's happier because she's here with me and her grandchildren. We've been enjoying some Cuban dishes. She loves to cook."

Ms. Smith and her mother spent a few anxious moments Friday at the airport. "Her plane was seven minutes late and I thought 'Oh, my goodness'," she said. "Then, WSOB was there to film her getting off the plane and they made her wait until last to get off. She was getting nervous because they wouldn't let her off the plane."

"When she came off the plane, I just ran over there," Ms. Smith went on. "It was so good to see her. She looks almost the same as I remember her. She hasn't changed much. It's great to have her here."

Ms. Guerra told her daughter she wouldn't mind living in the United States, if the rest of her family were here. She lives with

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Gastonia Man Charged In Monday's Murder

Cary McKenzie Brigman of Ridgcrest Road, Gastonia, was charged with murder Tuesday night in connection with the death Monday night of Curtis Phillip Anderson of Route 6, Kings Mountain.

Anderson, a 31-year-old black man, was killed and his 18-year-old white girlfriend, Christine Rayfield of Kings Mountain, was injured in the parking lot of the old 400 club on Highway 161 near WKMT Radio Station.

Brigman turned himself in to Gaston County police Tuesday

night. He was being held in Gaston County jail without bond pending a Wednesday afternoon bond hearing.

Gaston County police believe the Monday night slaying was racially-motivated. Anderson and the murder suspect reportedly hurled racial slurs back and forth to each other moments before at a convenience store on Cleveland Avenue and again in the parking lot of the 400 club.

Anderson, an employee of Action Security in Gastonia, was shot three times in the chest and

once in the arm. He was dead on arrival at Kings Mountain Hospital. Ms. Rayfield was wounded in the arm. She was treated and released.

Anderson was reportedly on his way to work when the assault occurred. According to statements given by Ms. Rayfield to Gaston County police, the two stopped at a convenience store on Linwood Road a few minutes before the shooting. She said as they were leaving the store, Anderson's car was almost hit by a white pickup truck. Anderson and two men in the truck engaged in a shouting match and Anderson drove away.

Ms. Anderson said the driver of the pickup truck pulled in front of Anderson at the old 400 Club and slammed on his brakes. Both drove into the parking lot and got out of their vehicles.

Lt. Robert Stacy of the Gaston County Police Department said Ms. Rayfield told him

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RED MCKEE

McKee District 3 Candidate

T.C. "Red" McKee of 501 Rhodes Avenue announced today that he will seek the District Three Commissioner's seat in the October city election.

McKee has been a resident of Kings Mountain for over 40 years. He and his wife Helen are members of St. Matthews Lutheran Church. They have one son, Dr. Michael McKee, now living in Burlington, N.C.

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Fourth Activities Set

The City of Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor its annual Independence Day Celebration Monday from noon until 10:30 p.m. at the Deal Street Park.

A number of activities will be available for youth and adults, including swimming pool competition, field events, horseshoe contests, carpet golf tournaments, fashion show, disco dance, open street dance and a big fireworks extravaganza.

Ongoing events include kiddie rides, antique fire truck rides, pony pictures and ballgames.

Activities will begin at 12 noon with a diving contest at the Deal Street swimming pool and the day's activities will be climaxed at 10:30 with the annual fireworks extravaganza.

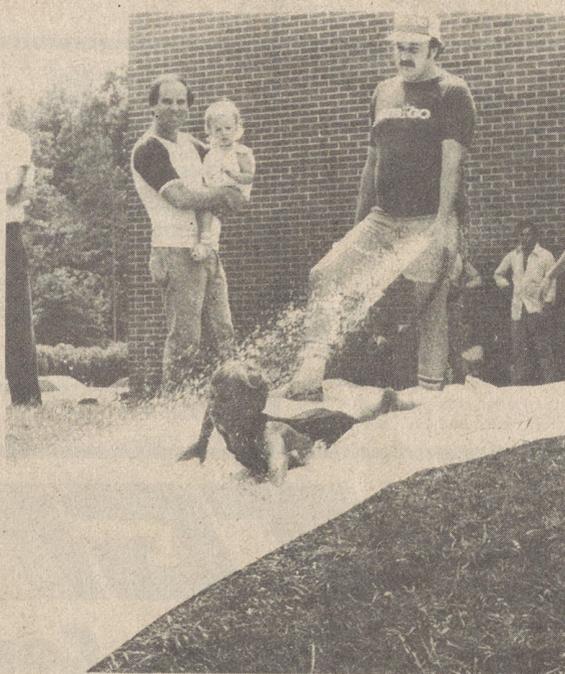
The schedule of activities includes:

POOL EVENTS
(Sign up at the pool area).
12 noon - Diving contest.
12:30 - Hobo contest.
1 p.m. - Watermelon carry.
1:30 - Cannonball splash.
1:30 - Little League all-star game.
2 p.m. - Innertube race.
3 p.m. - Non-swimmers potato race.
3:30 - Penny dive.

4 p.m. - Little league all-star game.
4 p.m. - Alligator game.
5-8 p.m. - Public swimming.

FIELD EVENTS
(Sign up at P.A. tent)
3 p.m. - Pie eating contest.
3:30 - Watermelon eating contest.
4 p.m. - Jump rope contest.
4:30 - Hollering contest.
5 p.m. - Chicken chases.
5:30 - Bunny chases.
6 p.m. - Greased pig chase.
6:30 - Greasy pole climb.
7 p.m. - Hole in the barrel run.

OTHER EVENTS
1 p.m. - Horseshoe pitching contest (sign up at horseshoe pits).
1 p.m. - Championship carpet golf (sign up at course for 4 p.m. tournaments).
2 p.m.-4 p.m. - Waterslide (front of Community Center.)
4 p.m. - Championship carpet golf tournaments.
8 p.m. - Young persons fashion show.
8 p.m. - Disco dance.
8 p.m. - Open street dance.
10:30 - Giant fireworks extravaganza.



WATER SLIDE...Popular part of Fourth Celebration.

Property Is Back Zoned

By GARY STEWART
Editor

The Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners, following a one-hour meeting with unhappy residents of the Cleveland Avenue area, Monday night back-zoned the property of a Cleveland Avenue woman who is in the process of turning her garage into a beauty shop.

Several weeks ago, the board approved the request of Della Carter Sexton to rezone her property from Residential to Neighborhood Business. About 30 citizens, led by Clayvon Kelly and Rufus Fite, presented the city board with a petition Monday night asking it to rescind that action.

Many of the same citizens had

asked the board to rescind the action some weeks ago, but the board refused.

The board did an about face Monday after Kelly quoted state law on "spot" zoning and Rev. James Singleton, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, promised "to fight you and fight you hard" if the board did not back zone the property to residential.

The Cleveland Avenue area residents claimed the board's action to "spot" zone Ms. Sexton's property was illegal in that her home is located in the middle of a residential area, and that the garage in which she planned to locate the business did not meet city code standards since the

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