

Things You Should Do!

Softball Tourney  
Saturday - KMHS

Give Blood Friday  
First Baptist Church

Attend Senior  
Begins Thursday

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## New Citizens Group Seeks More Input Into City Government

More input into city government will be a priority of the newly-formed Citizens Forum which was organized by 18 Kings Mountain area citizens Saturday morning at 7 a.m. at Jed's on King Street.

A chairman and officers are to be elected at the next meeting on Saturday, March 16th, at Jed's. The public is invited.

Opening up communica-

tions at City Hall will also be a target of the group which will invite community participants from the Greater Kings Mountain area who are interested in a better, total community and members plan to begin attending twice-a-month sessions of the board of city commissioners on a regular basis.

Dr. Eugene Poston, retired president of Gardner Webb College who lives on Yarbro

Road and has a Kings Mountain address but is an outside-city resident, acted as temporary chairman at the first meeting but declined to serve as permanent chairman because of business commitments. Poston said he is interested in KM's Sanitary District plans and feels that "old-time meetings" are necessary for growth and that town meetings can do a lot for the community as a

whole if personalities can be left out of the discussions.

After an hour of discussion, members decided that several concerns should be discussed at future meetings including: outside city annexation, the sanitary district, where will it go? More participation by citizens at board meetings at City Hall: how can interested citizens help businesses who are ready to close? How do we keep people

in business downtown if our own citizens go out of town to shop and for entertainment? How do we rev up our community spirit? Does anybody care about Kings Mountain? Can we cure ills without looking at them and keep a positive attitude?

Choosing a goal and working at it was suggested by

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CLAVON KELLY



MRS. LIZZIE TALBERT  
...Shared Birthday Celebration  
With Great-granddaughter Britt Talbert

## Lizzie Remembers Ole Days

Lizzie Talbert, 92, on Monday, remembers the first house she lived in back in 1896 - the old John McGill home, up the driveway on the right from where the Clarence Plonk house stands today on Cherryville Road. She recalls riding to her new home in a pony cart, sitting at her mother's feet with her brother on Mrs. Mary Rohm's lap.

And the well known Kings Mountain citizen recalls her first shoes, copper toes, her daddy bought for her in 1897. She also recalls her first Christmas. "Mama had made me a Santa Claus and put it in a chair in the back room at a table and set our Christmas on the table. We

had a very dim light but I got a real good look at Santa. I am a terrible observer still but I didn't think he looked like Santa."

Mrs. Talbert was honored by her family at a birthday luncheon Sunday which also honored her great-granddaughter, Miranda Britt Talbert, who also shares the same birthdate. Billy and Denice Stroupe Talbert hosted the party for 60 guests, including Mrs. Talbert's six children, 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Raymond and Grace Talbert, grandparents of Britt, made the two birthday cakes and Britt was also presented a handmade porcelain doll made by Polly

Phifer and presented to her by her grandparents for her birthday.

It was the biggest birthday party "Lizzie" remembered in many years and she enjoyed reminiscing of the "good ole days."

The first Easter Mrs. Talbert watched her mother sew calico scraps on Easter eggs and put some ashes in a pot of water to take the color out. The eggs were real pretty, she recalled.

"Daddy would burn brush to make a tobacco bed to raise plants. He always had a patch. He would take me with him to pick worms off it. I couldn't stand to pull one off. I still can't stand worms", she says.

"And Daddy (Isaac V. Rohm) would sew wheat by hand, then take a tree top, hitch the mule to it and brush it in. He would cut a big tree, saw blocks off and split boards. Some would be eight inches wide, as wide as the tree that he split them with. Mama would get up on the shed and help nail them on. Mama went to shell some corn in the corn crib to take the grist mill to make meal. I crawled in there with her and stuck some trash through the cracks. A black snake ran in and bit me on the finger. Mama got out and killed it. Mama would make slats and make a bird trap to catch

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## Grover Inching Closer To New Sewer System

The Town of Grover has received word from real estate appraiser Ralph Gilbert that he has completed all but nine appraisals of prop-

erty needed for construction of a city sewer system, Mayor Bill McCarter told the Town Board at its regular monthly meeting Monday

night. McCarter said Gilbert hopes to complete all appraisals soon.

In other action Monday, the board:

\*Was told by McCarter that the town had settled lawsuits filed by former Town Clerk, Gloria Horton, and her husband. McCarter said the Hortons received a settlement of \$4,000 and had to pay their own attorney fees.

\*Received a request from a real estate developer that water lines be extended down Highway 226 to serve a proposed sub-division of 30 houses. The estimated cost of extending the water lines would be \$60,000. No action was taken.

\*Approved contracting with the N.C. League of Municipalities for workman's compensation for next year.

\*Approved re-newing Region C membership dues for 1985.

\*Re-appointed McCarter to a three-year term on the Isothermal Planning and Development Commission.

\*Discussed construction costs for the proposed new recreation park.

\*Reviewed police applications and agreed to hold interviews next week.

\*Was urged by Commissioner Ronald Queen to continue efforts to build a new Town Hall and agreed to contact a local architect to draw plans.

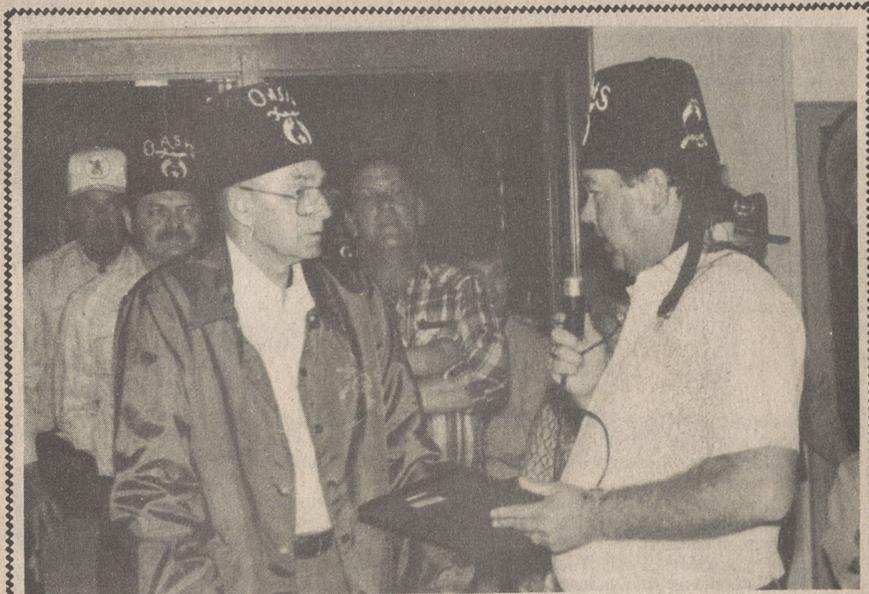


Photo by Gary Stewart

RECEIVES AWARD - David Dellinger, left, receives a plaque of appreciation from Carl Champion, President of the White Plains Shrine Club, for Dellinger's service to the club during its two years of existence. The award was presented during halftime of Saturday night's fund-raising donkey basketball game at the Community Center.

## Lenten Services Continue

The midweek noon Lenten services continue each Wednesday at Central United Methodist Church. The Kings Mountain community is urged to attend.

Wednesday, March 6, Dr. Joel Jenkins of First Baptist preached from Psalm 105. The service was led by Pastor Harwood Smith of St. Matthews Lutheran.

March 13, Eric Faust of First Presbyterian Church will preach from Psalm 25:1-10.

"Imagine: treacherous in relationship with neighbor and with God; yet still

audacious enough to boldly cry to God for help. Sounds just like us, doesn't it?" said Dr. Faust.

A light lunch will be served at 12:25 in the Fellowship Hall, and \$1.50 donation may be given.

## Bloodmobile To Visit First Baptist Friday

Give a pint of blood to the Red Cross blood bank and save a life.

That's the plea of Kings Mountain Hospital, sponsoring a visit of the Red Cross regional blood collecting unit

on Friday at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Donors will be processed from 12:30 until 6 p.m. and goal of the one-day collection is 150 pints of blood.

## Patrick Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Blanche Jaeger Patrick, 87, of Summerville, S.C., former resident of Kings Mountain, were conducted Wednesday morning at 11 a.m. from First Presbyterian Church of which her late husband was pastor for a quarter of a century.

The widow of Dr. P.D. Patrick died Sunday in Summerville, S.C.

She was a native of Florence, S.C., daughter of the late Henry and Lillian Bissett Jaeger. She was a member of Westminister Presbyterian Church of Charleston, S.C. and a graduate of Winthrop College. When the family lived in Kings Mountain and pastored First and Dixon Presbyterian Churches, Mrs. Patrick was active in many community activities, including her membership in the Kings Mountain Women's Club.

Surviving are two sons, Paul D. Patrick, Jr. of Charleston, S.C. and H. Lawrence Patrick of Kings Mountain; her daughter, Bet-



MRS. P.D. PATRICK

ty (Mrs. W.R.) Merritt of Roanoke, Va., two sisters, Mrs. Brooks (Ella) Smith of Florence, S.C. and Mrs. W. Campbell (Lillian) Spratt of Fredericksburg, Va., nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Dr. Eric Faust, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiated at the rites and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.