

**GRADY HOWARD DAY**—Members of Grady Howard's family, above, shared Grady Howard Day planned by trustees of Kings Mountain Hospital at Kings Mountain Country Club reception Friday night. From left, Mrs. Grady Howard, Mr. Howard, retiring administrator of KM Hospital, their daughter, Pattie Graves, their daughter, Joan Murphy and their son, Dr. Grady Howard, Jr.

## Grady Howard Day Held Friday At KM Hospital

Friday was Grady Howard's last day of work after 32 years at the Kings Mountain Hospital but it was a second "Grady Howard Day" for him as members of the Hospital Board of Trustees surprised him with a Hawaiian vacation for himself and his wife. Several hundred hospital employees honored him at an all-day retirement party Wednesday and another 100

friends turned out for a reception Friday evening at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Mr. Howard received a gold Longines wrist watch from the Board of Trustees, appropriately engraved with May 1, 1953 to June 30, 1985; a handsome walnut desk from department heads; a leather desk chair from the hospital medical staff; a brass desk lamp from the business office employees at the hospital; and as a surprise gift the entire staff and Board of Trustees presented the veteran administrator with "his and her" Hawaiian shirts with airline tickets for Suzie and Grady Howard tucked inside the shirt pockets.

An oil portrait of Mr. Howard, the hospital's first administrator, was hung at the facility on West King Street.

Marilyn Neisler was chairman of the retirement party committee which also included Eoline Hord, Margaret Meeks and Dr. Jeff Mauney.

Foam green cloths and Astamarius lilies decorated the refreshment tables in both the hospital lobby on Wednesday and in the Country Club ballroom Friday night. Magnolia blossoms, glads and summer flowers decorated the foyer and reception area of the clubhouse. Foam green cloths overlaid the two punch tables. Colorful rainbow colored balloons with Howard's picture imprinted on them created a festive celebration atmosphere inside and outside the hospital and were also used at the entrance to the clubhouse.

Sharing the occasion with Suzie and Grady Howard were their two daughters, Pattie Graves and Joan Murphy, and Dr. Grady Howard, Jr. and their families.



**BALLOONS CELEBRATE RETIREMENT DAY**—Grady Howard, retiring after 32 years as Administrator of Kings Mountain Hospital, is shown with several of the hospital employees among several hundred who attended a Grady Howard Day celebration Wednesday at the hospital.

## Save Life This Summer By Donating Blood To RC

During July, the American Red Cross reminds you that there's an easy way to save a life this summer — by donating blood. When you think of Red Cross in the summer, you usually think of the many water safety programs it offers. After all, people are involved with swimming and boating, and water safety tips do save lives.

But there's a way you can be a lifesaver on land this July, and that's by taking the time to donate blood.

At this time of year, many businesses operate with reduced staffs or close for summer vacations. And most people are busy with outdoor leisure activities. So, sponsoring groups traditionally schedule fewer bloodmobile visits in July and many people may forget to donate. That causes the community blood supply to drop.

Yet, it's important to remember that hospitalized

patients in our area need blood year-round to help restore their health. More than 1,000 individual donations are needed daily to meet the needs of patients in 101 hospitals in our 56-county Blood Services Carolinas Region.

To make sure the blood needs of hospitalized patients are met this time of year, the Cleveland County Chapter of American Red Cross encourages all eligible persons to become July Lifesavers by donating blood this month.

"The month of July, like the winter holiday season, is a critical period when blood donors are especially needed to fill the void resulting from vacation activities," said Johanna Gillespie, a representative of the Cleveland County Red Cross Chapter. "We want everyone to be aware of this special need, and to encourage all donors — and those who have never donated — to make this

vital contribution this month."

To be eligible to donate, you must be at least 17 years old and have not reached your 71st birthday. You must weigh at least 100 pounds, and be in average good health. Certain medical conditions will be evaluated by the charge nurse at the blood collection site. It is safe for people to give blood every eight weeks.

You can become a July Lifesaver by donating a pint of blood at these community visits: Friday, July 12, from 3:30-9:00 at the Cleveland Mall or Thursday, July 18 from 12:30-6:00 at Central United Methodist Church, Shelby.

"It's easy to be a July Lifesaver for hospital patients," Mrs. Gillespie said. "It only takes about an hour of your time at a blood collection site. It's a special way to show you care about your community."

## Clemente Is Coming Here Friday

Robert Clemente Jr., son of the former Pittsburgh Pirate Hall of Famer who was killed in a plane crash several years ago, will attend the District Babe Ruth Prep Tournament Friday at Lancaster Field in Kings Mountain.

Clemente, a player in the South Atlantic League, will meet with Babe Ruth players between the 6 and 8 p.m. games and will also chat with fans attending the event.

Tournament action is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. with Mount Holly-East Lincoln facing Belmont. Kings Mountain will battle Gastonia in the 8 p.m. contest.

The winner here advances to the State Tournament at North Wilkesboro.

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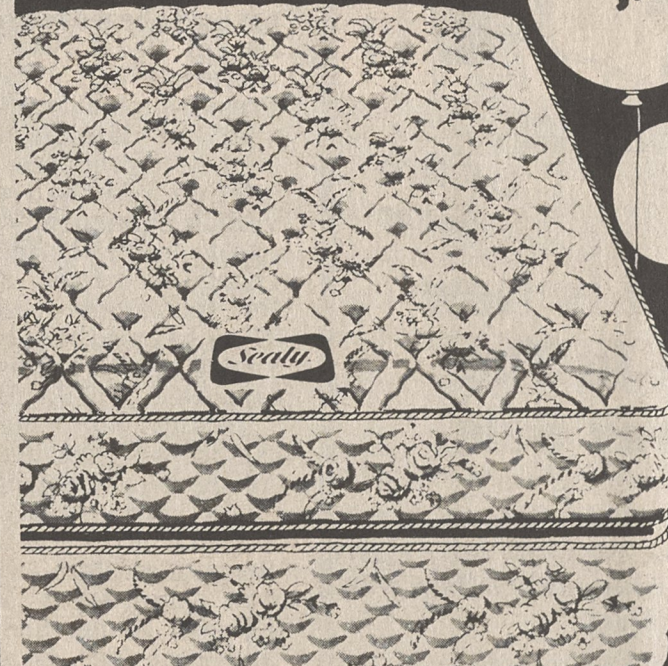
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