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CHURCH TO PRESENT DRAMA OF RESURRECTION—Jake Dixon, left, as "Ezra", Linda Dixon as "Joanna", Teresa Williams as "Mary" and David Brinkley as "Amos", right, are pictured in a scene from "The Nazarene", a musical drama of the Resurrection, which the Chancel Choir of Central United Methodist Church will present to the public Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

Methodist Choir To Present The Resurrection Of Jesus

A musical drama of The Resurrection of Jesus Christ will be presented Friday night at 7:30 p.m. by the Chancel Choir of Central United Methodist Church.

The public is invited to the Easter-season performance of "The Nazarene", by Don Gillis, in the church sanctuary.

"Ezra" is a crippled beggar in the courtyard of the public house, "The Sign of the Skull", which stands outside the walls of Jerusalem on the road to Golgotha. He, Joanna and Amos are irritated by the mourning of the followers of Jesus after the crucifixion. When Mary Magdale comes to tell them that she has seen her risen Lord, they hardly believe her because Amos witnessed the crucifixion and the death of Jesus; he even bought his blood-stained robe. As Jesus' resurrection is believed and the moving story

unfolds, each character gains a deeper insight of this man called Jesus.

Members of the cast include Jake Dixon as the crippled beggar, Ezra; Joanna, daughter of Amos, is portrayed by Linda Dixon; David Brinkley portrays "Amos", owner of the public house; and Teresa Williams portrays "Mary Magdale", the friend of Jesus. The voice of Jesus is portrayed by Sonny Peeler and the Chorus of Nazarenes are members of the Chancel Choir. Solo accompanist is Peggy Ramey and chorus accompanist and director is Mrs. Myrle McClure. Drama director is Barbara DeVane.

"The beautiful music and character portrayals are a moving story in a setting designed to create the reality of the Bible story", said Mrs. DeVane.

KM Woman 2nd Runner-Up In N.C. Pageant

Kings Mountain's candidate for Mrs. North Carolina 1987 placed second among 12 beauties for the title.

Melony Clark Bolin returned from Wilmington this week "pleased and proud to represent the city in the pageant." She plans to return next year and bring home the crown.

"I don't plan to quit now," said Melony, who said that last year's second place finisher, Willa Mae Baltezgar, of Wilmington, was the big winner this year. First runner up was Connie Hedrick of Newton and other runners-up were Betty Schule of Wilmington and Deborah Ann Pry of Goldsboro, who also won the Miss Congeniality award. Cynthia Johnson of Fort Bragg was "Most Photogenic" and the community service award went to Robin Schalise of Asheville.

Mrs. Bolin said that the weekend snow in the Western North Carolina mountains prevented seven other contestants from participating in the state pageant at UNC-Wilmington Saturday night.

Judges gave Mrs. Bolin high marks in interviews and in the evening gown and



MELONY CLARK BOLIN

swimsuit competitions. In the evening gown division, Mrs. Bolin wore a rose formal. She modeled a blue swimsuit.

Responding to questions from the judges about Kings Mountain, Mrs. Bolin suggested that visitors would enjoy Kings Mountain, not only to visit the National Military Park and other areas, but living in Kings Mountain. She

termed the community a good place to live, "a city of gracious living," she said.

A highlight of the pageant for Mrs. Bolin was the opening number, a salute to the Ole North State, in which contestants dressed in costumes depicting the state. Mrs. Bolin dressed as a Southern Belle.

Aging Director Fears Loss Of Federal Money

Kings Mountain's Program for the Aging, caught in a controversy between its year old Advisory Council of 17 members and a city board split over the committee's recommendation on personnel, may or may not be on the agenda for Tuesday night's regular board meeting.

Both Aging Director Monty Thornburg and Advisory Council Chairman Jonas Bridges said they hope commissioners can resolve the issue.

Both Bridges and Thornburg say that to get federal money next year the Senior Center is required to have an Advisory Council and complete a self-assessment program which studies the needs of older citizens of the community, an assignment Thornburg was hoping the council would conduct this spring.

Bridges says the Advisory Council, which quit last week in a dispute with the city board over its selection of a new administrative assistant-secretary at the Senior Center, would remain on the job if commissioners rescind their recent action and issue a statement giving the advisory board's future recommendations "due considerations." Council members have charged that the recent hiring, over objections of the Advisory group after recommendation of another woman, was politically motivated.

Kings Mountain's Program for the aging is operated by the City of Kings Mountain at the Depot Center on an annual budget of \$90,537. Since its inception, the Senior Center has had committees on Aging appointed by the Mayor, but in June 1986 an Advisory Council was formed by the city board in line with standards set by the national Institute of Senior Centers. The program this year received from the federal government \$19,218 for transportation, \$10,175 for salaries, and a first time grant in Title III funds of \$19,600 for construction of a ceramics shop. The city provides \$40,000 annually for operation of the Center, utilities and labor for construction, and 10 percent matching funds. This year the city bought a new van for the program.

Mayor Moss would not speculate on whether the matter would surface at Tuesday's board meeting. However, he said the subject was not brought up at Monday's special executive meeting called to interview applicants for Police Chief.

The mayor and six board members received letters of

resignation from the Advisory Council last week after representatives of the group appeared at a recent board meeting to recommend Monty Thornburg's promotion from Acting Director to Director of the Aging Program and to recommend their choice for Thornburg's administrative assistant.

Ronald Nanney Finalist For Principal Of Year



RONALD NANNEY

Two finalists have been named as candidates for Principal of the Year honors from the Division of Principals/Administrators of the North Carolina Association of Educators. The winner of the 1987 honor will be announced during the Awards Banquet in the Raleigh Civic Center on Thursday, April 9.

The two finalists, in alphabetical order, are Joseph C. Hawley, principal of Coats Elementary School in Harnett County, and Ronald E. Nanney, principal of Bethware Elementary School in Kings Mountain.

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Funeral Services Held For Hunter Wells, 90

Funeral services for Hunter Wells, 90, of Route 4, Timms Circle, who died Wednesday in the Cleveland Memorial Hospital, were conducted Friday at 3:30 p.m. from Bethlehem Baptist

Church of which he was a member.

Rev. Ed Sessom, Rev. Sam Murphy and Rev. Richard Plyler officiated, and interment was in the church cemetery.



HUNTER WELLS

Mr. Wells was a retired carpenter and Cleveland County native, son of the late Aaron Lee and Jane McCarter Wells. He was married to the late Lightal Herndon Wells.

Surviving are two sons, Jack Wells of Kings Mountain and Lee Mack Wells of Shelby; two daughters, Mrs. Betty Falls and Mrs. Margaret Wise, both of Kings Mountain; a sister, Mrs. Britie Francis of Blacksburg, S.C., 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Cleveland County Hospice, Suite 306, 201 W. Marion St., Shelby, N.C. 28150.

Petitions Going To County

Supporters of a Piedmont Metropolitan Water District are ready to take petitions of registered voters to the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners calling for creation of the district.

Mayor John Henry Moss, who suggested the creation of a utility district during the severe summer drought, said that petitions were verified by Cleveland County Board of Elections and Gaston County Board of Elections as more than 15 percent of registered voters in the area, which validates the petitions.

Debra B. Blanton, Supervisor of the Cleveland County Board of Elections wrote the Mayor this week that the Cleveland County Board of Elections determined there are 7,981 registered voters in the area concerned with the

Piedmont Metropolitan Water District. Of the 1,985 names submitted by petition, it was determined that 1,231 are registered voters in this area. Ms. Blanton said her office has determined that 15.3 percent of the signatures presented to her office are registered in the area of the Proposed District.

A break-down of voters in the area at these precincts include: Patterson Springs, 1,831; Earl, 1,098; Bethware, 1,859; Sharon, 626; Boiling Springs, 1,487; and Grover, 1,080, or a total of 7,981.

Ms. Blanton said that the municipal areas of Patterson Springs, Earl, Grover and Boiling Springs are included in the total voters. She pointed out that since State Statute 162A-33 states that any incorporated area is not to be included in the percentage requirement, and know-

ing that the total number of voters includes these incorporated areas, the percentage of validated voters' signatures is a great deal more than 15.3 percent.

The proposed water district would serve 12,000 customers in a 135 square mile area.

Last week Gaston Board of Elections verified 215 eligible signatures on petitions in an area of Gaston County of 1325 voters who want to be a part of the water district.

Phase One of the proposed project calls for construction of water system distribution and transmission lines and storage at estimated cost of \$6 million.

The county board will be asked to conduct a public hearing on the establishment of a water district after posting an announcement for 30 days prior to the meeting.