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# Kings Mountain Herald

## East Gold Church Dedication Sunday

East Gold Street Wesleyan Church of Kings Mountain will dedicate its new \$625,000 building on East Gold Street in a special worship service Sunday at 3 p.m.

Rev. Marlin Mull of High Point, West District Superintendent for the Wesleyan Church, will be the guest speaker. Mayor Kyle Smith and State Senator Ollie Harris have also been invited to take part in the program, as well as architects, contractors and others who played key roles in construction of the facility.

Rev. George Simmons, who has pastored the East Gold Street congregation for the past five years, praised members of the congregation and the community for making a dream that began four years ago become a reality with the opening of the new facility on May 1.

"All of our members sacrificed and gave of their time, talents and money to make this dream come true," he said. "The people of the community were very supportive of our fund-raising activities and we appreciate that."

Members of the congregation will join in a Litany of Dedication during Sunday's special service. The church choir, under the direction of Steve Ingle, will present special music.

The church began a building fund several years ago, Rev. Simmons recalled, but didn't begin actively pursuing a new facility until about four years ago.

A building committee was formed and an architect hired to study the church's needs. It was determined that the facility on East Gold Street that the church had been in since 1943 would not adequately supply the needs of the growing congregation.

"We thought about buying some houses in the area," he said, "but we were able to purchase 7 1/2 acres of land near Sadie Mills from Mrs. Arnold Kiser for \$60,000. It would have cost us at least that much to purchase two homes adjoining the property of the old church, and then we would have had to tear them down to expand. So the congregation voted to re-locate."

The new building and land has been appraised at \$1 million. The church was able to raise over \$300,000 through special gifts and fund-raising projects such as breakfasts and auctions, and borrowed \$350,000 from Home Federal Savings and Loan.

The new facility has 17,000 square feet. A 60 by 60 fellowship area includes a kitchen and a small room for children's activities. The church has 15 Sunday School rooms, a pastor's study, Sunday



TO BE DEDICATED — The new East Gold Street Wesleyan Church will be dedicated in a special service Sunday at 3 p.m. An open house will be held following the worship service.

School office, Church office, board room, and dressing rooms for brides and grooms.

The sanctuary seats 440 as compared to 150 at the old building. A balcony seats 75 and the choir box 40.

The church has 140 active members and a Sunday School enrollment of 180.

A huge parking lot will accommodate over 100 cars and Rev. Simmons said the two-tenths of a mile paved area has also doubled as a "walking track" which members and friends can walk five times around for a mile walk. The old church building did not have a parking lot.

Members of the church staff, along with Rev. Simmons, are Audrey Biddix, secretary; Gertie Barnette, treasurer; Jim Conner, Jay Biddix and Jimmy Buchanan, trustees; Steve Brown, Sunday School Superintendent; Carson Gore, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent; Steve Ingle, Choir Director; and Fred Eaker, Assistant Choir Director.

Members of the Church Board are Audrey Biddix, Gertie Barnette, Jay Biddix, Steve Brown, Jim Conner, Sandy Jones, Bobbie Ware, Benny Bowers, Ollie Wheeler, Ronnie Wheeler, Fred Eaker, Cornelia Buchanan, Carson Gore and Juanita Jackson.

Members of the Building Committee were Rev. Simmons, chairman; Ollie Wheeler, Gertie Barnette, Audrey Biddix, Jay Biddix, Don Ware, Steve Brown, Jim Conner, Seymore Biddix, and Will Huntsinger.

The church plans, hopefully within the next year, to begin construction of a parsonage at the new site. It presently owns a parsonage on Henry Street, where Rev. Simmons resides, and one beside the old church building, which is rented.

Future plans may also include using the new church facility as a Day Care Center. "We hope to use it more than for church services and functions," Rev. Simmons said.

Plans are to sell the old building, which was purchased from the Kings Mountain Church of God in 1943 after East Gold Street Wesleyan Church was organized by eight to 10 families who were members of First Wesleyan Church. "Many of those families already lived in the Sadie Mill area and wanted a church in their own community," Rev. Simmons noted.

The church is in the process of having the old church property rezoned to accommodate small businesses.

Rev. Simmons praised the men's fellowship, which did the painting and landscaping and furnished the kitchen and dining areas through proceeds received from monthly breakfasts. The Ladies Missionary Society furnished the bride and groom rooms.

Eddie Smith of Shelby was architect and Eddie Kee of Shelby was general contractor. Sub-contractors included Goforth Plumbing, Burch Electric, and Butler Heating and Air Conditioning. Barrett Floor Covering installed carpets, A&O Church Furniture furnished the pews and sanctuary furniture, Piedmont Restaurant Supply furnished the kitchen and tables and Timms Furniture supplied the furniture for the bride and groom rooms.

Following Sunday afternoon's dedication service, the facility will be open for Open House from 4-7 p.m. The Ladies Missionary Society will serve refreshments and men of the church will lead tours.

The public is invited.

## Bond May Be Needed

The city of Kings Mountain is asking the State Division of Environmental Management to agree to a modified agreement on a time schedule for completion of improvements which would bring the Pilot Creek Wastewater Treatment facility into compliance with state laws.

A time schedule proposed by the Division of Environmental Management was discussed in executive session at Monday night's called board meeting at city hall, and the board agreed with all but three of the state's deadlines which are spelled out in a Judicial Order by Consent.

The city asks a four-month extension on the following stipulations of the Order of Consent:

- \*That the city submit plans, specifications and request authorization to construct adequate sludge handling, wasting and disposal facilities at Pilot Creek by December 1.
- \*Complete construction of sludge facilities by December 1, 1989.
- \*Achieve compliance with effluent limitations by February 1, 1990.

Meanwhile, City Manager George Wood said that a bond referendum may be necessary to correct problems in the city's sewage system as well as all other utilities.

If the city's engineers and advisors, and the city board, feel that a bond is necessary, Wood said it would take at least six months to complete a bond issue and there would be no way the city could meet the JOC deadlines without a four-month extension.

"There could be a number of utility improvements needed," he said. "We're asking for extra time because we couldn't possibly get the money from a bond issue until February or March."

Wood said construction of a sludge drying press may be necessary to clear up problems at Pilot Creek. The city is presently using sludge drying beds but on rainy days, the sludge cannot be dried and taken to a landfill.

"You can't remove it, and there's no place to put the additional sludge that's coming in," Wood said.

The city is no longer allowed to accept new homes or businesses on its sewer system because of the Judicial Order of Consent. The number three basin at Pilot Creek is inadequate to treat its current flow and Wood said "as much flow as possible" (approximately 950 gallons per day) is being diverted to the McGill Treatment Plant.

"If the DEM will accept our suggested modifications, we believe the city can stay on the compliance schedule, which assumes a major general obligation land referendum in the early fall," Wood said.

The city has contracted with Hayward Inc. of Charlotte to dredge the basin at \$86 per cubic yard. Wood said there was no way to correctly predict what the project will cost but said it would run from "\$60,000 to \$80,000."

"We plan to try to get into compliance as rapidly as possible," Wood said. "But the state will need several weeks of good readings before lifting the moratorium."

The city faces fines of up to \$500 per day for not meeting Consent Order deadlines for submitting plans for new construction and complying with effluent limitations.

Kings Mountain, Bessemer City, and Gaston County are presently attempting to secure grants to cover the cost of a new \$26 million area treatment facility. Kings Mountain's cost for such a project could be as high as \$3.5 million. A possible bond referendum would cover those costs as well as improvements to the electrical system and other city utilities.

## Cashion Loses In Runoff

Kings Mountain's Joyce Cashion lost her bid for a second four-year term on the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners by running third in a four-way runoff for two nominations in Tuesday's Democratic runoff.

Mrs. Cashion—the first woman to be elected to the county board—trailed second place Jack Spangler by only 89 votes in a light turnout.

Ralph Gilbert, a retired real estate appraiser, led the race with 2,602 votes, or 29.1 percent. Spangler, who is seeking his second term on the board, was second with 2,265, or 25.3 percent, and Cashion was third with 2,176 votes, or 24.3 percent. Rev. R.E. Devoe of Shelby was fourth with 1,898 votes, or 21.2 percent.

John Cabaniss, a Shelby banker, received a majority vote in the May 3 primary to nail down one of the Democratic nominations for three seats on the county board. Cabaniss, Gilbert and Spangler will face Republicans Charlie Harry and Larry Greer, both of Shelby, in the November 8 general elections. Harry, a former Grover resident, ran strong in his first bid for office four years ago.

Commission Chairman L.E. "Josh" Hinnant of Kings Mountain, and Coleman Goforth, are the other members of the county board.

Mrs. Cashion, a Kings Mountain grocer, led in all precincts east of Buffalo Creek, but Gilbert

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## HOW THEY DID IT . . .

(Precinct)	CASHION	DEVOE	GILBERT	SPANGLER
Bethware	70	22	36	34
Grover	63	31	30	33
East KM	262	55	41	86
West KM	250	84	57	107
B. Springs	117	43	132	124
Casar	33	5	57	47
Earl	78	89	63	48
Fallston	45	15	160	132
Holly Spr.	15	5	34	17
Lattimore	98	130	139	134
Lawndale	73	142	150	118
Mooresboro	50	11	58	70
Mulls	49	26	123	108
Patt. Spr.	107	82	71	88
Polkville	110	25	137	155
Shanghai	75	26	102	87
Shelby 1	113	186	171	155
Shelby 2	120	116	316	176
Shelby 3	97	63	177	117
Shelby 4	61	282	116	95
Shelby 5	71	211	74	62
Shelby 6	26	53	44	38
Shelby 7	112	63	162	143
Waco	58	104	101	71
(Totals)	2,176	1,898	2,602	2,265

## 'Beauty' Contest Slated

Twenty-five "beauties" will compete for the title of Miss Kings Mountain Rescue Squad in a fund-raising Womanless Beauty Pageant June 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes Auditorium.

All funds collected will go toward the purchase of much-needed equipment for the squad, which serves the Kings Mountain area on a volunteer basis.

Warren Goforth, former "Miss Cleveland County", will be the emcee.

Contestants include Jonie Blanton, John Haskins, Johnny Hutchins, Randy Bell, Bobby Horne, Gene Stone, Paul Hord Jr., Dale Bragg, Ricky Henderson, Darrell Austin, Ronnie Wilson, Larry McDaniel, Jerry White, Al Moretz, Billy King, Marvin Chappell, John Caveny Jr., Paul Fulton, Ronnie Franks, Larry Wood, John Pettus, Kenny Ward, Steve Wilson, Brent Bingham, and Lynn Cheshire.

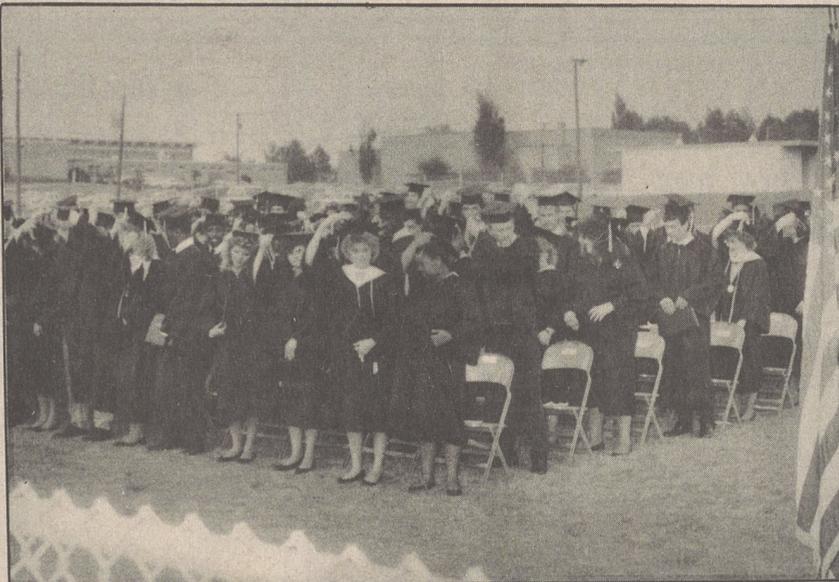


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KMHS GRADUATION — Kings Mountain High seniors reverse the tassels on their caps to signify that they are high school graduates at the conclusion of graduation ceremonies Tuesday night at John Gamble Stadium. Two hundred and twenty members of the Class of 1988 earned diplomas.

## Commencement Held For KMHS

BY TODD GOSSETT

Two hundred and twenty Kings Mountain Senior High School graduating seniors participated in baccalaureate and graduation exercises this week.

Sunday's baccalaureate service began with a processional into Barnes Auditorium by the seniors to the music of "Pomp and Circumstance," played by pianist Sherry Young. Rev. Robert J. Collins of the Kings Mountain Baptist Church gave the invocation.

KMHS Chorale director Eugene Bumgardner lead the congregation in the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy," and the Rev. Dewey Smith of Galilee/St. Paul Methodist Church read the scripture.

Special music was provided by the KMSHS Choral Union. They sang "I'll walk with God" and "A Parting Blessing."

Rev. Harwood T. Smith, Jr., of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church delivered the sermon. "Congratulations. You have cause for great pride," he said. The scrip-

tures are filled with words against, pride, Smith said. But the trick is knowing what pride is really all about.

Smith said that proper pride is not arrogance or egotism. "It is found in the pride you've brought to all the people here this evening," he said. "People whose lives you've touched in so many ways and who've touched yours. They are proud because they care about you," he said.

"You should have pride knowing that you've accomplished something but given them a sense of accomplishment too," he said. "Real pride is something that is shared."

The benediction was given by Rev. Dennis Michael Helms of Allen Memorial Baptist church. The seniors recessed to "Pomp and Circumstance."

Graduation exercises Tuesday night began with a procession by the graduating seniors into John Gamble Stadium. Procession music was played by the Kings Mountain Junior High School

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