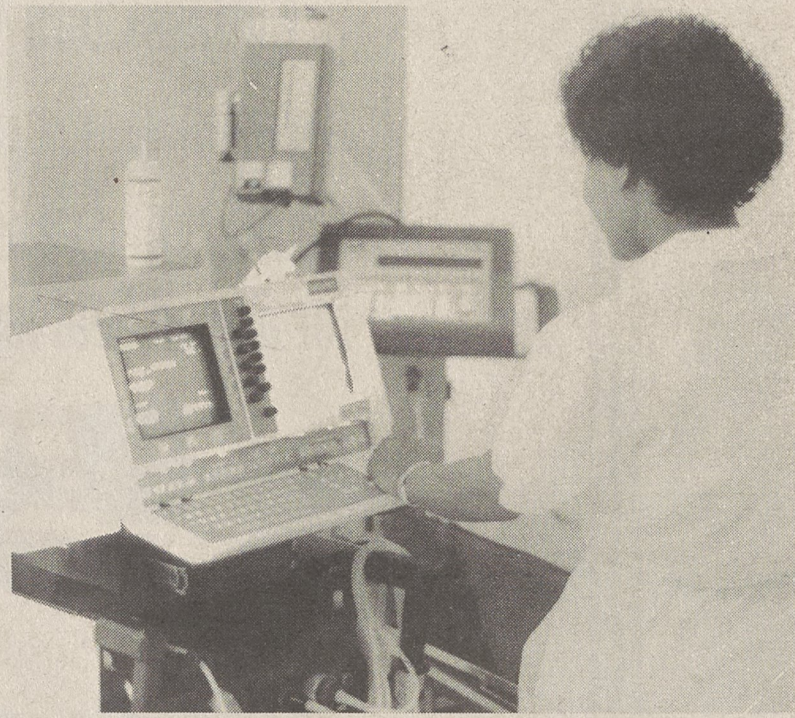


KM Hospital Buys Ultrasound Equipment

Kings Mountain Hospital has been using ultrasound equipment for many years, but in December 1987, a newer, more advanced unit was obtained. The new equipment produces sharper, clearer images of the internal structure of the body.

Ultrasound, a procedure performed by ultrasonographers, enables the radiologist to read the ultrasound and see internal organs without the use of x-rays. Ultrasound employs sound waves which are above the level of human hearing. To date, ultrasound has produced no undesirable effects on the human body.

When ultrasound waves are sent through the body, they travel through the different tissues of the body at different speeds. The sound waves are reflected back to a sound wave detector whenever the wave strikes a tissue of different density. A complex system transforms these reflected sound waves into pictures which outline internal organs such as the liver,



NEW EQUIPMENT - Phyllis Lackey, Radiology Supervisor at Kings Mountain Hospital, operates the hospital's new ultrasound machine recently.

spleen, kidneys, gallbladder and pancreas, as well as the ovaries and uterus in women.

A computer is incorporated in the new unit which gives instant read-outs of how far along a pregnancy is by measuring the length of the baby's thigh bone, the cross section diameter of the head and the circumference of the abdomen. In addition, a baby's weight can be estimated by entering several measurements into the computer.

Improvements made in medicine have resulted in modern ultrasound equipment which is considerably more expensive than the old equipment. Costs for ultrasound equipment run anywhere from \$85,000 to \$175,000, but Kings Mountain Hospital makes these essential investments to remain up-to-date with the rapidly changing state of the art in medical equipment technology.



ARCHITECTURAL AWARD - Scott Ferebee, left, presents Kings Mountain postmaster Fred Weaver with the North Carolina Institute of Architects Award of Excellence in Architecture Award (AIA) for Kings Mountain's new post office. Ferebee is chairman of the FWA Group, the architectural firm that designed the post office. The new post office was also recognized by the AIA as a 1987 Special Recognition Award winner.

Center Celebrates

BY TODD GOSSETT
Staff Reporter

The North Carolina Welcome Centers celebrated their 20th anniversary last week with celebrations at locations across the state including one at the Interstate Highway 85 Welcome Center south of Kings Mountain.

The celebration at the Kings Mountain center included refreshments, and exhibit by a local artist, and other historical and natural exhibits.

An exhibit provided by the Schiele Museum of Natural History included an 18th century tape loom and the firing of a revolutionary war rifle. Volunteers from the Schiele Museum, dressed in 18th century-era clothing, showed tourists and visitors the exhibits.

Birds of Prey from the North Carolina Raptor Center were also displayed at the celebration. The center cares for birds of prey that are injured or can't take care of themselves.

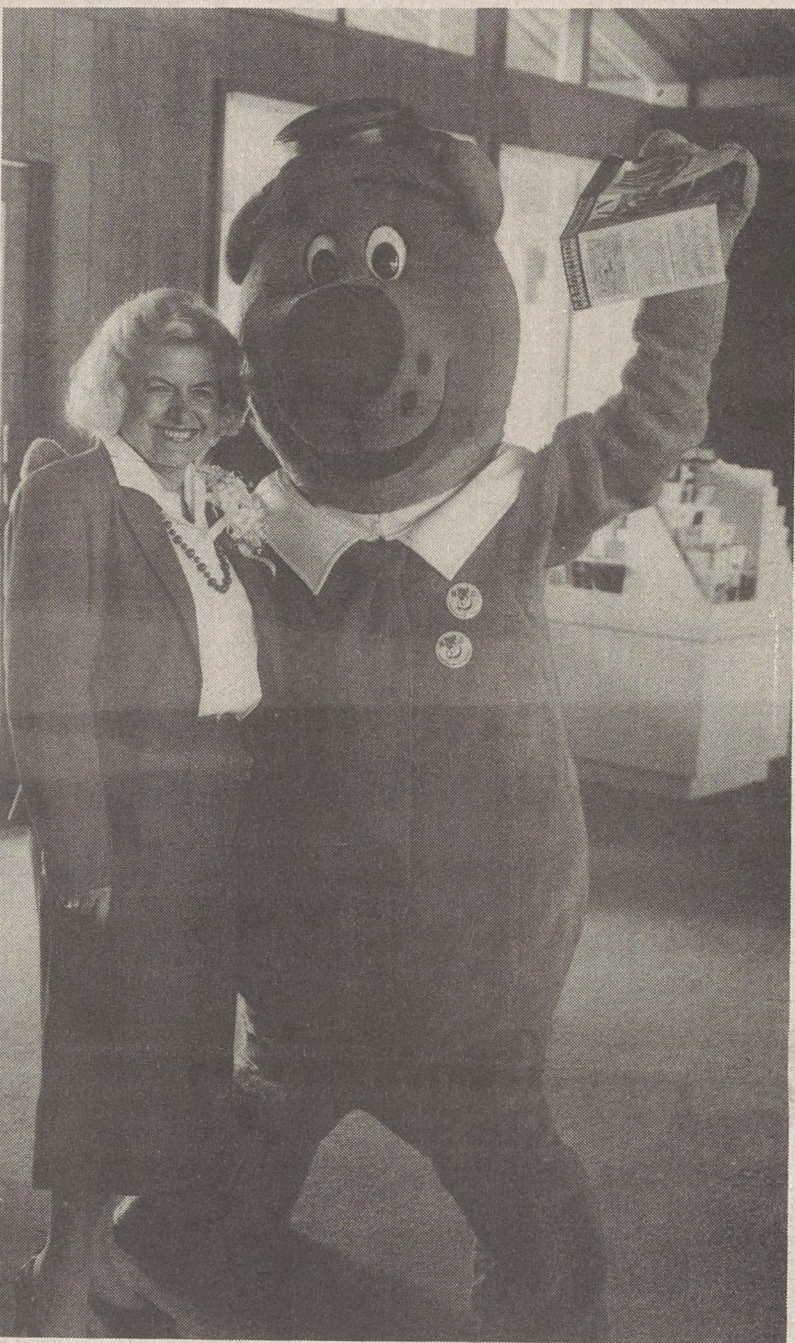
A local dulcimer player, John Mason, entertained the crowd with traditional Appalachian music.

The first Welcome Center to open in North Carolina was at I-85 North in Norlina in 1968. The I-85 South Welcome center opened its doors in 1972.

The staffs of the centers provide travel information to tourists and also let them know what North Carolina has to offer. In doing this, it is hoped that the traveler will stay or return.

Since 1968, the Welcome Centers have greeted more than 65 million visitors.

The Centers are operated by the North Carolina Division of Travel and Tourism and maintained in working partnership with the North Carolina Department of Transportation.



YOGI AND BOO BOO? - Not quite. Janet Fulton, manager of the North Carolina Welcome Center on I-85 South, poses with Yogi Bear during last week's 20th anniversary celebration. It was 20 years ago last week that the first Welcome Center opened at I-85 North in Norlina.

Junior High Orientation Set

Kings Mountain Junior High School will have an orientation session on August 19, at 10 a.m., in the school cafeteria. The purpose of the session will be to welcome and register new students. A tour of the school will be given following the session.

Class schedules for pre-registered students will be mailed, and should be received by August 18th.

Any student who has moved into the school district and will be attending Kings Mountain Junior High for the first time should come in with a parent to register for classes before school starts.

This will help to speed up the student in being assigned classes and sending for records.

KM Students Attend School

Cullowhee - Three Kings Mountain students attended the Legislators' School for Youth Leadership Development at Western Carolina University this summer.

The school is a three-week residential program for youths in grades eight through 12. It includes outdoor, cultural and academic activities designed to

develop skills in leadership, thinking and communication for students who are considered potential leaders in their communities. The General Assembly funds the school.

Kings Mountain students who participated in the program are: Jay Hendricks of Route 2. Jay is a junior at Kings Mountain Senior High School and a member of the French Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, tennis team, and pep club; Juliet McRae, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert R. McRae Jr. of 1406 Merrimont Ave., a junior at Kings Mountain Senior High School, an honor roll student, a cheerleader, and a member of the Beta Club, Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, letterman's club and the volleyball and track teams; and Derick Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis L. McCree of Route 5, a sophomore at Kings Mountain Senior High School and a member of the Beta Club, wrestling club and art club.

School Loans Are Available

Three educational loan programs for North Carolina residents attending colleges in or out of state and for nonresidents attending colleges in North Carolina are available through College Foundation Inc.

One program is for dependent or independent students and is based on financial need. One is for independent self-supporting students and is not based on financial need. The third program is for parents of dependent students and is not based on financial need.

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