



KINGS MOUNTAIN HOSPITAL'S BUSINESS OFFICE STAFF—Front row, left to right - Deanna Asgari, Claudia Austin. Back row, left to right - Billie Hicklin, Delores CHandler, Jena Anthony, Shari Sherer.



Kings Mountain Hospital's Dietitian Donna Freeman, left, and Administrator Huitt Reep present a certificate and carnation to Kathy Dixon, one of Kings Mountain Hospital's food service employees.

Free Community Support Groups Organize

In response to the shock and stress left in the wake of Hurricane Hugo, Charter Counseling Center is holding free community support groups for those in Gastonia and

surrounding counties. "What Now? A Group For Those Coping With Hugo" meets Oct. 16 and Oct. 23 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at 227 Wilmot Drive in

Gastonia and will be led by mental health professionals.

The service is free and open to the public.

Business Office Important

The business office at Kings Mountain Hospital plays an essential role in providing medical care to the citizens of Kings Mountain and the surrounding area. From admission through discharge and most often for several months after discharge, business office personnel monitor patient accounts to ensure accuracy in recording various transactions that take place.

Beginning in admitting for inpatients and the Emergency Room for the emergencies and outpatients, a business office employee gathers the information that is required for

the patient's medical record; information required by the patient's insurance company; and information required for billing patients who are not covered by insurance.

In addition, business office personnel record the charges for services and supplies provided to patients as well as payments made on patient accounts.

Business office personnel aid patients in filing insurance. The business office is also responsible for providing patients with statements of their accounts after the patient's

insurance has been paid. Even though the majority of patients come in contact with only one or two members of the business office, the entire business office staff is concerned about all patients utilizing services offered at Kings Mountain Hospital. The business office is available for the convenience of all patients.

Kings Mountain Hospital's business office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on weekends from 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

This Is Food Service Week

For the first time this year, the United States Congress has declared the week of October 1-7 as National Health Care Food Service Week. At Kings Mountain Hospital, food service employees were honored with a reception where they were presented with a certificate of appreciation and a

carnation. This is an opportunity to recognize and appreciate the work that Food Service Employees perform on a daily basis in nursing homes, hospitals and other health care settings. This recognition is given in appreciation to those workers who have given their time and talent to

food service. Good service is one of many support services in a health care environment. Food service employees provide an essential part of a total program of wellness; the nutritional care and support to patients who have varied needs and tastes.

Scouts Stand Against Drugs

Using the theme, "My Choice..Drug Free" Girl Scouts of the Pioneer Council will join other area organizations to support Red Ribbon Week Oct. 22-29.

Started in 1988 by the National Federation of Parents, the red ribbon has become the outward symbol of an inner commitment to be drug free.

Local community resources are

aiding the Girl Scouts in this prevention effort. Sixteen organizations have formed "The Substance Abuse Coalition of Gaston County." Some of the participating agencies are Gaston/Lincoln Mental Health, CODAP and

Cleveland County Mental Health and the Green Street Center in Rutherford County.

During the week Girl Scouts will be adding red to their uniforms and using drug prevention information in programs.

Mason Joins Gaston

Dr. Howard Keith Mason has joined Gaston Memorial Hospital as an associate medical director in Psychiatric Services.

A general psychiatrist, Dr. Mason earned his medical degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He served his internship and residency in the Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center in Los Angeles, Ca. He is board certified in psychiatry and neurology.

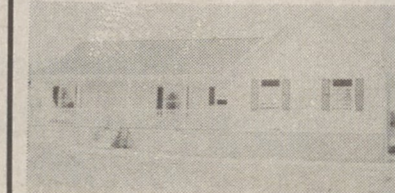
Dr. Mason also has private practices in Gastonia and Charlotte.

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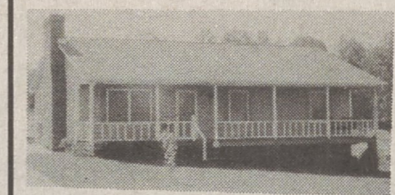
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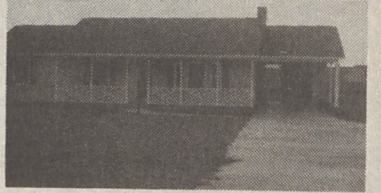


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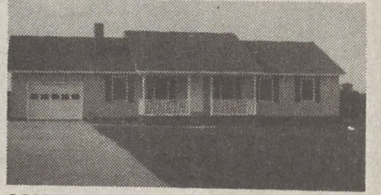
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