

Kings Mountain Hospital Prepares For Emergencies

Imagine the situation. A tractor trailer driving on the interstate transporting hazardous chemicals swerves to avoid merging traffic and slams into a bus loaded with tourists on the way to the mountains. The resulting victims must be treated quickly and competently at a hospital which can handle such an emergency.

The incident depicted above did not really happen. Rather, it was used as a drill on November 30 to insure the readiness of Kings Mountain Hospital personnel in the event that such an emergency occurs.

Each year without prior notice to hospital personnel, Kings Mountain Hospital enacts a scenario like the one described above, known as the Mass Casualty Disaster drill. Using hospital personnel as imaginary victims, the disaster drill team is instructed to treat each victim as they would in a real life situation.

In the event of a mass casualty disaster, the responsible individual at the scene--police, rescue squad, fireman--alerts Kings Mountain Hospital nursing supervisor and emergency room physician are notified, the

switchboard operator alerts all hospital personnel of the disaster over the public address system.

In accordance with the mass casualty plan, the nursing supervisor decides which departments in the hospital are needed. Each staff member has an assigned task to perform when a disaster occurs, which is outlined in the mass casualty plan. Every department has a copy of the plan and each employee is instructed to read it. Through the combined efforts of all hospital personnel and the cooperation of the medical staff, a disaster can be handled.

According to Huitt Reep, Administrator at Kings Mountain Hospital, the drills are held to ensure that the hospital is prepared to meet any needs in the event that a disaster were to happen.

Following the drill, the hospital's safety committee critiques the drill to determine how it went in an effort to improve response time and coordination of activities.

"This year's drill went off smoothly," said Reep.

Foreign Objects In Nose May Cause Injury To Child

Nose injuries often occur when a child inserts or inhales a foreign object into a nostril. Such injuries are most common among children under the age of five, who tend to insert small objects into body openings out of curiosity. Objects commonly inserted into nostrils include crayon pieces, small toys, pieces of large toys (especially

plastic ones), erasers, paper wads, dried beans, pebbles and food.

If allowed to remain in the nasal passage, a foreign object may result in breathing difficulty or an infection caused by blocking of the nasal passage, which provides a moist environment for bacteria to breed. Also, a child may choke if the object travels from the nasal

passage to the back of the throat.

Medical attention should be sought immediately if a child has a foreign object in his or her nose. Signs and symptoms may include nasal discomfort, sneezing and a discharge that is characteristically foul-smelling and may contain pus or blood.

Do not try to remove an object from a child's nose unless it is protruding from a nostril; attempting to remove the object is likely to force it farther into the nasal passage and it may obstruct breathing. Once an object has been removed, any infection usually clears up rapidly. Sometimes antibiotic medication is prescribed by a physician.

If you have any questions concerning nasal obstruction contact your physician or the emergency department at Kings Mountain Hospital.

Obituaries

WILLIAM HOLLAND CLOVER, S.C. - William Grady Holland, 83, of 6200 Little Mountain Road, died December 1, 1989 at Piedmont Medical Center in Rock Hill.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Adolphus C. and Margaret Froneberger Holland. He was retired after running W.G. Holland Construction Company in Gastonia for more than 30 years. He also owned Little Mountain Campground in Clover.

He was a member of Avion Travelcade Club and Sandy Plains Baptist Church, where he was a former member of the house and grounds committee. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Brandon Hurley Holland; two sons, Leroy Holland of Kings Mountain and James Holland of Clover; eight daughters, Margaret Stone, Edith Williams, Faye McGinnis, Peggy Peters and Sandra Ward of Gastonia and Ruby Voyles, Betty Brandon and Carolyn Booth of Clover; one stepson, Benny Hurley of Winder, Ga.; three brothers, Ernest Holland of Gastonia, Wilford Holland of Stanley and R.C. Holland of Rocky Mount; three sisters, Lavonia Long and Eloise Holland of Gastonia and Beulah Dilling of Shallotte; 24 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Monday at 11 a.m. at Sandy Plains Baptist Church by the Rev. Richard Brown and the Rev. Billy Hoffman. Burial was in Long Creek Memorial Baptist Church cemetery in Dallas.

Memorials may be made to Sandy Plains Baptist Church building fund, 4816 Union Road,

Gastonia, N.C. 28054.

CORNELIUS SPARKS GASTONIA - Cornelius Henry "Neal" Sparks, 76, of 310 Huffman Road, Gastonia, died December 2, 1989 at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte.

A native of Lincoln County, he was the son of the late John C. and Brady Sparks Sparks and widow of the late Ruby Bentley Sparks. He was retired after more than 50 years of service with TiCaro.

He is survived by five daughters, Lorene Jones and Daisy Stewart of Gastonia and Vivian Ellison, Hermie Messer and Diane Davey of Kings Mountain; a brother, Clyde T. Wilson of Gastonia; 14 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Carothers Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. Darrell Alexander. Burial was in Olney Presbyterian Church cemetery.

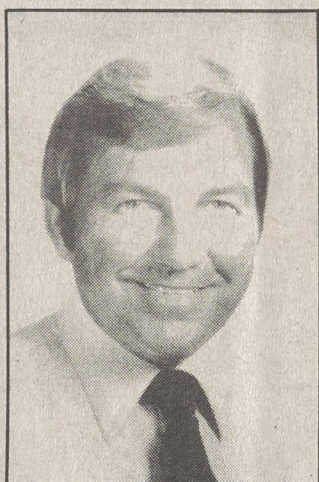
JANE LOVELACE Iva Jane Smith Lovelace, 44, of Route 2, Kings Mountain, died December 2, 1989 at her home.

A native of Kings Mountain, she was the daughter of Eunice Carpenter Smith of Kings Mountain and the late Paul T. Smith. She was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church and was employed as a data processor with Cinderella Knits.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, Gene Lovelace, and a sister, Frances McDaniel of Forest City.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church by the Rev. Ron Caulder and the Rev. Scott Carpenter. Burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

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