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Thanks service Nov. 25

The annual community Thanksgiving service sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association will be held Wednesday night, November 25, at 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

Rev. Patricia Stone, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, will bring the message, "Attitude of Gratitude." Her sermon will be a dramatic presentation of Thanksgiving from the perspective of its first celebrants, the Pilgrims.

The service will feature a symbolic "Dressing of the Table" with representatives of the participating congregations bringing various items to complete the table setting. Appropriate scripture passages will be read as each item is presented.

There will be a joint choir under the direction of Rev. Morris Jordan. Anyone who sings in the choir of one of the local churches is welcome. Contact Jordan at First Baptist Church for details on the music. The combined choir will practice together at 6:30 p.m. prior to the service.

The offering from the community service will go to the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry which provides assistance of many sorts to local residents in time of need. The ministers of the Association invite and encourage all members of the community to join in this expression of thanksgiving "for the blessings we enjoy as a nation and to use the opportunity to contribute to the welfare of the needy among us."

CHRISTMAS TIME IN THE CITY



Employees of the City of Kings Mountain are pictured above planting the new Christmas tree at Mauney Memorial Library, just in time for the community tree lighting ceremony on December 1. The new tree replaces the old White Pine which succumbed to the Southern Pine Beetle.

Guyton: Another employee not needed Councilman keeps eye on Recreation

Ward 2 Councilman Jim Guyton, completing his first year on Kings Mountain City Council, sees his role as a watchdog of city departments.

"When I see a department I think needs improvement I intend to speak up," says Guyton, who says majority of his co-Council members don't agree with him about how he thinks the Recreation Department, in particular, should be run.

"The recreation director told us at the recent board meeting that the department was run by loosely organized citizens groups in the past," said Guyton. "I take issue with that assessment because if it's ever been operated loosely it is now. This is the first time ever I know of that teams played softball for a whole season before they paid their entry fees."

David Hancock's statement came in a report presented to the city council which detailed the activities of the department and the work assignments of the staff. "The hiring is the beginning of the city's commitment to directly supervise all activities conducted on city facilities," the report said in part.

Guyton's flap with the Recreation Department surfaced at last month's city council meeting when he, along with Councilman Jerry White, voted against a recommendation by the Parks & Recreation Commission to fill a position of Center Supervisor at the Community Center. The City Council voted 4-2 to fill the position.

"We got out of the personnel business four years ago when we went to the city manager form of

government," said Councilman Fred Finger. He said the council's job is to make policy. Mayor pro tem Norma Bridges agrees.

Parks & Recreation Chairman Bridges said that board voted 4-0 to ask Council to fill the Center position. "Some of the board was skeptical but since the money is budgeted we felt there is enough work for the third person to do and went along with Recreation Director David Hancock's request."

"We don't need another employee. What will he do?" asked Guyton who said that only three outside activities are scheduled from August 1992 until March 1993. He said the fall softball program is run by C.J. Holland, the little boy's football program is run by the Optimist Club and boy's soccer is handled by the county.

"Two people can run the recreation program," he said.

Guyton said that \$105,000 was spent for salaries for the Center and Early Field from January-October. He said the recreation director is the fourth highest paid city employee.

"We're paying top money and there are areas that need improved and I have called these to the Recreation Department's attention and have seen little results," said Guyton.

"The rest of the board was impressed with the report they got at the last meeting and supported a request for another staff member who is being hired but I don't think the job is justified," said Guyton.

Guyton said he operated 18 men's teams and 13 women's teams

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Kings Mountain People

Bridges keeps customers happy

By Elizabeth Stewart
of The Herald Staff

Bill Bridges, 68, has cut plenty of hair in 32 years in Kings Mountain.

The popular barber has operated his own shop for 20 years at 409 Walnut Street near the old Phenix Mill. Before that, he worked with Baxter Wright at the old Wright's Barber Shop downtown.

Although hair styles have changed drastically since the early days of his business the camaraderie shared by customers who visit his shop remains the same.

Short hair was stylish in the early years and the barber trade boomed. Bridges recalled that he

had a steady stream of customers for his barber chair and often people were waiting at the door for him to open. Recent years brought new hair styles among men and women and nowadays the male population sports long tresses, even longer than some women.

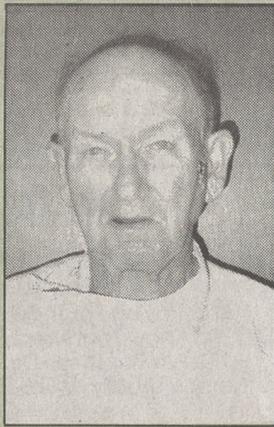
Bridges got out of the Margrace Mill and Pauline Mill quill and went to barber school after a short stint with Uncle Sam's Army in World War II. Drafted at age 18, he received a medical discharge. His health problem left him with a facial paralysis.

"I can't enjoy a big smile or laugh at some of the jokes custom-

arily attributed to barber shops," he said, as he reminisced about some of the comical incidents in his barber shop.

Bridges never nicked a face while shaving but he came close while shaving his regular weekly customer, the late Dan Stewart. "Dan and Marriott Phifer got here about the same time every Saturday morning and I didn't know when I started to shave Dan that Wright had given me a razor with a broken handle," said Bridges. "Dan's whiskers were tough as copper wire and I had put a new blade in the razor. I took

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BILL BRIDGES

Jill Jimison to represent KMHS in Carrousel Parade

Jill Jimison, KMHS senior, will represent Kings Mountain in the 1992 Carolinas Carrousel Parade Thanksgiving Day in Charlotte.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Jimison was chosen Carrousel Princess by the student body at the high school. The 17-year-old brunette hazel-eyed beauty ranks No. 2 in a class of 262 seniors.

Active in campus activities, Jimison was nominated for a Morehead Scholarship, Duke Power Scholarship and Congressional Scholarship. She is active in the National Honor Society, Beta Club, High Q Team, and was a Junior marshal. She earned academic excellence and



JILL JIMISON

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KM Crisis Ministry gears for peak season

With the holiday season approaching the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry gears for a peak season, says Director Sherry Hamrick.

The late fall and winter finds people with increased power and fuel bills and the flu season means more medicine with the resources of the elderly and unemployed becoming more and more strained, she says.

Hamrick says requests for help have increased this month and by Christmas the needs will surpass previous years.

Individual contributors, local church congregations and civic clubs support the Crisis Ministry, a strictly local helping agency overseen by a local governing board helping local people and staffed by volunteers with exception of one part-time staff person.

Hamrick says that although the Crisis Ministry will receive 25 per-

cent of the funds collected in the October CROP Walk that it will be some time before all the pledges are sent in.

In December, members of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association will be ringing the bell at local grocery stores to support the Crisis Ministry. Contributions to Kings Mountain United Fund also play an important role since that organization is a generous and primary contributor to the Crisis Ministry organization.

In October, 76 families visited the Food Bank at the Community Center. During two weeks in November 50 people had received staple food items there.

On a recent afternoon a young father was at the Food Bank to receive staple food items for his wife and two children from volunteers Bobby Smith, Carrie Martin and

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Carrie Martin, Bobby Smith and Ethel Tignor, left to right, stock the shelves at the Food Bank at the Kings Mountain Community Center. The Crisis Ministry is gearing for a peak season.

Contest deadline is Friday

Friday is the deadline for entering the President's Photo Contest.

If you snapped an unusually good photograph of President Bush during his Whistle Stop tour through Kings Mountain, you could win up to \$100.

The contest, sponsored by the Herald and Mayor Scott Neisler, will pay \$50 to the winner, \$30 for second place and \$20 for third place.

The pictures are due in the Herald office no later than 5 p.m. Friday. They will be judged over the weekend and published in next week's Herald. After that, they will be displayed at City Hall.

Black and white and color photos of any size are acceptable. They must have been made in Kings Mountain or Grover. Only amateur photographers may enter.