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EASTER SERVICES

Rev. Robert Haynes, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, will deliver the sermon at the traditional community-wide Easter Sunrise Service Sunday morning at 6:30 a.m. in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Other ministers of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association will participate in the service to which the public is invited.

Special music, "Easter Song," will be presented by Jake Dixon, Linda Dixon, Marilyn Hamrick and Sonny Peeler. A Community Choir, under the direction of Linda Dixon and with Libby Putnam at the keyboard, will sing "Hallelujah Chorus" to close the service.

Jim Putnam will give the trumpet call to resound the new day after which Rev. Harwood Smith, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, will give the welcome. The opening prayer will be prayed by Rev. Liston Sellers, pastor of Galilee/St. Paul United Methodist Church. The congregation will sing the hymn, "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" and Dr. Donald Mitchell, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, will read the scripture.

Haynes will deliver the sermon on the topic, "The Power of the Resurrection."

The service, under sponsorship of Kings Mountain Ministerial Association, will be held before the large cross in Veteran's Park.

Dixon Presbyterian Church will hold Easter Sunrise service Sunday morning at 7 a.m.

Rev. Allan Sinclair will lead the service, which will be followed by breakfast.

Other services of the day will include Sunday School at 10 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m. The public is invited.

Two Holy Week services are scheduled at First Presbyterian Church.

Maundy Thursday Communion will be celebrated Thursday night at 7 p.m.

The Service of Tennebrae will be held Good Friday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Scripture readings and special music will be featured in the services. The public is invited.

The Adult Choir will lead a Holy Week Cantata, "Thy Will Be Done," at Maundy Thursday service Thursday night at 7 p.m. at Boyce Memorial ARP Church. Dramatization will be by the Senior High group. A communion service will conclude the service.

"Hope Is Alive," a musical/drama worship service celebrating the resurrection of The Lord, will be presented by the Praise and Worship Choir of Second Baptist Church, 120 Linwood Road, Sunday, April 11, at 8:30 a.m.

The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus are facts! There were eyewitnesses to each event. "Hope Is Alive" will allow worshippers to look through the eyes of five of those witnesses to whom the Risen Christ appeared.

Most scholars agree that there were at least 10 post-resurrection appearances of Jesus. Some appearances were described in detail in the scriptures. Others were alluded to in the gospels and even in some of the epistles.

"Join us on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. for this great service celebrating Jesus Christ who is alive forevermore," said Rev. Eugene Land, pastor. "You will be changed as you encounter the Risen Christ through the Biblical eyewitness accounts of those whose lives were changed as they met Jesus."

Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. Sign-up is necessary for the breakfast.

A joint Maundy Thursday service will be held by St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and Resurrection Lutheran Church Thursday at 3 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church on North Piedmont Avenue.

Rev. John Futterer, Resurrection pastor, will deliver the sermon, assisted by Rev. Harwood Smith in the service of the spoken word.

The service is designed especially for those worshippers who can't attend Maundy Thursday evening services. The public is invited.

Holy Week services at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Crescent Hill will culminate on Easter morning with a 7 a.m. Sunrise Service followed by breakfast, the 10 a.m. Church School and the 11 a.m. Festival of Worship.

Rev. John Futterer will lead the Maundy Thursday communion service at 7 p.m. Thursday. The service will feature the stripping of the altar which symbolizes the stripping of Jesus Christ and His degradation on the cross.

The Service of Tennebrae, a somber, very quiet service, will be held at 7 p.m. on Good Friday.

At the Easter Sunrise Service special music will be presented by the Chancel Choir under the direction of Donald Deal with Mrs. Deal as organist. The Choir will also sing at the 11 a.m. worship service.

Public workshops set on Dixon extension

A public workshop on the proposed extension of Dixon School Road will be held by the North Carolina Department of Transportation on Monday, May 3, at Kings Mountain City Hall.

Representatives of NCDOT will be available to discuss the proposed project and answer any questions between the hours of 4-8 p.m. Informational maps will be posted.

City engineer Tom Howard said the proposed project consists of extending Dixon School Road, south of N.C. 216, to U. S. 74 Business west of Kings Mountain. The proposal will include constructing a two-lane road on a new location.

The road is outlined in the city's proposed revised thoroughfare plan which has been in the works since 1979. The new road would be designed to alleviate congestion and traffic problems on Phifer Road leading to the two school plants and particularly ease the congestion at the new middle school.

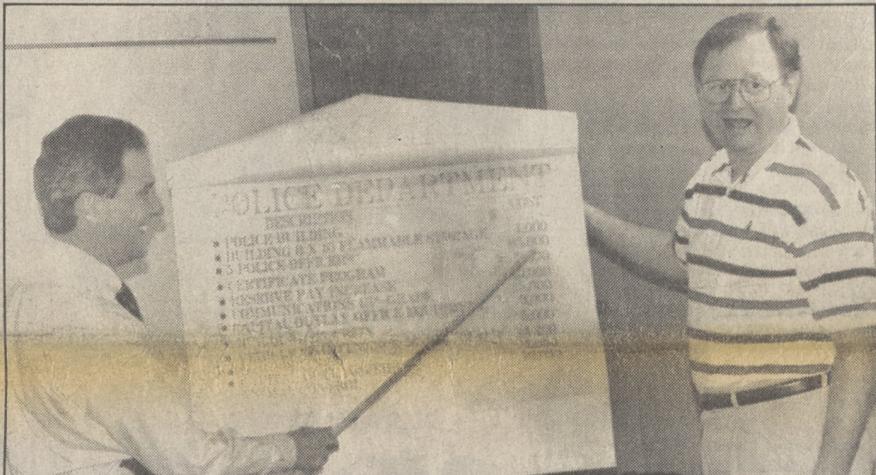
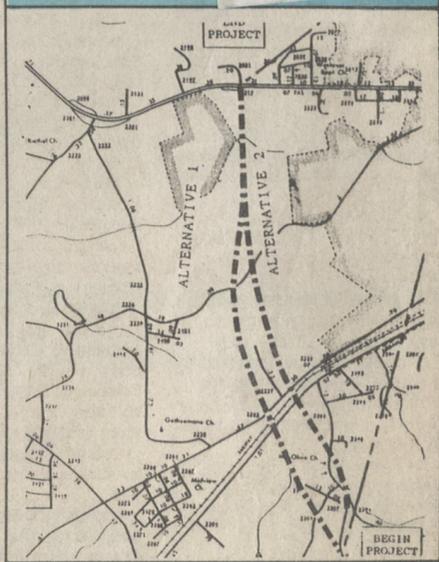
Howard said that two options are under discussion by DOT but both roads come into US 74 at the same location, across from Elam Road 2031, and both run south and split due south and parallel to the Kings Mountain Middle School.

One of the options has the new road running parallel about 300 feet to the back of houses in a southeasterly direction of Dixon School Road.

City planner Gene White said that earlier discussions with DOT indicate they may favor the westerly route which intersects with Phifer Road 2500 feet south of the middle school property. That road would come out on Margrace Road just south of Bain Road several hundred feet and run a straight line down Dixon School Road below Tin Mine Road.

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PROPOSED PROJECT



Chief of Police Warren Goforth, left, presents budget requests from the Kings Mountain Police Department during City Council's third annual planning retreat. The Chief's request for five additional patrolmen was not funded as a priority by Council which did approve three new police vehicles. City Manager George Wood is at right.

City Council considers pay increase

The good news for 173 full-time city employees is that City Council has recommended in next year's budget a 3 1/2 percent cost of living hike plus a 2 1/2 percent merit raise for qualifying employees.

The bad news is that raises are contingent on the city finding a new medical insurance carrier to save increased costs of escalating medical coverage which is going up 24 percent.

City Manager George Wood made the recommendations, which the board approved, during a marathon 16-hour third annual budget and planning retreat Friday and Saturday at Cleveland Community College.

The board authorized the staff to advertise for bids for medical insurance coverage and indicated that it will set a special meeting in May to let the bids and award a contract to a new carrier.

Wood estimated that the city will

spend \$128,000 more in medical insurance costs next year if it sticks with its present carrier which is anticipating a hefty increase.

Despite the rising costs of insurance, Wood told the Council that the city's financial picture is brighter because city bond payments have peaked, meaning interest payments on the city's current bonds can not increase again, and most of the city's least purchase agreements are two years away from final payments.

However, he told the board that only \$650,940 was available for capital outlay which was \$53,000 less than last year and despite the fact that the gas department had added \$50,000 in sales. Wood said inflationary costs were up more than revenue.

During its budget deliberations, the board indicated it will fund only two new lease purchase agreements next year; one for a leaf col-

lection machine at a cost of \$19,600 to be paid over a three year period and the other for a \$75,000 garbage truck to be paid over a three year period at interest rates of an estimated 7 1/2 percent.

Wood said that next year \$200,000 in lease purchase payments will come off the budget and will free up more money for other projects. Between the lease purchases and debt service payments the 1993-94 payments will decrease by \$68,000, and in fiscal year 1994-95 will decrease by \$286,867.

Wood called medical insurance the city's number one problem.

"We can't make raises and we have to hold off on buying a few equipment items until bids come in on the insurance," he told the board.

He recommended that since cap-

See Retreat, 9-A

Mixed feelings on tax increase

School board members have mixed feelings about asking for a one cent hike in the supplemental school tax and put off their decision on banning door-to-door sales by K-8 students until the May meeting for more input from the public.

The board also asked Supt. Dr. Bob McRae to draft a policy that would outline what type of fundraisers would be allowed if the new tax is passed and how money would be distributed equally to the five elementary schools and middle school once those K-8 students are told to stop selling door to door.

"I've found that people are leery of paying higher taxes, even for education," said Board member Shearra Miller. She asked if there is a guarantee that the policy might not be resumed in later years by another board of education.

So far the response to McRae's idea to hike the school tax a penny is running 2-1 in favor but he says that most of the input has come from school personnel and from parent advisory groups who want the system to put a stop to kids peddling their wares door to door to raise money for the schools.

For years, schools have been paying for special programs and equipment with funds collected in door-to-door drives but the idea of kids continuing to knock on doors has become unpopular with both parents and school officials, McRae says.

He recommended at the March school board meeting a 1 cent increase in the supplemental school tax so that such sales can be banned. In the meantime, he has invited input from the public.

How much would a penny more in taxes cost? He estimated that for a family with \$100,000 worth of property, the cost would be about \$10 a year.

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Chad's improvement answer to prayer

Chad Baity, 7, spoke two words last week. For his parents, Cindy and Brent Baity, it was an answer to prayer.

Now, the parents are trying their personal brand of therapy by repeating words clearly and often to the youngster.

"It will just thrill us to death if Chad can say 'hi' to his school mates and friends who come to see him in the Rehabilitation Unit of Carolinas Medical Center," said the boy's father.

He urges Chad's classmates and other friends to visit the boy from 6:30-8:30 p.m. evenings and share with him news of school and other activities.

"Chad is going to pull through," said Baity, who believes that if love and hope can heal a child that it won't be long until Chad is his usual happy self.

A nurse heard Chad call his three year old sister's name while the father was walking down the hall calling her too. Baity said Brooke was playing and he told Chad he was going to check on her.

Chad has been working with a speech therapist five days a week but last week was the first time he

had spoken, Baity said. Baity said Chad has communicated by nodding his head yes and no and has graduated from the sensory stimulation program to the acute rehabilitation therapy programs.

Baity and Chad watched the big Carolina/Michigan basketball game Monday night. Chad likes to watch movies with a 14 year old girl who received a head injury in a shooting incident in South Carolina. Chad hasn't said the girls' name yet but his parents say the two 'sweethearts' spend time in the TV room pushing buttons to signal the movies they want to watch.

"Chad tries harder when he gets excited so we're thinking of ways to excite him," said Baity, who says if Chad's school mates will call him that he will take them to Charlotte to see Chad.

Baity is trying to get Chad a pass to come home on Easter Sunday. The boy has been in the hospital 76 days and Baity thinks it will be good therapy for him to come home, if even for a few minutes.

The Kings Mountain boy lost consciousness during lunch at West School on Wednesday, January 20.

Chad's parents say Chad, whose fight against the rare medical disease has caught the attention of the community, is doing "wonderful."



RIBBON-CUTTING AT HARDEE'S - City officials and Hardee's officials cut the ribbon Saturday celebrating the 20th anniversary of the restaurant in Kings Mountain and the opening of the new building. Front row, left to right, Jerry White, Alvin Greene, Kent Williams, Mayor Scott Neisler, Norma Bridges, Kevin Falls, Rev. Robert Haynes and Cecil Dickson. Back row, Jim Guyton, Phillip Hager, Lucille Williams of the Chamber of Commerce and county commissioners Ralph Gilbert and Sam Gold.