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Chamber plans memorial trees

The Kings Mountain Branch of the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a downtown beautification project called "Believing in the Beauty."

The project will enable residents to purchase a Nachez Crepe Myrtle in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Phase I will include the planting of 25 of the white-flower trees. The trees will be \$50 each and will be a mature height of 18 to 20 feet.

Downtown sites have already been selected. Each person purchasing a tree will be notified of the location of their tree.

For more information or to reserve a tree, call 739-4755.

Health Council to meet

The Kings Mountain District Schools Health Council will meet Thursday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Teacher Center at Central School, 105 East Ridge Street.

The council will continue its review of the ninth grade health curriculum.

Head Start applications

Cleveland County Head Start is accepting applications for the 1996-97 school year.

The program is designed for children who will be four years old by October 16, 1996. Families with low to moderate income, regardless of race, sex, religion, national origin, or special needs/disabling conditions, are eligible.

Schools providing Head Start are Bethware, Fallston, Grover, North, Number Three, Union, Washington, and Shelby Middle School; and there are four classrooms at Graham, James Love, Jefferson and Marion.

For more information or an application, call the Head Start Office at 734-5660.

Check detectors

The Grover Fire Department will check and/or replace smoke detectors for people living in Grover and surrounding areas.

For more information, call Shannon Sanders at Grover Volunteer Fire Department (937-7321).

Grease at KMHS

The Kings Mountain High Drama, Choral and Band programs will present the musical "Grease" March 1-2 at 7:30 p.m., and March 3 at 3 p.m. at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

The prices is \$5 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens.

Director is Betsy Wells and Music Director is Eugene Bumgardner.

Scouting for food

Pack 92, sponsored by First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain, will be collecting for the annual Scouting for Food Drive Saturday, Feb. 17.

Grocery bags were placed in neighborhoods last Saturday. Anyone who did not get a bag can take their food contributions to the Scout Hut, located in the lower parking lot of First Baptist Church February 17 between 9 a.m.-12 noon.

Scouts will pick up bags on the doorsteps where they were left last week.

All food collected will be donated to the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry.

Auxiliary to meet

Winners of the recent DAR history essay contest will present the program at Thursday night's meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Hilda Goforth is program chairman for the 7 p.m. meeting at the American Legion building.

KM, North Carolina lose great friend, Ollie Harris

By Elizabeth Stewart of The Herald Staff

Former 10-term North Carolina Senator J. Ollie Harris, a Cleveland County mortician for 64 years, was eulogized by his friend and former Senator Marshall Rauch at funeral services Monday as a man who genuinely cared for his fellowman.

"If you were his friend Ollie was your friend for life," said Rauch, choking back tears as he recounted happy days of rooming with Harris in Raleigh and serving beside him in the N. C. Senate.

Harris, 82, died suddenly Friday of a blood clot in his left leg. But even as he lay in his hospital bed from Tuesday until Friday he was talking politics and business on the telephone with friends.

The nearly 800 people in the First Baptist Church sanctuary wiped tears and laughed together at the memories.

The dignity and sensitivity that was a trademark of Ollie Harris-conducted funerals was evident in the 45-minute service which featured the American flag-draped closed casket flanked by one bouquet and the North Carolina flag. His former employees sat on the front row facing the casket and family members were in special pews along with people who served with him and friends from all over the county.

Rauch said Harris earned a reputation as Mr. Mental Health as chairman of a number of Senate budget committees on health

services and was credited with helping bring more improvements in the state's institutions for the mentally handicapped.

Citing Ollie's comforting support at the death of his own father 18 months ago, Rauch said that Harris and Paul "Bill" Roberts drove to New York with the body of the senior Rauch when because of religious beliefs that dealt with embalming the family could not have it transported by common carriers.

"Ollie said he was going anyway and the rest of our family flew to New York and he and Bill drove the car carrying my Dad's body."

Recounting fun times in Raleigh, Rauch said that Ollie usually dreaded hearing tests which were given annually to members of the legislature. At 80 the senior senator from Kings Mountain was told his hearing "was just as good as anyone your age."

"We kidded each other that we were both going to have to buy a hearing aid one of these days," said Rauch, recounting that he had lunch with Harris Wednesday at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

"Ollie said he guessed we were both too vain to wear a hearing aid and besides they were too expensive."

Rauch described Harris as an organized person and said he got that trait from the funeral business.



OLLIE HARRIS

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SWINGING INTO SPRING



While temperatures aren't breaking records, they are inching up into the 50's and that's getting youngsters excited about getting outside to play. Zach Chambers, left, and Whitney McDonald found their fun on the swings on the playground at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Preschool.

Retired KM superintendent Barnes dies in Lumberton

Retired former Kings Mountain Schools Supt. Bahnson Neil Barnes, 92, died February 12, 1996 at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton.

Barnes was Kings Mountain superintendent from 1934-67, joining the system as a principal in 1927 after a one-year principalship at McDonald Public Schools in McDonald.

B. N. Barnes Auditorium is named in his honor.

He was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club and served as president in Kings Mountain and Lumberton. He was appointed Lieutenant Governor and received the Distinguished Lieutenant Governor Award in 1971. For 43 years he maintained a perfect attendance at Kiwanis meetings.

Since 1967 he had managed a family farm business in Lumberton, his hometown, and was a member of the First Baptist Church and a teacher of the men's Bible class and a deacon.

Born in Lumberton August 29, 1903, he was a son of the late Luther Belder and Lillie Pittman Barnes. He was a graduate of Wake Forest College with A.B. degree and earned his M. A. degree from the University of North Carolina. He was promoted to superintendent in the Kings Mountain schools af-



B.N. BARNES

ter eight years as a principal.

Surviving are his wife, Julia Catherine Mauney Barnes; two sons and daughters-in-law, Luther Bahnson and Sara Barnes of Asheville and Kenneth Mauney and Ann Barnes of Winston-Salem; three grandsons, Andrew Kenneth and Gregory Bahnson Barnes, both of Winston-Salem, and Luther Neil Barnes of Asheville; and two great-grandsons, Taylor Alan Barnes and

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New doctor in town

Dr. John Charles Stuart Dawson, 43, has assumed a new family practice in Kings Mountain with Kings Mountain Family Physicians, the Carolinas Medical Group in Professional Park Building 2 near the local hospital.

He is the second Canadian doctor to arrive in Kings Mountain in recent months and was recruited several months ago by Kings Mountain Hospital. He is a member of the active staff of the hospital.

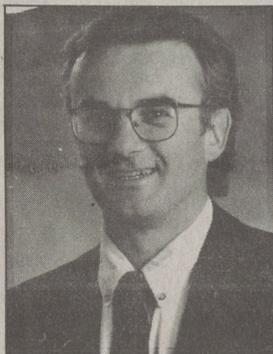
A native of London, Ontario,

Canada, he and his wife and three children are residing at 702 Sandhurst Drive.

Previously he was in private family practice in Orillia, Ontario and on the active staff of Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital in the Department of General Practice and Department Emergency Services.

Dawson graduated from the University of Western Ontario where he also completed his

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DR. JOHN DAWSON

Legion to host Hall of Fame

H. B. "Spec" Richardson, The Sporting News Major League Executive of the Year in 1978 and a retired baseball consultant in Columbus, Ga., will be the guest speaker at Saturday's American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame banquet at 7 p.m. at Post 155 in Kings Mountain.

The North Carolina American Legion will induct four new members, J. Elbert Jordan of Smithfield, Wendall Rogers of Charlotte, Harold Bowen of Lexington and Gaither Keener of North Wilkesboro.

The event, which begins with a social hour at 6 p.m., is expected

to attract 250 Legionnaires, guests and athletes to the local Post. Tickets are \$20 per person and may be obtained at the American Legion in Kings Mountain or from Linwood Restaurant, Cleveland Avenue, which is catering the meal.

Former Mayor John Henry Moss, president of the South Atlantic League, will introduce the speaker and will be master of ceremonies. Post 155 athletic officer Larry Deaver is banquet chairman.

Commander David Lowery will welcome the dignitaries. State

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H.B. RICHARDSON

Joint school board meeting Monday at Cleveland College

The public is invited to a joint meeting of the three school boards in Cleveland County Monday from 7-9:30 p.m. in Rooms 1138 and 1139 at the Cleveland Community College in Shelby.

Future educational issues and ways the three systems can continue cooperative ventures will feature the topics of discussions.

Facilitator for the meeting will be Dr. Jack Hamrick, chairman of the Shelby Schools Board of Education.

Ronnie Hawkins, chairman of the Kings Mountain Board of Education, will open the meeting by summarizing current programs in which the three school systems are cooperating, current areas such as Vocational Education, student services, exceptional children, sports medicine, transportation, staff development, Head Start and ACTIVE.

Tommy Greene, chairman of the Cleveland County Board of Education and local superintendents, Dr. Robert McRae of Kings Mountain, Dr. Earl Watson of Cleveland County and Dr. Steve Curtis of Shelby will contribute to the discussions as well as the 15 board members who will be present.

No public input will be encouraged from the public but those attending will be given handouts in which they can give comments about the meeting and make suggestions which will be given to the various boards for their discussions at upcoming meetings. Hawkins said responses and comments will be made public to the media.

Other areas of discussion could include such topics as early birth education, jointly sponsored vocational classes, support of the business community, local funding and merger issues since each board has held meetings to plan agenda topics and their representatives formalized an agenda at a recent meeting.

The agenda is expected to include closing statements by board chairmen, each of whom has been inviting input from the public to present at the meeting.

The meeting was proposed in September by the Shelby Board of Education. Both Cleveland County and Kings Mountain school officials agreed to meet as long as all board members were allowed to attend and the meeting was open to the public.

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