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New school named KM Intermediate

By GARY STEWART
 Editor of The Herald

Kings Mountain folks will soon see some building activity at the site of the new Kings Mountain 5-6 school on Kings Mountain Boulevard.

The School Board, meeting Monday night at Central School, officially named the school Kings Mountain Intermediate School. That name was chosen because someday it may be possible to change the grade set-up to middle school grades, and a name change at that time would not be as drastic as it would be if the school were named for an individual.

New Supt. Dr. Larry Allen reported that grading is almost complete and workers are laying off the building for the center section and they anticipate laying block early next week.

"When it starts you'll see it take shape pretty quickly," Dr. Allen said. "We hope to have it in the dry by cold weather."

Board member Stella Putnam made the motion to name the school Kings Mountain Intermediate School, and it passed unanimously.

"That kind of says what we're about," she said. "If it becomes a middle school later and we name it after a person it becomes a problem."

Allen suggested, and the Board agreed, that let-

tering would not be placed on the building but on some type of structure in front of the building so if a name change does occur holes would not be left in the structure.

"Intermediate is really the only thing we've ever called the school," said Board Chairman Shearra Miller. "It's not an elementary school and it's not a middle school."

"It's a Kings Mountain District School and we're proud of it no matter what the name is," added Vice-Chairman Melony Bolin.

In another matter Monday night, the Board approved Dr. Allen's plan to operate on a four-day summer schedule. He said energy costs are esca-

lating and shutting down the heating/cooling systems on Friday and weekends could save money.

"We anticipate the energy costs being even more drastic next year," he said. "This would allow us to shut down the mechanical system. We would change the work schedules the first four days to match the amount that would be worked in a five-day week. I'm convinced we will save some significant money on energy by not having to run the air conditioning system."

Allen said the schedule should not drastically affect the summer school schedule, but would See School, 3A



Richard Prow portrays Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane in a scene from Crosswalk - The Trail to Amazing Grace, which was produced in downtown Kings Mountain Friday and Saturday. Story and more photos are on page 2B.

Phase two of city main water project complete

By GARY STEWART
 Editor of The Herald

Water is flowing freely - and at much greater pressure - in the north section of the city as the second phase of the new 36" main water line from Moss Lake to town was turned on last Friday.

The city is in the process of upgrading the entire system over an 8-year, 8-phase period at a cost of approximately one million dollars per phase.

Phase I - bringing the new line from the T.J. Ellison Treatment Plant across Muddy Fork Creek - was completed last summer and eliminated the 90-degree bend along Oak Grove Road which had resulted in most of the line breaks over the past 30 years.

The second phase included

some 3,500 feet of 36" line from the North Piedmont storage tank at Public Works to Cansler Street. It included a 1,850 foot section of 16" line along Cansler to Sterling Street where it tied into an existing 16" line. Another section of 16" line was laid from Walker Street some 1,300 feet to Childers Street where it tied into an existing 12" line.

Total project cost \$930,000.

The third phase of the project will pick up at the end of the new 36" line at Cansler Street and go under Highway 74 near Oak Grove Road. It will be designed during the 2001-02 budget year but will be funded during the 2002-03 budget year.

"We're ahead of schedule, because we actually did the first two phases in the current bud-

See Water, 3A



Walt Ollis, Rick Murphrey, Al Moretz and Vern Smith, left to right, turn on the water for the new 36" main line in the north section of the city Friday.

KM Hospital turns 50

By ALAN HODGE
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Lottie Goforth may have passed on, but her legacy lives on in Kings Mountain Hospital and its upcoming 50th anniversary.

A local property owner, Goforth set the hospital wheels in motion one year before her January 20, 1942 death when she bequeathed in her will that all money received from the settlement of her estate go to "build and equip, or help build and equip an institution, clinic, or hospital, located within

Kings Mountain, to give medical and surgical aid, free or at reduced cost, to the poor and helpless citizens of Kings Mountain." Goforth's will also stipulated that "my feather pillows and feather beds be not sold but be put to use in the above described institution."

Even though Goforth had set these terms, a temporary disturbance named World War II slowed things down a little. During the conflict, Goforth's \$33,000 bequest was put into U.S. Bonds. Even naysayers such as an "expert" from the Duke Endowment who told

KM Kiwanians that the town was too small to have a hospital failed to dampen the spark Goforth's dream had ignited.

In 1947, the flames flared when the N.C. General Assembly adopted a program where state supplied funds were teamed up with federal money to build community hospitals. The catch was that money would first go to counties that had no hospital at all. At that time, the facility in Shelby was already serving Cleveland County. All the while this tech-

See Hospital, 3A



Kings Mountain Hospital is currently celebrating its 50th anniversary. The late Lottie Goforth left her estate specifically to found the hospital. Currently, the facility has 102 beds as well as a wide range of state-of-the-art services.

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