

Celebration

Kings Mountain Ministers Preparing Community Services

The Kings Mountain Ministerial Association will sponsor a Christian Growth Celebration Sept. 2-9 at Gamble Stadium.

The purpose of the week-long event, according to Rev. Fred Wells, "is to stimulate growth in Christian faith, to celebrate our Christian unity, to dedicate ourselves to more effective Christian service, and to encourage those who are not a part of our fellowship, those who have never made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, to do so and become united with us."

Rev. Wells is chairman of the steering committee for the celebration, which will begin at 7:30 each evening.

These goals are in keeping with the purposes of the KMMA, which was founded to foster the sense of communion among the ministers of the Kings Mountain area and to promote cooperation in every activity that advances the cause of Christ in his Kingdom, Rev. Wells said.

Currently there are 36 members representing churches of all denominations in the KMMA.

The association sponsors, supports or oversees several continuing ministries in the Kings Mountain area:

(1) A Bible class taught by the Rev. Bill Alexander at Kings Mountain Senior High. Churches are asked to support this program by encouraging their high school students to enroll in the class and by contributing financially through their budgets or by special offerings.

(2) Members of the KMMA attend twice-monthly meetings of the Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners for a brief devotion to open each meeting.

(3) During the weeks prior to Christmas, members of local congregations are likely to see their pastors ringing bells in front of community businesses, soliciting donations to go into the Helping Hand Fund.

(4) Also at Christmas, the KMMA recommends and approves families to receive gifts from the Toys for Tots program. The toys are collected, repaired and distributed by the Kings Mountain Fire Department.

(5) The KMMA sponsors a volunteer chaplaincy program at Kings Mountain Hospital. Currently, the Rev. Paul Horne, a retired minister, serves as Chaplain.

(6) Station WKMT devotes 15 minutes at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday for a devotional program, sponsored by the KMMA, and an hour (11 a.m.-noon) on Sunday for the broadcast of a worship service.

(7) Two special annual worship services are promoted and conducted by the KMMA; and

Easter Sunrise Service at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Veterans Section, and a Thanksgiving Eve service at one of the local churches - an interdenominational program.

(8) The KMMA administers the Helping Hand Fund, which is designed to provide temporary emergency help for community residents and transients. The fund totals nearly \$10,000 annually. The fund helps provide food, medicine, gasoline, rent, utilities, clothing, fuel oil, accommodations for transients. Contributions come through the United Fund, individuals, churches, businesses, the Christmas collection - and this year, through the Christian Growth Celebration.

Rev. Wells said, "In contrast to similar events in the past, no outside evangelist will be brought in to conduct the nightly services. The celebration will be totally a local production with KMMA members handling the services and the music."

"We feel we will get a better community response by using our own people and their talents rather than importing an evangelist," Rev. Wells said. "All donations taken up at the celebration, above expenses, will go into the Helping Hand Fund to help the needy."



PLANNING CELEBRATION—Members of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association are planning a Christian Growth Celebration for September to benefit the Helping Hand Fund. Front row, left to right: Rev. Clyde Goodson, Rev. Fred Wells, Rev. Jake Golden, Rev. Mrs. P.B. Kilgore, Rev. Roger Webb and Rev. J.C.

Goare. Second row: Caren Streetman, Rev. George Sherrill, Rev. Tom Patterson, Rev. Leroy Cox, Rev. Sam Murphy, Rev. Bob Boggan and Rev. Ansel Center Jr. Third row: Rev. Paul Horn, Rev. Bill Daniel, Rev. Harwood Smith, Rev. Clyde Bearden and Rev. Mal Schuman.

Photo by Tom McIntyre

Davidson High Grads To Gather

Davidson High School alumni will gather for the second anniversary reunion this week with events beginning on Friday evening at Kings Mountain Motor Inn at 9 p.m.

Mrs. Marie Burris, chairman of the local committee on arrangements, said a picnic is planned for Saturday from 2 until 6 p.m. at Davidson Park, a dance on Saturday from 8 until midnight at KM Community Center, and an afternoon church service on Sunday at 3 p.m. at Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Mrs. Burris said that all alumni of the school are invited to participate in all events. She said a large crowd of alumni are expected to return to Kings Mountain for the get-together.

P&Z Rejects Site Plans For Housing

Kings Mountain Planning and Zoning Board Tuesday night rejected preliminary site plans for 70 units of low income public housing.

The unanimous action was the major item of business on the agenda and followed a 90-minute discussion in which KM Housing Authority Executive Director Tom Harper outlined proposals for four proposed new housing projects, Site 17, 19, 20, and 21 and projected on Ellis St., Watterson St., North Carpenter St., and cul de sacs of Parker, Watterson and Ridge Streets.

Mr. Harper said that the 37 buildings, or a total of 70 more units of low income public housing, would fill a need for many citizens and that he has applications on hand from 59 citizens requesting apartments for

the elderly, 189 applying for two-bedroom apartments, 82 persons applying for three bedroom residences, 25 for four bedroom apartments and three for five-bedroom residences.

The proposed new units of public housing would include 10 more units for the elderly.

Acting Chairman Wilson Griffin said after the meeting that the site plan was rejected because of variances in the city codes. "The consensus of the board was that federal projects, as well as any projects, must be in strict compliance with codes. We commended the Mayor, city commissioners and the housing authority for their splendid efforts in creating low-rent homes for many of our city citizens but on the other hand we questioned how many more of these units we

can build in Kings Mountain. By this action we hope that the city officials will help turn Kings Mountain around and give more direction to free enterprise and to development of more housing from private sources," he said.

Mr. Griffin said that a total of 1,500 Kings Mountain citizens are now living in low-rent public housing in the city and 45 percent are elderly persons.

In other action, the board unanimously approved rezoning a portion of the Paul Mauney property east of Canterbury Road on U.S. 74 from light industry to heavy industry. John Barker, realtor, made the request for Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mauney. The Mauneys want an area of their property, which faces the proposed home of Herald Publishing House, set aside for the storage of metal fabricated parts and raw materials stock.

Herald Is Building Facility

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Bill Taylor of Mooresville has constructed numerous log homes over the past two years, but, he admits, nothing "on so grand a scale as this building for Herald Publishing House."

Taylor is the building contractor and is in charge of purchasing all construction materials, securing a labor force and overseeing the entire project.

"Very few materials will be purchased outside of Kings Mountain," Taylor said, "and we expect the entire labor force to erect the structure to come from Kings Mountain. With the exception of two, all other sub-contractors are from Kings Mountain."

Danny Wooten of Gastonia and Summey Building Supply of Dallas are the exceptions. Wooten will handle floor finishing and Summey is constructing the roof trusses. The other sub-contractors are Jim Guyton - masonry and carpentry; Goforth Plumbing; Dilling Heating and Air Conditioning; Hoke Electric Co.; and James Carroll - grading.

Taylor said as far as can be determined, "The Herald building will be the largest log structure in the United States. There is a hotel constructed of logs in Canada which is larger."

The building will be 15,200 square feet with a concrete floor in the rear half for the press and other heavy printing equipment. The office area will have knotty pine floors and ceilings. The corridor running the center of the building and several of the rooms up front will be of logs.

Taylor said the foundation has been dug and "the concrete blocks for the foundation should be laid beginning today. It will be late August before we actually begin raising the logs and we are shooting for early January 1980 for occupancy."

Taylor said he is "treating the Herald building as six log homes connected, in a manner of speaking. It is a first for me and I am very excited about the prospects of this job."

Taylor, a Hickory native who spent many years in the real estate business before turning to home construction, said, "I have worked in many communities in the past two years, but none as friendly and cooperative as Kings Mountain. The cooperation we have received is going to make this job much easier and much more satisfying."

"How many logs will go into the Herald building? Well, if you were to place them end to end they would reach from the site to the Kings Mountain Battleground."

That comment is from Lamar Stroupe, vice president of operations at Rustic Log Homes, Inc. of Kings Mountain, which serves as supplier of the logs to be used in construction of the newspaper plant.

Stroupe said, given the rich history of this area, he feels residents will appreciate how well the Herald building will blend into that historical picture. The building is an original design by Rustic Log Homes draftsman, Henry Biney, one of two fulltime designers on the Rustic staff.

"Henry was able to take a basic home design and expand from there," Stroupe said.

The first course of logs for the Herald have been cut and pressure treated to ensure a long, long life, Stroupe said. The actual construction will not begin until next month and only the logs to be used day by day will be delivered to the site.

Stroupe said Rustic Log Homes precuts all logs for a job a standard six inches by eight inches, then numbers them for easy construction. The logs are treated. The logs are put together with spline and gasket and every nine inches a 10-lb screw spike is sunk to pull the logs together. Stroupe said it is almost impossible to remove the screw spikes once they are sunk. "The logs are cut uniformly to fit snugly," he said.

"Wood is the best insulator known to man," Stroupe said, "The heating and cooling dollar goes further with wood - up to 40 percent savings."

Rustic Log Homes are approved by the N.C. Department of Insurance and the homes meet or exceed the state building codes regulations. The firm has 14 dealers spread over N.C., S.C., Virginia, Tennessee, West Virginia, Georgia, Alabama and Oklahoma.



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INSTALLED—Mrs. Wanza Y. Davis has been installed as national president of the National Association of Educational Office Personnel. She is the first woman from the Southeast to head the 6,000 member organization.

Mrs. President

Wanza Davis Installed

Mrs. Wanza Yelton Davis, KM District School's finance officer and a veteran of 27 years service with the school system, was installed last week as national president of the National Association of Education Office Personnel.

She was also presented Governor Jim Hunt's coveted citation as a distinguished citizen of North Carolina, recognizing meritorious service to her profession. A Governor's proclamation recognized her installation day July 13th as Wanza Yelton Davis Day and Mayor John Henry Moss also proclaimed the day of special recognition for the Kings Mountain citizen in her community. She also received a congratulatory telegram from President Jimmy Carter.

Mrs. Davis, wife of I.C. Davis of Kings Mountain, is the first woman from the Southeast to serve as national president of the organization which numbers 6,000 members. A total of 600 delegates attended the recent week's convention in Denver, Colorado.

Before assuming her position as schools finance officer, Mrs. Davis was secretary to three KM school superintendents, including B.N. Barnes, Donald Jones and Supt. William Davis. She is a native of Kings Mountain, daughter of Mrs. J.H. Yelton and the late Mr. Yelton.

Among local people attending the installation ceremonies were Mr. and Mrs. Bill McDaniel, who represented the KM Board of Education; Supt. William Davis; Mrs. Becky Scism, Miss Martha Houser and Miss Paulette Phifer, all co-workers of Mrs. Davis in Supt. Davis' office; and Mrs. Davis' family, including her husband, I.C. Davis, their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Allred, Tommy and Michelle, Mrs. Davis' sister, Mrs. Myrtle Harmon of Charlotte; her niece, Mrs. Patay Troutman of Charlotte; and her two great-nieces, Denise and Allison Troutman.

Mrs. Davis received numerous gifts from her family and friends and a silver vegetable dish from the board of education.

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