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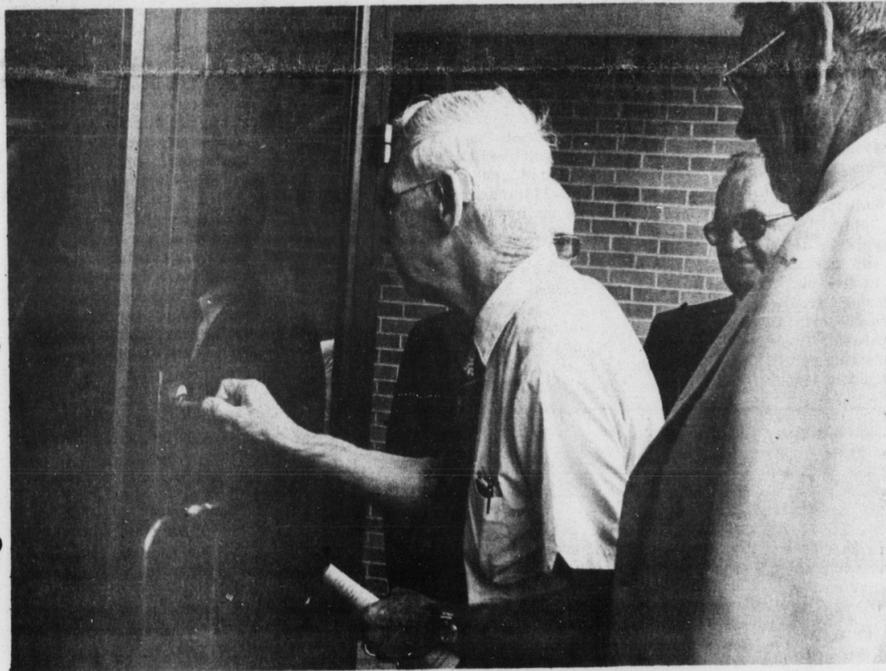
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'Symbol Of Democracy' Dedicated Saturday



YOUNGEST CITIZEN—Mark David Butler, seven-week old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Butler, was selected the youngest citizen present at Saturday's new city hall dedication and was given the honor of

unlocking the fire department for open house. Mrs. Butler does the honors while Fire Chief Gene Tignor and Commissioner Corbet Nicholson look on.



OLDEST CITIZEN—John Gladden, 83, was the oldest citizen present Saturday at the city hall dedication and won the honor of unlocking the building for open house.

Sen Ollie Harris and Commissioner Norman King look on. Harris chaired the committee to select the oldest citizen.

Kings Mountain's Governmental Services Facilities Center stands "as a symbol of democracy and faith in local government and in a system of law and order."

This was one of the comments made Saturday by U.S. Senator Robert Morgan during his dedicatory address before about 200 persons gathered at the new city hall on W. Gold and S. Cherokee Sts.

Morgan reminded the crowd that the building would not "symbolize perfection in government, but will act as a reminder of faithfulness of those who work toward the ideals of peace, security, prosperity and liberty set forth in our Constitution."

"And the symbol of your faith (the structure) will be here long after the youngest person present has passed on for future generations to see and be reminded of what their forefathers worked for," Morgan said.

The Senator from Harnett County joked with Mayor John Henry Moss, telling the crowd he was delighted to have been asked to speak. He said it gave him a chance to see just what the mayor has been doing with all the federal grants the city has received.

Morgan also said "The way things are going, we might be moving the nation's Capitol here someday."

The senator also took the opportunity to urge citizens to undertake a renaissance of America's faith "but don't wait for it to begin in Washington or New York or Philadelphia."

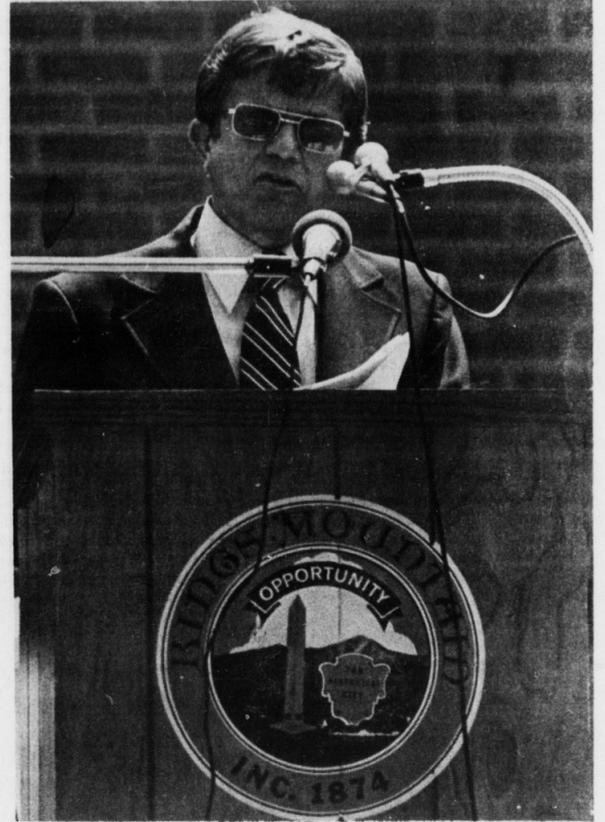
The large gathering waited patiently in the boiling sun for members of the Girl Scouts to raise the colors in front of the new structure; for Jacob Dixon to sing the National Anthem; the introductions of the state, county and local officials on hand; then joined in singing "America The Beautiful" led by Mrs. Margaret McGinnis.

To unlock the new structure for the open house, John Gladden, 83, was selected - the oldest citizen present; and Mark David Butler, seven-weeks old - youngest citizen present - was selected to unlock the KM Fire Department.

During open house, the crowd toured the business and administrative offices, council chambers and conference rooms occupying the two main area levels. The fire department occupies the rear two levels, with a ground floor bay area large enough to house all of the departmental vehicles.

The new city hall opened for regular business Monday.

The building was financed through a \$1 million Economic Development Administration grant approved in 1977. Architect was Clary and Associates of Charlotte and general contractor was Cecil's, Inc. of Spartanburg, S.C.



Photos by Rick McDaniel

SPEAKER—U.S. Sen. Robert Morgan delivered the dedicatory address for the new Kings Mountain Governmental Services Facilities Center Saturday, calling it "a symbol of democracy and citizens faith in local government."

Judge And Jean Hawkins

Murder-Suicide Ruled In Deaths

Judge and Jean Hawkins of the Compact Community had been separated about three weeks last Saturday.

By 6 p.m. the same day both were dead.

Mrs. Hawkins, 51, died first from three separate shotgun blast wounds. Judge Hawkins died from a single gunshot wound.

Neighbors in the community witnessed the death of Mrs. Hawkins, following an argument between the estranged couple. Police said the argument began in the home of a friend of Mrs. Hawkins, where she had been staying since the separation. The home is about half a mile from the Hawkins residence. Witnesses told police the couple took their argument out into the street, where Mrs. Hawkins was shot three times; in the right eye, abdomen and upper right leg. The weapon, a 20-gauge

shotgun, was left at the scene when Judge Hawkins left.

Police said Hawkins attempted to leave in a pickup truck, but he abandoned it when it became lodged in a ditch. Witnesses said Hawkins then left on foot.

The argument and fatal shooting occurred about 4:30-4:45 p.m. Mrs. Hawkins was declared dead about 5 p.m.

Cleveland County Coroner Bennett Masters said he accompanied sheriff's deputies to the Hawkins home about 6 p.m., where they found Hawkins in his dining room. Masters said Judge Hawkins, 52, died, apparently the victim of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. A second weapon, a 20-gauge shotgun, also believed to have been owned by Hawkins, was found beside the body.

The coroner has ruled murder-suicide in the two deaths.

By Elections Board

Precinct Registrars, Judges Appointed; Machines Discussed

Precinct registrars and judges were to be appointed at today's meeting of the Cleveland County Board of Elections in Shelby.

Board Chairman Nelson Connor said this morning's meeting and agenda action is required by state statute.

Last week Connor said the board of elections plans to ask the county commissioners to finance the purchase of voting machines.

Connor was in Rutherford County last week to observe the operation of that county's new electronic punch-card county system and commented that the Cleveland County elections officials are studying "two such systems" presently. The other system is the Valtac Major Tally Box, which tallies votes by an optical scanner. This type is used in

Gaston County.

Connor said the local elections board will observe Gaston County's system at work in September.

The cost of each system is about \$125,000.

Funding to purchase vote systems has been allocated in the past few years by the county commissioners,

but no decision was ever reached by the elections officials on which system would be more beneficial to Cleveland Countians.

Commissioner Chairman Jack Palmer said the board will seriously consider the purchase if the elections officials come to them with a "sound recommendation."

10th Reunion Is Set

Tenth year reunion of the Kings Mountain Senior High School Class of 1969 will be held Sat., Aug. 11th, at the American Legion Building.

Tickets are still available at the

door for a Disco Dance to be held from 8:30 p.m. until 12 midnight. Tickets are \$15 per couple and \$7.50 single, said a spokesman for the class.

Charges Added To Parton, Wright

Danny Parton, who led McDowell County authorities to the gravesites of two women he said he killed, has also been charged with the rape of a 15-year-old Kings Mountain girl and conspiracy to rape a 20-year-old Gastonia woman.

The former Bessemer City man is now charged with two counts of murder, two counts of rape, one

Bloodmobile Visit Set For Next Monday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Kings Mountain Mon., Aug. 13. The bloodmobile will be located at First Baptist Church from 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and the quota for this visit is 125 pints of blood.

count of conspiracy to commit rape and one count of kidnapping.

The alleged rape of the Kings Mountain teenager allegedly took place June 7th at Parton's home in the North Cove Community near Marion.

Authorities earlier charged Parton with the slayings of Cathy Mosely and Mary Kathryn Carnes Dye, whose bodies were found buried in the mountains of McDowell County last month. Parton also told authorities six more bodies were buried in the area but refused further comment after consulting a lawyer.

Kay Wright, of Kings Mountain, who went to visit Parton in jail, was detained as an accessory, and this week was charged with conspiracy to commit rape in connection with the rape attempt of the Gastonia woman.

Troop 91 Scheduled For Camporee

A Kings Mountain Boy Scout Troop—No. 91 of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, will be the first Tar Heel troop ever to participate in the 11-state Friendship Camporee Aug. 17-19 in Augusta, Ga.

Scoutmaster Tommy King said his group of 15 Scouts are excited about participation in the competitions which will also feature olympic-type events too.

It will be the 13th Camporee which attracts large crowds to a different site each year.

Accompanying the Kings Mountain Scouts will be Scoutmaster King and Assistant Scoutmasters Bill Sellers and Wayne Putnam.