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Photos by Tom McIntyre

...MINGLING—Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green, a Noble in the Sudan Temple in Raleigh, made the main address to kick-off Shrine Day activities here Saturday, then came down to mingle with the people. Here he is shown chatting with Mayor John Henry Moss and Sgt. Bob Hayes of the Kings Mountain Police Department.

Shrine Day Activities

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A few hundred citizens, scattered along a meandering route, saw shrine and city officials, Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green, Miss North Carolina and a lot of vehicles parade here Saturday morning.

A very small crowd, mostly participants in the parade, heard the lieutenant governor speak at the Kings Mountain Center about noon.

This was the first phase of Shrine Day activities in Kings Mountain, sponsored by the Piedmont Shrine Club of Cleveland County.

The activities included a barbecue dinner and a dance with proceeds going to the Shriners hospitals for crippled children and burns institutions. The Piedmont Shrine Club is attempting to raise \$32,000 for the hospitals and institutions.

Lt. Gov. Green, himself a member of the Sudan Temple Shrine in Raleigh, spoke on the work the Shriners do on behalf of crippled children. He said Shrine membership is strong and morale is high "because of the work they carry on."

"Over the years the Shriners have poured \$450 million into building and operating hospitals," Green said. "It requires about \$40 million annually to run the 18 crippled children's hospitals and three burns institutions in North America."

"But the money doesn't measure the true good the Shriners are doing," he said. "The proof is in the faces of the children who have been

helped through these hospitals and institutions. These faces show the children have new meaning to their lives."

Green said over 2,000 North Carolina children, and as many from South Carolina, have been helped in the Greenville facility.

"These hospitals and institutions were accomplished through in-

dividuals, privately, and not through government assistance," Green said, challenging the audience to involve themselves and not to look to government for all the answers. "It is my hope today that people will organize their own lives rather than allowing government to do so. We need less government intervention in our lives. Not more. We've already seen the free market system

taken captive by government control."

Green said it is time the individual also eliminated selfishness and abolished pessimistic attitudes. "It's time we do show we care for others, do show concern for our fellow man."

Tommy Tindall of Kings Mountain, president of the Piedmont Shrine Club, said that the Cleveland County club hopes to make Shrine Day an annual event.

On the speakers platform with Lt. Gov. Green were Mayor John Henry Moss, Sen. Ollie Harris, Miss N.C. Dianne Jamerson of Asheville, members of the city commissioners and Shrine officials.

Mistrial Declared

Conner To Have 2nd Trial

Donald Chester Conner Sr. of Kings Mountain will face a second trial on charges of willfully and maliciously attempting to damage an occupied dwelling by means of an explosive device.

The first trial, held in Newton (Catawba County) last week ended in a mistrial when the seven-man, five-woman jury deadlocked eight to four for acquittal.

Superior Court Judge Lacy Thornburg set Sept. 4 as the date for deciding where the second trial will be held and released Conner under his previously posted \$100,000 bond.

A charge of accessory after the fact against Mrs. Betty Conner was dropped last Wednesday. Jeffrey Blain Thompson, also of Kings Mountain, pleaded guilty the same charge facing Conner last Monday, then testified against Conner during the trial. Upon conviction the charge carries a life imprisonment sentence. Judge Thornburg has delayed sentencing Thompson until the Conner trial is ended.

The second trial date hearing will be held in Gaston County, where charges were filed originally. Conner's attorney, Charles Horn of Shelby, was successful in having the trial moved to Catawba County because of the pre-trial publicity in Gaston. Gaston District Attorney Joseph Brown suggested the second

trial may be held in either Cleveland or Rutherford counties.

The charge against Conner stems from an attempted bombing of Gaston County Sheriff C.L. (Sarge) Waldrep's home April 9. Thompson testified that he, Conner and "a blond-haired dude" went to Sheriff Waldrep's home on the night in question and that Conner and the unidentified "blond" placed the homemade bomb while he (Thompson) remained in the car.

Conner testified that he was at home, asleep after taking medicine, on April 9 and that he found out about the attempted bombing and Thompson's part in it the next day. Thompson, according to Conner's testimony, came to him on April 10 wanting money "To get away." Mrs. Conner corroborated her husband's testimony.

After a four and a half-hour deliberation, Jury Foreman Rev. James Holloway informed the court the eight to four deadlock could not be broken. Comments from the jury members explained it as simply a matter of eight persons believing Conner and four believing Thompson, since the prosecution provided no other eye-witness other than Thompson. It was one defendant's word against another in the final analysis.

Relics And Artifacts Needed

Historical Museum To Have Display

The call is still out to Kings Mountians for relics and artifacts of local historical significance to be used in a display at the Cleveland County Historical Museum.

The display, which is to reflect the history of this area, will be in the former courthouse in Shelby during September and October.

Artifacts, pictures, newspapers, quilts, furniture, clothing, maps,

books, documents, programs and any article from the local past, personal or sentimental, are requested for use in the display.

All items loaned to the museum will be kept under lock and key for safekeeping and will be returned immediately following the close of the exhibit.

Anyone interested in assisting in making the Kings Mountain exhibit

a success is asked to contact Mrs. Joe Ann McDaniel at the Kings Mountain Community Development Office (739-9831). Mrs. McDaniel will arrange to have your donation picked up.

The deadline for receiving items is Aug. 27.

A reception at the historical museum to open the exhibit is planned Sept. 2

Bethware Fair To Be Sept. 12-15

The annual Bethware Fair is coming our way Sept. 12-15.

The mainstay of the fair, as in years past, will be the community participation in homegrown, homemade and handicraft exhibits in the Bethware School gym.

Mrs. Betty White, chairman of the exhibit program, said first place winners in the numerous categories will receive more cash than last year.

"This is a community fair and we urge the community to participate," Mrs. White said. "Exhibitors may register with me on Wed., Sept. 12 from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Judging of exhibits will be held on Thursday and prize money will be presented winners on Friday evening."

Mrs. White said this year citizens entering baked goods into competition are required to bring half cakes and pies only. Whole cakes are required, as usual, in the decorative competition.

Last year 1,437 exhibits were registered and Mrs. White said even more are expected this year.

Johnson Amusement Rides will again setup rides on the Bethware School grounds and special student times will be established for half price. The firm has promised even more rides for this year.

In addition to the exhibits and rides, clubs, groups and organizations will have booths for display set up on the grounds. Any group interested in setting up a booth is asked to contact Williard Boyles at 739-4023.

A farm machinery exhibit is also planned and for participation, firms are asked to contact John Grant at 739-5868. An antique vehicle exhibit is also being planned and owners are asked to contact Stokes Wright at 739-2804.

The 1979 Fair Queen is Miss Ann Grant, a senior at Kings Mountain Senior High. She is the daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. John Grant, Rt. 1, Kings Mountain.

Miss Grant will cut the ribbon to officially open the fair and will serve as official hostess and present the nightly door prize following the drawing.

The fair is sponsored by the Bethware Progressive Club.

The Firefighters



CAPT. C.E. (BUD) WARE

Captain Ware is the son of Charles D. (Red) Ware, who retired in 1974 after 20 years with the Kings Mountain Fire Department.

Bud began his work with the local firefighters as a summer job in 1963, becoming a volunteer member in 1967. Bud once served as an officer on the KM Police Department and has been a regular member of the fire department since 1974.

As a member, Bud has held several offices - including that as assistant chief and more recently being elected captain.

Bud also serves as a member of the board of directors of Kings Mountain Emergency Services and in his spare time enjoys boating and fishing.

Ministers Selected To Conduct Christian Growth Celebration

The lineup of preachers who will conduct the nightly Christian Growth Celebration at Gamble Stadium, Kings Mountain Senior High, is completed.

The Celebration is entirely a local presentation of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association, in concert to represent all denominations in the community.

Selected to speak nightly (except Thurs., Sept. 8) are the Rev. Robert Boggan, pastor of Central United Methodist Church; Rev. Jerry Smith, pastor of Kings Mountain Church of God; Rev. Leroy Cox, pastor, East Gold St. Wesleyan Church; Rev. Gary Bryant, pastor, First Presbyterian Church; Rev. Harwood Smith, pastor, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church; Rev. Prueella Kilgore, pastor,

Adams Chapel AME Zion Church; and Rev. Tom Patterson, pastor, Macedonia Baptist Church.

The services will begin each night at 7 o'clock, Sept. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 9.

On Sun., Sept. 2, Rev. Boggan will speak from Isaiah 51:1 on the theme - "Our Heritage."

Mon., Sept. 3, Rev. Smith will speak on the theme - "Our Experience," from John 9:25.

Tues., Sept. 4, Rev. Cox will take his text from 1 John 1:7, his theme - "Our Fellowship."

Wed., Sept. 5, Rev. Bryant's sermon theme will be "Our

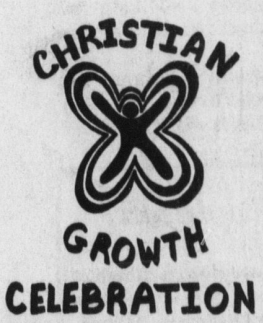
Responsibility To Grow," his text coming from Hebrews 12:1-2.

Fri., Sept. 7, the Lutherans will be represented by Rev. Harwood Smith's theme - "Our Responsibility In The Church," from Romans 12:4-5.

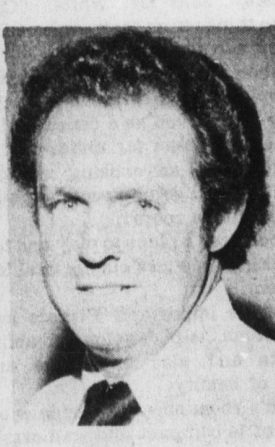
Sat., Sept. 8, Rev. Kilgore will preach on "Our Responsibility In The World," her text from James 2:14-17.

Sun., Sept. 9, Rev. Patterson will end the celebration by speaking on the theme - "Our Hope," his text from Romans 8:38-39.

Featured each night of the Christian Growth Celebration will be special music by the choirs of the local churches as well as special groups contracted for the event.



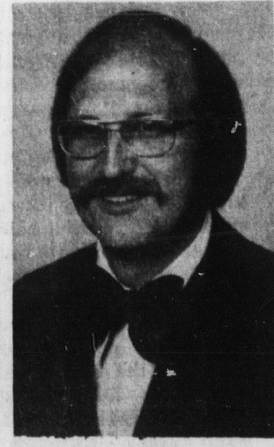
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REV. JERRY SMITH



REV. LEROY COX



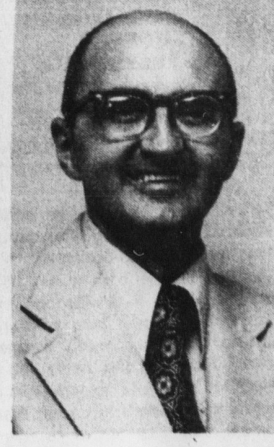
REV. GARY BRYANT



REV. HARWOOD SMITH



REV. KILGORE



REV. PATTERSON