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FOR KELLI'S BENEFIT — Citizens of Grover and surrounding areas turned out in huge numbers Saturday night for a Bluegrass and Gospel music benefit program for Kelli Harry, the Grover School fourth grader who was critically injured in December when she darted in front of a pickup truck as school

dismissed for the day. Kelli remains in a Charlotte hospital in a coma but has shown some encouraging signs in recent weeks. Concerned citizens in the two photos above show their love for Kelli and her family by supporting the benefit. In photo at left, a packed house in the school gym listens to the



bluegrass sound of the Leonard McSwain band, and in photo at right, Kelli Howell, left, and Loretta Philbeck present the proceeds of bake sales sponsored by the Grover Rescue Squad and Philbeck's Shell Service to Phil Harry, Kelli's father. The proceeds of the bake sales, hot dog sales and tickets sold at the

door Saturday night amounted to \$1,900. Tickets purchased by Minette Mills, Har-Ray Mill and Grover Industries for their employees and families will bring the final total to around \$3,000, a spokesman for the sponsors predicted. Photos by Gary Stewart

Reservations Needed

Chamber Banquet Scheduled

The annual Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association banquet will be held Tues., Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. The banquet is open for all members and their employees. Tickets are \$7.50 per person. Reservations may be made before February 20 by calling 739-5051. Dr. Stan Hardin of Shelby, a popular after-dinner speaker,

will provide the entertainment. Hardin, a South Carolina native, sings, plays the guitar and does impressions of famous people. His entertainment career dates back to his high school days. After high school, Hardin and some friends started a band called the "Nobles," which played for school proms, private parties and was eventually booked to play at the Pavilion Ballroom in

Myrtle Beach. Sometime later, when Hardin went to Myrtle Beach on vacation, he was introduced to country music star Carl Perkins and was invited by Perkins to play with his band during the entire engagement at the Pavilion. Hardin has performed with a number of other big names, including George Hamilton IV, Jerry Lee Lewis, Conway Twitty, Jerry Van Dyke, Robert

Fuller, Donna Douglas, Mamie Van Doren, Tommy Noonan, Johnny Cash, David Allen Coe, Don Red Berry and the late Elvis Presley's fiancée, Ginger Alden. In addition to his music, he has also appeared in motion pictures and local theatre productions. He also has a small recording studio in his home where he writes songs and occasional radio jingles for local businesses.



CHARLES MAUNEY



ANDY NEISLER

Symphony Drive Underway Here

Kings Mountain Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony launched this week the 1981 membership campaign to bring the highly trained and fully professional musicians to Kings Mountain for a concert May 12th at 8 p.m. in B.N. Barnes Auditorium. It will be the second season here for the N.C. Symphony. Local chapter President Andy Neisler and membership chairman Charles Mauney said that advance ticket sales are beginning and that civic clubs are again encouraged to sponsor a group of students or senior citizens and purchase blocks of seats for the event. Tickets are \$5.50 for adults, \$3.50 for students and senior citizens and \$2 for students 15 and under. Other leaders of the drive for memberships are Mrs. J.N. McClure, publicity chairman; Mrs. Ray Holmes, gifts chairman; Mrs. Jeanette Surratte, assistant

membership chairman; and Mrs. F.J. Sincos, program chairman. The North Carolina Symphony Orchestra, which received critical acclaim for its New York, Washington and Chicago premieres, is the only major orchestra between Atlanta and Washington, D.C. Founded by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Lamar Stringfield, and developed by Dr. Benjamin Swalin, conductor emeritus, the 73-member professional orchestra continues today to grow in artistic excellence under the batons of Artistic Director and Principal Guest Conductor, Lawrence Leighton Smith, Associate Conductor James Ogle and Assistant Conductor Jackson Parkhurst. The Symphony will also present a children's concert in the KM Schools during its Kings Mountain performance and Mrs. Darrell Austin is chairman of the arrangements committee for this portion of the program.



WOMAN IDENTIFIED — A skeleton found in York County, S.C., last summer has been identified as Helen Kay Roark of Kings Mountain, who had been missing since 1977. A recreation of the head and shoulders by a sculptress and dental records



were used for positive identification. Left photo above was taken of Mrs. Roark before she was reported missing. Right is a photo of the sculpture taken by Det. Richard Reynolds of the Kings Mountain Police Department.

Helen Kay Roark

KM Woman Identified

A skeleton found last August in York County, S.C., has been officially identified as that of Helen Kay Roark, 35, of Bridges Drive, Kings Mountain. The identification was officially confirmed Thursday. Law enforcement officials had believed it to be Mrs. Roark for several months, but were awaiting the final process of identification through dental reconstruction and a head and shoulder sculpture. The skeleton was found on August 27 by some children who

were playing along Snake Road near Sharon. It was one of three skeletons found recently in York County. Mrs. Roark had been missing since June of 1977 and was last heard from in Gaffney when she called her family and told them where she was. Dr. Charles B. Hannah Jr. of Spartanburg, an instructor at the South Carolina Police Academy in Columbia and a consultant in forensic odontology, began dental reconstruction in September. Spartanburg sculptress Lalage Warrington measured the skull

and reconstructed facial features. Kings Mountain Police made trips to Spartanburg to photograph the different phases of the sculpture work, and Mrs. Roark's family went to Rock Hill in November and made positive identification. Final proof came when Dr. Hannah took photographs of Mrs. Roark that showed her smiling, and superimposed the photo on the skull, matching the teeth perfectly. The cause of Mrs. Roark's death is still under investigation by York County authorities. Graveside funeral services for Mrs. Roark were conducted Fri-

day at 2:30 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery. Rev. Tom Patterson officiated. Mrs. Roark was the daughter of the late Jacob and Ola Mae Dalton Sipes and the wife of Harold Roark. Surviving, in addition to her husband, are a son, Wayne Roark of Kings Mountain; a daughter, Kathy Roark of Kings Mountain; four brothers, T.H., Gene and Garland Sipes, all of Kings Mountain, and David Sipes of Dallas; and three sisters, Mrs. Thurman (Doris) Peterson and Mrs. Philip (Patsy) Carpenter of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Albert (Judy) Warlick of Bessemer City.

Hit And Run Damages High

A hit and run driver heavily damaged a 1969 truck Monday morning on North Piedmont Ave. KMPD Sgt. Bob Hayes said that Jimmy Coleman, operating **VEHICLE FIRE** Kings Mountain Fire Department put out a vehicle fire in a tractor-trailer rig owned by Burns & Spangler when the brakes overheated Friday on North Cansler St. Firemen were also called to KMHS on Friday to extinguish a tree fire and stood by at an automobile wreck.

the pickup truck, had turned off North Piedmont Ave. to cross the railroad tracks when his vehicle was rammed by a beige colored Pontiac occupied by three black males. The Pontiac reportedly ran the light on Piedmont. Damages were estimated at \$1,000. Sgt. Bob Hayes is asking that persons with any information concerning the accident to call the police department, 739-3636. Hayes said that the hit and run car is either a Tempest or LeMans Pontiac, beige with vinyl top.