



Photo by Ronnie Hawkins

TOP PRIZE — Kim Miller, winner of last year's St. Jude's Bike-A-Thon, is pictured here with Assistant Kings Mountain Fire Chief Bud Ware and the 10 speed Western Flyer bike which will go to the person who raises the most money for this year's event, set for March

28. The bike is being donated by Western Auto and Kings Mountain Knit. A number of other awards will be presented by other area merchants and St. Jude's to riders who raise at least \$25. Robert Dodge is chairman of the event.

Funeral Services Held For Oscar W. Myers, 96

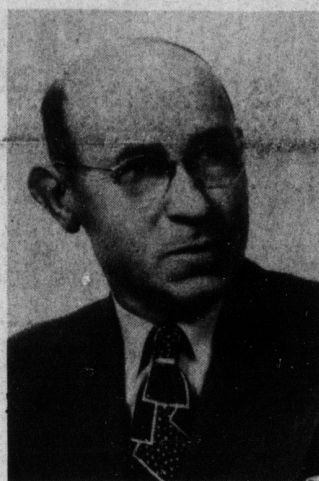
Oscar Winfred Myers was almost everyone's favorite sales person in Kings Mountain.

He was just as adept at helping a lady pick out a tie for her husband as he was to the man who came to the former Myers Department Store (now Fulton's) and to Plonk Brothers to shop for a new pair of shoes or pants.

O.W. Myers liked people and his trademark to the Kings Mountain buying public was friendliness and courtesy. He never met a stranger.

Mr. Myers, whose good spirit and humor belied his age, died Sunday morning at the age of 96. A Kings Mountain salesman for many years, he never retired but came back to work at Plonk Brothers at the age of 90. Even when he quit driving his car, he rode by bus daily from his home in Charlotte, walking the several blocks from the KM Bus Terminal to Plonk Brothers on Railroad Ave. and returning to his home in the afternoon.

The ageless Mr. Myers worked in his yard last week and apparently suffered a cerebral



OSCAR MYERS

hemorrhage while going to the basement area of his home for wood for fire Thursday evening at 6 p.m. He never regained consciousness and died in Charlotte's Presbyterian Hospital Sunday at 4 a.m.

A native of Oconee County, S.C., he was son of the late Henry Jones and Evelyn Pritchard Myers. He owned and operated Myers Department

Store in downtown Kings Mountain for 20-plus years, before selling the firm to Ruth and Bill Fulton in 1964 when he and his wife, Marie Myers, moved to Charlotte to be near their children. He returned to work with Plonk Brothers Department Store for a number of years before his death. He was a member of Charlotte's Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Harry and Bryant Chapel In The Oaks by his pastor, Dr. Douglas W. Oldenburg, interment following in Sharon Memorial Park.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, Mrs. Marie Myers, are their daughters, Mrs. Avery R. Rhyne (Eleanor) of Charlotte and their son, W. Earle Myers of Long Valley, N.J., six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family has designated memorials to Boys Town of North Carolina, Route 1, Pineville, N.C. 28134 or a favorite charity of your choice.

Groundbreaking Set Friday At KM Hospital

Groundbreaking for Kings Mountain Hospital's proposed \$5.5 million expansion project will be held at 3 p.m. Friday on the site, the East Parking lot area, on West King St.

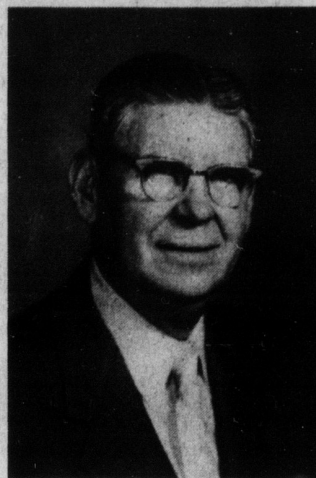
Construction is expected to begin immediately and a timetable calls for completion of the entire project, which will be completed in phases, in 28 months. The new construction is expected to be ready for occupancy by next fall, according to KMH Administrator Grady Howard.

Brief remarks at the groundbreaking exercises will be made by Kings Mountain Senator J. Ollie Harris and L.E. Hinnant, president of the Kings Mountain Hospital Board of Trustees, who will preside.

The Board of Trustees has issued invitations to all city and county officials, the interested public, and architects and all persons who have participated in the mammoth expansion plans to attend the ceremonies.

The proposed expansion will include a 39,000 square foot two-story patient wing adjacent to the present building, a first floor housing the business offices, radiology department and expanded emergency departments. The second floor will include 35 all private rooms and a six bed coronary and surgical intensive care unit. After the expansion, 97 of the hospital's 102 beds will be private.

According to Howard, all new construction will be completed first. "We will lose a good part of



SENATOR J. OLLIE HARRIS

the East parking area and construction calls for first building a parking lot off Sims Street which will be the main entrance to the hospital when the new construction is completed," he said. After the new construction is completed, the renovation work will begin.

The renovated area will include all first floor areas which will be converted to private



L.E. HINNANT

rooms with toilet and shower facilities, a modernized obstetrics department with two private labor rooms, an expanded recovery room and renovation of many departments in the existing building. The renovation of the existing facility will be extensive.

When the expansion is completed the hospital will be virtually an all private facility.

Leaders Breakfast Set

Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries will sponsor the annual Community Leaders Breakfast Wed., March 25th, at 7:30 a.m. at Holiday Inn.

Personnel Manager Don Grady said that invitations will be extended to 50 business

leaders of the community to attend to see a video film presentation on the proposed new workmen's compensation laws.

Burlington Plant Manager Charles Kelly will open the meeting with his views on "Business Conditions and Outlook for 1981-82."

Public Hearings Monday

Citizens will have two opportunities to express their opinions during the City Board of Commissioners meeting Monday at 7:30 at the Governmental Services Facilities Center.

The board has called for public hearings to discuss the possible use of surplus Urban Renewal funds, and a proposal by Southern Railway and the Department of Transportation for closing the Hawthorne Street railroad crossing and improving the Oak Street crossing.

Write-Ins Defeated Again, Judge Upholds Ballot Recount

Superior Court Judge Preston Cornelius of Mooresville Monday in a 45 minute hearing in Shelby upheld the ballot recount in January by the state elections board in the race for county commissioners in which one of three write-in candidates had appealed the state board's decision.

Crawford had asked the court to reverse the decision by the state board and order a new election, charging that ballots in the Nov. 4 election had insufficient space for write-ins and were improper.

The board held the first of two public hearings on the \$422,000 surplus in the UR program at its March 9 meeting. No citizens expressed opinions that night.

Surplus UR funds can be used in Community Development programs, and the board is expected to amend the Community Development budget to include those surplus funds.

Mayor John Moss offered a number of suggestions at the March 9 meeting, including using some of the funds for the

Neighborhood Improvement project off Linwood Road, wall restoration and underground wiring projects in the downtown area, and the addition of 20 parking spaces on Battleground Avenue north of Mountain Street.

The railroad proposal is a part of the Department of Transportation's statewide program to improve dangerous railroad crossings. Both the Hawthorne and Oak Street crossings are considered dangerous by Southern Railway.

The Hawthorne Street crossing is located on Highway 216 at the old Kings Mountain Ice Plant. The Oak Street crossing, better known as the Mauney Mill crossing, is located on 216 across from First Citizens Bank and Trust Co.

The proposal is for Hawthorne to be closed and signal lights and gates installed at Oak Street. Also, Railroad Avenue, which runs parallel to the tracks on the west side, would be straightened and widened.

The project would be basically a state project, but requires city approval. Moss said the amount of city money used in the project would be small.

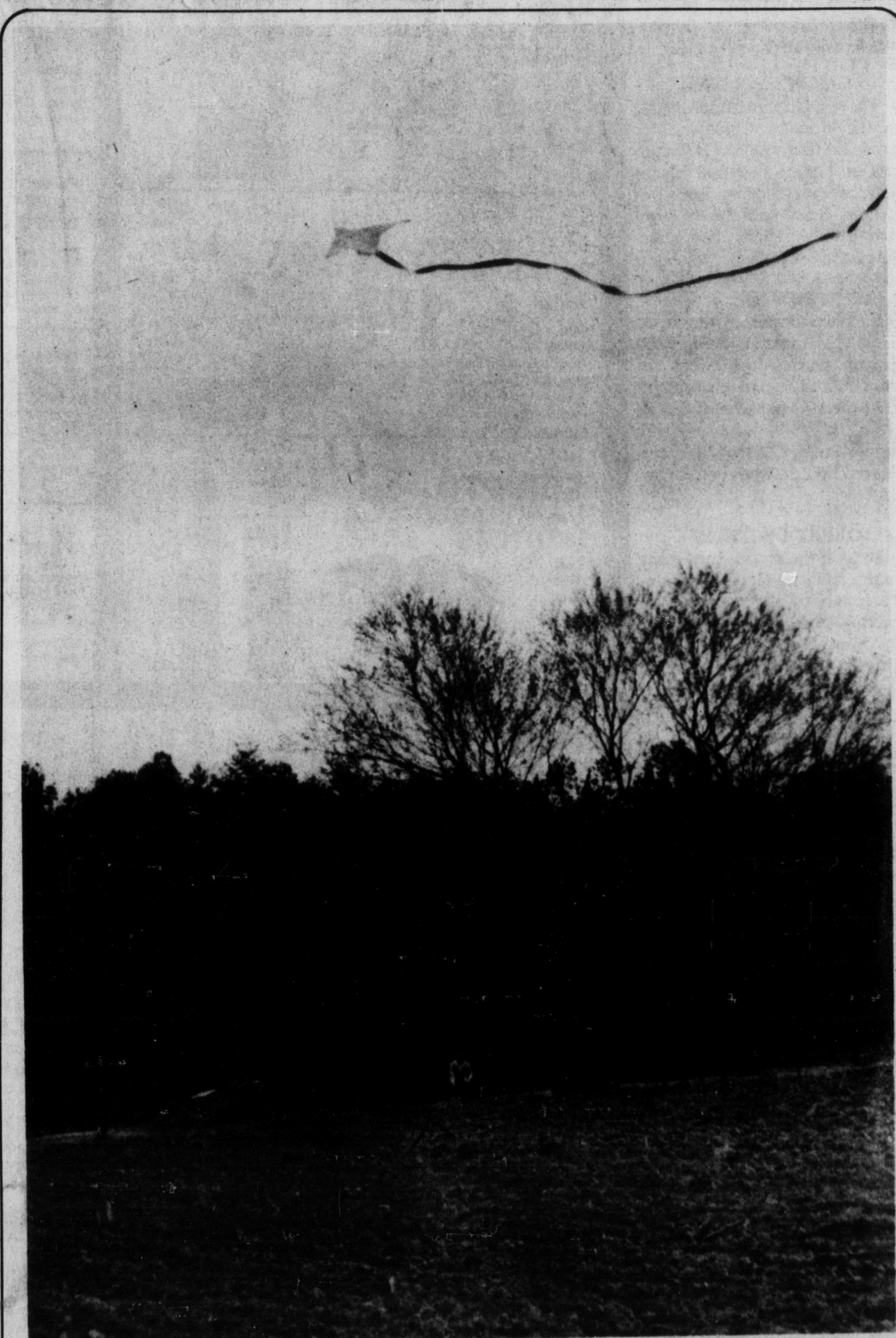


Photo by Gary Stewart

KITE WEATHER — March winds usually mean fun for the youngsters. If you can catch the wind just right, you can get a kite high into the sky. Julie Spencer, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Spencer of Durham, N.C.,

got her's so high it appeared to be tampering with the rain clouds which were moving into the Kings Mountain area while she was visiting relatives over the weekend.