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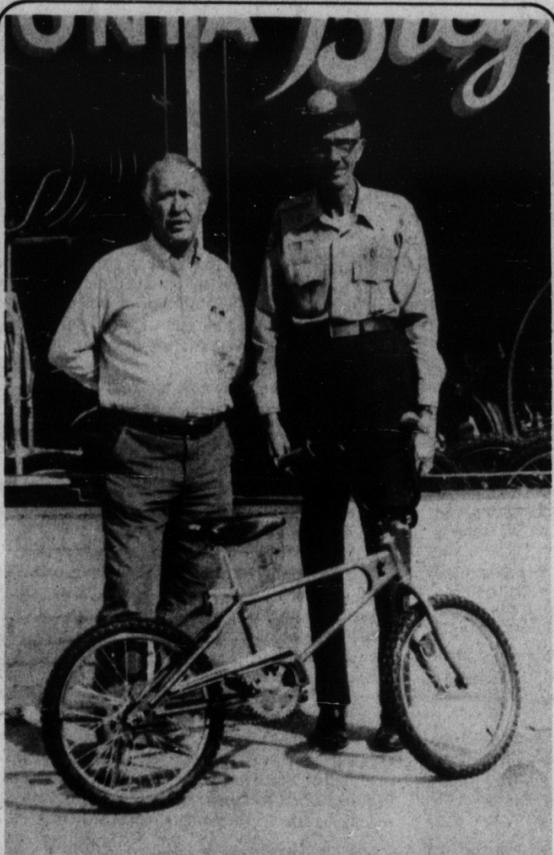


Photo by Ronnie Hawkins

**SECOND PRIZE** - Charlie Hanna, left, owner of the Gastonia Bicycle Shop, and Pete Peterson, a Kings Mountain fireman, pose with a 20" motor cross bike which will be the second prize in Saturday's St. Jude's Wheels for Life bike-a-thon.

## Bike-A-Thon Set Saturday

The Wheels for Life bike-a-thon for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital will be held Saturday at 9:30.

The event will begin at Kings Mountain High School and wind through the Kings Mountain state and national park areas.

Riders raising at least \$25 in donations will be eligible for prizes furnished by St. Jude's and area businesses. Hamburgers and cokes will be supplied by McDonald's.

The rider raising the most money will receive a 10-speed Western Flyer bike donated by Kings Mountain Knit and Western Auto. The second highest fund-raiser will receive a 20" motor cross bike donated by the Gastonia Bicycle Shop.

Other merchants donating prizes include Western Auto, camping equipment; TG&Y, radio; Willie's Jewelry, watch; Rippy's Jewelry, ID bracelet; McGinnis Department Store, gift certificate; Revco Drug, radio; Eckerd's, dental hygiene

kit; and Center Service, cleaning equipment.

The bike-a-thon two years ago raised over \$4,000 for St. Jude's, but last year's event was hampered because of cold weather.

Riders interested in participating may secure entry forms at the Fire Department, Kings Mountain Junior High, Kings Mountain Senior High and Mauney Memorial Library. Further information may be obtained by calling the Fire Department at 739-2552. Riders age nine and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Chairmen of the various committees are Robert Dodge, route; Rick Witherspoon and Rodney Gordon, recruitment; Ronnie Hawkins, publicity and promotion; Charles Peterson, prizes; Charles Ware, food; Joe Leftwich, bike repairs; and Bruce Canipe, bike repairs.

First aid and break stops will be stationed all along the route and lunch will be served at the Kings Mountain State Park.

## Expanded KM Hospital To Be One Of Nicest In Southeast

Kings Mountain Hospital broke ground for its \$5.5 million expansion and renovation project Friday afternoon.

Administrator Grady Howard, L.E. (Josh) Hinnant, president of the Board of Trustees; David Ramseur of Odell Associates; Kings Mountain Mayor John Henry Moss and Jack Palmer, chairman of the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, made brief remarks to the crowd of almost 100 attending the 30-minute ceremony.

Construction is expected to begin immediately and the project is scheduled for completion in 28 months.

The expansion includes a 39,000 square foot two-story patient wing adjacent to the present building. The first floor will house the business offices, radiology department and expanded emergency department, and the second floor will include 35 private rooms and a six-bed coronary and surgical intensive care unit.

Hospital and community leaders predict the improved facility will be one of the most modern hospitals in the south.

"I challenge the staff to continue its fine service," remarked Hinnant, "and their efforts will result in one of the most modern hospitals in the south. Hopefully, in 28 months we can come back and take a tour and be quite proud of the facility."

Mayor Moss called Friday "another important day in the growth of Kings Mountain Hospital and the community."

Moss pointed out that KMH admitted its first patient on April 1, 1951, grew by 12 beds in 1953, 25 in 1955, 25 in 1960 and 30 in 1970.

"Kings Mountain Hospital has continued to grow along with the city and area," he said. "It also represents another step in the hospital's efforts to provide the latest in technology and quality of health care."

Commissioner Palmer offered his congratulations to the city



**GROUND BREAKING** - Kings Mountain Mayor John Moss, left, and L.E. Hinnant, president of the Kings Mountain Hospital Board of Trustees, break the ground Friday for the \$5.5 million expansion of Kings Mountain Hospital. County Commissioner Jack Palmer.

Hospital Administrator Grady Howard and other members of the Board of Trustees look on in the background.

Photo by Gary Stewart

and hospital for "having the fortitude to do what you are doing. The addition will help Cleveland County have one of the best medical facilities in North Carolina."

Plans call for all newly-constructed buildings to be completed first and renovation of the existing facility to come later. Much of the east parking lot will be lost and the main entrance to the grounds will eventually be from Sims Street.

Renovations include conver-

ting first floor areas to private 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.

General contractor is L.P. Cox of Concord. Electrical contractor is Port City Electric of Mooresville, mechanical contractor is Sanders Brothers of Gaffney and plumbing contractor is D&B Constructors of

Morganton. Architect is Odell Associates of Charlotte and consultant is James Hamilton of Greenville.

Members of the Board of Trustees are Hinnant, president; John L. McGill, vice president; J.C. Bridges, secretary and Fain Hambricht, Eoline Hord, Joseph L. Lee III, Carl F. Mauney, N.F. McGill Jr., Margaret Meeks, Marilyn Neisler, William Orr and Thomas A. Tate.

## KM Eye Clinic To Open

Dr. David R. McDaniel of Maiden, native of Gastonia, will open Kings Mountain Eye Clinic May 1st in Professional Park on W. King Street.

A joint announcement was made Friday by Dr. McDaniel and Mrs. Ruby M. Alexander, who presented keys to the new building which is being designed to meet the optometrist's specifications and which will include spacious rooms for examinations, pre-testing, laboratory, a contact lens workroom and dispensary for frames and which will house some of the most sophisticated and modern equipment for eye care.

"We are highly pleased that Dr. McDaniel has chosen Kings Mountain as the site for his new clinic and welcome him to Kings Mountain", said Mrs. Alexander. Mrs. Alexander, and her husband, Charles L. Alexander, former Kings Mountain postmaster, recently opened Kings Mountain Professional Park which also houses offices for Dr. John Brooks, allergy specialist, and for Alexander Realty. Mrs. Alexander confirmed that a pediatrician is also looking at the offices with an eye toward locating in Kings Mountain.

Dr. McDaniel, 27, has been associated with his brother, James McDaniel, Jr., in the operation of Maiden Eye Clinic since June 1979. Their father,

James McDaniel of Gastonia, is formerly of Kings Mountain and was associated with Durham Life Insurance Co. in this area for many years. "We have many roots in this area", said Dr. McDaniel, "and look forward to making Kings Mountain our home."

Dr. McDaniel was graduated

from Gastonia's Ashbrook High and completed his undergraduate work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and took his optometry training at Southern California College of Optometry. He is married to the former

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## Kelli Harry Out Of Coma

The breathing tubes in Kelli Harry's throat prevent her from speaking but she mouthed "Mama" and Maria Harry says her young daughter is out of the 13 and one-half week coma in which she has been near death in Charlotte Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Harry said that Kelli has responded well to treatment over the past several days. "We're very excited and we have a long way to go and, of course, it will be a day or two before Kelli is able to speak to us but we're very encouraged."

Philip Harry, Kelli's father, was sharing the good news to Grover relatives, including his mother, Mrs. B.A. Harry, and Maria Harry called Grover School Monday morning about 10:30 to relate the progress report.

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## Services Held Sunday For Mike Ledford, 40

Funeral services for Michael Theodore Ledford, 40, of Route 2, who died suddenly Friday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. of an apparent heart attack, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Central United Methodist Church of which he was a member.

His pastor, Rev. Ivan Stephens, officiated at the rites, assisted by Rev. Clyde Bearden, pastor of First Baptist Church, and interment was in Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Tom Gilbert, Joseph Greene, Bob Byers, Philip Wright, Jeff Gilbert and Paul Dover.

A Kings Mountain native, Ledford was son of William

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MICHAEL T. LEDFORD

## Funeral Services Held For Emmett Ross, 67

Funeral services for Emmett Edison Ross, 67, of Route 1, who died Wednesday afternoon in Gaston Memorial Hospital at Gastonia, were conducted Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Linden Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of which he was a member, interment following in Kings Mountain's Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Dr. W. Harris Blair, assisted by Rev. Clyde Bearden, officiated at the final rites.

Mr. Ross was a native of Gaston County, son of the late Francis and Mary Green Ross. He was a retired textile employee and was married to the former Mable Smith. A Chapter Dad for Kings Mountain Order of Demolay for 20 years, he was a past patron of Kings Mountain Chapter 123, Order of the Eastern Star, and had been active in Fairview Masonic Lodge in Kings Mountain for 31 years. He retired from Sadie Colton

mills, Inc. with 44 years of service with the last 20 years in supervision. He was a deacon in (Turn To Page 10)



EMMETT ROSS



Photo by Lib Stewart

**KEYS TO CLINIC** - Mrs. Charles L. Alexander presents keys to the new Kings Mountain Eye Clinic to Dr. David R. McDaniel of Maiden who plans to open offices in Professional Park May 1.