

Kings Mountain High School Class Of 1981

KMHS Commencement Service Is Sunday Night

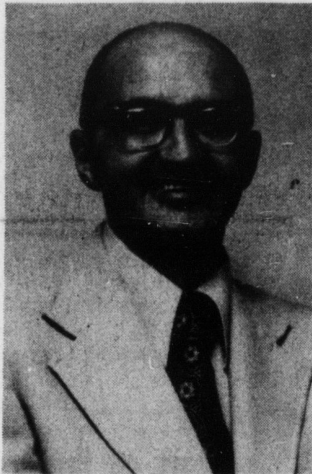
Commencement exercises for Kings Mountain Senior High School's Class of 1981 will begin on Sunday night with the baccalaureate sermon at 8 p.m. in B. N. Barnes Auditorium and culminate on May 29th with commencement exercises at 8 p.m. in John Gamble Memorial Football Stadium.

Rev. Tom Patterson, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, will deliver the sermon.

Other Kings Mountain ministers who will assist in the services will be Rev. Dale Thornburg who will give the invocation, Rev. Buddy Joe Jones, Jr. who will read the scripture, Rev. H. T. Smith who will introduce the speaker and Rev. Bobby Haney who will pronounce the benediction.

Special music will be presented by the Kings Mountain Senior High Chorale and Ensemble.

Officers of the senior class will lead the program at commencement exercises on Friday, May



REV. TOM PATTERSON

29th, when diplomas will be presented to graduating seniors.

Senior class officers are Jane Hambright, president; Stephen Joseph Gnant, Jr., vice-president; Janice Marie Scoggins, secretary; and Edie Darlene Schronce, treasurer. Senior spon-

sors are Mrs. Adelaide Allison, Mrs. Peggy Baird, Mrs. Betty Gamble, Steve Foster, Mrs. Juanita Goforth, Mrs. Brenda Neal, Miss Annette Parker, Mrs. Jaquitha Reid, Mrs. Sheila Sisk, Mrs. Mary Taylor, Mrs. Angel

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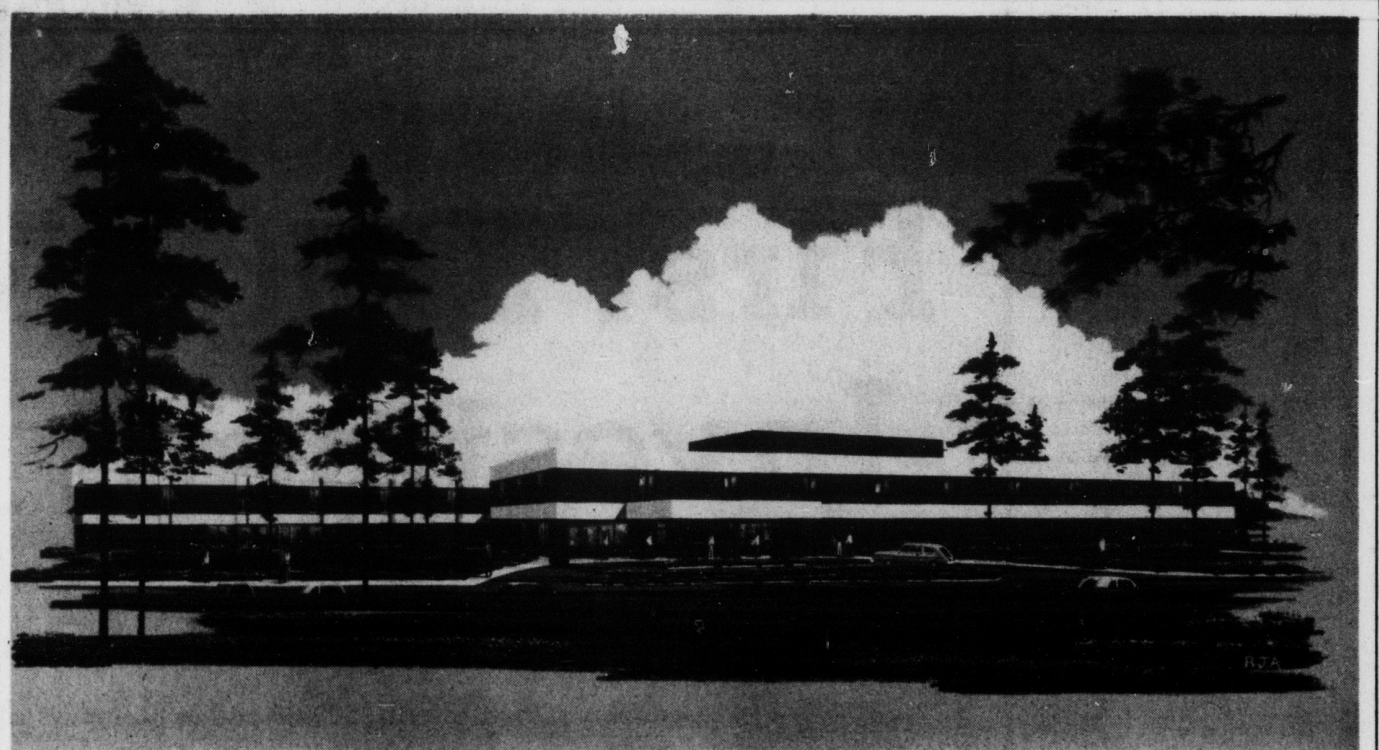
Junior marshals are Pamela Hatch, chief; Sandra Dale Appling, Janet Blair, Mark Brooks, Laura Leigh Bumgardner, Lloyd Henry Clark, Terry L. Feaster, Laura Laine Herndon, Gregory

Paul Ingram, Lisa Ann Roark, Robert Lee Smith III, Jeffrey Webb Ward, and Christa Rena Williams.

The class colors are black and gold, the class flower is yellow rose, and the class song is "Times

Of Your Life."

Eugene Bumgardner, director of the Senior High School Choir, and Christopher C. Cole, director of the KMJH Ninth Grade Band, will lead the music program for the two exercises.



Drawing of KM Hospital Expansion....

Construction On Schedule

Kings Mountain Hospital's \$5.5 million construction program is "on schedule", according to Administrator Grady Howard who said that the timetable calls for completion in 28 months or by July-August 1983.

Construction began April 1 on the mammoth expansion which

includes a 39,000 square feet 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 in-

tensive care unit.

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

Groundbreaking was held on March 20th.

General contractor for the project is L. P. Cox of Concord.

After the expansion, 97 of the hospital's 102 beds will be in private rooms.

Kings Mountain Hospital admitted its first patient on April 1, 1951, grew by 12 beds in 1953, to 25 in 1955 and added another 25 beds in 1960 and 30 more beds in 1970.

Kings Mountain Women Win Red Cross Awards

Mrs. Charles Mauney and Mrs. Betty Gamble were cited as outstanding board members by the Cleveland County Chapter of the American Red Cross at the annual banquet Tuesday night at Jefferson School in Shelby.

Also cited for outstanding service on the board were Jim Toole and Carolyn Freeman, both of Shelby.

The Dr. Hubert Plaster award for the outstanding male volunteer went to Horace Ledford and the Margaret Noell award to the outstanding female volunteer went to Martha Scruggs of Grover, program director, and Louise McKinney, executive director, for outstanding service beyond their normal

work days as paid employees.

New officers were elected and include Hollis Ledford, chapter chairman; Melvin Lutz, vice chairman of finance; Ruth Wilson, vice chairman of services; Flo Blanton, secretary, and Lyn Cheshire of Kings Mountain, treasurer. The new directors include J. R. Dunkley, Charles Harry, Jr., Jim Apple, Rev. Jim Holderness, Dr. Bill Milam, Jim Potter of Kings Mountain, Scott Neisler of Kings Mountain and Harry Matthews.

Elected to three year terms on the board were Walter Wade of Kings Mountain, Rob Deaton, Kathryn Lucas, Theresa Lutz and Thelma McVea.

Grover Rescue Squad To Hold Open House

Grove Rescue Squad will hold open house Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

A number of activities are scheduled, including a carnival, flea market and free blood pressure checks.

Friday's activities will begin in the afternoon, Saturday's will begin at 10 a.m. and continue all day, and Sunday's will be from 1 until 5 p.m.

A children's carnival featuring rides, games and concessions is scheduled Friday. Saturday's schedule includes the carnival, flea market, karate demonstration, emergency skills and equipment displays, blood pressure clinic and a vehicles display. Dealers interested in entering items in the flea market may call 937-9133. Sunday's schedule includes the carnival, blood pressure clinic and vehicle display.

KM Hospital Receives Gift

Kings Mountain Hospital is to receive a \$200,000 memorial gift from the estate of Mrs. Inez Swindell Dodd, representing the single largest individual contribution ever received by the hospital, according to Grady K. Howard, Administrator.

Mrs. Dodd, who died in March, left the estate in memory of her late husband, Herbert Johnston Plonk who spent most of his early years in Kings Mountain. Mr. Plonk established the trust fund some years ago.

In her will, Mrs. Dodd bequeathed one-half of Mr. Plonk's \$400,000 estate to the hospital. The estate is expected to be settled in late summer.

The will, in part, states: "one-half of the assets of said trust shall be paid over and delivered to the Kings Mountain Hospital...in memory of my late husband...to be used by it in such manner as its governing body shall determine."

Hospital spokesman said that the funds will probably be used

in the building program.

Wachovia Bank and Trust Company has qualified as the executor of the estate.

The hospital's Board of Trustees has established a Memorial Committee to solicit and receive gifts and memorials.

The committee is comprised of Mrs. Marilyn Neisler and John L. McGill, both members of the board, and the administrator.

Howard pointed out that as a voluntary, non-profit health care

facility, the hospital allows for direct, tax-free financial assistance from individuals and corporations. Such gifts will be used for the improvement and development of hospital facilities and for the acquisition of specialized diagnostic and therapeutic equipment.

The trustees are now inviting contributions in the form of memorials for patient rooms and certain facilities for the new building.