

How To Spend \$1 Million

Second CD Public Hearing Set Tonight

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The second public hearing on the 1977-78 Community Development Block Grants is scheduled tonight at 7:30 at city hall.

This is the third year of the five year program under the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The total entitlement to the city is \$4,160,000. The first three years the grants total \$1,040,000.

At the first hearing, held last Tuesday, saw only a couple of new project proposals discussed;

planometric and Topographical mapping and a street program.

The rest of the programs are continuing from the first year's program and includes expansion and updating the water and sewer system, expansion of recreational facilities, the aging and elderly program, home based child care program, the arts council, and housing.

The majority of the first meeting was taken up with a discussion on the program's continuing projects. Another review of that is expected

tonight along with a complete update on the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission projects.

Development Commission Executive Director Gene White said he would give an update on the progress being made in work in the Cansler St. Urban Renewal area.

Of this area, Al Moretz, city planner, said last week "This will be one of the most beautiful residential areas in the city once the work is complete. And there will be a great many im-

provements that won't be visible. I'm talking about the installation of new water and sewer lines, gas lines and drainage."

In connection with this Moretz asked that planometric and topographic mapping be considered under CD funding. He said with this information the city can plan for 30 to 40 years ahead and not run into problems that the city faces today.

Citizens and groups with project proposals are urged to attend tonight's public hearing, which is the last one scheduled before application is made to HUD on April 1.

Blood Screening

Here Feb. 24-25

The Cleveland County Health Department will conduct blood pressure screenings at various locations around the county during February.

The department unit will set up February 24 and 25 in Kings Mountain.

On February 24 at TG&Y in the West Gate Shopping Center from 9:30 a. m. until 4:30 p. m.

On February 25 at Mack's in the Kings Mountain Shopping Plaza from 1 to 4:30 p. m.

There is no charge for the blood pressure tests and the health department urges all Kings Mountians to come to either location here for a checkup.

KMSH Students

PPG Finalists

Susan Anderson, Christopher Holmes and Douglas Sincos, students at Kings Mountain Senior High, have been recommended as scholarship finalists by PPG Industries Foundation.

Interviews will be conducted February 24 and the four year award is valued up to \$6,000, depending on the winner's financial need.

Local PPG Foundation Agent and plant manager, L. T. Powell, said the three students from Kings Mountain and four others from Cleveland County and Shelby were selected on the basis of their scores on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test.

The finalists are competing for the four year award whose value is determined by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which administers the PPG Foundation program.

The scholarship ranges from \$250 to \$1,500 yearly at an accredited college of the winner's choice in the U. S. The winner will be announced in April.

KM's Adams

Produces Film

Dave Adams, a former Kings Mountain, has just completed contracts for theatrical showings of a color film entitled "Seconds From Death—With Movie Stuntmen."

The 24-minute film depicts the work of the film stuntmen and their importance in the action-adventure movies and TV-shows.

Adams produced and directed the short using the talents of experienced Hollywood stuntmen such as Greg Anderson and A. J. Bakunas. Other stuntmen in the film are Adams, Jerry Rushing, Joe Kurtzo and Luther Randall.

Some of the stunts involved are a man tumbling from a speeding car, a man being hit by a car in the street, a high fall from a building and other hair-raising stunts involving autos and motorcycles.

The film is being distributed to theaters in North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Florida, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Adams said he is also currently involved in negotiations for TV rights to the film.



A GOLDEN OLDIE — How many of you recognise this scene? In order to visualise the scene properly, you'll have to go back to December 30, 1935. That year Kings Mountain had recorded over a foot of snow. This picture was originally taken by Percy Dilling and shows the snow piled up from the intersection of W. Mountain St. looking north along S. Piedmont Ave. The house in the picture at the left is now Harris Funeral Home. The photo was submitted to The Mirror-Herald by Bud Medlin.

Dr. John McGill Is Re-Elected

Dr. John C. McGill was re-elected President and Ruby H. Baker re-elected executive vice president and secretary at the annual Kings Mountain Savings and Loan Association meeting.

Other officers elected by the directors are Boyce H. Gault, vice president; Ronald L. Franks, treasurer; Brenda Lovelace, assistant secretary; Kathy Butler, assistant treasurer.

The shareholders elected Dr. R. N. Baker, Carl F. Mauney, Glee E.

Bridges, George Lewis, Ruby H. Baker, Dr. John C. McGill, C. A. Allison, W. S. Fulton, Jr. and Boyce H. Gault to the board of directors for 1977.

Mrs. Baker reported that assets increased 13 percent last year to \$14,549,881. More than \$2,700,000 in mortgage loans were made in 1976. On the last day of the year the Association had \$12,659,904 of mortgage loans in force. Deposits rose 13.8 percent to a record of \$13,166,380.

Art Students To Show Work

Students from Mrs. Diane Harper's art class at Kings Mountain Senior High will participate in a county-wide art exhibit in Shelby sponsored by the Shelby Art League.

The exhibition is for student artists from the junior and senior high schools all over Cleveland County.

The exhibits will be put up Wednesday upstairs at the Shelby Daily Star building. Mrs. Harper said her students will contribute 10 pieces of art for the show.

"We have not selected all of the art pieces, nor decided all of the students who will participate," Mrs. Harper said. "We do have some students set for the exhibition, however."

The students set are Kevin Allison, Susan Anderson, Rhonda Shyles, Cindy Medlin, Janice Greene, Brenda Wood and Daniel Reep. The exhibition is scheduled for one month.

Robert Dodge Named KM Juvenile Officer

Robert Dodge, a former Kings Mountain Police patrolman, who has been serving as an investigator for the Public Defenders office, will be sworn in Friday as juvenile officer at Kings Mountain.

Following his swearing in ceremony on February 18, Dodge will attend a training session at the police academy at Salemburg.

Dodge, 28, served as a police officer with KMPD for seven years prior to resigning and joining the public defenders investigative staff.

Although Dodge's employment as the juvenile officer has raised some questions at city hall as to who is running the police department — the police chief or the commissioners — Police Chief Earl Lloyd said "My position is that I intend to make the juvenile program work. I'm behind Dodge 100 percent."

Chief Lloyd's first choice for the position of juvenile officer was Patrolman Don Ivey, 27, a five year veteran of local police work.

When the LEAA grant was approved to create a juvenile office in Kings Mountain it was Lloyd's intention to transfer Ivey from regular dispatch and patrol duty to head the juvenile office. When the \$13,000 grant was approved, Lloyd in-



ROBERT DODGE
... KM juvenile officer

structed Ivey to buy some street clothing at Plonk's Department Store since he would not be working in uniform as the juvenile officer.

Chief Lloyd said after Ivey was already on the job as juvenile officer he was told by members of the board

of commissioners that Ivey was not to be hired for the juvenile job.

Commissioner Norman King's comment differs from Chief Lloyd's in that King contends Lloyd was told in December not to fill the position of juvenile officer.

King was quoted in the Gastonia Gazette last Friday as stating, "The chief gave us his recommendation about filling the position and he was told in December to do nothing about it. We decided at a board meeting later on that Dodge would be hired."

City Clerk Joe McDaniel said he does not recall the commissioners taking any formal action on filling the juvenile officer position and said he can find nothing in the official minutes about any action on the matter.

Chief Lloyd said since he was not hiring a new officer for the youth bureau he felt he had the authority to transfer a qualified officer into the position. Commissioner King said he felt the commissioners have the authority to say how federal funds will be spent in Kings Mountain.

But the issue appears to be settled. Dodge is in charge of the youth bureau and Ivey will remain on the police force as a patrolman.

To Become Teacher

Going Back To School

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When Delores Boyd decided to get married she was half a semester away from graduating from Kings Mountain High School.

Eighteen years and a second marriage, later an opportunity to get a high school diploma presented itself and Delores Boyd Edgerton took advantage of it quickly.

Cleveland County Technical Institute began an adult education course in 1971 to give people such as Mrs. Edgerton a chance to finish high school. She was one of two to graduate in the first Tech Continuing Education course.

But that only served to tease her desire to learn more, to become something else in life other than a wife and mother.

"When I started I just wanted to get my high school diploma," Mrs. Edgerton said. "Then I wanted to go with school. My husband, Robert, asked me when I was going to school. I don't think he really thought I would at the time. I said we didn't have the money and he said he had heard there was financial aid for people who wanted an



BACK TO SCHOOL — Mrs. Delores Edgerton of 218 Orr Terrace will graduate from Cleveland Tech this June, then she will enter Gardner-Webb College next fall to work for a teacher certificate. She went back to school 18-years after she dropped out of Kings Mountain High School.

education. That was all the encouragement I needed."

In the fall of 1975 Mrs. Edgerton enrolled in Cleveland Tech in general education. During her semesters since she has studied biology, history, grammar, math, psychology and several electives. She graduates this June.

"Will I stop here? No. I'm going to seek enrollment in Isothermal Community College in Rutherford County this summer to nail down physical education and religious studies," Mrs. Edgerton said. "I need those two subjects to enroll in Gardner-Webb College this fall."

Mrs. Edgerton is now determined to receive a teaching certificate for kindergarten through grade three.

"If I am able to attend Isothermal this summer and pass the two subjects I need," she said, "I can finish Gardner-Webb in three semesters."

Mrs. Edgerton said landing a teaching assignment in the Kings Mountain District Schools would be ideal, "but, if I am unsuccessful in this I am seriously thinking

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