



**REMOVING THE DOOR** Architect Moodye Clary, whose firm designed the new Kings Mountain city hall, marks off the door to the mayor's office on the working drawings. Mayor John Moss made the request to let citizens know he will continue his "open door policy."

# City Officials Going 'One On One'

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At the same time the programs will give the city officials a chance to answer any questions pertaining to how local tax money is spent, what the cost of city services are and how grants programs are helping the city. "It is our sincere hope to have open lines of communication with the citizens and their participation in the operation of

city government," the mayor said.

"These open meetings will offer indepth discussions of the city's challenges and opportunities. Together we can work toward keeping Kings Mountain on its progressive path to quality living."

All of the city commissioners will serve on the committee to arrange the district by district meetings and from these meetings the mayor said he

envisions several citizens committees to work on the projects that come from discussions.

Times for the district meetings will be announced later. The current district meetings schedules are:

District One — Tues., Sept. 13, Kings Mountain Baptist Church, 101 W. Mountain St.;

District Two — Tues., Sept. 20, East Gold St. Wesleyan Church, 610 E. Gold St.

District Three — Tues., Sept. 27, East Elementary School, 1, 600 Cleveland Ave.;

District Four — Tues., Oct. 4, Second Baptist Church, 120 Linwood Rd.;

District Five — Tues., Oct. 18, Mount Zion Baptist Church, 220 N. Watterson St.;

District Six, — Tues., Oct. 25, Trinity Episcopal Church, 303 Phifer Rd.;

(Note) Tues., Oct. 11 is municipal election day.

## City Hall Construction To Begin

# Contracts Are Signed

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The four low bidders on construction of Kings Mountain's Governmental Services Facilities Building (city hall) were in town last Friday for a pre-construction conference and to sign contracts.

J. Pat Cecil, president of Cecil's, Inc. of Spartanburg, S.

C., the general contractor on the project, said, "We should have foundation work starting within two weeks on the site. Our project supervisor will probably be in town within a week setting up the site office."

The other three contractors present were Everett Hoyle, Hoyle Plumbing Co. of Shelby; Bernard Caldwell, Caldwell Electric of Newton; and Steve

Annas, Southern Comfort of Charlotte. Respectively, they hold the contracts for plumbing, electrical and mechanical construction on the \$1-million building.

Also present were Franklin Ware, director of UnEmployment Security Commission; John Brown and Moodye Clary of Peterson-Clary, Architects; Al Moretz, the city building in-

pector; Mayor John Moss and Commissioners Jim Childers and Fred Wright Jr.

Ware explained that his agency will offer help in finding the employees the contractors may need to complete the construction.

Clary explained that since the \$999,2150 grant to construct the building came from the Economic Development Agency, based on the large amount of unemployment in Cleveland County at the time, "a representative will make an onsite inspection at some point during construction and probably ask how many local people are being used as workmen and in what capacity."

John Brown said he was instructed by the EDA to comment that any large change orders in the construction will have to be approved by EDA in Atlanta. Smaller changes can be done locally.

Commissioner Childers said he was looking forward to seeing the building raised as soon as possible and added, "I am well satisfied with the four contractors we have for the job."

Commissioner Wright, asked "for a hardhat, because I'll probably be on the site looking as much as you."

Before the meeting broke up, Mayor Moss asked Clary to "remove the door from the mayor's office. We want to maintain the open door policy even when we move into the new building."

Cecil said a year of construction, provided "we don't have another winter like last year," should be more than enough time to complete the new city hall. All contractors, however, were urged to work as rapidly as possible to complete their various functions.

## Houston

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personnel classification plan and personnel policy.

"9. Continued to assist and support the Canaler St. project and the downtown parking plaza and we have purchased heavy equipment which will allow the city to tackle bigger jobs for citizens," Houston said.

In closing his comments, Houston said, "I would like to continue in support of these and other progressive programs for the future of Kings Mountain. There is much more to be done and I offer my services to the citizens to help make these things happen for all of us."

Houston has resided in Kings Mountain since 1923. He is associated with Kings Mountain Drug and is a member of First Presbyterian Church, the American Legion and Kiwanis Club.

A veteran of World War Two, Houston retired as a major with the corps of engineers. He is also a retired reservist.

He is married to the former Dorothy Falls of Kings Mountain and has one son, Samuel H. Houston Jr., principal of Davidson County Senior High. Candidate filing for district two, five and six commissioner seats will continue until noon Fri., Sept. 9. Candidates may pay their \$5 fee to Mrs. Betty Mercler, secretary of the Kings Mountain Elections Board. She resides at 902 Monroe Avenue, and her phone number is 739-2192.

## Charges Against Conner Dropped

Twelve counts charged against Donald Conner of Kings Mountain have been dropped in Gaston County Superior Court last Friday.

Conner, owner of the Kings Mountain Men's Club, agreed to specifications that his club not allow any illegal activities in the building during a hearing. In return five counts of possession of liquor for sale, five counts of possession of alcoholic beverages in an unauthorized establishment and two counts of operating a gambling house were dropped.

The hearing was held to show cause why the club, located on Lake

Montonia Rd. should not be closed.

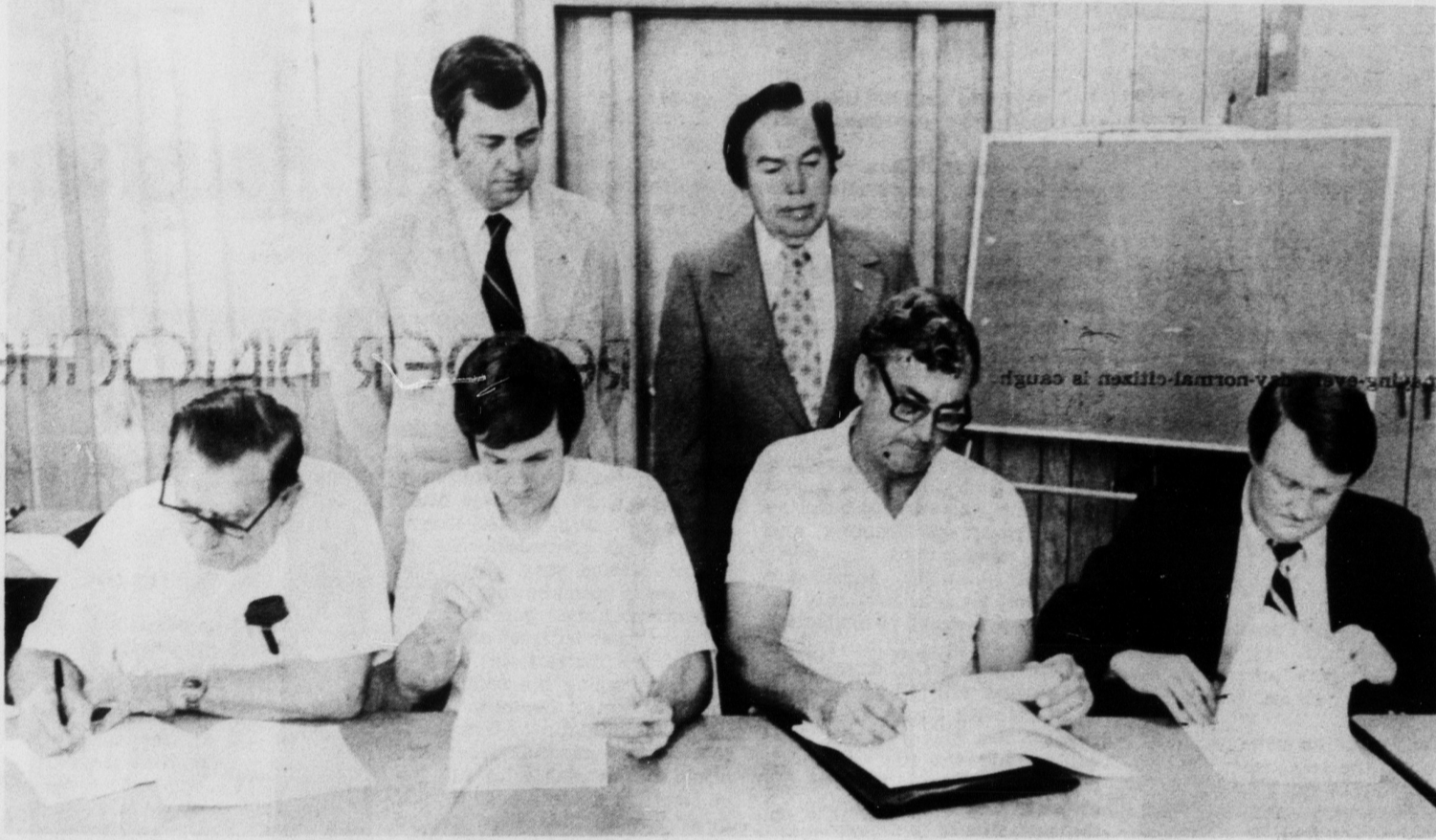
Conner was charged and his club padlocked following a raid by state and local officials on August 19.

### County Elections

#### Board To Meet

The Cleveland County Board of Elections will meet at 10 a. m. today at the elections offices in Shelby.

The purpose of the meeting is to appoint registrars and judges for county precincts which were not completed at the August 9 meeting.



**SIGNING THE CONTRACTS** — The four men seated at the table are the contractors on Kings Mountain's Governmental Services Facilities Building (city hall). They were here last Friday for a pre-construction conference and to sign the contracts. Left to right, Bernard Caldwell, electrical contractor; Steve Annas, mechanical; Everett Hoyle, plumbing; and J. Pat Cecil, general contractor. Looking on are Clary and Mayor Moss.

Photos by Tom McIntyre



Warren Gardner's Exterior view shows modern, eye-appealing styling.



Interior photograph shows spacious facility with latest name brand merchandise.

## Warren Gardner's Celebrating Grand Opening

Warren Gardner's, one of the outstanding menswear stores in North Carolina, has moved its location from Akers

Shopping Center to Eastridge Mall, in Gastonia, and is now celebrating its grand opening.

Free door prizes are being given away and you may register for the door prizes in the store. Prizes range from new suits to slacks to ties. You do not have to be present to win.

The new store is located on the second level between

Iveys and Matthews Belk. Warren Gardner Jr., president of the firm, said space in the new store is comparable to that in the

Akers Center location. He said the store will continue to carry the many name brands as it has in the past.

The move to Eastridge Mall, Gardner said, was made to be

nearer more traffic and to better serve customers in a modern and flexible manner.

The store was established in 1900 as the Swan Slater Co. in downtown Gastonia. In 1907 it became known as the Kirby Warren Co. and in 1920 was

changed to the Young Men's Shop. In 1946 it was changed again to Warren Gardner's. Warren Gardner Jr. and his son, George represent the third and fourth generation in the business. Don Stacy is the general Manager.