

Photo By Tom McIntyre

KEYS TO THE SYSTEM — In a symbolic gesture, County Commissioner Coleman Goforth hands the "keys" to the southeast county wastewater system to Mayor John Moss. The city commissioners will decide Nov. 14 whether to accept the system as city property. The line services customers between Kings Mountain and Grover and was constructed last year by the county.

Southeast Wastewater Line

City Considers Accepting System

County Commissioner Coleman Goforth handed Mayor John H. Moss a set of keys Tuesday, a symbolic gesture of turning the wastewater system for Southeast Cleveland County over to the City of Kings Mountain.

The \$1,047,867.97 line was installed from the KM system to a point beyond Eaton Corporation last year. The system has an outstanding debt of \$520,000, which will be retired by users fees. To construct the line the county formed a non-profit corporation to solicit \$300,000 from the Economic Development Agency and \$228,587 from the N. C. Clean Water Bond program.

Mayor Moss said Tuesday he would "accept the keys subject to final approval by the city commissioners at the Nov. 14 meeting."

If the city accepts the line, it becomes the sole property of the city following payoff of indebtedness.

County Commissioner Goforth commented, "Many citizens refer to the sewer line as the Eaton line. This

is not true. That line is for the use of citizens, business and industry in the Southeast section of the county."

The line not only services Eaton, but also Norick Brothers, a commercial printing firm, and numerous private residences in the area between Kings Mountain and Grover. And under the 201 plan for regional waste systems, the line could be extended on into Grover to service residences, business and industry there.

The sewer line runs adjacent to water lines servicing the same general area to the Southeast. The water is supplied by the City of Kings Mountain.

Tom Tassos, a professional engineer with J. N. Pease and Associates of Charlotte, engineering and architectural firm that designed the system for the county, commented, "This was a major project to develop an area where it was needed. I think the project was well-planned by the city and county and that it will be of great benefit in further development of the southeast region of Cleveland County."

Firefighters Busy On Halloween Night

In Kings Mountain Halloween night city firemen put out seven fires

Veterans Day Services Set

A community-wide Veterans Day service will be held Nov. 11 in Veterans Park of Mountain Rest Cemetery and plans for the observance will be made Thursday.

Representatives of American Legion Post 155 and Auxiliary and Frank B. Glass Post 9811 and Auxiliary will gather with city officials at 10 a. m. in Mayor John Moss' office at City Hall to make plans for the event.

In trash cans or dumpsters. Fire also destroyed a vacant house on Watson St. around 11 p. m. The structure belonged to the city Redevelopment Commission and was slated for demolition, according to report of Fire Chief Gene Tignor.

The only incident of vandalism was reported by James Earl Allmond, of 209 Margaret St., who said his mailbox was pulled out of the ground.

Grover Fire Department responded to scattered grass fires at intersection of Highway 29 and I-85 at 10:37 p. m.

Kings Mountain police made no arrests during the evening, reporting relatively quiet Halloween in the city.

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From Redevelopment Commission

Kings Mountain Baptist Seeks Adjacent Property

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Kings Mountain Baptist Church has formally requested its bid be accepted for the redevelopment commission property adjacent to the church on W. Mountain St.

J. C. Bridges, Marion (Willie) Williams and the Rev. J. C. Goare appeared at the commission meeting Tuesday to make the request.

Reading a letter from D. F. Hord, chairman of the church board of deacons, Bridges told the commission "the church needs the property because that is the only direction we can go for expansion."

Bridges said the church may wish, at a future time, to expand the sanctuary or construct a recreation building on the property.

Redevelopment Commission Chairman Carl Mauney said, "The use of the property has been scheduled as commercial. To change the schedule we would have to get the approval of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)."

Mauney said HUD would also want to see a time table on planned construction. Bridges asked if there isn't some way HUD could approve changing the property use schedule without a time table being submitted. "We do not know ourselves what the time table for construction would be," he said.

The commission agreed to pursue the question on behalf of the church. The property currently is used for parking in the downtown area.

In other business Tuesday, Gene White, commission executive director, told the members that an inspection was made of the completed work, in the Candler Street project and "work is satisfactory. However, we will have to schedule another meeting with engineers for the project to discuss overruns in project costs."

The meeting, according to White, will be held prior to Nov. 15.

Chairman Mauney commented that he is of the opinion that any overruns "are due to the slowness of the city in completing its portion of the Candler project work. It is also my understanding that we were guaranteed both in writing and verbally that all work needed in the project would not overrun the budget. I'm not in favor of paying any overruns on the project."

White said there are some "legitimate areas concerning overruns" that need to be discussed at the meeting this month with project engineers. He added, "but you are absolutely correct, Mr.

Mauney, about our being guaranteed in writing and verbally there would be no overruns. I have recommended that we do not pay any claims until we have fully discussed this matter."

Continuing Tuesday's agenda, the commission voted to award Champion Landscaping the contract for construction of a pedestrian bridge spanning the Candler Street project green area.

The bridge will contain concrete walkway with aluminum handrails. It is considered a necessity because residents of the project area are now forced to walk several blocks out of their way to reach the downtown area because certain streets have been closed off in the project.

The Champion cost estimated submitted on the project was less than \$10,000, but the commission voted to allow up to \$600 for concrete costs for the walkway.

White reported that HUD has replied with no objection to the commission's proposed purchase of three parcels in the Candler Street project area, including the Nannie Tinsley homeplace. White, said conclusion of the deal required a "couple of property heir signatures" on the Tinsley property deed.

White also told the commission that work is to continue this week on the construction of the pedestrian sidewalk on the north side of W. Mountain St. adjacent to the poolroom building.

"Construction was stopped because the city had to move some utilities on the site," White said.

"That work has been done and Will Gheen said his crew will return to work this week."

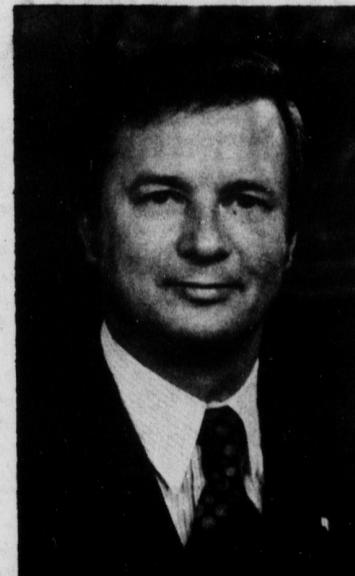
White also reported that a conference is being planned with Bradley-Jenkins Co. concerning the demolition of the former Lynch Building on W. Mountain St. Demolition of the building is included in a general contract existing between the commission and Bradley-Jenkins Co., but the work has been held up because the city electrical department was using a portion of the building for storage of equipment. White said the equipment has now been removed.

In final report White told the commission that he had met with a Winston-Salem firm, which has approval for the construction of 22 housing units for the elderly in Kings Mountain.

"The commission's only role in this project is sale of the property for the unit construction," White said. "I understand that following construction the unit will be turned over to the Kings Mountain Housing Authority for management."

The units will be developed with private money, but a government subsidy will be used to help the tenants pay the rent under the Section 8 program.

"Tom Harper, director of the authority, told me at a meeting last week he felt the authority directors would approve this plan," White said. "However, I have not heard from Harper what action his board has taken."



GOV. JAMES B. HUNT

Gov. Hunt In Shelby On Friday

Kings Mountain area citizens are invited to join Governor James B. Hunt for a tour of the Cleveland County Historical Museum this Friday at 5 p. m.

A reception will be held following the tour.

The museum is located in the old county courthouse building in Shelby.

Prior to the tour, Governor Hunt will hold an economic development conference, to which the public is invited, at 3 p. m. at the County Office Building.

Cleveland County citizens will have a chance to say how they think state government can help get better, high-paying jobs in North Carolina.

Purpose of the county conference, to which all citizens are urged to attend, is to allow citizens to tell state government what they believe the economic problems are in our community.

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First Federal S&L Makes

Application For KM Site

First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Shelby has made application to the Federal Home Loan Bank Board in Atlanta to open a branch office in Kings Mountain.

Joseph Cabaniss, president of Shelby's First Federal, said six to eight weeks are normally required before applications are either accepted or denied.

"If our application is approached," Cabaniss said, "we would move to purchase property on W. King St. we have under option, then within six to eight months construct a 2,000 square foot building. We could be open for business in less than a year."

Cabaniss said should the application approval come later in the winter construction on the building would not begin until early spring.

First Federal plans at the moment, if approval is received, include employing a minimum of three Kings Mountain area persons to staff the new offices. The employees would be hired and placed in other offices for training before the KM office is completed. Local persons would also be asked to serve on the First Federal board of directors.

A 30-year employee and president of First Federal S&L for the past 10-years, Cabaniss said, "We decided to apply for a branch office in Kings Mountain because in our opinion this area is growing more rapidly than any other in the county. Over the years we have provided some lending and savings services for Kings Mountainians, just as the local institutions have provided services to Shelbyans."

A Cleveland County institution, First Federal Savings and Loan was founded in 1910 by residents from all over the county. Originally named Shelby and Cleveland County Savings and Loan, First Federal of Shelby became the new name in 1962.

Contest Deadline Is Friday

If you haven't entered this week's Mirror-Herald football contest, you still have until noon Friday.

The contest is in Tuesday's paper and lists 10 of the area's top high school and college games.

One of the high school games — Kings Mountain at Burns — has been moved up to Thursday night and will not be counted. Thus, the results of only nine games will be figured in the final count.

First place pays \$50 and second \$25.

You may mail your entry to the Mirror-Herald, P. O. Box 752, Kings Mountain; or you may bring it by our office at 204 South Piedmont. Either way, we must have it in our hands by 12 noon Friday.

Shotgun Wounded Youth Is In Fair Condition

An 11-year-old Kings Mountain boy was listed in fair condition in the intensive care unit of Cleveland Memorial Hospital where he is undergoing treatment for gunshot wounds accidentally inflicted Saturday, according to police report.

James David Stiller, of 400 W.

Gold St., was wounded in the left hand, left chest and right shoulder shortly after 5 p. m. Saturday at his residence, according to Det. Hugh L. Buff and Deputy Garland Clary.

The report stated that the shooting occurred accidentally when a 13-year-old boy pulled the trigger of a 12-gauge shotgun but did not know a shell was still in the chamber.