

10.88 Acres On Waco Road Property Rezoned For New Industry

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The city board of commissioners rezoned two pieces of property on Waco Road Monday night apparently clearing the way for construction of a new large industrial plant.

The two adjacent properties, owned by Joseph F. Gantt of Asheville and W.A. Childers of Kings Mountain, total 32.88 acres and were rezoned from R-20 to light industrial. The Gantt property is located on Waco Road and approximates 10.88 acres. The Childers property is adjacent to the first tract and approximates 22 acres and has about 2,000 feet fronting south of the U.S. 74 By-Pass of

Kings Mountain.

John Barker of Shelby was the applicant in both cases for the rezoning request, which had previously been approved by the Zoning and Planning Board. Barker said his reason for the requests was to "accommodate land used for a proposed light manufacturing facility," Mayor John Henry Moss said prior to a public hearing on the requests.

After the public hearing, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Childers abstained from voting on the matter because of an "indirect interest in it." Comm. Childers' father owns the property.

The name of the industrial prospect has not been announced.

In other action during a brief session, the board:

•Approved resolution covering street assessments for Princeton Drive from Fulton Drive to dead end at total project cost of \$18,588.00.

The board authorized City Clerk Joe H. McDaniel Jr. to prepare a preliminary assessment roll of property owners and set a public hearing for Aug. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

•Authorized advertising for bids for materials and supplies for street lighting from U.S. 74 to Falls St., replacing existing lighting with sodium chloride and additional lighting where necessary. Mayor Moss told the board that this is a Community Block Grant Program and Section Supervisor Ted Huffman said that present lighting in the area is a mixture of sodium and mercury. All lighting will be uniform with that in the downtown area and all wooden poles will be removed and replaced with metal, lending to an improved appearance, said Huffman.

•Awarded contract to the low bidder, Dixie Industrial Supply Co. of Shelby, for 6,000 feet of eight inch class 200 water pipe with gaskets at \$3.46 per foot. There were six bidders on the project.

•Advised for public sale to dispose of surplus material acquired from state electric system on the By-Pass. Mayor Moss explained that the city had accumulated a number of surplus items while reworking the Kings Mountain electric system on the by-pass.

Rev. J.C. Goare, pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist Church, opened and closed the meeting with prayer.

UF Meeting Set

Kings Mountain United Fund officers and directors will hold a budget meeting Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at First Union National Bank Conference Room, according to announcement by Dr. Terry Sellers, UF President.

Agencies wishing to submit new requests for funding in the 1980-81 year are asked to call Dr. Sellers at 739-7489 and give the requests from new agencies wishing to be included in preparations for the budget.

Memorial Services Today For Buford DeFore, 66

Buford DeFore, 66, executive vice-president of manufacturing of Spectrum Fibers, Inc. of Kings Mountain, died Wednesday morning at 3 a.m. in Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby after several weeks illness.

Memorial services will be held Thursday (this morning) at 11 a.m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Boggan officiating. Services and interment will be held in Rocky Mount Friday.

A native of Macon, Ga., Mr. DeFore was son of the late Walter and Clemmie King DeFore. Since assuming his duties at the local industrial plant seven years ago he has been active in civic and community life, heading a highly successful fund drive for the Kings Mountain United Fund as Industrial Chairman in 1976. He has been active on the Mayor's industrial committee, on the city's human relations committee and on the Kings Mountain Celebration committee, among others.

Mr. DeFore served as president of the Kings Mountain Development Corporation and organized the Kings Mountain Industrial Managers Association. A graduate of Georgia Tech, he had an extensive background in industry, serving previously with Blanchard



BUFORD DEFORE

Yarns, a division of American Enka Company, Burlington Industries, Milliken Company and Douglas Aircraft.

"This community has lost a fine citizen and a willing helper in all community endeavors for progress. Although he was a citizen of Rocky Mount, Mr. DeFore possessed a love for his adopted community and his fellow man," said Mayor John Henry Moss. "Personally and on behalf of our citizens we extend our sympathy to his wife and family."

Mr. DeFore is survived by his

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AUDITIONS BEGIN NEXT WEEK - Dr. Charles Hannum, director, Mrs. Robert Osborne, widow of the author, and Dr. Bill Briggs, right, producer, review the historical drama script.

"Then Conquer We Must" for which auditions begin in the area next week. Mrs. Joe Ann McDaniel will conduct local try-outs Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Mrs. McDaniel To Direct Drama

Auditions Set Tuesday Night For 'Then Conquer We Must'

Auditions for roles in the upcoming production of the outdoor historical drama, "Then Conquer We Must" will be conducted next Tuesday night, July 22, at 7:30 p.m. in B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Mrs. Joe Ann McDaniel, veteran Kings Mountain Little Theatre director and actress, will conduct the try-outs which are open to all interested citizens of all ages. Mrs. McDaniel said that approximately 50 speaking and non-speaking roles will be cast for the drama which will be presented during the October celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain.

Auditions are slated in other neighboring cities next week: in Gaffney, S.C. Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Fullerton Auditorium; in Gastonia Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Public Service Gas Co. on Cox Road; in Shelby next Thursday, July 24th at 7:30 p.m. at Cleveland County Historical Museum on the Courthouse and in Rock Hill, S.C. on Fri., July 25th at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the cast, in order of their appearance, are a baker, a fruit merchant, a vegetable merchant, soldier one, soldier two, soldier three, soldier four, Sir Henry, Lord Cornwallis, Virginia Salter, Clayborn Andrews, soldier, first elder, second elder, third elder, Alexander Andrews, British officer, first Dragoon, second Dragoon, Ferguson, DePeyster, Sentry, Kerr, Tarlton, Mrs. Storey, Mr. Storey, Colonel John Sevier, Mrs. Sevier, Tom Willis, Colonel Isaac Shelby, Colonel William Campbell, Major Charles

McDowell, Rev. Samuel Doak, Hiram Saunders, Colonel William Chronicle, Colonel James Williams, Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, Colonel Frederick Hambricht, George Washington, Sen. Whipple and a cast of thousands.

An important meeting of the Steering Committee for the drama is slated Thursday (tonight) at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Central United Methodist Church and all members are encouraged to attend.

Heat Wave To Continue For At Least 30 More Days

Kings Mountain area citizens sweltered, along with the rest of the Piedmont Carolinas this week, and the heat wave is expected to continue for at least the next 30 days, according to a National Weather Service spokesman.

The red-hot weather is ex-

pected to remain extended from Texas to the Western Carolinas until mid-August.

And that prediction matches what weathermen see in store for us the remainder of this week: hot and humid with little precipitation expected this week or throughout the next 30 days.

Bonita Always Wanted To Paint Her Home



Bonita Lowe...paints homeplace.

Bonita Lowe had always wanted to paint the imposing two-story Victorian house which was the "Doc" Oates homeplace in Grover but didn't decide to undertake the project until she joined a local painting class recently.

Miss Lowe's paintings are among those of students of Shirley Gossett's on display this week and next at Cattletown Steak House on King St.

Bonita's parents bought the Oates homeplace in 1964 and the family lived there for 16 years until the home was destroyed in an early morning fire in 1976. Leonard D. and Ellie Lowe purchased the home from Fred W. Plonk in 1964. Mr. Lowe died in 1976 and Bonita and her mother and brother, Mike, moved into another house in Grover.

"It would have cost a fortune to rebuild the house after the fire, although we would have liked to do so," said Miss Lowe. An electrical shortage was believed to have caused the fire which originated in the top story of the

home which was not in use by the family, said Bonita.

Bonita said her family had learned that the house and lots were sold to George Oates by C.S. Elam in 1897 and the gin lot, across the road from the homeplace, was sold to Oates by A.C. Hambricht in 1904. Both lot and house were sold to J.L. and Julia May by George Oates in 1946 and then sold to Fred Plonk by Elbert and Blanche Allen in 1959.

Traveling from Kings Mountain to Grover on Highway 29, the house was visible just across the railroad tracks as you approached the Grover city limits and almost directly in front of the new housing development in Grover, Spring Acres.

The talented painter has captured the house in her painting, which she completed by looking at a snapshot picture of the house and from memory. A big porch surrounds the white Victorian structure which had fireplaces in every room, a total of 12, ten foot high ceilings and beautiful mantels with exquisite

carvings. There was a winding staircase, the traditional gables in a Victorian style dwelling, and octagon-shaped rooms. At the time the Lowes occupied the house the family included the parents and three children. Mike and Bonita Lowe also have a brother and sister who have married and moved away from Grover.

When Dr. George Oates practiced medicine in this community and Grover, he traveled by horse and buggy and delivered many babies during his long practice.

"We really loved the house," said Bonita who estimates it took her about two weeks to finish her painting, which she calls a "labor of love." A second year painting student, she admits that landscapes are her favorites.

Miss Lowe and 11 other students of Ms. Gossett recently completed a painting course. Also exhibiting their works, including still lifes and watercolor, are Jim Downey, Jan Welborn, R.H. Webb, Doug Sparrow, Barbara Chaffee, Sue Gainey and Anne Griffin.