

\$20 Million Industry To Locate Here

Mayor John Henry Moss and Jack Palmer, chairman of the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, have called a press conference for 11 a.m. today for announcement of a \$20

million-plus new industry for Kings Mountain.

Mayor Moss said further details will be released today, but

he is very pleased to have an international company locate in the Kings Mountain area that represents a trend toward developing diversification and technology in the industrial com-

munity of the Kings Mountain area.

The press conference will be held at Holiday Inn in Kings Mountain, where the name of

the company will be announced and company officials will be introduced to the community.

The mayor said, "This announcement represents another step in our effort to acquire

diversification and high technology industries for the Kings Mountain area, and we are quite pleased to have a company of this international stature to select our area."

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Should Town Or Developers Construct Water Lines?

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GROVER — Should the town be required to construct water lines for private developers in Spring Acres or should the developer, Hambright and Herndon, be responsible?

Commissioner Quay Moss posed the age-old question again at Monday's meeting of the Town Board and reminded the five-member board that the question had been cropping up for several years.

"I hate to make a decision without firm prices on the cost," Moss said in making the motion, seconded by Ronald Queen, that the board delay its decision until Queen can obtain estimates for a new six inch water line requested to be laid at the corner of Brookwood, Briarcliff Road and Timberlake Drive in Spring Acres plus the addition of three fire hydrants.

Bobby Hambright, partner in the development firm with Ex-Commissioner Harold Herndon, told the board his firm is ready to build two houses and is requesting the 1,448 feet line to serve 20 lots. "Give us your letter of intent to proceed, we'll go to work," said Hambright.

Mayor W.W. McCarter estimates the construction costs will be about \$16,500 with the town's share of the expense totaling \$12,000.

Queen proposed that an existing two inch line be extended 320 more feet to hook into the proposed six inch line around a loop which he said would be the best method to realize equal pressure at both ends of the development.

Comm. Juanita Pruette questioned the feasibility of an engineering study on both the Hambright-Herndon proposal adding a request by five outside-city property owners for a water line on N.C. 226.

Mayor McCarter estimated that an engineering study would cost approximately \$2,000 and suggested that the study not be made unless the board is seriously intending to approve the new water lines.

According to Queen's proposal, the six inch line, if approved

Bloodmobile Exceeds Goal

The first Red Cross Bloodmobile visit to Kings Mountain for year 1980-81 was a huge success, said Martha Scruggs, chairman of the County program.

Monday's visit to First Baptist Church, sponsored by city employees, netted 130 productive pints, five more than the goal of 125.

There were 20 first-time donors out of the 157 persons present. Twenty-seven were deferred.

"Kings Mountain really came through," said Mrs. Scruggs. "It was a great bloodmobile visit."

Next visit is scheduled for Fri., Oct. 3 at First Baptist Church. It will be held from 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and will be sponsored by local industries. The goal is 200 pints.

"We'd like to remind everyone in the Kings Mountain area that all six visits this year are community visits. The sponsors just help us get ready for them. Their success will depend upon a community-wide giving effort."

would run parallel with the two inch line already in existence.

Responding to question of Comm. Quay Moss, Bobby Hambright said his firm would not consider paying any portion of the line installation. "I didn't pay for mine at my house and neither did you," he said, "and we can't compete with the housing market in Kings Mountain and Shelby. It boils down to whether you are willing to provide the same services for residents of Spring Acres as you do for our other citizens," he continued.

The Hambright-Herndon firm made its first proposal to the town board April 3, 1978 and renewed the request at several meetings. The board passed a resolution of intent at a recent meeting to lay a two inch line but Queen said the work on that line has not begun in view of the new proposal. He said it will be more beneficial to the town to hook on the existing line.

Both Moss and Queen said they are not against the proposal but want to shop around for prices. Comm. Pruitt said she is for housing and pointed out that housing is not now available to newcomers to Grover who elect to move to Kings Mountain and Shelby.

In other actions, the board:

- Accepted James Wilkie's high bid of \$190.00 for the old 1976 Plymouth Police car which the town advertised for sale and took the high bid of \$256.01 from Lewis F. Foster of Grover for a 1971 Dodge pickup truck which the town advertised for sale. Seven bids were opened.

- Reiterated its position on installation of crossing signals on Carolina Avenue, requesting the State Highway Department to take over maintenance of present signals. Mayor McCarter reported that the signals have not worked properly at the 226 crossing since they were installed and that the town will not execute contract for more grade crossing signals or for maintenance.

- Tabled for more study Office Manager Edward Philbeck's request for employment of a "fill in" person to be trained to assist Clerk Gloria Horton in water billing.

- Researching of the town's minute books to compile Town Ordinances was discussed but no action was taken. Police Chief Steve Walker said that town ordinances are outdated and that citizens need to know just what the laws of the town are and if they are in violation of such offenses as loitering on the streets, discharging firearms in the town limits, etc. Commissioners agreed and asked Clerk Horton to begin gleaning the minutes and working with the Institute of Government, where possible, to begin a study.

- Voted to purchase a new copying machine at cost of \$720.00 from O.G. Penegar Co. upon recommendation of Comm. Philbeck.

- Upon motion of Comm. Moss, invited Mrs. B.A. Harry, town historian who was instrumental in placing pictures of the town mayors in the city hall offices, to designate where the pictures are to be hung.



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PLANNING MEETING — Commissioner Humes Houston, left, W.S. (Corky) Fulton, and David Quinn discuss plans for improvements in the

downtown area which Fulton will share with all merchants at the next meeting of the downtown revitalization group.

Downtown To Come Alive

Downtown Kings Mountain "Comes Alive" this weekend for a big sale Thursday, Friday and Saturday in which 26 merchants are participating.

W.S. (Corky) Fulton, chairman of the Kings Mountain Revitalization Committee, said that merchants are "ready" and will offer quality merchandise at bargain prices. "We think this is one of the best promotions our merchants have sponsored in a

long time and are very excited about it," said Fulton.

Fulton and Comm. Humes Houston, also a member of the committee, met with David Quinn of Raleigh, area downtown specialist with the N.C. Department of Economic Resources and Community Development, Tuesday and got ideas on how local merchants can improve the appearance of the downtown shopping area

and also learned how the state can help them in the form of assistance in both overall planning and architectural improvements. Mr. Fulton said that he will present the ideas to a full committee of downtown merchants after the sale ends this weekend. Fulton said a community survey will be the first step in the project to, not only recruit new businesses, but enhance the shopping area of Kings Mountain.

People Are Eyeing Jaycees

By GARY STEWART
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The eyes of Jaycees all over the United States are watching North Carolina Jaycees, Glen Jenkins, U.S. Jaycees Representative for the Southern Region, told local Jaycees at a breakfast meeting Tuesday at the Holiday Inn.

The reason is current problems of mis-handling of funds by high-ranking officers on the state level.

"If ever anyone needed an excuse to blame something on the Jaycees, now is the time," said Jenkins, a Kansas native now based in Tulsa, Okla.

"The North Carolina Jaycees have gotten more than their share of the bad coverage," he said, "but there's not too much press coverage on some of the good things they do in the community."

Community work is the backbone of the Jaycees, he said, and in the near future North Carolina clubs must work harder than ever to prove themselves.

"North Carolina Jaycees are my heroes," Jenkins said. "North Carolina has always been on a pedestal. North Carolina Jaycees have always been a group to look up to. It hurts me to see the bad things that have been happening."

"But," he continued, "one or two people don't make all Jaycees bad. The thing we have to do is convince people that we're working to improve the community."

Jaycees can do one of two things, he said.

"We can quit and ignore what's going on," he said, "or we can make the community a better place to live. The fate of the community, and its future leaders, are in your hands. It's a matter of whether you have a positive impact or no impact at all."

Jenkins is touring the Midwest Region of North Carolina with Midwest Representative, Ashley Houser of Cherryville. Jenkins represents 10 Southern states.

Jenkins rose through the ranks of his local club to become the youngest State President in history of the Kansas Jaycees, and gave up his own business in Wichita to become a member of the staff of the U.S. Jaycees in Oklahoma.

"I have seven years left in the Jaycees," he said. "It's in my blood. I enjoy what I'm doing more than anything else in the world and sometimes it makes me feel bad to know that I get paid to do it."

Jenkins and Houser praised the Kings Mountain Jaycees for

their record of progress.

"A lot of chapters in North Carolina are using our present problems as a crutch," said Houser. "But I've just finished reviewing all the programs in our region, and Kings Mountain had the best program in the Midwest Region during the first quarter."

"A lot of people are betting on us to fall," he added. "But it's not going to happen. We have to have some leaders to emerge."

Local President Allen Propst said the KM group has "decided that this is the year we're going to make believers out of the community." In addition to proven projects of the past, the Jaycees have begun others which they feel will be of great benefit to the community.

KM Bank Promotes Honeycutt

Dan Honeycutt has been promoted to assistant vice president at First Union National Bank.

Honeycutt joined the bank's consumer loan area in Raleigh in 1967. He has served in various positions in Raleigh and Elizabeth City and in 1972 transferred to Kings Mountain, where he currently serves as consumer credit officer and branch manager.

Honeycutt graduated from Cleveland High School and attended Chowan College and Campbell College. He has served as vice president of the Rotary Club and is on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce and the Kings Mountain Country Club. He also serves as a member of the Kings Mountain Housing Committee.

Honeycutt and his wife, Betty Sue, are both natives of Benson, N.C. First Union National Bank, a subsidiary of First Union Corporation, with 180 offices in North Carolina, is the third largest in the state and ranks 57th out of 14,700 in the United States.



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JAYCEE LEADERS — Allen Propst, left, president of the Kings Mountain Jaycees, and Ashley Houser, right, Midwest Regional Director from Cherryville, welcome Southern

Representative Glen Jenkins of Tulsa, Okla., to the area Tuesday morning. Jenkins is representative of 10 Southern states.