



MAP OF PROPOSED WATER PROJECT—The city's consulting engineer, W. K. Dickson, of Charlotte, left, and Mayor John Henry Moss point to the map of the proposed \$3 million Kings Mountain Buffalo Creek Water Project. Kings Mountain voters will be asked, in early December, to approve the bonds for construction of the project. (Photo by Steve Martin)

Leaders Favor Bond Referendum

The two dozen business leaders and industrialists attending Monday's special meeting of the city commission favor the issuance of \$3 million in bonds to build a lake the size of Lake Lure on Buffalo Creek.

"Is \$3 million all?" exclaimed Tom Tate, Home Savings & Loan secretary-treasurer. "The project sounds good," he added.

L. E. Hinnant, co-chairman with J. Ollie Harris of the city industrial committee, said, "We have no hope for growth without water. Water is a must. He said he and Mr. Harris and their committee had found this statement to be true after confabs with officials of the state department of conservation and development.

N. F. McGill, Sr., service station co-owner, "I'm interested in water."

Wilson Griffin, member of the city planning board: "We thought we were getting enough water for a long time. We've grown into another shortage."

Grady Howard, hospital administrator: "I'm very much in favor. Can we last long enough to get it built?"

Bob Lowe, Craftspun Yarns general manager: "Craftspun is the city's largest user of water. We're in favor. We've got to have water."

James E. Amos, comptroller of Massachusetts Mohair Company's Neisler division: "We're vitally interested." "Our industry is important to Kings Mountain and Kings Mountain to us. Margrace numbers 680 employees from this area."

Hal S. Plonk, businessman: "Everybody knows we need water."

James Herndon, member of the board of education: "I am in favor." He questioned the water rates, commented, "I know our rates are lower in comparison with other cities."

Dick McGinnis, furniture dealer: "I'm glad to see progress being made on this project. I hope they can materialize."

J. C. Bridges and Glee E. Bridges, hardware men, "Let's proceed with the project. We surely need



CITIZENS GROUP AT COMMISSION MEETING—Mayor Moss (standing) from left, Public Works Supt. Grady Yelton, Commissioner Ray Cline, Commissioner T. Ellison, Commissioner O. O. Walker, Commissioner Norman King and City Clerk Joe McDaniel are photographed at Monday's special meeting of the city commission. Business and industrial leaders were photographed in the courtroom. (Steve Martin Photo)

Population

Greater Kings Mountain	21,914
City Limits	8,256

The Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1966, and includes the 14,950 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,966 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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Early December May Be Date Of Bond Referendum

KM Senior Medical Doctor Dr. J. E. Anthony, Succumbs

Rites Thursday For Veteran Practitioner

Funeral rites for Dr. James Edward Anthony, 80, Kings Mountain senior medical doctor, will be held Thursday morning at 11 from Boyce Memorial ARP church of which he was a member.

Dr. Anthony died Tuesday night at 7:30 in the Kings Mountain hospital where he had been seriously ill for several weeks.

The veteran practitioner who came to Kings Mountain to practice medicine at age 24, was a native of Gaston County, son of the late William Dixon and Margaret Whitesides Anthony. He was a graduate of Erskine college and the University of Tennessee Medical School.

For the past several years Dr. Anthony had done limited general practice, for reasons of health not accepting outside or night calls. He retired April 13th of this year after 56 years as a practicing physician.



BITES TODAY — Funeral rites for Dr. J. E. Anthony, 80, will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. from Boyce Memorial ARP church.

Two Buildings Being Razed

Razing of the old Division school building and the aged wooden portion of the Compact elementary school is underway.

Supt. Donald Jones, reporting on the two projects at Monday night's board of education meeting, said razing of the Compact building would provide badly needed playground area for Compact Starr and Borders are razing the building in return for the materials salvaged. Grading of the play ground area will cost about \$100.

Packard Elliott of Shelby was awarded contract for the razing of the Davidson building, begun Monday. Mr. Jones said several groups had expressed interest in purchasing the land.

Wayne Gregory Is Wounded

Marine Cpl. Wayne Thomas Gregory, Kings Mountain man stationed in Vietnam the past five months, was wounded in action September 12th.

A telegram to his mother, Mrs. Margaret Thomas, of 211 West Mountain street, from General Wallace M. Greese, Jr., USMC commandant of the Marine Corps, read:

"Cpl. Gregory Wayne Thomas was injured September 12, 1967 in the vicinity of Quang Tri, Republic of Vietnam. Corporal Thomas received fragmentation wounds to the right calf and right side of his chest from a hostile explosive device while on an operation. His condition and prognosis were good."

Mrs. Thomas said yesterday she had had no further word from her son.

Cpl. Gregory joined the Marine Corps in June 1966 shortly after graduating from Kings Mountain high school. Before reporting to Vietnam he was stationed at Farris Island, S. C.

Gamble Stadium Dedication Set September 29

John Gamble Memorial Stadium will be formally dedicated in half-time ceremonies September 29th in the first home game this season between the Kings Mountain Mountaineers and East Rutherfordford.

The stadium will be officially presented with school officials taking part in brief ceremonies.

The 4,000 seat stadium was built via funds from public subscription and adjoins the new high school plant on Phifer road.

The stadium is dedicated in memory of the late football coach, John H. Gamble, who was felled at an early age by multiple sclerosis.

Mrs. Northcutt's Rites Thursday

Mrs. Marie Moss Northcutt, 72, died Wednesday morning at Broughton Memorial hospital at 7 a.m. following illness of several years.

A native of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Northcutt was a daughter of the late Henry and Mildred Allison Moss.

She was a member of First Presbyterian church.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. P. M. Neisler, Sr., Mrs. E. A. Smith and Mrs. Frank L. Hoyle, Jr., all of Kings Mountain; a brother, George W. Moss, of Kings Mountain; and three grandchildren.

Funeral rites will be held Thursday at 4 p.m. from Harris Funeral Home. Dr. Paul Ausley will officiate and interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

KM Mall, Inc. Seeks Option On Eight Tracts

Kings Mountain Mall Inc., proceeding with its plans for a mall in downtown Kings Mountain with a 400 car capacity parking lot, is attempting to acquire options on eight pieces of land which lie within the proposed mall area.

Corporation President, Paul McGinnis, says that the land owners will be contacted this week about signing the options.

Total value of the sections of land is \$139,000 and is owned by seven persons or firms. If the land is acquired the mall will be located along Cherokee Street between Mountain and Gold Streets.

The following persons or firms own the sections of land: Phifer Hardware, a small warehouse; C. E. Cash, a small warehouse; Mrs. Vera M. Cooper, a building now occupied by Vera's Beauty Shop; D. R. Hamrick, a section including two buildings occupied by Saunders Dry Cleaning and Stowe's TV Repair Shop; Hamrick is also the owner of two vacant lots; Bridges' Hardware, a warehouse and Bonnie Cotton Mills, a lot which is a part of the meter parking lot.

Also, on the east side of Cherokee Street, W. S. Fulton owns a piece of property extending from Cherokee to Piedmont, including the Bonnie Cotton Mill office and a residential front on Cherokee Street.

According to Mr. McGinnis, approximately 85 per cent of the land owners who know about the mall have joined the corporation and purchased stock.

Also, the plans for the mall include improvement in appearance of the rear entrances to the buildings on the front of the mall.

TO CHAPEL HILL

Kenneth Sherrill Spears, son of Mrs. Goldman Spears and the late Mr. Spears, has enrolled in the Graduate School of UNC at Chapel Hill. Spears was formerly associated with a New York City publishing house.

\$325,000 School Addition, Renovations Are Approved

Target Date For Completion Next September

By ELIZABETH STEWART

A 12-room addition to North school and extensive renovation of Bethware and Grover schools estimated to cost \$325,000 was approved Monday night by the city board of education, as Supt. Donald Jones was authorized to employ an architect.

Target date for completion of the project, which also includes expansion of the North school cafeteria and library, is September 1, 1968.

In addition, board members, visualize future construction of a new elementary school to be located possibly in the high school area of Phifer road.

The proposed projects are in line with recommendation in the recent school survey report of Kings Mountain district schools conducted by the Division of School Planning of the N. C. Department of Public Instruction.

To the question, how will the projects be financed? Supt. Jones told board members a bond issue will not be necessary. He says the projects can be financed with Kings Mountain's pro rata share — \$374,557.97 of the state-wide \$100 million bond issue approved in 1963, provided the plans are approved by the Division of School Planning.

Jones told the board additional capital outlay funds and current expense monies in the amount of \$400,000 are available to finance the proposed new elementary school.

The North school addition on Ramseyer street would eliminate the overload in the school system.

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WINS FELLOWSHIP — Huston Huffman of Kings Mountain has won a \$3,600 fellowship annually for two years at the Institute of Textile Technology in Charlottesville, Va.

Rat Control Project In Full Swing

Kings Mountain's rat control project is in full swing.

"The rat boxes are working", reports Public Works Supt. Grady Yelton. Mr. Yelton said 27 boxes have been placed in rat-infested areas of the city, and that more will be available.

LUTHERAN TOPIC

Rev. Charles Easley's sermon topic at the Sunday morning worship hour at St. Matthew's Lutheran church will be "Cross the Heart of Christianity Now." He will continue the overall theme, "Reformation Talks With Luther's Grandchildren."

Baby-Sitter Jones Turns Gorilla Sitter When Ape Escapes At Fair

By ELIZABETH STEWART

Bob Jones, of Forest City, state vice-president of the Jaycees, was tardy for the Kings Mountain Jaycee meeting Tuesday night.

He had good reason.

Jones and his family were baby-sitters this week for a vacationing friend's children — and their baby gorilla.

The 100-pound baby gorilla, appearing in the wildlife exhibit of the Cleveland County Fair this week, left his cage Tuesday afternoon for a walk over the midway.

He was returned to his cage after about an hour and what Jones described as a harried chase which resulted in minor bites to Jones.

Dr. T. G. Westmoreland, a veterinarian, administered tran-

School Survey Is Discussed At Length

One-by-one the city board of education Monday night discussed the lengthy survey report on the 10 schools of the district system conducted by the Division of School Planning of the State Department of Public Instruction.

A related story in today's Herald reports the projects approved Monday night by the board for major school improvements were recommended by the state planning team.

Other recommendations of the local board discussed at length.

Recommendation that the board continue to study to determine the feasibility of consolidating with the county school system brought these comments:

Supt. Jones—"I am not saying that someday we shouldn't do this. We should certainly reevaluate this as we go along. Anytime we feel we can do something for a more effective school system, we should do."

James E. Herndon, Jr., I think we should point out to our friends in Shelby that everything outlined here is the same initially as requested by the county system two years ago. Their plan would be no change in this district whatsoever. We would lose a local school board and a superintendent. The administration would be merged."

George H. Mauney, "The treasury would be merged."

Mr. Herndon, I feel it's something long away, if to come at

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Commission Asks \$3 Million Water Bonds Referendum

Kings Mountain citizens will be asked in early December to approve a \$3 million bond issue which would finance the cost of Kings Mountain's Buffalo Creek Water Project.

The city board of commissioners, acting Monday to avert a chronic water shortage, voted to submit an application to the Local Government Commission for the issuance of the bonds.

Legal machinery for the bond vote was set in motion yesterday as State Senator Jack White, city attorney, was contacting bonding attorneys. The North Carolina Local Government Commission must approve the bond proposal before it is presented to voters, and Mayor John Moss believes it will be approved. Monday the mayor, City Engineer W. K. Dickson and City Clerk Joe McDaniel presented the commission with auditing, engineering

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and planning reports to receive the preliminary nod from the executive secretary to the commission, W. E. Easterling.

The planning and engineering studies are complete and have been approved by the U. S. Department of Urban Development. Mayor Moss said the department is now reviewing financial aspects of the program.

Mayor Moss said no increase in taxes will be necessary and that the 30-year bonds would be retired by general revenue funds.

He said water rates would be increased but would still be on a level with Shelby and other neighboring towns that have new water and sewer facilities. Moss noted that present water rates are below those of other towns in the area.

In recommending the bond referendum Monday, Mayor Moss said "This lake will provide an adequate water supply at all times, a water supply which will

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Board Advertising Property Sale

For Sale: Miscellaneous and assorted items of school furniture and desks salvaged from old Davidson school building.

The board of education is advertising for sale this week several pieces of home economics and shop equipment which Supt. Don Jones reported is not needed and have housed the equipment at Bethware school shop building.

The board is also advertising for sale at public auction on October 14th 6,230 feet of land beyond North school, property bounded by the Gordon Beatty and Ben Bridges Estate properties.

"We see no future need for this property", said the school superintendent.

Three Days Remain Of Fair

Mrs. Myers Wins Three Fair Prizes

Mrs. Philip Myers won three prizes at the Cleveland County Fair this week.

The Kings Mountain woman copped a blue ribbon in the antiques department for a French bedwarmer she brought home with her from France.

In the flower division she won a third place award for a begonia and in the crafts division flower-carved vases made from World War I ammunition shells.

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Masters' Pony Wins Fair Prize

Baby Doll, a pony owned by young John Masters, placed fourth in the Cleveland County Fair pony races Tuesday.

Young Masters was accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Masters.

Eight-year-old John Masters is a third grader at Bethware school.

Tuesday Holiday For School Pupils

Tuesday will be a holiday for all school pupils with exception of Davidson and Compact schools. The 45th annual meeting of the Southwest district North Carolina Education Association will be held at Hunter Huss high school in Gastonia.

At Davidson and Compact holidays will come later when the North Carolina Teacher's association holds its annual meeting.

CLEANUP DAY

Church Clean-Up Day will be Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. at Grace Methodist church, according to announcement by Rev. Dixon Adams, pastor.