

MORE ABOUT Crack Down

White also pointed to the need for an information program for the general public on zoning requirements. He indicated that often zoning problems are not the result of deliberate violations but of ignorance of the zoning requirements.

Comm. W. S. Biddix, chairman of the Codes Policy and Enforcement committee, made the group's recommendation, all of which were approved by the board.

He said the group felt the need of legal service for the department and contacted the City Attorney Jack White for his service. He also suggested an information program for better understanding of the city's codes and ordinances and that maps of water, sewer and gas lines should be updated. He invited citizens who are in doubt about legal requirements of building, repairing, moving or demolishing buildings to contact the building inspector at the codes department at City Hall.

Both Mr. Biddix and Attorney

White pointed out the city's responsibility to crack down and enforce the ordinances, that neighbors of property owners are incensed by lack of upkeep and that some of the sub-standard housing and fields of weeds up for discussion are owned by citizens who have moved from the city but still retain property here. Attorney White gave the opinion it may be difficult to locate some of the owners.

Pair Feted After Rehearsal

Miss Vievde Lynn Turner and William Wayne Gibson cut their wedding cake Saturday night at an after-rehearsal party held in the lounge of First Baptist church.

Hosts were the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Turner.

A color note of yellow and white was featured in decorative details. The bride's table was covered with a yellow linen cloth overlaid with lace and yellow flowers as central decoration. The four-tier wedding cake was cut and served from one end of the table and punch was served from a silver service.

The bride-elect and bridegroom-to-be took the occasion to present their gifts to their wedding attendants.

Lambeth-Mauney Vows Pledged

Gastonia's First Methodist church chapel was the setting of the Saturday, June 19, 8:30 p.m. wedding of Mrs. Thelma Yarborough Lambeth and William Ralph Mauney.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Yarborough of Gastonia. She is employed as manager of Cato's in Gastonia.

Mr. Mauney is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Mauney of Kings Mountain. He is employed at Superior Stone Company in Kings Mountain.

AT OTEEN
Robert Ruff remains a patient at Oteen Veteran's hospital and friends may write him in care of Ward 303, Third Floor, VA Hospital, Oteen, N. C. 28805. Mr. Ruff is being treated for a respiratory ailment.

WASHINGTONREPORT

The crescendo of issues rose on Capitol Hill over the past week. The Congress was faced with making decisions on health, the economy, welfare, the conduct of the war, the continuation of our defense effort, to name just a few.

On the Senate side of the Capitol, the co-called McGovern-Hatfield amendment to end the war drew national attention. By a small margin, the Senate voted against adopting this approach.

At the same time, the House of Representatives had under discussion the annual multi-billion dollar defense procurement legislation which authorizes the purchase of military equipment to be used by the defense establishment. During this debate, a version of the McGovern-Hatfield amendment was offered setting by legislation a date to withdraw all American troops from Southeast Asia.

Frankly, I think that setting a date in this particular legislation would have little, if any, effect in actually stopping the fighting, inasmuch as such an

amendment would only have been a limitation on the procurement of military hardware after a certain date. The amendment, by admission of its sponsors, would not require that troops be withdrawn from South Vietnam after December 31 of this year, or deny them use of equipment and weapons system that are already in South Vietnam. I did not support this amendment and it was defeated by a wide margin.

I have had a great deal of mail both favorable and opposing legislation to "set a date to end the war in Vietnam." There are numerous bills and legislative proposals which have been introduced calling for the withdrawal of United States forces from Southeast Asia by December 31, 1971, or some other date. The people of the nation are looking to the Congress as well as to the President for clear guidance and leadership to extricate our armed forces from this war-torn country. It is easy to criticize the President. It is easy to second-guess him as he attempts to end the fighting and to reduce the actual number of United States troops involved in South Vietnam.

I feel that the South Vietnamese have made progress in their ability to handle their own affairs and to assume the major burden of expelling the enemy from their country. I also feel that President Nixon has set us on a definite course of withdrawal of our forces and that he should be given due credit for having taken the initiative to reduce our troop levels and turning the fighting over to the South Vietnamese troops. Regardless of any action the Congress may take, the President, on his own initiative, had cut troop levels in half, and by this fall less than a third of the number of troops in Vietnam when he took office will remain.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Tracy Stewart, of 304 E. Parker spent the week of June 11 until June 17, with her brother, Mr. James Palmer and his family, in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Doytt Falls have been entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Loy Costner and their daughter of Mound City, Missouri. In honor of their visit, an dais to celebrate Mrs. James Champion's birthday, a dinner was given Sunday. Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Archie Costner and their children from Spartanburg, Mr. and Mrs. James Champion of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Greene of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Michael Robinson of Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Seism and son, Tracy, have returned from a vacation to St. Louis, Mo. where they visited Forest Park, the St. Louis Zoo, and toured the Robert E. Lee riverboat, among other scenic attractions.

Grafton Withers Is Enrolled At Gov. School

Winston-Salem — The ninth session of the Governor's School of North Carolina began Sunday, June 20, with the arrival of 374 rising juniors and seniors from North Carolina high schools. The School is again being held on the campus of Salem College.

James Grafton Withers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Withers of Kings Mountain. He is a member there as soon as possible, and I have communicated this feeling to the President. I believe that Congress does have a right and also responsibility to give the president as well as the nation some clear direction on what our fundamental policy should be. But the setting of a date certain ignores the plight of our prisoners of war and the fact that fighting still continues.

If the Congress is to legislate in this field, I would far rather see us face up to our responsibility and support a resolution which would insure the return of our prisoners and call for a cease-fire and withdrawal of all foreign troops from South Vietnam. During the debate last week, I supported an amendment that would have called for reciprocal action on the part of the North Vietnam to bring an end to the fighting. This amendment called for a date of withdrawal of all American forces provided that all prisoners of war were released and returned and that a cease-fire was effected. Such a declaration by Congress would be a clear indication to Hanoi that the North Vietnamese must take some initiative to end the fighting.

Unfortunately, unilateral action on the part of the United States is not the whole answer. As discussion of this issue continues, I believe that responsible Congressional leadership can be provided. In the final analysis, any lasting peace in South Vietnam will depend on the action of all parties involved, not just the United States.

CHURCH SPEAKER
Bill Bates, high school faculty member, will be the speaker at Sunday evening services at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist church. The interested public is invited to attend.

THE ALL-AMERICAN ROBIN

Is there anyone in this country who has never heard a robin's song? Probably not, even if it wasn't recognized, for all our songbirds the robin is the most widespread. All summer the robins are busy in dooryard, pasture and woodland of the northern and middle states from coast to coast. All winter they are seen throughout the South. Many of them winter in the thickets and marshes of the North, but the arrival of the migrant flocks

from the South is an annual signal that spring is at hand. The robin was misnamed to begin with, mistaken by early settlers for the English robin, a smaller bird, one of the warblers. The American robin is a thrush cousin of brown thrasher, wood thrush and mockingbird. Indeed, the robin can be a good mimic, too, though it has an excellent repertoire of songs all its own. Robin songs are the basic melodies of the dawn chorus of bird-song in many places.

Though, not really domestic birds, robins like dooryards as nesting places and lawns for foraging. They are the most common birds of the American suburbs all spring, summer and early autumn. Thoroughly adaptable, they also will thrive in a city park, will nest on a cornice ledge if need be, and will live on either fruit or insects. But the country is the robin's natural habitat. Particularly the fence-rows and woodland borders. There it nests, raises its brood, feeds on wild fruit and noxious insects, and sings for the sheer joy of living. No wonder it finds a welcome almost everywhere. — New York Times.

THE NATURE OF CRABS

An issue which has a lot of subsurface ramifications has arisen between the Soviet Union and Japan. It has to do with which nation will get most of the crab catch in the Northern Pacific and the Sea of Okhotsk this year, and the answer depends in part upon the crab. If crabs crawl along the ocean floor as the Russian insist, they belong to Russia, ac-

ording to a 1958 convention. If they swim, as Tokyo says they do at times, they belong, like fish, to all nations. At present negotiations are deadlocked. Solomon, we think, would advise the Russians to catch the crawling crabs and the Japanese the swimming ones. Who could then object? — St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Putnam, 609 Temple St., announce the birth of a son, Wednesday, June 16, 1971, Kings Mountain hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Steven Crocker, 370 Crocker Rd., announce the birth of a son, Thursday, June 17, 1971, Kings Mountain hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Bibbs, Stinnett Trailer Park, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Saturday, June 19, 1971, Kings Mountain hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Jeffries, Rt. 1, Box 385, announce the birth of a son, Monday, June 21, Kings Mountain hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd T. Jenkins, P.O. Box 4, Ranlo, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, June 22, 1971, Kings Mountain hospital.

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