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Crime Prevention Program Underway

About 70 businessmen and citizens were at the Kings Mountain Community Center last week to hear Mecklenburg County Police officer Glenn Mauey discuss the community crime prevention program.

A Neighborhood Watch program has been in effect for several months in Charlotte-Mecklenburg and the results have been good, crime statistics are lower.

Mauey was invited to speak here by members of Citizens On Patrol and Emergency (COPE) and the Kings Mountain Police Department.

In his comments to the group at the community center Officer Mauey gave hints on how citizens can take steps to make their homes and businesses safer from robbery and burglary. One of the first steps is to have all valuables marked for identification.

Following the meeting Police Chief Earl Lloyd and COPE members arranged for a day-long Operation Identification program. It will be held this Saturday from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Mauey also gave businessmen tips on how to handle themselves in a hold up situation. The officer advises the victim to remain calm and offer no resistance; to be identification conscious. Observe your assailant so you can make a constructive ID later to police; report the robbery

immediately by calling police; protect the crime scene, let nothing be disturbed; cooperate with police and help solve the crime.

Mauey also advises installing a holdup alarm system; arrange windows and store displays so the view is not blocked; do not establish a habitual routine when making bank deposits; and keep the business safe locked at all times.

Mauey told his audience "when you are in your home take extra care to guard against intruders. Here your personal safety is more at stake."

Mauey continued, "Keep outside doors locked. Never admit strangers under any pretext. Install a chain lock. Have all callers identify themselves. Report any solicitor or salesmen without proper credentials to police."

"Don't keep valuables out in the open," Mauey continued. "If a burglar enters your home at night, call the police quietly on the phone if possible. Remain calm and try to stay on the phone until police arrive.

"Don't try to shoot at a suspected prowler unless there is real danger of harm coming to you or your family," Mauey continued. "You could injure an innocent person, possibly a child sleepwalking. In most cases it is against the law to use a gun on a suspected burglar if

he is merely on your property and not inside your home. Even if the burglar is inside your home, police say you must be in fear of your life before shooting is justified."

Mauey said there is a check list citizens can make, under the heading "STOP THIEF":

Secure your home with good locks on doors and windows. Don't help a thief break-in your home.

Take care of your keys; don't give anyone a chance to duplicate them.

Outside, don't let your home look unoccupied. Keep lawn mowed, newspapers, deliveries from piling up.

Put a light on while you're away, or let a thief know you're away with a motion detector.

Think twice before letting strangers know when you will be away, or letting strangers inside your home.

Have police and a trusted neighbor check your home while you're away for more than a few days.

Insure your possessions and keep an up-to-date inventory of them.

Get an identifying number on items a thief might take and keep valuables in a safe deposit box.

Find out about burglar alarm systems and install one.

"Remember that 70 percent of the people in prison are there as repeat offenders," Officer Mauey said. "If citizens will take the precautions we have outlined we can cut down drastically on our valuables being stolen and cut down on that 70 percent of persons being sent to prison for second and third offenses."

Chief Lloyd said the city is being divided into districts and that representatives will be selected from each to help initiate the crime prevention program.

City Receives

\$35,916.77 In

Sales Use Tax

Cleveland County's sales and use tax share for this quarter totals \$442,004.70 with Kings Mountain's share coming to \$35,940.88.

Another \$375.89 comes to Kings Mountain from the Gaston County sales and use tax distribution.

The state's population figures gives Kings Mountain 8,700 citizens within the Cleveland County boundaries and another 160 citizens within the Gaston boundaries.

Grover's share totals \$2,856.06 and Waco, \$1,056.16. The tax is one percent distribution based on per capita basis.

from their respective school principals. All persons 75 years of age and over will be admitted free to the fairgrounds every day.

Reithoffer Shows of Florida, the oldest known carnival in the country, will be making its first appearance on the midway of the Cleveland County Fair, with approximately 38 rides plus many

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Cleveland County

Fair Set Oct. 1-9

The 53rd annual Cleveland County Fair will get underway Fri., Oct. 1, and continue through Sat., Oct. 9, at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds.

General admission tickets this year are \$2 for adults, 50 cents for children 12 and under, and parking is free. All public school children in this section will be admitted free to the fairgrounds on October 4, 5, 6 and 7 on tickets they will secure

George W. Mauney

Services Are Held

Funeral services for George W. Mauney were held at 3 p.m. Friday at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church by the Rev. Robert Allen and burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mauney, 60, of 818 W. Mountain St., died of an apparent heart attack at his home about 2:30 p.m. last Wednesday.

A retired cotton broker, Mauney has served as president of the Kings Mountain Hospital Board of Trustees. He was on the board for 18

years. A former member of the Kings Mountain Lions Club, he was past president of the Kings Mountain Country Club.

Mauney was a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College. He was a Mason and a Shriner and a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his widow, Wilma Mercer Mauney. Harris Funeral Home had charge of the arrangements.

Westmoreland Won't Seek Runoff Election

Dean B. Westmoreland of Grover won't seek a runoff election on Sept. 14 with Helen Rhyne Marvin of Gastonia.

Mrs. Marvin polled the third highest number of votes on the Aug. 17 Democratic Primary for the 25th Senatorial District, but not enough to give her a clear victory over Westmoreland.

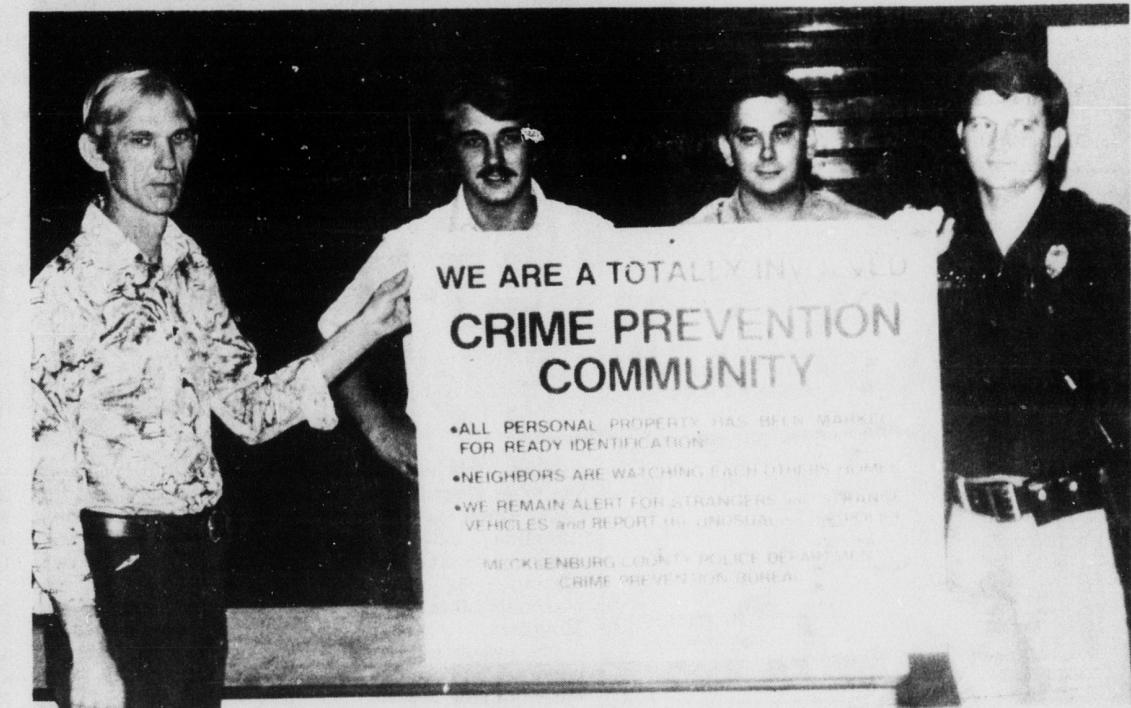
However, Westmoreland announced this week that he will not seek a runoff. He said he made his decision "after prayerful consideration" and that he will support the three Democrat nominees in the November general election.

Sens. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain and Marshall Rauch of Gastonia were elected by clear majorities on Aug. 17. Mrs. Marvin was 1,061 votes short of a majority over fourth place runner Westmoreland.

Mrs. Marvin and incumbents Harris and Rauch are running at large against GOP candidate Helen Bess of Gaston County Nov. 2.



DEAN WESTMORELAND
...won't seek runoff



WATCHING KM — Kings Mountainians Sam Teseniar, left, and Houston Corn, second from right, helped plan last week's meeting of the community

watch in which local residents will help each other. Right is Glenn Mauey of Mecklenburg County, who was the main speaker.

Cansler Renewal Plan End 12-18 Months Away

By TOM MCINTYRE
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The Cansler St. Urban Renewal project which began in November 1972 should reach completion in 12 to 18 months, according to planning consultant David Holmes.

A representative of Eric Hill and Associates and planner with the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission, Holmes gave the board of commissioners an update on the Cansler St. project Monday night and emphasized that completion is only a year to a year and a half away.

Holmes said a finalized plan was adopted in September of 1975 by the board and commission for the \$4.84 million project and that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has since approved the project.

Bill Carver, a consulting engineer with Ralph Whitehead Associates, told the board Monday that all plans

and specifications for the project are ready to go and suggested bids be advertised by Sept. 16 and accepted by Oct. 15. He also suggested a 30-

day period be allowed after that for compiling the bids and awarding the contracts.

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Lowes Food Store Set In Former A&P Locale

Lowe's Foods, Inc. will begin operation in the former A&P location in West Gate Plaza Shopping Center on Sept. 29.

A company spokesman from Wilkesboro, the home office, said Lowe's will operate with a full line of produce, meat and grocery items and feature a deli section in the 28,000 square foot building.

Next Monday through Wednesday Terry Morrison, a Lowe's representative, will be at the Employment Security Commission office in the Kings Mountain

Community Center to interview applicants.

Morrison said he will be on hand from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. to interview prospects for jobs as stock, produce and carry-out clerks, cashiers, meat-cutters and department heads. Morrison said Lowe's will employ 80 to 40 persons in the Kings Mountain store, which will be the 41st in the chain.

Lowe's Foods, Inc. operates stores in North and South Carolina and Virginia.

Early Summer Opening

City's Third Shopping Center Slated For 1977

Kings Mountain's third shopping center will be open by early summer of 1977, according to a Charlotte realty firm.

Henry Faison of Masten, Faison and Weatherspoon Realty Co., said the new center, which had yet to be named, will occupy about five acres situated between E. King St. and York Rd.

"The first two tenants will be Harris-Teeter and Holly Farms Chicken," Faison said. "Ultimately, we expect to locate at least half a dozen businesses in the new neighborhood shopping center."

Faison said he was not sure whether Harris-Teeter will operate under that name or under the Big M logo in the new location.

Sandy Weathersby of the Harris-Teeter real estate department told The Mirror-Herald "the decision on the name has yet to be made. Also we do not know at this point if we will close down the present Harris-Teeter store on E. King St."

H-T has been located in its present facility since about 1962.

Weathersby said the new store will contain from five to 10,000 more feet of merchandising space than the present store has. "We anticipate more sales, so we anticipate employing more people," he said. "How many at this point is impossible to say."

Weathersby said H-T officials have been looking for larger accommodations for some time and they felt the property between E. King and York Rd. "as the best piece of property for their purposes."

Faison told The Mirror-Herald that "the factor that made us decide to develop a shopping center in Kings Mountain was Harris-Teeter's interest in a new locale."

In recent history each time Harris-Teeter has opened either an H-T or Big M in a new shopping center it has been in conjunction with a large chain retail store. Faison said at this point Holly Farms is the only other lessee set for the new center.

Faison said all of the property his

firm is interested in has been acquired. However, there are several businesses located on portions of the property and how that situation will be worked out, Faison declined to comment.

Bids were advertised beginning last Friday, according to Faison, "and we expect to accept construction bids about the last week in September. We expect construction to begin about mid-October, which will mean the facilities will be ready for occupancy by early summer of 1977."

Weathersby said the projection date is Harris-Teeter's understanding also and will be the target date for opening either a new facility or a second retail grocery facility in Kings Mountain.

Faison said the KM shopping center is the 43rd Masten, Faison and Weatherspoon has designed in the Carolinas. Among the shopping centers developed by the firm are Eastland Mall in Charlotte and Tri-City Mall in Rutherford County. M-F & W also served as leasing agents for Shelby Plaza Shopping Center.