

In Barnes Auditorium

## Concert Tonight

The Kings Mountain Junior High Ninth Grade Band and the Kings Mountain Senior High Blazer Band will present a concert Tuesday (tonight) at 8 p. m. in B. N. Barnes Auditorium.

Admission is free and the public is

invited to attend.

Both groups will play state contest festival selections.

Christopher Cole will direct the Ninth Grade Band and Donald Deal will direct the KMSHS Blazer Band.



Kings Mountain Senior High Blazer Band To Perform

## For New City Hall Citizens Asked To Attend Plans Meet

By TOM McINTYRE  
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The number one item on tonight's city commissioners meeting is a discussion and review of architectural plans for the proposed Governmental Services Facilities Building.

At 8 p. m. this afternoon the commissioners will receive bids on the first phase of construction of the new city hall. For this reason the regular Monday night meeting was moved to tonight.

The bids will be for site development, the first of four sectional bids on the project. Construction on the building, under the federal grant guidelines, must begin within 90 days of the date of grant acceptance, or January 9 in this case.

The grant was for \$999,250. Architect Moodye Clary of Peterson-Clary Architects, P.A. of Charlotte is expected to be at tonight's 7:30 meeting to make recommendations on the bids.

Clary was in Kings Mountain last Friday afternoon to show commissioners and Mayor John H. Moss the plans for the building.

Clary told the commissioners Friday that the new city hall architectural rendering is "much warmer than the preliminary drawing, reflecting much more the personality of the community."

The mayor and commissioners invite the public to attend tonight's board meeting for a first hand look at the proposed city hall plans.

Clary's meeting followed a special commissioners meeting at noon in which the board voted to purchase the former Bonnie Mill property on Gold St. between S. Cherokee and S. Piedmont for a total of \$26,075 from the redevelopment commission as the site for the new city hall.

In other action at Friday's special meeting, the board approved several resolutions for applications for funding.

The first was for funds under the Comprehensive Employment and

Training Act of 1973 (CETA). This is a continuing program in which the funds would be used to offer employment and on the job training to Vietnam Era veterans, veterans, unemployed, minority groups and low income persons.

The second resolution for application for funds under Title 20, Social Services Department for the city's aging program. The third was a similar resolution, this one under Title Three, dealing with older Americans.

The funds under Title Three are used for services to the aging including counseling, transportation, health related services, legal services and adult education employment.

The final resolution was for application for funds under Title 20 for Home Based Child Care. This program is currently operating in Kings Mountain funded by the Community Development Block Grants.

The commissioners also approved an Affirmative Action Plan

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## Crime Prevention And Youth Bureaus Moving

The Kings Mountain Police Crime Prevention and Youth bureaus are moving into the rock building beside Kings Mountain Baptist Church this week.

Chief Earl Lloyd said Officers Houston Corn, who has been appointed to head the Crime Prevention Bureau, and Robert Dodge, youth bureau officer, will man the offices on a temporary basis.

"We will move these two men and their offices back to city hall once the new governmental services building is completed and renovation on the present city hall is done," Chief Lloyd said.

The two operations will be available to the public at the rock building between 8 a. m. and five p. m. daily. The phone numbers, available during these hours, are 739-7444 for the Crime Prevention Bureau and 739-8576 for the Youth Bureau. Before 8 a. m. and after 5 p. m. persons seeking contact with either bureau should call 739-3636, the police department.

Chief Lloyd said that Corn has not been able to take over the Crime Prevention Bureau fulltime as yet because a replacement on the regular force must be hired. He said applications for patrolmen are currently being processed.

"Since we have funds allocated under the Crime Prevention Bureau grant for a display van," Chief Lloyd said, "We have arranged for the Mecklenburg CPB officer to bring his fan here tonight for a demonstration to the city commissioners. This will give us a good idea of what we should look for when we buy our van."

### TYPING COURSE

A new quarter in Beginning and Intermediate Typing Courses from Cleveland County Technical Institute starts April 4. Registration on that date is at Compact School from 6 p. m. until 9 p. m.

Mrs. Carl Finger is instructor. Call 739-2555 for further information.

### SCHOOL PERSONNEL

The Cleveland County Retired School Personnel will meet April 5 at the Elks Club in Shelby at noon. Any member who has not made reservations and would like to attend please do so by calling 739-2384 or 739-4910 by March 29.

## Harris Bill Passage Is Delayed

Following debate last week in Raleigh, Senator Ollie Harris' bill to expand the powers of the Cleveland and Rutherford county coroners may be delayed for a couple of weeks before passage.

The hangup came in the House local government committee after the bill had passed without opposition in the Senate.

The local legislators were on hand at the hearing and all showed support for the Harris bill and a spokesman for the House committee said he felt the bill would pass in the final analysis.

The Harris bill would allow coroners to remove bodies from the scenes of violence, sign death certificates where no foul play is suspected and order autopsies when there is a suspicion of foul play.

The bill was drawn originally because of longrunning problems within the medical examiner system. Cleveland County Coroner Bennett Masters said earlier in a meeting with the county commissioners that reaching a medical examiner and getting him to the scene has been a problem in the past.

Harris reportedly said the medical examiners "are not doing their jobs" and that expanding the coroner's powers would serve to expedite matters in death when medical examiners cannot be reached or will not come to the

scene. Prior to last Wednesday's debate Senator Harris offered an amendment to his bill to the effect that coroners would have the authority to order autopsies on persons receiving Veterans Administration benefits at the time of their death. Senator Harris said he offered the amendment to satisfy the Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

During the debate Harris commented that both the Cleveland County coroner and assistant coroner have had training to determine whether or not there is evidence of foul play in a death.

The senator also said that Dr. J. B. Gentry, a Cleveland County pathologist, supports his bill and that Dr. Gentry is "so disgusted with the medical examiner system that he won't do autopsies, forcing us to send the bodies to Chapel Hill."

Speaking at the hearing in opposition to the bill were Dr. Avery McMurry, a medical examiner from Shelby, and Dr. Page Hudson, chief medical examiner for the state.

Both McMurry and Hudson commented they felt Harris' bill "is

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ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP - Charles Hamilton, president of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club (left) and Forrest Wheeler, principal of Kings Mountain Senior High (right) pose with Mark Mercier, this year's

recipient of the Rotary annual Modern Foreign Language Award and Scholarship. Mercier is a senior at KMSHS.

Photo By Tom McIntyre

## Mark Mercier Is Awarded Annual Rotary Scholarship

Mark Mercier, an 18-year old senior at Kings Mountain Senior High School, is this year's recipient of the annual KM Rotary Club Modern Foreign Language Award and Scholarship.

The scholarship is worth \$600 this year, according to Charles Hamilton, president of the Rotary Club. The funds for the scholarship are raised annually through the club's golf tournament.

Hamilton said this year the tournament will be presented April 23 and 24 in anticipation of a better turnout. The tourney has traditionally been held in the fall.

The award and certificate were presented at last Thursday's Rotary luncheon at the Kings Mountain Country Club by Forrest Wheeler, principal of KM Senior High.

In presenting the award, Wheeler said the annual scholarship is given to a local student who has maintained high academic achievements and has successfully and unselfishly involved himself in extra curricular activities.

Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mercier. He is a member of the senior class. A dedicated student, he ranks 18th scholastically in the senior class. He has been accepted and plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. There he plans to major in English and do additional studies in French.

Wheeler said Mercier has thus far successfully completed three years of French studies here.

During his junior year Mercier was a member of the National Beta

Club and the Mu Alpha Theta National Math Club. He also participated in the Human Relations Council, of which he is chairman.

Wheeler said Mercier's activities are not limited to high school. He has actively worked with the Big Brothers - Big Sisters program where he helps elementary students to better understand themselves. Mercier also acts as a peer counselor at the high school.

One of the scholarship winner's major life goals is to teach school in Europe.

Following the scholarship presentation last Thursday, John Beck, an historian at Kings Mountain National Military Park, presented a film by the Department of The Interior on Alaska - the last American frontier.

## Funeral Rites Held For Laughter Sunday

Funeral services for William Franklin Laughter, 56, veteran postal employe, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. from First Baptist Church of which he was a deacon.

His pastor, Rev. Clyde Bearden, was assisted by Rev. Harvey Laughter and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Laughter died Saturday morning in Kings Mountain Hospital after declining health for sometime. He was son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Laughter, a mason and veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Sue Littlejohn Laughter; four sons, Stanley Laughter of Germantown, Tenn. and Chris, Steve and Mark Laughter, all of the home; one daughter, Mrs. David Collins of Hillsborough; four brothers, Arvil Laughter of Gastonia, the Rev. Harvey Laughter of Icard, Woodrow Laughter of Kings Mountain and Clyde Laughter of Greenville, S. C.; and four sisters, Mrs. Ed Wingerd, of Dundock, Md.; Mrs. Marion Dixon of Kings Mountain; Mrs. Barney Stone of Shelby and Mrs. Bertha Morris of Ellenboro.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



WILLIAM LAUGHTER