



LOOK OVER THE PLANS - Mayor John Moss and Commissioners Fred Wright and James Childers look over the architectural rendering of the proposed Kings

Mountain Public Works Building. Bids will be received Thursday and construction contract awarded on Friday. Construction is scheduled to begin Mon., May 2.

PW Contract To Be Awarded Friday

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This Thursday city commissioners will receive bids on construction of a public works building and maintenance garage. Friday the contract will be awarded and on Mon., May 2 on site construction will begin.

The time table for completion of the city's public works facilities is the first of October 1977.

The new facility was designed by Holland and McGinnis, Architects, PA of Shelby and will replace the current spaces provided for the various city services departments on City St.

Mayor John H. Moss said Friday, "This new facility will establish a centralized site for offices and warehouse storage. The board is

also considering a centralized purchasing system to be installed at the public works building."

Commissioner James Childers, chairman of the city's public works committee, said, "This is a much needed and long overdue facility. It will be of benefit to the citizens and the city employes."

The mayor said a centralized site will offer the citizens a basis for much more efficient service.

The entire package will include the public works building, with offices and workshop areas; a vehicle maintenance garage; a covered area for vehicle storage; and fencing about the approximate 10 acres of property on N. Piedmont Ave.

Parking for approximately 70 cars will also be provided at the main

building. The public works and maintenance garage buildings will be included in the general contract, according to Childers. The covering shed and fencing will be added later.

The entire package will cost an estimated \$250,000 and that sum is to be paid out of the city's capital budget over a two year period (1976-77 and 1977-78 fiscal years).

Commissioner Childers said the general contract to be awarded this Friday will be for the flooring, walls and ceiling. The interior partitioning, plumbing, heating and air conditioning and electrical construction will be provided by the various city departments.

Architectural plans call for a two-story structure on the front part of the public works building containing 7,168 square feet upstairs and downstairs. The larger portion of the building will be one story and will contain 10,752 square feet of work area. On the rear of the building will be an eight foot wide loading dock which will run the entire width of the building.

The public works building will house the offices for the water and sewer, street and sanitation, gas, electrical, cemetery and beautification departments. Also offices for the building inspector, public works director and engineering.

Also included will be a reception area downstairs, which will contain a base radio station for contact on the job with city vehicles.

"We plan to have two-way communications in all the city vehicles in the future," Mayor Moss said. "This will give the citizens even faster service."

Also included in the building will be a conference room, a canteen, showers, a woodworking shop and work areas for the water and sewer, street and sanitation, gas and electrical departments.

The maintenance garage will contain an office and restroom facilities, plus a large garage area for complete servicing of city vehicles. Two large sliding bay entrance for entrance and exit of vehicles is included in the garage plans.

During the construction phase, the mayor said, a house will have to be removed from the property. The home and its property were sold to the city several months ago to give the city enough room for growth on the public works facilities site.

Commissioner Childers said the public works committee, which includes the mayor, Commissioners Norman King and Fred Wright, Jr., began working on the plans for the facility shortly after the new administration took office. "We have spent approximately 15 months and hundreds and hundreds of manhours in planning this facility," Childers said.

Bids on construction will be received at 2:30 p. m. Thurs., Apr. 14 and contract awarded at 4 p. m. Fri., Apr. 15.

Blood Screenings

Set By County

Health Officials

The Cleveland County Health Department announces it will be doing blood pressure screenings at different shopping centers during the month of April. There is no charge for the blood pressure tests and all persons are encouraged to have theirs' checked between 12:30 and 4:30 p. m.

Sky City, April 14, April 22; Macks-Kings Mtn. April 25; K-Mart, April 18, 28; TH&Y-Kings Mtn. April 15.

People may also have their blood pressure checked Monday-Friday 8:30 a. m.-4:45 p. m. at the Health Center, located beside Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

Two Join Home S&L

Jerry F. Ledford and Sandra M. Stone, Kings Mountain natives, have joined the staff of Home Savings & Loan Association, announces Thomas A. Tate, executive of the company.

Mr. Ledford, formerly controller with Kings Mountain Hospital, will serve as controller at Home S&L and Mrs. Stone, who formerly worked in the Merchandising Department of Kingsmont, will serve as a teller.

Wife of Bill Stone, Mrs. Stone is the former Sandra Mullinax and is a graduate of KMHS. The Stones live with their son in the Oak Grove community.

Mr. Ledford, a graduate of KMHS who majored in accounting at N. C. State University, is married to the former Sheila Moss and they are parents of one child and live at 103 Mini Street.



CURRENT PUBLIC WORKS - This wide view made from S. Railroad Ave. shows the area currently being used on City St. as the public works building and storage yard. This area has been used for over a quarter of a century. Under

the Casler St. Urban Renewal Contract, this area is due for redevelopment and the city must vacate the area soon. The new Public Works Building and grounds will house not only all of the vehicles and equipment you see here, but the remainder of the

rolling stock and equipment, plus offices and work areas for all of the city's services departments. The new facility will be ready for occupancy by October 1, 1977.

Photo By Tom McIntyre

Coroner Bill Passes House

The controversial Coroner Bill, proposed by Sen. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain, was approved unanimously by the House Local Government Committee last Wednesday.

On Thursday the bill passed in the House and was scheduled to be returned to the Senate Monday night for approval of two amendments. The legislative action in Raleigh was scheduled after The Mirror-Herald went to press.

The bill previously passed on the Senate floor without any dissent, but was sent to the House Local Government Committee with several amendments written by Sen. Harris.

The bill to expand the powers of the coroners in Cleveland and

Rutherford counties has been opposed vigorously by the Cleveland County Medical Society and County Medical Examiner Dr. Avery McMurry. Dr. Page Hudson of the State Medical Examiners office has also voiced opposition to the bill, both here in Cleveland County and in the committee meetings in Raleigh.

Both Drs. McMurry and Hudson feel the coroner bill will be "a backward step for the state" if the bill is passed.

The bill proposes coroners in Cleveland, Rutherford counties be allowed to remove bodies from the scenes of violent deaths, to sign death certificates when they suspect no foul play and to order autopsies

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Black-Owned Business Now Open In KM CBD

Brenda's Better Ones Hosiery Co., Kings Mountain's newest business citizen and the only one of its kind in the county wholly-owned by blacks, opened at 227 Battleground Ave. Saturday.

Mayor John Henry Moss and Gastonia Mayor T. Jeffers cut the ribbon officially opening the new business to the public at 10 a. m.

Philip Williford of Winston-Salem, president of The Williford System which also anticipates phasing in a manufacturing operation to increase employment in the city, said that Thomas and Brenda Brown of Kings Mountain are the principal owners.

Brenda's Better Ones Hosiery is an exclusive distributorship of ladies panty hose which are manufactured by The Williford System in Winston-Salem. Mrs. Brown said ultra-sheer, mesh, sheer stretch stockings, support hose, knee hose, hip and tummy-control hose in all fashionable colors and sizes are available.

Also participating in the opening day ceremonies were Rev. M. L. Campbell and Rev. E. L. Harris.

Mayor Moss, congratulating the Williford System and the Browns, welcomed the new business to downtown Kings Mountain and Mayor Jeffers praised the mayor for his efforts in creating new jobs for citizens.

President Williford, in his opening remarks, noted that black women have spent no less than \$80 million dollars a year since 1970 for hosiery and that the demand for a quality distributorship for panty hose was a reason for launching the new business venture and noted that

applications for clerks and salespersons are now being accepted.

The new firm is located in the

former Bridges Hardware Company in the heart of the business section, completely renovated to allow for expansion and growth.



Photo By Lib Stewart

RIBBON CUTTING - Gastonia Mayor T. Jeffers, left, Philip Williford and Kings Mountain Mayor John Moss cut the ribbon officially opening Brenda's Better Ones Hosiery Company on Battleground Avenue.

Winds Uprooted Tree, Dropped It On Fulton

Paul Fulton feels lucky to be alive. Last week during the extreme high winds a large oak tree was uprooted and fell on him, crushing a vertebrae and bruising his back.

Fulton, bricklaying instructor at Kings Mountain Senior High, was working at the old Neisler home on York Rd., when the incident occurred.

The 35-year old Kings Mountain said he and one of his students, Tim Oliver, were laying a slate sidewalk on the Neisler plantation last Tuesday afternoon.

He said they had been working half an hour and had seen the wind tear small limbs from some trees. Then Oliver spotted the tree being uprooted and yelled to Fulton. Fulton said he was able to take a few steps before the tree fell on top of him.

Kings Mountain Rescue Squad volunteers worked for 20 minutes to free Fulton from beneath the tree and he was rushed to Kings Mountain Hospital for treatment.

Oliver received several scratches, but was otherwise uninjured.