



Photo By Gary Stewart

MEET NEW BOSS — Kings Mountain District Schools secretary Wanza Davis, left, and assistant superintendent Bill Bates, right, chat with the outgoing and incoming superintendents prior to last Monday night's school board meeting. Second from right is new

superintendent William Davis. Second from left is present superintendent Don Jones. Jones moves to his native Asheville July 1 to take over as superintendent of the Asheville City Schools and Davis comes here July 1 from Stokes County.

Commission Is Expected To Begin Traffic Control

The city commission is expected Monday night to execute contract for 425 signs to be installed on city streets in a new traffic control signing program recommended by the city and state highway safety committee.

Joe Sherrill, members of the Governor's commission on highway safety, and John McCullough, representing Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. of Raleigh, presented an inventory of all existing traffic control signs within the city limits to the mayor's committee Thursday.

Cost of the program, which is federally funded on a 50-50 share cost, is \$4,198.52. The city's cost

would be approximately \$2,100.

According to Sherrill, the major portion of the eligible signs to be replaced are either stop or speed limit signs. There are 127 locations on the city system presently without sign control that require 178 new signs.

"The heart of this program," according to Mayor John Henry Moss, "is the inventory card file." It contains all of the necessary information for the city to initiate a replacement and preventive maintenance program for all signs within the city limits. "The uniform traffic and safety signs add to safety aspect of our city and this comprehensive traffic control sign

program includes complete and accurate records of all signs, upgrading and standardization of all signs and continuing accurate records of replacement and maintenance requirements," said the mayor.

A periodical review of the inventory to determine the replacement and-or maintenance requirements of traffic control signs throughout the city is another important phase of the new program, added Mayor Moss.

The inventory reported that overall, signs are in fair condition. Of the 1,703 existing signs evaluated, 17 percent require replacement and 18 percent require some type of corrective action, such as wash, straighten, support, relocate.

Larry Billings Hired By City

By TOM McINTYRE

Kings Mountain now has a Director of Business Development. He is Larry D. Billings of North Wilkesboro.

Billings was named to the post during a special meeting of the city board Monday at noon. Billings assumes his duties on Mon., May 2. The position of director of business development will be funded under the city's Community Development grant program. Mayor John H. Moss said, "The office was created in an effort to revitalize the downtown business area."

"I will be working with small business and minority business in Kings Mountain in every aspect possible to help them find ways of increasing business," Billings said. "It will also be my duty to recruit new business to locate here in the city."

Billings said a part of the job will be to assist in seeking financial assistance where possible to help the small businessmen in the community.

Billings told The Mirror-Herald he became interested in Kings Mountain after hearing a great deal about the progressiveness of the city. "I saw this position of director of business development as an opportunity to assist the city and as an opportunity for myself to grow with a community," he said.

Billings attended Mars Hill Junior College, transferring to Appalachian State University to complete his studies. He graduated in 1963 with a teaching degree and for three and a half years taught an eighth grade class in Kernersville. Billings also coached football, baseball and basketball at the school.

Leaving the teaching profession in the late 1960's, Billings entered a family-owned business in Winston-Salem, where he remained for eight years. He eventually worked in every facet of the (furniture) business and finally bought it to become sole owner.

In 1974 Billings sold that business and took the post of personnel director for Division Nine, N. C. Department of Transportation in Winston-Salem. From there he went to Raleigh as grants manager for the Law Enforcement Assistance Agency (LEAA), a program in which Kings Mountain has participated.

"In this job I had a first hand look at the functioning of Kings Mountain government," Billings said. "This is one of the few cities I have seen that uses its grants monies wisely, to the best possible benefit for the community at large."

Billings said he came from a small

town and feels he understands the problems of the smaller town. "I will do my very best to assist the small and minority businessmen in Kings Mountain to help them grow," he said.

Billings is married to the former

Glenna Anderson of Winston-Salem. Mrs. Billings was employed as a personal banker with Wachovia in Winston-Salem until her husband accepted the new post in Kings Mountain. The Billings have one daughter, Kim 13.

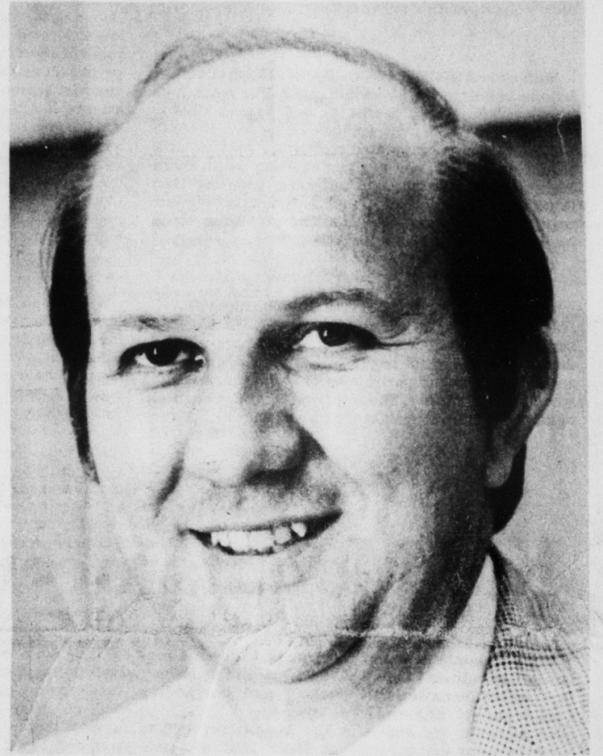


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NEW DIRECTOR — Larry D. Billings of North Wilkesboro assumes his post of director of business development for the City of Kings Mountain next Monday. Billings will assist small and minority businesses in the downtown area and recruit new businesses to locate in the city.

Eaton Dedication Slated For May 16

The new Eaton Corporation on Grover Rd., heavy duty truck transmission plant, will be dedicated May 16 with ceremonies beginning at 10:30 a. m.

Eaton President Paul Miller, Bob Richards, group vice president,

truck components, and Roy Dahmer, director for transmissions operations worldwide.

Members of Eaton's executive committee will also participate in the dedicatory rites.

KMHS Senior

Play Is Slated

"Lock Stock and Lipstick," a three-act comedy, will be presented by an eleven member cast of Senior High students Tuesday night, May 10, at 7:30 p. m. in B. N. Barnes Auditorium.

It is the annual senior play and will be under the direction of Gene Alexander.

Tickets are \$1 for students and \$2 for adults.

Lead roles in the comedy will be portrayed by Wesley Narron as the high school guidance counselor and Sharon Pruitt as a young college student in her first year in counseling. Setting for the play is the office of a high school guidance counselor.

Burlington

To Hike Pay

Burlington Industries today announced a pay increase for production employees effective June 13.

Burlington officials said the upward wage adjustment will affect about 50,000 wage employees at Company operations in 10 states.

Burlington's last general wage increase was in June, 1976.

Mower Mishap Kills Man

Waudell B. Dodd, 75, of 921 N. Church St., was killed Thursday afternoon when he fell from his riding lawn mower and the mower ran over his head.

Mr. Dodd was mowing his brother's lawn on Rt. 3 Shelby, when the accident occurred, according to Capt. Yates Mitchem of the Shelby Rescue Squad.

Mitchem said that Dodd's body was discovered by his brother, J. Fitzhugh Dodd, about 2:45 p. m. Thursday, but that the accident had apparently happened several hours earlier.

Mitchem said that Dodd was nearly decapitated by the lawn mower's blade, which struck him between the crown of his head and his neck.

Dodd was a retired farmer and merchant and member of Sharon United Methodist Church in Shelby where funeral services were conducted by his pastor Saturday at 11 a. m. Interment was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Other survivors include a son, Rev. V. Dodd of Lenoir; one sister, Mrs. Janie Dodd Campbell of Kings Mountain; and four grandchildren.

Youth Corps Applications To Be Taken

Applications for employment in the Mayor's Summer Youth Corps will be taken Saturday, May 7th, and Saturday, May 14th, at City Hall Councilroom.

Young people 16 years of age and older are invited to file their applications for jobs with Mrs. Joe Ann McDaniel between the hours of 9 and 12 noon.

Last year, more than 95 young people were employed in various city government jobs, in public works, recreation, city offices and police department and more than 150 young people submitted applications.

It is the 10th year that the Mayor's Summer Youth Corps has provided employment for Kings Mountain young people, many of them who use their earnings to further their education at schools and institutions for post high school training.

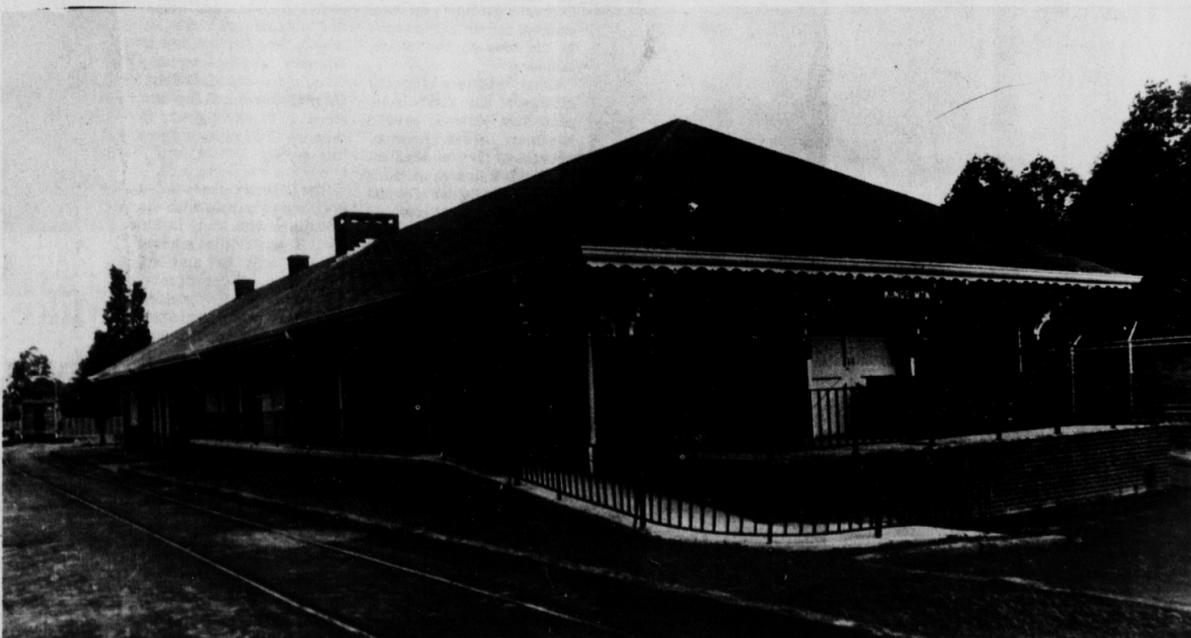


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KINGS MOUNTAIN DEPOT CENTER — Workmen are busy putting the finishing touches to the Kings Mountain Depot Center to be used as a community center and featuring museum exhibits of the city's long history. Brick and wood structures are being built on

the south end of the depot property to be used as an open air farmer's market. The city leased the depot and property from Southern Railroad and has spent the past 12 months renovating the building.