

Gold Residents Promised Action

Residents of W. Gold St. have been promised action on their requests for regulatory measures to slow down motorists along the street.

Mrs. Mary Taylor, the resident who drew the petition, presented copies of it to the commissioners Monday night. Commissioner James Childers of district one asked that the requests be turned over to the city's traffic flow committee for study and recommendation.

The board also set a meeting for 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday at city hall for W. Gold St. residents to discuss proposals fully with the traffic flow committee.

The petition, which contains 86 signatures of W. Gold St. residents, spells out their being "disturbed by the traffic hazard to the children of our neighborhood."

The petition points out that the speed limit on the street is 25 mph, but that it is the only through street from downtown to the shopping center with "guaranteed no stopping. As such, anyone familiar with Kings Mountain uses Gold Street to get from Highway 74 to I-85..."

The petition also cites speeding and challenges anyone to drive the street at 25 mph without eventually "being tailgated by another car."

Mrs. Taylor's petition cites the need for a remedy because of the large number of children that live and play on W. Gold St. Monday night Mrs. Taylor said, "The street is too narrow and too hilly for cars to travel at fast speeds and that elderly residents on the street are afraid to try to cross the street because of the speeders."

Police enforcement of the speed limit is sporadic, according to the petition and that is when residents complain. The petition calls attention to fewer youngsters along the other routes paralleling W. Gold St. (W. Mountain and W. King) and a speed limit of 35 mph on those streets. On these two streets there are traffic signals to regulate traffic flow.

The Taylor petition suggests the city install four-way stop signs at several intersections, or

put speed bumps in the streets, to force motorists to slow down. The four-way stop signs, the residents feel, would be better than traffic signals because the stop signs mean motorists must stop.

The Tuesday meeting will be to fully discuss possible solutions to traffic problems. Mayor John Moss said that citizens from other sections of the city are also invited to attend the meeting.

Action on a solution to the speeding problem on W. Gold St. is expected to be taken at the Mon., Sept. 26 board of commissioners meeting.



SQUEEZE PLAY - Car rams trash truck on narrow West Gold Street...

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KMHS Graduation Outside

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A much-debated problem was solved early Monday night when the board of education set 1978 Kings Mountain High graduation exercises for John Gamble Stadium.

Graduation will be held on Thur., June 1. Baccalaureate services will be on Sun., May 28.

The question of whether or not to have graduation in Gamble Stadium or Barnes Auditorium has cropped up every year since the auditorium was built,

and the board elected to solve the problem early this year in order to avoid any troubles in printing of invitations.

Supt. Bill Davis pointed out that the stadium and auditorium both have their pluses and minuses, but board members felt it would be better to have the exercises outside due to the lack of space in the auditorium.

The motion passed unanimously.

In other action Monday, the board:

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REACT Organized In Kings Mountain

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REACT.

The letters stand for Radio Emergency Associated Citizens Teams.

This week Kings Mountain became the site of the original React charter granted in Cleveland County by React International, Inc. of Chicago, Ill.

At Monday night's city commissioner meeting William Grissom presented the charter to Kings Mountain React Chief Emmett Moss. Commissioner Grissom is also president of the local Kiwanis Club, the spon-

soring agency for the local React unit.

The charter unit has nine members. At 4 p.m. Sun., Sept. 18 at React headquarters at the Kings Mountain Community Center a membership meeting is planned, according to Moss.

"Anyone interested in becoming a working member of React is urged to attend Sunday's meeting," he said, "The application forms for membership will only be available at the meeting."

What exactly is React? It is an organization of private citizens who own and are

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Photo by Tom McIntyre

PRESENTS CHARTER - William Grissom, president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club, presents the charter to React Chief Emmett Moss. Others in the photo, left to right, are Jim Martin, Scott Howell and Vernon Owensby,

React members. The charter was presented Monday night. This Sunday React plans a 4 p.m. organizational-membership meeting at the community center.

Street Improvement Bids Will Be Received

Bids will be received at 3 p.m. Thurs., Sept. 22 for paving, curbing and gutter construction for 19 streets in Kings Mountain.

Contracts will be awarded that night at a special city board meeting.

These street construction petitions have been accepted and on the waiting list beginning in 1972 through May of 1977.

The streets are:

Princeton Dr., from Fulton Rd. to dead end, curb and guttering;
Wilson St., from Monta Vista to dead end, paving;
Downing St., from Allison Cr. to Garrison Dr., paving, curb and guttering;
Garrison Dr., from Ashley to Townsend Terrace, paving, curb and guttering;
Hillside Dr., from Meadowbrook to Marion St., curb and guttering;
Scotland Dr., from Southwood to Lee St., paving, curb and guttering;
Ashbrook Park, paving;
Sipes St., from Goforth to Edgemont Dr., paving, curb and guttering;
Rhea St., from Maner Rd. to Fulton Dr., paving, curb and guttering;
Fulton Dr., from Margrace Rd. to Phifer Rd., curb and guttering;
Katherine St., from Fairview to Second St., curb and guttering;
Somerset Dr., from Phifer Rd. to Princeton Dr., curb and guttering;
Garrison Dr., from Townsend Terrace to south boundary of Ashley Dr., paving, curb and guttering;
Downing St., from Allison Cr. to Garrison Dr., paving, curb and guttering;
Ashbrook Park, a portion of street length, 1,685.9 feet, curb and guttering;
Marigold and Mini Sts., paving, curb and guttering;
Slater St., from York Rd. to Oriental Ave., curb and guttering;
Belvedere Cir., from Watterson to Watterson, curb and guttering;
Stone St. Ext., paving.

In other action, the commissioners approved prohibiting parking on Floyd St. from York Rd. to Oriental Ave., Monday through Friday on the following schedule:
No parking on north side of Floyd St. at anytime during the five-day period;
No parking on south side of Floyd St. during the same period from 6-8 a.m., 2-4 p.m., and 10 p.m. - midnight.

Al Moretz, city codes director, explained Monday night that these hours coincide with the change of shifts at Clevemont Mill. He said all residents in the affected area have been sent letters and that all have responded favorably to the proposed restrictions. Clevemont employees have also been instructed to use the company lot entirely for parking and for waiting to pickup or deliver employees at the mill.

Moretz also noted these restrictions leave the narrow street clear for school bus traffic.

Monday night commissioners:

- Approved adopting an ordinance to use card posters showing building permit numbers, builders name, date issued, inspection date to be displayed in front of construction site until work completed and approved by inspector.

- Approved adopting an ordinance to establish zoning signs to be posted on property to be rezoned at least 15 days prior to a public hearing.

- Authorized Kings Mountain Police Department to participate in Region C Training program. The city's share of the \$5,000 grant is \$270. Program goes into effect in January of 1978.

- Awarded contract to Wooten Equipment Co. for a John Deere model backhoe for \$18,849, the higher of two bids submitted to the city. The low bid was \$16,783.25 from Case Power and Equipment Co. Commissioners Jim Childers and Humes Houston abstained from voting.

- Authorized advertising for bids for carpet, tile and ceiling materials for the Citizens Service Center.

- Authorized a contract with Landmark Engineering Co., Inc., subject to HUD approval, the portion of the appropriations for the 1977-78 Community Development Project for \$25,000 covering phase one of Planemetric and Topographical Mapping of the city.

- Approved requesting the Department of Transportation to review signalization at intersections of Battleground and King and Railroad and King. Delayed signals have caused numerous auto accidents at these intersections, according to Fred Wright, chairman of the city's traffic committee.

Football Deadline Is Friday

If you haven't entered this week's Mirror-Herald football contest, you have until noon Friday.

First place is worth \$50 and second \$25. Contest rules, entry form and the schedule of games are on page 12 of Tuesday's Mirror-Herald.

Checks to the winners will be awarded on every Thursday. You may pick the checks up at the Mirror-Herald office if you show proper identification. Or, if you wish, they can be mailed to you.

Just a few pointers on filling out your entry blank:

We need only the name of the team you think will win. Please do not predict the score.

On the tie-breaker, please predict the total number of points that will be scored in the game and not the final score.

Entries must be on the entry blank that is in the Mirror-Herald. No hand-printed entry forms will be accepted.

And, most important of all, beat that 12 noon deadline. Every week so far we've had to disqualify several entries because they came in past 12 noon on Friday.

If you plan to mail your entry, do so as early in the week as possible, because it must be received by 12 noon Friday.