

**One-Day
UF Drive
Is Friday**

Kings Mountain's United Fund Drive for 1978 for \$45,000 will be conducted Friday in a One-Day all-out effort for 11 local agencies.

Pat Cheshire, campaign chairman, said the drive is up \$6,000 over last year and that "one hour's pay per month from you will assure our citizens of the help solicited."

Drive leaders will be calling on area citizens all day tomorrow for pledges and contributions.

Area leaders and their goals are Nancy Ross, postoffice employes, \$250; Charles Mauney and Carl DeVane, industrial, \$27,500; Polly Phifer, commercial, \$8,250; Rev. Bob Boggan, ministerial, \$750; Larry Wood, advance gifts, \$1500; Becky Scism, correspondence, \$1000; Grace Wolfe, city employes, \$2,000; June Lee and Fran Sincow, professional, \$1750; Ronnie Nanney, city schools, \$3,250; and Jerry Ledford, hospital, \$750.

Chairman Cheshire said leaders are asked to turn in contributions to Becky Scism and that Oct. 14 is deadline for final reporting.

"We are moving up the deadline by one day to allow industries a little more time," said Cheshire at a kickoff luncheon for chairmen Monday at Kings Mountain Inn at noon.

One additional request for funds has been approved for the 1978 budget, that of Grover Rescue Squad for which \$1,500 is budgeted.

Other agents and approved requests are Ministerial Helping Hand, \$3,000; Boy Scouts of Piedmont Council, \$5,600; American Red Cross, \$7,750;

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CITIZENS MEETING - Mrs. Joel Marable answers question about employment practices of the city during Tuesday's District Five "one-on-one" local government meeting held at Mount Zion Baptist Church. The third in a series of six meetings, Tuesday's boasted the largest citizen turnout to date.

Citizens Voice Their Concerns

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More Blacks in supervisory jobs at City Hall, public housing for young marrieds, a bowling alley and skating rink for the kids and completion of Davidson Park.

These were some of the concerns of 46 District Five citizens at Tuesday night's "one on one" meeting at Mount Zion Baptist Church. The largest turnout of these meetings Tuesday's was the longest session between city elected officials and private citizens.

Commissioner Bill Grissom adjourned the meeting at 10 p. m. and some citizens remained longer to chat with Mayor Moss, KMRC Director Gene White, and Commissioners Grissom, Humes Houston and Fred Wright.

William Orr wanted to know why the Blacks at City Hall "don't have supervisory positions," pointing specifically to one 15-year employe who, he declared, should have been in

line for a promotion. He also wanted to know when Blacks would be hired in the billing offices. "Put them out front where they belong instead of in the backroom," said Orr, who is active in KM Improvement Association and is a member of the Public Housing Authority Board.

Responding to Orr's questions, District Five Commissioner Grissom pointed out that the recently adopted new city personnel policy of 32 job classifications absolutely rules out discrimination between races while providing for promotions, grievance policies and many fringe benefits not enjoyed by many industries in area. Grissom said that many Blacks are on the city hall payroll and the board welcomes applications for employment. "You can be sure," Grissom told the 39 Blacks in the audience, that "your application will be screened by the board and you'll find the Mayor's office is always open."

To Orr's question as to why there is no Black member on the KMLake Authority, Mayor Moss replied that the Mayor's office has shared employment with all citizens but that the Lake Authority board is the only board without a minority member simply because the board was appointed early and has only two replacements. "I am sure that in the future all commissions will have representatives from all our citizens."

Verlee Mask, recreation department assistant, asked Grissom, "I have been with the city since 1961. If a supervisory job came open in recreation would I be turned down because of race?"

Grissom replied, "absolutely not." Mrs. Joel Marable said she was proud to serve as a director in the city's child care program and pointed out the need for merry-go-rounds and other children's equipment at the two parks.

Frank Mitchem's charge that the city continues to drag its feet on the Davidson Park project while building more rest rooms and buying more land at Deal Street Park drew a lot of comment as virtually all in the room spoke at one time or another.

Mayor Moss replied that the city planner had suggested the improvements for Deal Street Park, which, he emphasized, did not take away from plans underway at the Davidson Park.

"That Park (Davidson) was supposed to be ready for us to play ball in May," said Mitchem.

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**First Phase
Work Approved**

Commissioners approved a continuing paving, curb and gutter program for the city Monday and awarded contracts to low bidders on asphalt and concrete.

The program is broken down into three phases and the contracts awarded were for first phase work only.

Neal Hawkins Construction of Gastonia was low bidder on asphalt with \$21 per ton. Lee Skidmore of Belmont was low bidder on concrete at \$3.75 per lineal foot and \$75 per cubic yard.

Mayor John Moss said Monday the city has budgeted \$100,189.88 for 1977-78 for paving, curb and gutter and another \$100,000 for street improvements (resurfacing). The board plans to apply for funds under the Community Development Grant next year for street work. The mayor said, "With good response on paving assessments and approval of the CD request, we can have a continuing program on street work until it is completed."

The city crews, will prepare the streets and drainage work and driveway entrances for the program.

Phase One, which is to begin immediately, includes Princeton Dr. from Fulton Rd. to dead end, curb, gutter and paving necessary for widening; Wilson St. from Monte Vista to dead end, paving; Downing St. from Allison Cr. to Garrison Dr., curb, gutter and paving; Garrison Dr. from Townsend Terr. to Suzanne St., curb, gutter, paving necessary for widening; Hillside Dr. from Meadowbrook to Marion St., curb, gutter, paving for widening; Ashbrook Park, Sterling from Waco Rd. to Brice St., Brice from Sterling to dead end, Fulton St. from Sterling to dead end, curb, gutter, paving, Katherine St., Fairview to Second St., curb, gutter, paving for widening.

City Engineer Al Moretz said shorter streets may be completed first in order to get the work done before winter weather causes a halt.

Phase II and III are scheduled to begin, respectively, June, 1, 1978, and March 1, 1979.

**Gospel Groups To Help
Raise Amplifier Funds**

Several well-known area gospel groups will appear Saturday at the Kings Mountain Depot Center to help raise funds for an amplifier system.

The program is being sponsored by the city's aging program to begin at 10 a. m.

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**Veterans May Apply
For Seven City Jobs**

The City of Kings Mountain has seven positions available to

veterans and applications will be received beginning at 9 a. m. Friday in the mayor's office.

The positions are being made available under a N. C. Department of Labor program for semi-skilled and skilled persons.

The positions available are: One wastewater operator (2 years);

One water treatment operator (2 years);

Two water & sewer construction workers (4 years);

Two heavy equipment operators (4 years);

One electrical department employe (4 years).

The seven who qualify will receive the city's base minimum salary of \$2.54 hourly, plus a monthly supplement from the state of \$292 (no dependents), \$347 (one dep.), \$396, (2 dep.) and \$24 each additional dependent.

The monthly state supplement decreases as the apprentice acquires more job skill. When the apprentice becomes skilled he or she is qualified to be placed into proper job categories, with salary to match, with the city.

October 7 At Military Park

Celebration Is Planned

Plans have been made for the 177th anniversary of The Battle of Kings Mountain at KM National Military Park.

A joint celebration is scheduled at the park beginning at 8 p. m. Fri., Oct. 7 according to Supt. Mike Lovelace. "This is the approximate time the Overmountain Men will arrive after their 180-mile trek reenacting the original march of 1780," Lovelace said.

For the first time in history DAR chapters from Kings Mountain, Shelby, York, Gaffney and Spartanburg, the Cherokee County Historical and Preservation Society and York County Historical Commission have gotten together to plan a joint celebration.

Dr. J. N. (Cotton) Lipscomb of Gaffney, S. C. and Mrs. Ruth Young of Shelby are chairman and vice chairman of the Kings

Mountain Battle celebration committee.

Lovelace said a ceremony is planned in the amphitheatre after the Overmountain Men arrive from Gaffney. "Several high government officials and state officials have been invited to participate in the program," he said. "We will announce the guest speaker at a later date."

Coinciding with the program the park has scheduled a special "artists-in-the-park" exhibit in the visitors center. The park's living history demonstrations are also planned.

"The second Regiment, South Carolina line from Columbia will also be on hand for the celebration," Lovelace said. "This is a company dressed in authentic Continental Army costumes from The Revolutionary War. The regiment will camp in the S. C. Park and will present programs."

Lovelace said this year's celebration is on a "more modest level than before, but we are looking toward building enthusiasm for this important phase in our nation's history."

Lovelace and Dr. Lipscomb said, "In 1980 and 81 there should be a very large program both at Kings Mountain and at Cowpens for the 200th anniversaries of those famous battles."



TO PERFORM - These colorfully dressed gentlemen are members of the Second Regiment, South Carolina Line, Continental Army. The costumes are authentic Revolutionary War types. The group will perform during Oct. 7 ceremonies at KM National Military Park.

Members Wanted

REACT To Meet

Kings Mountain React will meet Sun., Oct. 2 at the community center and citizens interested in joining may pickup membership forms there.

React Chief Emmett Moss said the local organization now has an IRS number which means all donations are tax deductible.

"Donation checks may be made out to Kings Mountain React and mailed to the KM Kiwanis Club, our sponsoring agency," Moss said.

The address is Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club, P. O. Box 133, Kings Mountain, N. C., 28086.

React is chartered under the national organization and is endorsed by KM police and local government. The unit members

have already begun nightly patrols in all local neighborhoods. React members are not police officers, Moss said, but "public spirited citizens willing to assist police, rescue and fire departments by reporting trouble in the community."

React operates a base station in offices at the community center. All information is called there and relayed to the proper agency. The React number is 789-9109.

Another service React provides is recurring patrols of neighborhoods to check the homes of citizens away on vacation or for weekends. Citizens may call either React or KM Police to have this service.