

# Citizens Lists Concerns At One-On-One Meeting

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Rev. Howard Shipp said he'd like for his area of town to receive garbage pickup more often and Mayor Moss said a new schedule of garbage pick-up service now in effect should remedy some of these problems.

Leroy Blanton, a member of the KMRC board, praised the mayor and commission for bringing a positive program in the form of Cansler Street Urban Renewal to Kings Mountain and told his neighbors, "You don't find kids in this area now in a sub-standard home and I've talked to many families who have been relocated who also feel this program is a positive program in housing."

Prior to Blanton's remarks, KMRC Executive Director Gene White, had given a progress report on the Cansler Street Project, stating "we're about 90-95 percent complete and all street work is essentially done. I know you're all glad to know there will be no more tearing up of streets."

Street crews will depart on Oct. 15 and will return in March for minor grading and correction of any problems.

"Between now and Oct. 15 please let us know of any problems so that they can be corrected," said the director, who noted there is a little more

grading and sidewalk work to do in the area.

"Don't you think there should have been some of the roads left open," asked Mrs. William Orr, she said there is no through street to Mount Zion Church.

White said the purpose of closing some of the streets was to stop through traffic.

"Motorists were making a throughway of the community," Watterson and Cansler are now the only two thoroughfares.

Mrs. Sara Boyd, of the PHA offices, said that all 290 units of public housing in the city "are full and our only complaint is that young couple have no place to live." Mrs. Boyd said the 40 new units for the elderly and 50 new units for families were good news for the many citizens enjoying these new homes.

Mayor Moss agreed that young marrieds in economic stress and how to bring about affordable housing for them are of "real concern."

Mrs. S. T. Cooke said she wished city would stop parking dump trucks full of trash on City St. on weekends because the "odor is embarrassing to guests."

Mayor Moss commented that when the new Citizens Service Center, (public works facility) is completed on Piedmont Ave. city workers will have ample headquarters, as

well as ample parking facilities for city vehicles.

Hazel Brown of the KMRC staff, said one young person commented to him that "what we need in Kings Mountain instead of a new eating place is a bowling alley and skating rink."

The Mayor responded that the board had submitted plans for a bowling center for a CD grant, but it was not eligible for funding and that voters had turned down a bond request to pay for the proposed

facility some time ago. He said the "bowling alley idea might not be totally dead, but that I have heard owners of rinks say that a skating rink would not be economically feasible in the city."

Mayor Moss told the group that, "although we are running behind schedule on completion of Davidson Park, by spring we should have picnic tables, tennis courts and paved roads in a park you'll be proud of."

Several residents of Parker St. complained

of water pressure and Commissioner Grissom promised he would check into the matter for them.

Mayor Moss called the meeting a "genuine exchange of what we have on our minds," and praised the group for their enthusiastic participation.

William Orr told the council members present, "The only time we see our elected officials is when you want our vote" and challenged them to do as a former mayor, the late Glee A. Brides, did.

"He (Bridges) rode around a lot," said Orr.

The mayor said he would call a meeting together of contractors, developers, and financiers of the area to discuss plans for development of private housing geared for young people.

To a question from Rev. M. L. Campbell, Mayor Moss said that the majority of home sites for private buildings are located in the Cansler Urban area which has, he said, the very best of electrical and city services. He

said he would recommend that the Housing Authority look into

possibility of perimeter areas for additional sites for housing.

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Prior to entering medical school, Herndon received an AB degree from UNC-Chapel Hill. He is now

working toward an MD degree.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Herndon Sr., Herndon is a graduate of Asheville School and is married to the former Barbara Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Wilson of Gastonia.

## Dressmaking, Tailoring Classes Are Scheduled

Clothing construction 11 (dressmaking) and custom sewing (tailoring) classes are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 3 & 4 from 7-10 p. m. at Cleveland Tech's Compact Campus, Kings Mountain.

For further in-

formation, call 482-8351 between 8 a. m.-9 p. m., Monday through Friday. Adults 18 years of age and older are eligible. A \$5 registration fee is payable at the first class meeting. Adults age 65 and older may register free.

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