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ACCEPTING UP DONATION — Pat Cheshire, chairman of the 1978 Kings Mountain United Fund Division Committee, accepts a check for \$12,825 donated by the employees of Spectrum Textured Fibers, Inc. This represents the largest single donation made by individuals within an industry in the recent campaign. The Spectrum employee donation is \$1,500.

higher than last year. Pictured left to right, front row, are Nancy Acuff, Richard Lemberger, Carrie Dixon (presenting check), Vaughn Gardner and Cheshire. Second row, left to right, George Paysour, Alexander Burris Jr., Lynn Dodson and Clifford Brown Jr.

Discussed Tuesday Night

More Kiddie Parks For City?

By TOM McINTYRE
Editor, Mirror-Herald

Kiddie parks, electrical power, electric bills and surface drainage were the subjects citizens of district six were interested in discussing Tuesday night.

The fifth local government one-on-one meeting was held at Trinity Episcopal Church on Phifer Rd. and a large number of citizens turned out to hear and speak.

Jim Baggett of Somerset dr. started the ball rolling with a question to Mayor John Moss concerning the city's plans for "kiddie parks" in the city's subdivisions.

"I understand why the Deal and Davidson Parks get more attention," Baggett said, "but what can we (subdivision residents) expect as far as recreational areas for kids?"

Mayor Moss commented that mini or kiddie parks should be developed within the subdivision in the city. "Hopefully, and I am speaking for the mayor in this, I would like to see

the planning and development of such recreational areas be included in next year's Community Development Fund program. It could be worked through the overall recreation program. There are funds available for this."

The mayor said land acquisition was the biggest problem to overcome; finding the right parcel in the right place for the right money. He said, in answer to a question from Charles Walker of Scotland Dr., that creating a mini-park requires about 160-180 days. "It's getting the property that takes longer for the project to be completed," he said.

The mayor was in Greensboro Tuesday where he toured recreational facilities for that city with its director, Okala Hester. The City of Greensboro, according to Hester, has a recreation budget of \$8,700,000 for this year.

"That city's recreational facilities are impressive," the mayor said. "They have statistics to show that the crime rate had dropped in the areas where recreation was plentiful."

Baggett asked about city plans to take care of the low voltage situation in his area. "I have been before the city board about this," Baggett said. "I still do not have enough power."

Mayor Moss said the Southwood Subdivision will have increased power "and soon. The contracts have been awarded and soon 12,000 KV lines will be in operation in your section."

The mayor said the Southwood section grew much faster than was anticipated and with that growth the 4100 KV system was expanded until it became ineffective at certain times of the day when a lot of power was demanded. He said a substation is not needed in that area because the 12,000 KV transformers on order will take care of the peak demands for power.

Mayor Moss Named State LOM Director

Mayor John Moss was elected Tuesday as a member of the N. C. League of Municipalities Board of Directors.

The election came at the League Convention held in Greensboro. The mayor was one of 10 named to the board. He will be director of District 12, which includes five counties, including Cleveland County.

The mayor was previously named vice chairman of the League Resolution Committee.

Broken Line Gives Muddy Water

A broken water line near the water plant pump station is the reason KMers found muddy water pouring from their faucets Wednesday morning.

The first section of pipe leading from the pump station blew about 1:30 p. m. Tuesday and the city cut off water to the mills and to Bessemer City. The rest of the community was serviced by water

from storage tanks until the pipe was repaired, about 4 a. m. Wednesday.

Full service to the city residences and mills was restored about 7 a. m. Wednesday, but the water remained murky for several hours until fresh water could be pumped from the water plant at Moss Lake into the city.

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"We figure the city crews can install four transformers each day, then do some insulation work and the increased electrical power lines will be in service," Mayor Moss said.

Several citizens had questions about the "high power bills" they receive from the city and especially the high "fuel adjustment charge."

Again the mayor responded. He said the city's rate for electrical service is below that of Duke Power the city's supplier. He said, "The fuel charge is a 'pass-through fee' that is charged to the city and is passed on to the customer. That fee is not charged per kilowat hour by the city."

The mayor said the rate for electrical power from Duke has gone up about 300 percent in the last few years.

Dale and Judy Hendrixon of Amhurst Dr. asked what could be done about the open storm drain bordering their property. They said the drain pipe comes under the road, but ends there and empties water down through the ditch bordering their property. "The water is beginning to wash our lawn away," Dale Hendrixon said, "and on the far end of the ditch, there is an area about seven feet deep where water has washed it out."

The mayor answered, as in past district meetings, that surface drainage is one of the largest single problems facing communities of all sizes. "We do have a surface drainage committee and a small budget to work with," he continued. "So now we are limited in what we can do. We do have a grant approved to work in this area, but as yet we have not been funded to do that work."

On a matter of what the city will do to repair work already done at a property owner's expense, after the city cuts and gutters, repaves and installs drainage on an approved street, the mayor said, "It will be done at no cost to that property owner."

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some action couldn't be taken to get the shopping plaza property cleaned up and what could be done to get curb and guttering on Phifer Rd.

On the first question, Mayor Moss said the codes department will be notified to see the property owners do something about cleaning up the

property.

On the second question the mayor suggested Mrs. Thomasson, who is a Kings Mountain School Board member, get her board to meet with the city's traffic committee to draw a proposal to present to the State Highway Department.

Fright Day In 'Ol KM...

It's good old-fashioned fun!

It's the Kings Mountain Jaycees Haunted House, which opens tomorrow at 6 p. m. at 215 S. Battleground Ave. and runs through Halloween night, Oct. 31.

The former Roses Store has been transformed into something you only see in your nightmares and will be peopled by Frankenstein's monster, the Mummy, the Timberwolf, Dracula and other scary characters.

Tomorrow night some lucky (or unlucky) young lady will arrive at the Mountaineer - South Point football game here with her date for the evening - Count Dracula. She will be treated to a "blood pizza" later at the Pizza Hut.

The jaycees have poured hours and hours of sweat and toil into creating the haunted house and it promises to be entertaining evenings for those who still like to be scared out of their wits.

A \$1.25 will get you in, but if you bring along the 25 cent discount coupon (there's one in today's Mirror-Herald) the Jaycees will let you in for a dollar. There's soft drinks and popcorn available inside.

The Haunted House will be open at 6 p. m. weekdays and 6:30 p. m. Sundays. All proceeds will go into Jaycee community projects, according to general chairman Kemp Mauney.

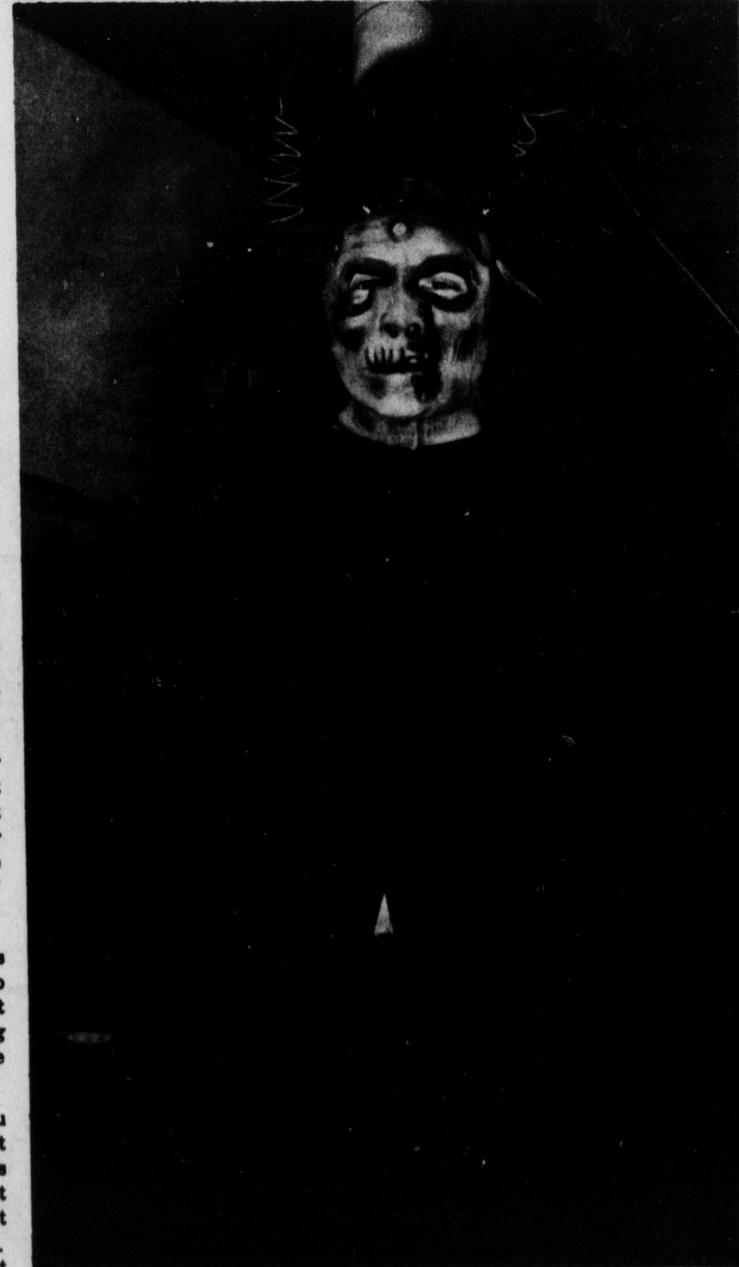


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HELLO, THERE! — Mr. Frankenstein, that classic monster of literature and films, is one of the big attractions at the Jaycee Haunted House (former Roses Store, 215 S. Battleground Ave.) planned for Oct. 21-31.