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Christmas Decorating Contest Set

Got any ideas for Christmas decorations?

Your ideas could be worth cash. The Kings Mountain Appearance Commission is sponsoring a city-wide Christmas Decorating Contest.

First place winners will receive \$26 and second place winners will receive \$15. Winners will be chosen from each of the city's six voting districts.

Mrs. Sarah Faunce, chairperson, invites all area citizens to participate. Originality and good taste will be the criteria used by the out-of-town judges.

Mrs. Steve Rankin of McAdenville will head the judges' committee. Homes will be judged on the evenings of Dec. 20 and Dec. 21.

Second CD Hearing Tuesday

Kings Mountain citizens are encouraged to attend the second Community Development Block Grant public hearing Tuesday night, Dec. 13th, at 7:30 p. m. at City Hall.

Program applications for the fourth-year CD funds will be outlined and new programs which might qualify for HUD guidelines are requested.

The fourth year funds total \$668,000, most of which is already earmarked for continuing community improvement projects including water and sewer expansion, the senior citizens program, recreation facilities at Deal St. and Davidson Parks and Child Care Home-Based Center at the Community Center.

KMMA Banquet Tonight

The annual Kings Mountain Ministerial Association will hold its annual Christmas banquet tonight, beginning at 6 o'clock in the fellowship building at First Baptist Church.

New officers for the coming year will be installed during the business session. Programs for the coming year and committee appointments are also expected to be announced.

Rev. Allen Jolley, minister of music at First Baptist Church, is again in charge of the entertainment portion of the program. He said, "We'll have more of the same we had last year."

On the program were several ministers who play musical instruments and sing performing country-western and blue grass numbers.



Photo By Tom McIntyre

NEW GROVER COUNCIL — Postmaster Fain Hambright officiated at the swearing-in ceremony for the new Grover Town Council Monday night. Pictured here are (standing) Mayor W. W. (Bill) McCarter and (seated, left to right) Commissioners Harold Herndon, Martha Byers, and Tommy Keeter. The latter was named mayor pro-tem at Monday's council meeting.

New Grover Council Seated

By TOM MCINTYRE
Editor, Mirror-Herald

GROVER — The new mayor and board of commissioners took office here Monday night with Postmaster Fain Hambright officiating.

Incumbent Mayor W. W. (Bill) McCarter, commissioners Martha Byers and Tommy Keeter and new commissioner Harold Herndon took the oath and settled down to conduct business.

The council approved recommendations from members of the Grover Fire Department to name Joe Boheler as chief, Forrest Love — assistant chief, Richard Rippey — captain, and Gary Dowda — secretary-treasurer.

Tommy Keeter, the highest vote-getter in the Nov. 8 election, was named mayor pro-tem. Keeter served as second in command during his first two years on the local board.

Other appointments made Monday were Joe Mauney as town attorney; Gloria Horton, town clerk; and the county tax department as collector for the town. Commissioner Byers was named police and fire commissioner; Keeter to continue as water commissioner; Mayor McCarter to continue as treasurer and to serve as cemetery commissioner; and Herndon to serve as Isothermal Planning Commission representative and as street commissioner.

Following a discussion of committee appointments for the next two years; the council decided to contact former chairpeople of the beautification, historical, banking

and recreation committees to serve again.

In order, those chairpersons are Mrs. Martha Scruggs, Mrs. Bessie Harry, Mrs. Peggy Hydel and Phillip Harry.

Mayor McCarter told the council, "I think the council last term was a little unfair with the committee chairmen. We went ahead and appointed the entire committee memberships. I would like to suggest that this time we appoint the chairmen only and allow those people to collect their own committees. It might work much better that way. We did have some problems with the committees because not enough of the members could find the time to work like they should."

The mayor also asked the council to consider forming two new committees for the coming terms: a land acquisition committee and an economic improvement committee. The mayor said he felt the two committees could work closely together.

"The land acquisition committee would keep data on available land in the community for possible park construction and could have information the economic improvement committee would need for possible new business or industry that might wish to locate here," McCarter said.

In other business, the council voted to take over the expense of purchasing uniforms and some equipment for Deputy Sheriff Gary Benton, who serves the town as police officer.

Benton had asked the board to purchase him a new pair of shoes, an expense the county had paid for until recently. The county supplies officers with one pair of duty shoes each year as part of the benefits. That expense now falls to Grover.

The board voted to increase the monthly salary paid to Ronald Queen from \$150 to \$180, with the understanding that more pay will be considered when the 1978-79 budget is prepared.

Queen removes, installs and repairs water meters for the town. He also runs checks on the town's wells, pumps and storage tank and is responsible for reading water meters.

Commissioner Keeter said, "Queen pays Clyde Wray \$40 per month to handle the meter readings. This takes two or three hours each month. Queen spends approximately 22 hours each month on his duties, but is on call 24-hours each day for emergencies."

Following discussions on naming an inspector for newly installed wall, ceiling and floor insulation to comply with state law on Jan. 1, 1978, the council instructed Mayor McCarter to get prices the county inspection department would charge Grover residents to handle these inspections.

The mayor said the county inspection department would not handle just insulation inspections, but all phases such as electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning as well.

Rescue Squad Franchise Now In Effect Here

Franchise agreements between the county's existing rescue squads and the county went into effect Monday following approval by the county commissioners.

The commissioners received applications from two Kings Mountain squads, the existing Kings Mountain Rescue Squad and the Kings Mountain Emergency Services, a new squad which has been trying to organize for the past several months. Applications were received in October.

However, commissioners pointed out, KMES does not yet have the necessary equipment to provide ambulance service.

The commissioners were urged by county manager Joe Hendrick to appoint a committee to study ambulance service rates, fees, schedules and other charges and methods of collecting for ambulance services. Currently the KM Rescue Squad, through the county, charges \$20 per trip.

Ambulance services that are not adequately manned by volunteers

will be supplemented by paid personnel, Hendrick noted. The KM squad currently has three full-time employees who also serve as volunteers after working hours.

Commissioners may void a franchise if an ambulance service is not giving adequate service and may also control the limit of ambulances, control rates, schedules and expenses.

An ambulance service must give 60 days written notice before discontinuing or altering service.

The commissioners pointed out that it now becomes unlawful to operate an ambulance service with a franchise. Violators can be fined up to \$50 and receive a 10-day jail sentence.

Early Mailing Is Urged

Napoleon Chisholm, officer in-charge at Kings Mountain Post Office, suggested this week that citizens begin mailing Christmas greetings cards and parcels now to avoid a last minute rush.

The postal service has committed itself to clearing mail from post offices by Christmas Day, even though the mail volume will increase tremendously by mid-December.

"In view of the excellent cooperation received from early mailers so far this year," Chisholm said, "we are confident that holiday mail deposited immediately will be delivered in time for Christmas."

Chisholm said the local postal employees are "doing an extraordinary job of processing and delivering the large holiday volume of mail with dispatch and efficiency. The public can help further by mailing early."

The window at the post office will be open Sat., Dec. 10 and 17 from 8:30 a. m. until 4 p. m. to assist citizens.

Band Concert Is Next Week

The Kings Mountain Junior High eighth grade band and ninth grade band, and the KM Senior High Blazer Band will present a concert on Thurs., Dec. 15 at 8 p. m. at B. N. Barnes Auditorium.

The program will include traditional band and seasonal music. It will be conducted by Donald Deal and Christopher Cole.

There is no admission charge and the entire public is invited to attend.