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Mayor Moss To Make Appointment

Airport Representative Okayed

The city commission Monday night authorized Mayor John Henry Moss to appoint a representative to a regional airport feasibility committee which will also include representatives from Gaston County and Gastonia.

Mayor Moss said the study committee will report their findings in 120 days.

The feasibility of a regional airport, to be located in area "bordering" Kings Mountain, was the major item of discussion on a 60-minute agenda.

City commissioners had several months ago appointed a local committee to consider airport feasibility in the Kings Mountain area. Members of the committee include Dr. Frank Sincox, Tommy Bridges, J. C. Bridges, William Crissom, James Childers and Mayor Moss, ex officio.

Reporting from the meeting, Tommy Bridges told the board that representatives from Kings Mountain, the City of Gastonia and Gaston County Board of Commissioners met last Thursday night in Gastonia to explore the airport ideas. He said "an airport a little bigger than the one in Shelby or the present airport in Gastonia" is being considered. He said that several locations are under consideration and the Mayor noted that these include one adjacent to U.S. 74 just east of the city, another northwest and one in the northeast of Gaston County.

Comm. Humes Houston interjected, "I'd hate for an airport to be on the other side of Gastonia," to which Tommy Bridges responded, "That's out of the question because of the location of Douglas Municipal Airport."

Mayor Moss said funding for the project would be 95 percent federal.

Comm. Jim Childers asked if the airport considered would be "in the Lear jet range or transport?" to which Mayor Moss replied, "bordering" and Bridges concurred that "we believe it will include some of

the small airlines and will depend upon what the federal government feels."

"The location of the airport would be most accessible to Kings Mountain," said the mayor.

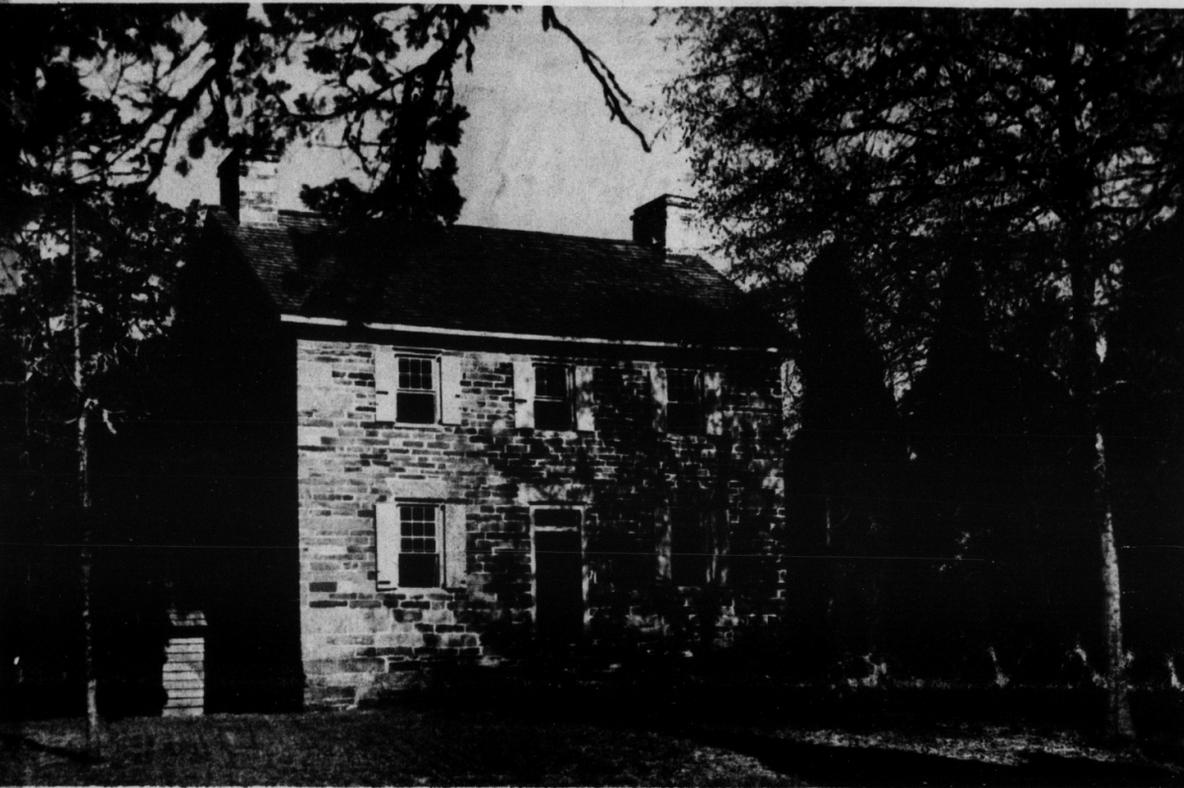
In other actions, The board accepted grant award in the amount of \$29,640.00 for Title V Older Americans Act for the period Mar. 13, 1978 to Sept. 30, 1978, from North Carolina Department of Human Resources. The funds will be used for enlargement of the Kings Mountain Depot Center and purchase of equipment, said Rev. Kenneth George, director of the Program for Aging.

The board authorized advertising for bids for a 15 inch gravity sewer line outfall from Cansler St. to Parker St., renewing the oldest line in the city which begins at Parker.

The board approved change orders for the new City Hall for materials and labor totaling \$4,687.61 on recommendation of City Engineer Al Moretz. The changes include specific hardware, vision panels with wireglass for the fire department.

The board approved a no parking sign on the north side of Maner Road between Phifer Road and the first driveway on recommendation of Acting Police Chief Jackie Barrett who said that students are creating traffic problems by parking on both sides of the street. Entrance to a nearby plant and a driveway are being blocked by the cars.

The board referred to the Planning and Zoning Board two rezoning requests; from neighborhood business to general business lot at the northwest corner of intersection of Linwood Road and Cleveland Avenue, from A. G. Story, representing Ray Webb Lutz, owner. Request stated rezoning was for a fast-foods restaurant adjacent to the In & Out Store on Cleveland Ave.; and property of Etta B. Gilliland from R-10 to R-20, located at northwestern corner of Roxford Road and U. S. 74 West.



Howser House in Kings Mountain National Military Park

Mike Lovelace Will Host

Rotarians To Tour Historic Site

School Board Approves \$5,549,000 1978 Budget

By GARY STEWART Mirror-Herald Reporter

The Kings Mountain District Board of Education Monday night approved a budget of \$5,549,000 for the 1978-79 school year.

The amount represents about a 9.9 percent increase over the current school year.

The budget now will be presented to the county commissioners for their approval.

The current expense budget totals \$1,692,336 compared to \$1,539,587 for the current year.

About \$1,600 of the increase will go toward materials and expense money for all schools to gain accreditation and about \$29,000 more

for approximately 4,200 library books needed to bring each school's library up to state and Southern Association standards.

Another new item in the budget calls for \$3,000 to begin an audio visual equipment repair service. In the past, Supt. Bill Davis said, such repair money has had to come from instructional supply funds.

Salary increases, he said, would be around six to eight percent both from the state and local supplements. Salary increases for all personnel will total about \$47,000.

Other major increases, all due to increased inflation rates, include \$18,000 for operation of plants, \$9,500 for utilities, \$4,000 for janitorial supplies; \$41,000 for maintenance of

buildings, and \$38,000 for three new school buses.

In other business, the board:

Received copies of the high school yearbook from co-advisor Joe Rountree, who said cost of the book was \$10,000 all raised through sell of the book, advertising and concession stand profits.

Heard a report on the Presidential Classroom Program by KMHS senior Kenny Boheler, who attended the program Feb. 25-March 4 in Washington.

Heard a presentation from Asst. Supt. Bill Bates on the ESEA Title I project for the 1978-79 school year. Bates said the remedial reading program for disadvantaged students will receive \$189,000 compared to \$153,000 for the current year. The extra money will go toward hiring one additional teacher aide at both West and Grover, giving the system three instructors and 17 aides.

Was told by Bates that the system will receive \$24,000 from Public Law 874, a program to reimburse schools for tax money lost because of students who live in government low rent housing.

Was told by director of instruction Howard Bryant that next year's vocational program will be essentially the same as this year. The masonry program, he said, which now is a half-time program, will be phased out because masonry "is dwindling away."

Was told by Bryant that kindergarten enrollment next year will probably be less than the current enrollment of 311. As of now 236 students have screened but Bryant

Superintendent Mike Lovelace will host members of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club at the National Military Park at noon on Thursday.

The special Rotary meeting will feature a tour of the Historic Henry Howser House at the north edge of Kings Mountain National Military Park.

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through the house describing the architectural and historical story. The bus will return to the Country Club by 1:15.

In the event of rain, the program will be held at the Country Club and Historical Architect Ron Bishop of the National Park Service will present a slide program about the preservation of the Howser House.

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During 1977, the National Park Service carried out initial rehabilitation of the house to provide urgently needed stabilization and protection. Before further research and restoration is undertaken, the Service is seeking public participation in planning appropriate future use of the house.

Towards this end, a planning workshop will be held in the meeting room of the Kings Mountain National Military Park Headquarters (the old museum) at 9:30 a. m., Fri. The workshop will conclude at noon. The public is cordially invited to share concerns and ideas as to what direction should the next step be in the use and restoration of the Howser House.

The workshop will be informal and will begin with a tour through the Howser House conducted by costumed park interpreters. Professional architects and historians will be on hand to answer questions. Transportation between Park Headquarters and the Howser House will be provided.

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Spring Festival Set

Central School's big Spring festival will open Friday at 5 p. m. with events on tap until 8 p. m.

Sixth and Seventh graders were at work this week planning for sales, cake sales, a baby show, room, plant sales, and goodies, with all proceeds earmarked for school projects underway in the various departments of the elementary school.

A Christmas Room and Arts and Crafts Room are filled with gifts the young people have been making since January. Macrame items, ceramic gift items, trees and hundreds of crafts suitable for gift-giving will be featured. Hotdog plates are available at \$1.00 from any student and donations are being asked with free drawings

Church Program

David Baptist Church Senior Citizens will sponsor a hot dog sale, bake sale, and rummage sale Saturday from 9 a. m. until 3 p. m. in the David Church Fellowship Hall on U. S. 74 West.

The 35 members of the Senior Citizens Club are also baking their specialty-homemade fried apple pies - which will also be available. All proceeds are earmarked for an overnight trip the Senior Citizens plan this summer.

Field-Based G-W Program

Kings Mountain District Schools and Gardner-Webb College has set Aug. 22 for tentative opening of a field-based college program in Kings Mountain following a meeting Wednesday morning of leaders of the business and school community.

Dr. Larry Sale and Dr. Bob Knott, both of the G-W faculty, outlined how local adults who have had some college experience, one-year-two-year or with A. A. degrees, can return to school during evening classes and obtain bachelor's degrees in business administration, criminal justice, early childhood

education and intermediate education.

The program, called GOAL (greater opportunity for adult learners) would also feature specialized continuing education programs for adults who are not interested in degree work but who are interested in improving their skills on-the-job or in enrichment courses.

Purpose of the program is to give local adults the chance to complete college degree requirements in the evening at a reduced rate, without

traveling to the campus at Bowling Springs.

Students would attend classes here on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday evenings weekly from 6 until 9 p. m. and cost for 12 semester hours of work four days a week would be \$27.50, reduced from \$40 because students can receive a \$150 legislative grant in the evening college program. The evening college goal program cost is \$40 per semester hour, while the tuition for day students on the

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