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Under \$208,040.39 Grant

Projects Mean Jobs

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A dozen projects involving water and sewer, sidewalk construction flood control and recreation improvements are slated to begin around June 1 in Kings Mountain.

These projects are being funded by Title 6, Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, U. S. Department of Labor under a \$208,040.39 grant.

Working through the Employment Security Offices in Kings Mountain and Shelby, a total of 87 jobs will be filled to handle the projects.

"This program will bring more benefits to the community in the form of improvements not covered under other state and federal

programs," said Mayor John H. Moss. "This program will provide employment for the hard-core unemployed and will improve their economic well-being."

The mayor, who worked for a year and a half with his staff on this grant, said, "The program and those involved will be based and operated from the old public works site on City St."

The city was notified of the program last Thursday and the board of commissioners approved accepting the grant at Monday night's meeting.

Program Two, dealing with flood control, will be subject to three public hearings. The first hearing is set for 7:30 p. m. Thursday at city hall. Commissioner Humes Houston, chairman of the city's surface

drainage and flood control committee, will preside. With him will be Commissioners Norman King and Bill Grissom, committee members.

The second public hearing is 7:30 p. m. Tues., June 6 and the third hearing at 7:30 p. m. Mon., June 12.

The flood control program includes cleaning and clearing major streams within the city designated as flood zones. This will eliminate obstructions that block and restrict stream flow.

The program also calls for construction of rip-rap to contain flood waters and minor piping in critical locations to reduce erosion. Included also is flood control piping in areas that receive large quantities of surface water, but where definite stream channels do not exist.

Program One includes installation of 3,100 lineal feet of 15 inch sewer collector line and 2,200 lineal feet of 12 inch line from the Parker and Gaston Sts. intersection to the Cansler St. outfall line.

Project two calls for installing a 12 inch sanitary sewer collector from Fulton St. to the Cansler St. interceptor. And project three, connections of various water lines within the city to improve water distribution and equalize water pressure.

The sewer collector lines will replace old lines which are approximately 50-years old and badly deteriorated.

Under recreation improvements, the grant program calls for two softball fields, two little league fields, two training league baseball fields and a 400-space parking facility at Deal St. Park.

It also calls for landscaping, plantings, fence and play equipment installations at both Deal St. and Davidson Parks.

Sidewalk construction is slated for both sides of E. Gold St. from Battleground Ave. to York Rd.; along Watterson and Mitchell Sts. from Morris to Waco Rd. to Davidson Park; and along the Kings Mountain-Grover Rd. from Chesterfield Cr. to Fulton Rd.

The Mirror-Herald is running an ad today and again Thursday giving employment details for these projects. The program calls for hiring 87 employees for 17 weeks work beginning June and ending Sept. 30, 1978.

To be employed will be a project administrator, a custodian, surveyor-inspectors, foremen, equipment operators, pipelayers, laborers, clerical secretaries, maintenance persons, painters and mechanics.



A WINNING POSTER — Rep. James Broyhill displays the poster which won Timothy Scott McDaniel, Kings Mountain Senior High tenth grader, second prize in the National Maritime Poster Contest.

KM Depot Center Expansion Begins

Work began last week on an extension of the Kings Mountain Depot Center under a Title 5 — Older Americans Act grant.

Rev. Kenneth George, coordinator of the city's aging program and manager of the depot center, said, "Our program for senior citizens has received a grant of \$29,460 for this project."

Rev. George said included in the plans is a 34 foot extension of the north end of the center and construction of a new deck like the one being torn down.

"We will expand the dining area facilities to remove tables from the sunken lounge area at the center," Rev. George said. "This area where the fireplace was constructed has always been planned for use as a lounge. It will have comfortable furnishings, a color TV and game

tables." The center will also be "winterized" with the addition of storm doors and windows to make use of the center more feasible during the cold months. Another addition will be steam tables and serving tables for the dining area. Another men's restroom will be added and equipment is being purchased for the health care room.

Rev. George said there will be some minor repair work also included in the project. He said city employees are going to handle the reservations.

"We are expanding our operation under this grant in order to reach more elderly people 60-years old and above in the community," he said. "We reach many senior citizens now, but we want to reach all of them that's possible."

Former Resident Heads State Bankers

H. L. (Jack) Ruth Jr., senior vice president of Southern National Bank of N. C., Lumberton, has been elected president of the North Carolina Bankers Association.

He succeeds John A. Forlines Jr., chairman and president of the Bank of Granite, Granite Falls.

Ruth is a native of Kings Mountain, where he graduated from high school in 1949. He is a graduate of Davidson College where he served as president of the student body, on the varsity football team, belonged to Omicron Delta Kappa leadership fraternity, and Beta Theta Pi social fraternity.

He began his banking career in 1953 as management trainee with American Trust Company in Charlotte and was vice president of the National Division of North Carolina National Bank, the successor bank, when he resigned at the end of 1965 to join Southern National Bank as vice president and city executive of the Fayetteville office. In 1969 he moved to the headquarters office in Lumberton as senior vice president.

The new NCBA president is a former president of the NCBA Young Bankers Division and headed the North Carolina School of Banking at UNC-Chapel Hill. Active in church and civic affairs, he is a commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S., an elder and Sunday School teacher in Lumberton's First Presbyterian Church, and a trustee of Queens College, Charlotte.

Ruth and his wife, the former Betty Kate Jones of Greenwood, S. C., have three children: Libby, who graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill this year; Trip a sophomore at Davidson; and David, a freshman at UNC-Wilmington.

Election of officers of the association came at the banking association's 82nd annual convention in Pinehurst. In addition to Ruth, other officers of the association elected today are W. L. Burns, Jr., president-elect, president of Central Carolina Bank & Trust Company, Durham; Plato P. Pearson Jr., vice president, president, Independence National Bank, Gastonia; and John B. (Jack) Harris Jr., treasurer, president, State Bank of Raleigh, Raleigh, for a two-year term. The association's executive vice president is Harry Gatton of Raleigh; Alvah D. Fuqua Jr., also of Raleigh, is vice - president-administrative; A. P. Carlton Jr., Raleigh, is counsel; Mrs. Cornelia McInnes of Raleigh is assistant vice president - publications.



H. L. (JACK) RUTH JR.

Postal Rates Are Going Up

Postal rates are going up, effective Sunday, May 29, at 12:01 a. m.

Kings Mountain Postmaster Fred Weaver said the rate for first class letters will be 15 cents, instead of 13 cents, and the rate for postal cards will be ten cents each, instead of nine.

There will be major changes in the manner of computing second class postage, said Weaver, and for bulk or third class mailing used by non-profit organizations the rate will be up from 2.1 to 2.4, said Postmaster Weaver.

Whitfield To Head KM Theatre

Cliff Whitfield, Central school teacher and President-Elect of the NCAE Chapter of Kings Mountain Schools, has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre for the coming year.

He succeeds Mrs. Aubrey Mauney.

Other new officers are Connie Putnam, vice-president; Mary Greene, secretary; and Joe Ann McDaniel, treasurer. Members of the board of directors are Jim Champion, Bryant Grier, Sylvia Holmes, Joe Ann Newcomb, Mary Neisler, and Lisa Whitfield.

Members at the general meeting last Thursday night voted to hold regular meetings once a month on first Thursdays at 8 p. m. at Park Grace Auditorium.

Sylvia Holmes and Jim Champion were elected directors of upcoming plays. Mrs. Holmes will direct a children's play to be staged next year and Mr. Champion will direct the second play of the year which members will choose at later meetings.

Poppy Day To Benefit Vet Projects

Annual Poppy Day for benefits of veterans projects will be conducted by members of Otis D. Green Unit 155 American Legion Auxiliary this Memorial Day weekend.

Members will be on downtown streets and at the two shopping centers all day Friday and Saturday offering the red memorial poppy to the public and inviting them to wear the poppy on labels in memory of veterans. The poppies are made by hospitalized veterans in Veterans Administration hospitals in the state.

Chairman of the drive is Mrs. Orangel Jolly. All proceeds will be used locally for veterans and their families.

Do You Have Job Offering? Contact The Mayor's Office

Help wanted! It's a phrase that is customarily used when a job opening is in need of an applicant.

Presently, however, the Mayor's Committee on Summer Youth Employment and the Kings Mountain and Shelby Offices of the Employment Security Commission are using this call for aid in a different manner — to solicit job openings for area youth this summer.

"We're all too familiar with the depressing statistics on youth unemployment," said Franklin L. Ware, Shelby Job Service Manager. "North Carolina is no different from the rest of the nation in that joblessness among young people is currently about twice that for the total population."

Ware cited ESC figures for March, 1978, which reveal an overall statewide jobless rate of 4.5 percent. Unemployment among Tar Heel Youth (16-19) for the same month registered 12.8 percent.

"On top of this," Ware said, "more than 100,000 students and graduates will be entering the State's labor force in May and June searching for permanent and summer jobs. As the public employment service, our task is to try and match applicants with jobs; but right now it looks like the demand is exceeding the supply."

In this regard, the Mayor's Committee on the Summer Youth Employment Program has teamed up with the ESC and other State Government Agencies, including the Governor's office and the Departments of Commerce and Natural and Economic Resources, to launch a coordinated appeal for jobs from employers. Letters from State Officials, Radio Public Service Spots

Congressman Jim Broyhill today announced that Timothy Scott McDaniel of 511 Landing St., Kings Mountain, is the second-prize winner of the National Maritime Poster Contest.

Tim is a tenth grade student at Kings Mountain Senior High School and will receive a \$25 U. S. Savings Bond as his prize. The theme of this year's poster contest was "Ship American — It Costs No More."

Each year, as part of a joint industry - government program to bring about a greater awareness of the importance of U. S. cargo ships

and shipbuilding in all 50 states, the National Maritime Poster Contest is conducted to inform high school students on the American Merchant Marine's vital role in commerce and defense.

Hundreds of students from across the country participated in this year's contest. The grand prize winner was Tom Umholtz of Snyder, New York. He received a \$500 check and a free trip to Washington.

Throughout the years over 145,000 high school students in every state of the Union have participated in the poster program.

and TV messages carry the same theme to North Carolina business leaders — "Provide job opportunities for youth, and list these openings with the ESC."

Ware concludes, "We hear commencement speakers on the one hand lauding our kidd as the leaders of tomorrow, while social critics condemn juvenile delinquency and idleness on the other. The answer in each case is jobs."

Mayor John Henry Moss and Co-

chairman Franklin Ware, ESC, and Rev. M. L. Campbell; and the committee ask that employers wishing to submit job orders contact one of the following numbers:

Mayor John Henry Moss, City Hall, 739-3563.
Kings Mountain Office of the Employment Security Commission — 739-6681.

Shelby Office of the Employment Security Commission — 482-7741

Rev. Bryant Delivers Baccalaureate Sermon

Rev. Gary Bryant, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to 242 graduating seniors Sunday night at 8 o'clock in B. N. Barnes Auditorium.

Commencement exercises will be held on June 1 at 8 p. m. in John Gamble Memorial Stadium.

Other ministers of the community will participate on the program. Rev. Howard Shipp will give the invocation. Rev. Alfred Wright will read the scripture. Rev. Eugene Land will introduce the speaker and Rev. Eddie Lockhart will pronounce the benediction.

The Kings Mountain Senior High Choir, under the direction of Mrs. J. N. McClure, will sing "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" and two anthems "For the Beauty of God" and "One God" to feature the religious service.

Seniors will present the program at finals exercises next Thursday, June 1, and diplomas will be presented.



REV. GARY BRYANT