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\$14,266 For Repairs

Housing Rehabilitation Contracts Are Awarded

The first two housing rehabilitation contracts for 1979 were awarded Monday night by the city commissioners.

General repair work will be done on the homes of Lillie Mae Collins, 316 Walnut St., and Cinda Taylor, No. 2 Bennett Dr.

Arnold Gordon-Wright, housing rehab administration assistant, told the commissioners a second set of bids were received Jan. 12 on the Collins property. The first bids were in excess of the \$7,500 allotment under rehab guidelines.

The board voted to award the Collins home contract to Calvin Huffman on a bid of \$7,040.

Wright said one courtesy bid and two full bids were received Jan. 12 on the Taylor property project. He said both Hodges Home Improvement and Tom Summitt bids were in excess of the \$7,500 and the project was renegotiated with both bidders.

The contract was awarded to Hodges of Bessemer City for \$7,228.

In other action Monday night, the commissioners okayed the purchase of 20 pocket monitors from Cleveland County Emergency Services for use by the Kings Mountain Fire Department.

Cost of the 20 units is \$8,947. Mayor John Moss said once the monitors are issued, telephone service to contact firefighters will be discontinued.

The board also voted to receive bids for further review from four North and South Carolina firms on water pipe and fittings for extending the water system on E. Gold St.

The firms bidding include Davis Meter and Supply of Columbia, S. C., Municipal Utility and Supply of Asheville, Pico Supply and ITT-Grinnell Corp., both of Charlotte.

Commissioners voted to approve two rezoning requests following brief public hearings Monday and voted to forward two other rezoning requests to the city planning and zoning board.

Rezoning petitions approved were from Richard Ware and Roy E. Bridges. Ware's lot at Linwood Rd. and Cleveland Ave. will be rezoned from NB to GB. Bridges' lot, adjacent to Ware, is 802 Cleveland Ave. Rezoning is from NB to GB.

Forwarded to the planning and zoning board were requests from Herald Publishing House and James E. and William Herndon.

Herald Publishing House requested rezoning of property at E. King St. and Canterbury Rd. from R-8 to LI. The Herndon brothers requested rezoning from R-6 to R-10 a tract off Waco Rd. and Carpet Lane west of the city limits.

These two items are expected to be on tonight's planning and zoning board meeting agenda.

The board also:
- Approved placing no parking signs on the south side of Owens St. between York Rd. and the dead-end, as recommended by City Engineer Alvin Moretz and Acting Police Chief J. D. Barrett.

- Approved a turn-around at the end of Pine View Dr. as called for in a 1976 plat, rather than complete a through street connecting with

Bridges Dr.
Mayor Moss told the board "due to questions by the architect on technical aspects of the community center re-roofing bids," discussion and action of awarding the contract had to be removed from Monday's agenda. He said the business should be cleared up shortly and "may be the subject of a called meeting in the next few days."

After School Hours Are Set For Parents

KMSHS Guidance Department will offer after school hours for parents who work during the day to visit them for information on meeting college costs.

D. B. Blalock, guidance counselor, said parents desiring this service on Monday and Wednesday evening from 7:30 until 9:30 p. m. are invited to call 739-4318, the number of the Guidance Department at Kings Mountain Senior High School.

Mr. Blalock said that information and application forms have been made available to senior students through the guidance department and also to homeroom teachers of senior students.

"Most families", explained

Blalock, "are eligible for some type financial benefits. A family with less than \$8,000 annual income is eligible for low interest loans."

Other financial aid, according to Blalock, comes in the form of grants, work-study programs, guaranteed summer employment, scholarships, etc.

Eligibility is determined by one of two forms, the Financial Aid Form and the Family Financial statement. To receive the greatest benefit from some of these sources of financial aid the FAF or EFS should be mailed before Feb. 28. After this date, some funds are limited.

Mr. Blalock said that information supplied on the form is confidential.

Ms. Page Shares Tour Adventures

A former Kings Mountain woman, Laura Page, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Page, planned and conducted for Adventures International a tour of The People's Republic of China Sept. 30-Oct. 24.

Miss Page will share a travelogue of her trip with interested Kings Mountain citizens Saturday night at 7:30 p. m. in First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall.

The trip was especially designed by Miss Page, who is on the staff of the Atlanta, Ga. travel agency, for the Young Careers Committee of the High Museum of Art Members Guild of Atlanta. The group visited Japan and China with stops in Tokyo, Kamakura, Hakone, Kyoto, Peking, Sian, Loyang, Shanghai, Kowangchow and Hong Kong.

Miss Page, a graduate of Meredith College in Raleigh, has traveled extensively. She taught school in Okinawa and Germany for several years, took two safaris to Africa,

and formerly worked with American Express Co., also in Atlanta.



LAURA PAGE



ALL-STATERS - These Kings Mountain High juniors and seniors will participate in the South Central District All-State band clinic Friday and Saturday at Shelby High. Front row, left to right, are Jeff Campbell,

Tracy Baumgardner, Keith Holt, Beverly Bell and Eric Barnett. Back row, Elizabeth McGill, Joni Wright, Julie Phifer, Kenny Vance, Cindy Wells and Mark Hullender. Not pictured, Kim Dixon.



MORE ALL-STATERS - These junior and senior high students will participate in the South Central District All-State band clinic Friday and Saturday in

Shelby Left to right, are Jeff Ward, Eric Myers, Leigh Mauney, Stacy Rhea and Henry Clark.

Photos By Gary Stewart

For March Of Dimes Sunday Campaign Set

Sunday is Mother's March in Kings Mountain and women of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 155 will conduct a neighbor-to-neighbor fund raising campaign against birth defects.

The drive begins at 2 p. m., but some canvassers will be calling on contributors throughout the week, said Mrs. J. D. Barrett, drive chairman and president of Unit 155.

Team captains for the fund drive are Mrs. Orangel Jolly, Mrs. Rachel Ledford, Mrs. Betty Hampton, Mrs. Helen Yates, Mrs. Betty Beattie and Mrs. Dottie Southwell.

Mrs. Nancy Reis, coordinator for the National Foundation March of Dimes Appalachian Valley Chapter at Western Carolina Center at Morganton, said that funds raised during the 1978 campaign helped fund local educational programs in the junior and senior high schools. Cleveland Memorial Hospital

nursing education units, materials for the health departments' maternity clinics, and equipment for the Upper Cleveland County Rescue Squad to enable them to transport high risk infants to higher level hospitals such as Charlotte Memorial or Duke.

Monies raised here also support national and state research grants for doctors and scientists studying birth defects, as well as basic research.

In 40 years the March of Dimes has invested upwards of \$150 million in research alone. The Salk Institute in San Diego was built by the funds raised by March of Dimes volunteers. The National Foundation March of Dimes continues to give \$1 million each year to the Institute where Dr. Jones Salk and his many colleagues continue their battle

North Carolina ranks third highest in the nation in infant mortality with

only Mississippi and Alabama having a higher infant death rate. Cleveland ranks in the top five counties in North Carolina in infant death rate, according to the Cleveland County Health Department.

Mrs. Reis pointed out that more than 250,000 babies are born each year in the United States with birth defects, 50,000 of these with markedly low birth weight. These babies, she continued, are at risk because their organs are too immature to function properly and many die before end of their first year.

The March of Dimes, according to Mrs. Reis, supports programs of medical services, genetic services, research, community service and public and professional health education to help accomplish its goal - a healthy start for every newborn.

Development Director Discusses Needs

"Kings Mountain needs a sound economic development strategy."

That's what Jerry King, executive director of the Kings Mountain Development Office, told the board of directors of First Citizens Bank and Trust last week.

King told the local directors that first "we need to see ourselves in the Metrolina area as one economy which is tremendously interdependent."

He said an interrelated economy involves having sufficient utilities of various kinds and the taking of public as well as private action to insure those utilities are made available.

"We must have a well-targeted cooperative industrial expansion

program," King continued. "And we must have a business climate that is receptive to expansion and that encourages confidence among corporate leaders."

King said he feels more recession-proof, clean industries this area can accommodate with resources available should be targeted. And he said there must be an open door policy and enthusiastic welcoming to prospects.

Existing businesses and industries are not to be ignored in the quest for new business and industrial prospects, King told the directors. "Half of the new jobs created each year are done through expansion of existing business and industry," he said.

A business assistance division has been created within the N. C. Department of Commerce to help existing business and industry.

"We must forge new links in the chain of public and private cooperation," King said. "Links such as business councils on arts and humanities, science and technology, government productivity and management."

"We must look to the whole field of preparation of young people and others with vocational training in high schools and community colleges," King said.

The development director urged concern for the quality of life in the community, the attitudes and values of its people. He said we must have

a balanced growth, because the small cities are the new frontiers, where the action is today, where people are moving to, where the jobs are being created.

"When we speak of balanced growth," King said, "growth and economic development, we are speaking of large, complex issues and understanding the issues is a long, hard process."

Since April 1978, the development office has been heavily involved in assisting businesses and industry interested in relocating. Since its inception the development office has assisted, in various capacities, Knit Sales Outlet, McDonald's, Thermacote - Welco, listing industrial acreage, a proposed five-story

apartment complex, RLJ (Cattletown, USA) Steak House, contractors for the city's housing rehabilitation program, Independence National Bank branch, Mirror-Herald expansion plans and other industries as yet unannounced.

King's office has also worked with the FHA to get loans for local residents to rehabilitate homes, helping to organize courses in area schools geared to local industry needs, working with home construction developers and with the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission.

Outside the city, King has worked with plant location corporations and engineering firms and construction firms of international and national reputation.



JERRY L. KING
... KM Development Director