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KM Redevelopment Commission

Going Out Of Business

If plans go according to schedule the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission will go out of business in October 1979.

Gene White, executive director of the redevelopment commission, appeared before the city board at a special meeting Tuesday seeking approval for the end of operations schedule.

"I think there must be a religious connotation connected with this," White told the board, "because everyone who has heard the plan has said 'Thank God.'"

The redevelopment commission has scheduled conclusion of the R-96 Urban Renewal Project (Cansler St.

area) by September and the R-84 (central business district) project by October of this year.

"This is one government project that will be completed," White told the board. "And I am pleased to report the commission business will be closed out in good financial condition."

White assured the commissioners the city would not suffer any deficit and that should any aspect of the redevelopment program be left undone in October that the government agency would see to it the loose ends are tied up.

"We are working toward an or-

derly closeout," White said. "The city will find it is in a surplus situation, also. How much we should be able to determine in the next couple of weeks. I also think that HUD will look even more favorably on Kings Mountain in future dealings because of the success of this project."

White and Carl F. Maoney have been invited by Mayor John Moss to appear before the board of commissioners in the future to give an update report on all of the accomplishments of the redevelopment commission since its inception.

Electrical Contract Is Let

In a special meeting at noon Tuesday, the city commissioners accepted bids and awarded a contract for electrical work on the sludge facilities at the Ellison Water Treatment Plant.

The three bids accepted by the board have been held in abeyance since last August, according to Ralph Johnson of the W.K. Dickson Co., the city's consultant engineers.

"We recommend the contract be awarded Modern Electric Co. of

Statesville on their bid of \$16,983," Johnson said. "Then I have a change order I would like the board to consider."

The change order, accepted by the board, increases the Modern Electric bid to \$22,112.39. The added \$5,129.39 comes because there is an additional building on the site to be wired.

Johnson said the sludge treatment facility has been redesigned four times since the beginning and the

final plans, which were done to eliminate several costly factors not vital to the operation, includes an additional building.

"We have talked with Modern and they say the bid they made last August is still firm price-wise," Johnson said. "But the extra materials, labor and taxes will come to over \$5,000."

The other two bidders were Bryant Electric Co. of Gastonia (\$26,320) and Austin Electric Co. of Charlotte (\$27,775). Johnson said, in answer to a question from Commissioner James Dickey, that the Dickson figures in the estimates were closer to the figures submitted by both Bryant and Austin.

"But, we have checked back with Modern and their officials say their low bid is what they intended. I would say they just gave you a very good deal."

In other action, the board authorized Mayor John Moss to negotiate a lease for property from

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Seniors Must Have 15 Units To Graduate

Students who graduate from Kings Mountain Senior High are now required to complete 15 units, Principal Forest Wheeler pointed out to members of the Kings Mountain District Schools; Vocational Advisory Council on Monday.

Principal Wheeler, Myers Hambricht, Vocational Director, and Mrs. Carolyn McWhirter, Vocational guidance counselor, expressed themselves as well pleased with the recent Vocational and Academic Orientation Day in which more than 300 rising 10th graders participated at the high school, where they were informed of 48 different courses being offered for next year and at least a dozen areas of vocational training, including agriculture, home economics, Distributive Education, Industrial Cooperative Training, auto mechanics, drafting, cosmetology, welding, woodworking and crafts, among others. There are also 11 different subjects available in office occupations, they said.

Mrs. Betty Gamble, Miss Jacke Lavender and Myers Hambricht coordinated the program along with Librarian Sarah Griffin who assisted academic teachers in displaying materials in the library for teachers to instruct visitors in the various subjects offered in the curriculum.

Supt. William Davis said he was also impressed with the recent Orientation Day and is equally impressed with the level of community supports to the public schools, acknowledging the gift of \$2,000 from the KM Bi-Centennial Commission for landscaping of KMSHS and KM Junior High grounds. He said a landscape architect would begin drawing up master projects for the landscaping in the next few days. Supt. Davis also acknowledged gift of \$2,000 worth of art prints from Margrace Mills which are to be rotated through the school plants.

Advisory Council President Roy Pearson presided at the luncheon meeting in the Home Economics department of the high school.

Wofford Glee Club In Concert Friday

The Wofford College Glee Club and Mixed Ensemble will present a concert Friday at 8 p.m. in Barnes Auditorium. Open to the public, this free concert by the Wofford singers is part of their annual spring tour. Friday's performance is sponsored by Central United Methodist Church.

Jeff Boggan, son of Rev. and Mrs. Bob Boggan of Kings Mountain, is a member of the glee club, which will sing selections from both sacred and secular music.

Beta Clubbers Working For Heart Fund

The Kings Mountain Senior High Beta Club will be pumping gas for the Heart Fund Saturday at the Etna Oil Station on Hwy. 74 west. All proceeds will go into the Kings Mountain Heart Fund drive. A spokesman for the KM drive said that all proceeds from gasoline pumped at the station from March 22-April 5 will be donated to the local Heart Fund.

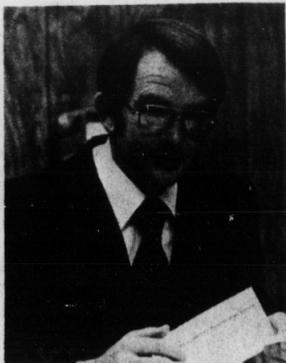
Blazer Band Earns Superior Rating

The 90-piece Kings Mountain Senior High School Blazer Band earned a rating of Superior in the most difficult Grade Six during state contests Friday at Catawba College in Salisbury.

Local students competed with 13 bands in the Grade Six category and the local band scored the top marks in the competition.

Donald Deal directed the local bandmen in playing "His Honor March" by Henry Philmore, "Symphonic Suite" by Clifton Williams and "Eury An The Overture" by Carl Von Weber.

The contests were conducted over a four-day period on the Salisbury campus.



FORREST WHEELER
...returning to home state



Photo by Gary Stewart

WINNERS IN SCIENCE FAIR - Pictured are winners in Friday's Science Fair at Kings Mountain Junior High School. From left, Gerald Lutz, second place for his X-ray unit; Ann Childers, first place for a

solar house; Chris Joy, third place for a solar system, and David Greene, fourth place for a model of an oil well. Science students exhibited their entries in displays which drew record participation.

Science Fair

Footo Mineral Encourages Students

Ann Childers, Gerald Lutz, David Greene and Chris Joy were top winners in the first annual Footo Mineral Company-sponsored Science Fair which attracted 300 exhibits at Kings Mountain Junior High last Friday.

Fifty Science displays of eight graders were featured with 24 top selections and four final winners who were presented handsome trophies from Larry Wood, personnel manager representing Footo Mineral Co.

Footo Mineral Company has been instrumental in working with the Earth Science staff in developing this correlative study. One of the most unusual exhibits was a model

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Wheeler Resigns School Post

W. Forrest Wheeler, 45, has resigned as principal of Kings Mountain Senior High to return to his home state of Georgia.

Wheeler, who has served at KMSHS for the past four years, will return to Georgia after June 30th, the effective date of his resignation, to assume the principalship of Dawsonville High School near Toccoa.

Supt. William Davis made the announcement late Monday afternoon. Davis said, "It is with regret that the board of education accepts Mr. Wheeler's resignation. His decision to leave Kings Mountain means a real loss to the system and the community. Principal Wheeler has guided students here in high quality education and

instruction and he will be missed." Wheeler said the decision to resign was "a difficult one," noting that with 18 years of teaching experience in the State of Georgia he had decided to return there in order to qualify for early retirement in eight years. He said if he remains in North Carolina schools longer than four years he would suffer a major penalty in retirement since the major part of his career has been spent in his home state.

Wheeler said another factor in his decision to resign is his father, Roy Wheeler's declining health. Mr. Wheeler is 72. "Dawsonville is only an hour's drive from my family home in Toccoa and I can be near them now," Principal Wheeler said. The KMSHS class of 1978

dedicated their yearbook to Wheeler, who has been active in civic and community life and teaches a youth class at Central United Methodist Church where he also serves as a steward and a member of the official board and sings in the church choir.

"This has been a tremendous growing experience for me at Kings Mountain Senior High," Wheeler said, "and I have had the pleasure of working with a top-notch faculty and student body. There is nothing negative I could say about the local system. It's tops."

Supt. Davis said the local board of education will begin immediately accepting applications at the administrative offices for the post being vacated by Wheeler.

Jaycee Event March 31

Run Or Walk For Charity

The Kings Mountain Jaycees have planned a run-walk-a-thon for Sat., Mar. 31 to raise funds for the March of Dimes, Heart Fund and Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Entrants are to meet at Kings Mountain Senior High parking lot and the event gets underway at 10 a.m.

"The run or walk consists of a 10-mile stretch beginning at the senior high," said Tom Franks, event chairman. "The route is along Phifer Rd. to the Bethlehem Community, then to El Bethel Church, then winding around the Cameron Ware property and back to the high school via Fulton Dr."

Children 12-years old or younger planning to enter must be accompanied by an adult and will be supervised by members of the Jaycees.

The Kings Mountain Police Department, Cleveland County Sheriff's Department and Kings Mountain REACT will insure safety along the route. Refreshment-aid stations will be set up at various points along the route.

Chairman Franks said all entrants will be given T-shirts and entry forms are available at Griffin Drug, Kings Mountain Drug and Smith Drug, McDonald's and Hardees. Each entrant will be responsible for signing his or her own sponsors for the 10-mile event.

For further information, call Franks at 739-5595

