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## New German Industry Announced

The American Rehers-Zwirne Corp. will invest \$4 million in Cleveland County in the near future. Herman Rehers, president of Rehers-Zwirne GMBH, was in Shelby Wednesday morning to make the announcement of construction of the new facility near Grover. Rehers said the 150,000 square foot facility will be his company's first

American venture. The plant will be located on 44 acres off US Hwy. 29 about five miles southwest of Kings Mountain.

Initially the plant will employ 150 persons in the manufacture of novelty and chenille yarns for use in the knitting, drapery and apparel industries. Rehers said when full employment is accomplished,

between 200-300 jobs will be filled. Cleveland County Technical Institute will assist in training employees. Currently, American Rehers-Zwirne is leasing a 90,000 square foot warehouse facility in Shelby for start-up producing, warehousing and training purposes. Also announced at the Holiday Inn press conference Wednesday was

the fact that American Rehers-Zwirne will utilize the expertise and outstanding sales organization of Carolina Maiden Corp. of New York. Carolina Maiden will assume total USA distribution for the West German owned corporation. In exchange, Rehers-Zwirne will sell the special yarns of Carolina Mills throughout Europe.

The Rehers-Zwirne group, totally owned by the Rehers family, consists of three European-based companies and one American corporation.

Initially, the Cleveland County Commissioners agreed to supply water and sewer lines to an unnamed industry on a 23-acre site where a \$1.5 million facility would be

constructed. Wednesday's announcement indicated in the interim more property had been acquired and plans made for a much larger facility.

John Barker, Cleveland County realtor who guided the Rehers officials in their selection of a local site, commented to The Mirror-Herald, "I think this new industry will be a big asset to Cleveland County and I want to express my thanks to Mayor John Henry Moss and Jerry King, executive director of the Kings Mountain Development Office, for his assistance in this project and his continuing assistance in new projects under consideration."

Following the Wednesday's announcement in Shelby, company officials, county commissioners, special guests and the press boarded Gov. Jim Hunt's plane, flew to Raleigh, and held a second press conference in the Governor's office.

### Request Going To County Commissioners

## School Budget Over \$2 Million



Photo by Gary Stewart

Here is the man and his troops preparing for a lively session. It's Donald Deal and the members of his senior high school band beginning another class in music. Year after year the KMSHS band brings home superior ratings, but there is no reason to wonder why. The

answer is they work very hard to be the best. On pages 1 and 2B of today's Mirror-Herald see Gary Stewart's special photo essay of Mr. Deal and his charges at work.

### Special Feature

## Educator Teams Visit City

Eight teams of educators were in the city Tuesday and Wednesday taking a look at the KM District School System, the final step after two years of intensive self-study for accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The peer teams, of from five to eight members and representing all levels of education, were at Bethware School, Central School, East

School, Grover School, North School and West School, where steps are underway by faculty and students to obtain Southern Association accreditation, and at Kings Mountain Senior High School, where the 10th year re-evaluation study has been underway for re-certification by this prestigious organization of schools representing 11 states. A total of 857 elementary schools in this state have already won Southern accreditation. An accreditation team will visit KM Junior High later in the month.

Orientation kick-off luncheon for the visiting committees was held Tuesday at noon at North School and Tuesday night supper at KM Senior High and members of the committees met with faculties, steering committees of the several plants, parents, administrative office personnel, and members of the board of education.

Wednesday was a "workday" for the committees who visited all classrooms in the elementary and high school system, met with the total school staff, and talked to parents and students to validate the self-studies done at each school, observing if the practices were consistent with that which was reported and if good education practices are being carried out. The committee was also charged with certifying if standards as set out by the Southern Association have been met and to cite those standards not in compliance, identify all problems, and look for evidence that supports all the statements made in lengthy self-

study books compiled over the past 18 months at the several school plants.

Dr. Johnny R. Parker, Asst. Supt. of Asheboro City Schools and overall chairman, also charged the committee with recommending actions to meet the necessary standards if there are deficiencies, to recommend any continuing improvements, and to commend schools for their efforts. "Don't take notes in any of the classrooms you visit in the presence of teachers," cautioned Dr. Parker, "wait until you are outside the door".

Dr. Parker said that full reports are to be turned into him and it will

probably be 10 days before local school officials get the results.

"This is a great day for KM Schools", said Director of Instructor R. Howard Bryant who welcomed the delegation of about 45 educators to Kings Mountain Tuesday afternoon. "We've been talking about Southern accreditation for 20 years and took the plunge about two years ago".

Supt. William Davis concurred with Bryant that "everything's ready for this giant step and we've been looking forward to this day."

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## Grant Approved For Moss Lake Park Work

Senators Helen Rhyne Marvin and Ollie Harris told The Mirror-Herald this week the City of Kings Mountain has been approved for a grant from the Federal Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service (HCRS).

The grant is for \$161,091.50, to be matched by an equal amount from the local government, and is earmarked for use at Moss Lake Park.

Sen. Marvin said the project consists of development of the lake park and includes landscaping, paving, electrical service, camping area, swimming facilities, marina and service buildings.

"Natural Resources and Community Development Secretary

Howard Lee will pass on his recommendation for funding of the project to the HCRS office in Atlanta," Sen. Marvin said. "Normally the agency concurs with state recommendations."

The money is from the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and is matched by local government funds.

Senator Marvin said she expects the grant will enhance recreational opportunities for the City of Kings Mountain. "I am delighted that we were able to work with the department to secure these much needed funds for Kings Mountain and Cleveland County."

Kings Mountain District Schools will present a budget to county commissioners of over \$2 million, an increase of over 11 percent of the current budget.

The 1979-80 requests were approved Monday night at the regular monthly meeting of the board of education. The \$2 million-plus figure does not include programs funded through state and federal money.

Supt. William Davis, in presenting the budget, said principals and department heads had listed their requests by priorities. The top priority in the capital outlay budget, which totals \$221,000 compared to \$187,000 currently, is air conditioning.

The current expense budget request is \$1,900,132 compared to \$1,683,616 for the current year. One of the big items, Davis said, is that 17 teachers will be paid through local funds compared to 13.5 currently.

In other action Monday, the board:

- +Adopted a policy on placing teachers in the field in which they are certified. Supt. Davis pointed out that no teachers will be employed to teach out of their field except in emergency situations. In such cases, he said, the employment contract will be for one year only. No probationary teacher can gain career status, and the system's 12 teachers who already have career status but are teaching out of their field will be given the choice of either beginning a program of re-certification or accepting a transfer into their field.

- +Approved a grievance policy.
- +Approved leaving the fee schedule as is for 1979-80.

- +Approved coaching supplements for the junior and senior high coaches.

- +Approved a 10 percent raise in local teacher supplements for 1979-80.

- +Approved an audit contract with Jenkins and Huskins CPAs at a cost of \$16.00 per hour.

- +Approved the Title I reading program for 1979-80. Larry Allen, Director of Federal Programs, reported Title I funds will be an estimated \$205,000 compared to \$189,000 currently, and the extra funds will enable the system to place a certified teacher and 12 teacher aides in the elementary schools, plus begin a reading lab in each school.

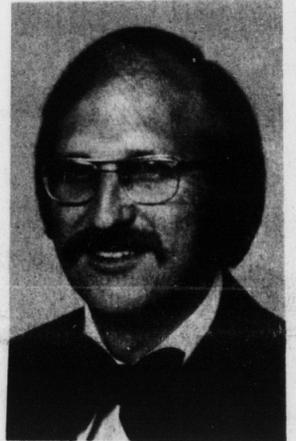
- "This will enable us to serve more of the children who qualify for this program," Allen said. "This year we're serving 503 students in grades 1-7 but we have 1,092 eligible. We just don't have the funds or the program to serve all the students who qualify."

- +Approved several student transfers.

- +Received a letter from KMHS teacher Steve Baker thanking the board for its support of the recent Muscular Dystrophy drive, which raised \$12,800.

- +Approved a job description for principals.

- +Approved the resignation of four teachers, two retirements and placed 33 teachers on continued probationary status and 15 on career status.



REV. GARY BRYANT

## Easter Service Sunday

Rev. Gary Bryant, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, will deliver the sermon at traditional community-wide Easter Sunrise Services Sunday morning at 6:00 a.m. in Veterans Park of Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The service is sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association of which Rev. J.C. Goare, pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist Church, is president. Reg Alexander is chairman of the committee on arrangements which also included Rev. Harwood Smith, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Rev. Dwight Edwards, pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist Church and Rev. Jake Golden, pastor of El Bethel United Methodist Church.

Virtually all churches in the Greater Kings Mountain area will participate.

Rev. George Sherrill, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, will welcome worshipers and Rev. Mrs. Prunelle Kilgore will give the invocation. Rev. J.C. Goare will read the scripture, Rev. Sam Murphy, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, will lead the responsive litany and Allen Jolley, minister of music at First Baptist Church, will lead congregational singing.

Special music will be presented by a Ministers Chorus of ministers of the KM Ministerial Association.

Boy Scouts will distribute programs and chairs will be provided on the lawn of the cemetery for persons to be seated in a congregational-type setting.

"We encourage everyone to attend this service," said Mr. Alexander. In event of rain, the service will be held at First Presbyterian church.