

KINGS MOUNTAIN MIRROR HERALD

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ROAD WORK

City To Make Recommendations To N.C. DOT

In Shelby

Kings Mountain Traffic Committee will make several recommendations to the North Carolina Department of Transportation concerning streets inside the city.

Meeting in a special session at noon Friday, committee chairman James Dickey heard recommendations submitted by Mayor John Moss and comments by City Engineer Alvin Moretz.

The recommendations included: +Realignment of W. Gold St., beginning at Canler, to meet E. Gold at Battleground Ave. This would mean widening Gold and constructing a grade level crossing or underpass tying in with the present E. Gold St. The new portion of E. Gold proposed would not affect the current block between Railroad Ave. and Canler St.

+In this proposed improvement would be a cross walk over Southern Railroad to join and make easy pedestrian traffic between Battleground and Railroad Ave.

+That the N.C. DOT be asked to do a study and improvements at the intersection of Phifer Rd. and W. Mountain St. The mayor's recommendation being that there be only one road comprising the intersection of Phifer joining W. Mountain and proposing that DOT widen, curb and gutter on Mountain as it leaves U.S. 74 at the intersection.

+Request DOT to widen Hwy. 161 north from the E. King St. intersection to the city limits. (A) To widen 161 south of Frederickson Motor Lines property to the bridge at I-85.

+That DOT be requested to widen Hwy. 216 south of Falls St. to Margrace Rd. intersection. (A) To widen 216 north of Fairview to intersection of 216 and Canler St.

Alvin Moretz explained, in the mayor's absence, that DOT has been talking "positively about the grade crossing to connect Gold St. The proposal is to continue Gold across Battleground, cut a new crossing,

then a new road bed to continue Gold back into Canler St. to give the city a major north-south access."

Moretz said surveys indicate the city should de-emphasize turning W. Gold St. into a major east-west access.

The widening of Gold St. proposed would be from Battleground to the Hwy. 161 intersection.

Moretz said the proposal about making one road from Hwy. 74 to intersect with Phifer Rd. and W. Mountain St., would, if considered, eliminate the small road in front of the National Guard Army and the pie-wedge strip of land between the current W. Mountain St. and W. King St. triangle.

Committee member Humes Houston said he felt it would not be possible to widen W. Mountain St. anymore "because some of those homes in there already sit right on the curb." Chairman Dickey agreed and said the best alternative would be to eliminate parking on both sides of W. Mountain.

Moretz said the entire street is currently designated as travel surface and prohibiting parking could be an action the city board could take immediately.

The city engineer also suggested the committee request some realignment work on Hwy. 216 because "of the sight problems for motorists. There are places along the road where vision is very limited. It makes for hazardous driving."

Dickey suggested the subject of an additional road from the school complex on Phifer Rd. back to U.S. 74 be considered to relieve some of the traffic congestion on Phifer.

Moretz said the DOT now has a couple of surveys concerning traffic and parking in the Central Business District which should be coming back to the city by late summer or early fall. He said these results will give the city a much stronger picture of work that needs to be done.



HEALTH FAIR IS SATURDAY—Mrs. David Faunce, left, checks a blood sample for Mrs. Erika Mezezers at Kings Mountain Hospital where Mrs. Mezezers is recuperating from a broken right arm. Both Mrs. Faunce and Mrs.

Mezezers are laboratory technicians at the hospital. Mrs. Faunce will be among area volunteers at Saturday's Health Fair Day, free to citizens over 50, at the County Health Department.

Photo by Lib Stewart

Health Fair Day Saturday

Saturday is Older American's Health Fair Day at the Cleveland County Health Department and citizens can take advantage of the free service by pre-registering by calling 482-3488 or 482-8500.

Free transportation to Shelby will also be provided local citizens by calling Rev. Kenneth George at Depot Center.

Mrs. Brenda Causby, director of the Council on Aging, said the program is co-sponsored by the Council on Aging and American Red Cross with medical volunteers from the county to conduct the testing from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Vision tests, counseling and referral, blood pressure checks, low blood (anemia) tests, and blood test for diabetes, etc. are all offered free as a part of the services. Additional free tests are hearing, tuberculosis, pap smear, oral cancer, glaucoma, foot examination, breast cancer examinations and others.

"It will expedite the services if citizens will call so that we can give them an appointment during the day", said Mrs. Causby.

Senior citizens needing transportation as late as Saturday morning can telephone 482-1139 and transportation to Shelby will be made available, said a spokesman.

KMS&L Converting To Federal Charter

Kings Mountain Savings and Loan has approved a plan for conversion into a federally chartered association.

After final approval of the Federal Home Loan Bank board in Washington, D.C., KMS&L will be under the control and direction of the Federal Home Loan Bank.

Gary Whitaker, executive vice president and managing officer of KM Savings and Loan, said, "Ownership will continue to rest with the local shareholders, but the association will be able to provide the many and varied services authorized for federally chartered associations."

Whitaker said accounts will continue to be insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp., an agency of the federal government. "This exemplifies the safety and security which the association feels its depositors

deserve. All savings plans offered by the association now will continue after the conversion. Current services will also continue."

The executive vice president said the primary beneficiaries of the conversion will be the association customers. "For example," Whitaker said, "as a federally-chartered savings and loan, we will be authorized to make certain loans and investments we could not before."

Kings Mountain Savings and Loan was incorporated in 1907 and has operated since then under the supervision of the State of North Carolina.

"While the association will be the first federally chartered association in Kings Mountain," Whitaker said, "it will continue to operate at the present location - 300 W. Mountain St. and with the same personnel and officers."

Lovelace Elected KMES, Inc. Captain

Clifford Lovelace of Kings Mountain has been elected Captain of Kings Mountain Emergency Services succeeding Bob Hope, who resigned due to illness in his family which has curtailed the amount of time he can spend in volunteer service.

Other new officers are Gordon Price, who replaces Lovelace as first lieutenant; Edward Collins, second lieutenant; Larry Smith, equipment officer; Don Wells, files; Dale Boyd, outside sergeant; Butch Cooke, inside sergeant; Baye

Lovelace, treasurer; and Junior Short, chaplain.

The board of directors include Charles Bud Ware, chairman, Roy Pearson, Jim Dickey, Jim Anderson, Everett Flemings, Junior Short, and Corbet Nicholson.

The actions were taken by the board of directors at a recent meeting.

KMES, which operates strictly on donations and volunteers, independent of the county funded emergency service.

Stewart Wins Writing Award

The Mirror-Herald has a winner. Elizabeth Stewart, women's editor, took top prize in the N.C. Press Women's Association non-daily feature category at the annual banquet Saturday in Chapel Hill.

The award-winning feature was entitled "To Survive Bick Got Angry" and was a story on how Brian Bickley of Kings Mountain

pulled through multiple heart attacks to stay alive.

It was an unusual story about an unusual man and Miss Stewart captured, the essence of the man completely in the 1978 feature.

Saturday's award was the second first place prize Miss Stewart has won for writing. The first was a piece she did on the efforts of a

Kings Mountain man to bring his Korean bride to America. That piece was entitled "Senate Helps Cupid Span Pacific Ocean."

Second place went to Virginia Rucker, third, to Joy Hoagland, both of This Week of Forest City. Ms. Hoagland shared honorable mention with Clara Cartrette of Whiteville.

Elsie Hamilton, a Lifestyle section writer for The Gastonia Gazette, was elected president of the N.C. Press Women's Association for the coming year. Miss Hamilton served as chairman of the contest for 1978. Miss Stewart was chairman of the interviews category in the contest.

A native KMer, Miss Stewart entered journalism as a reporter for the former Kings Mountain Herald.



ELIZABETH STEWART ...award-winning writer

In The News....

Legion Auxiliary To Promote Conservation

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 155 is promoting an "Energy Conservation Pledge" which is being circulated in the community.

Members of the Unit received copies of the "pledge" at a recent meeting and are endeavoring to obtain as many signatures as possible in the business community.

According to Mrs. J.D. Barrett, Unit President, the Unit is encouraging all Kings Mountain citizens to promise to conserve energy in the following ways and check each item in which they will practice conservation measures and sign the form, returning it to any Unit member.

Citizens are asked to conserve energy by turning air conditioning thermostat up, heating thermostat down, using dishwasher only when full, turning out lights when not in use, turning hot water temperature down, using shower rather than tub, closing off unused rooms, using a car pool when possible, curbing use of clothes dryer, baking entire meal in the oven, cooking two meals at once, freezing one, and maintaining car speed of 55 miles per hour.

Little Theatre Meets Thursday

Kings Mountain Little Theatre will elect new officers Thursday night at the 7:30 p.m. regular meeting at Park Grace Auditorium.

All members and prospective new members are encouraged to attend, said President Cliff Whitfield, who said that persons who have had acting roles and assisted in various productions throughout the year are also eligible to vote for new officers of KMLT for the coming year.

Service Station Hit By Vandals

Jerry Oliver, owner and operator of Phillips 66 Service Station at the intersection of York Road and I-85, is offering \$25 cash for information leading to the arrest of the persons responsible for vandalism at his station lot last Friday night.

Mr. Oliver said that someone knocked out glass from windows of a 1971 Plymouth with damages amounting to about \$50.

Mrs. June Lee

Heading CAGO

Mrs. June Lee, a member of the Kings Mountain Board of Education and wife of Dr. Joe Lee, KM medical doctor, is the new president and first woman president of Cleveland Association of Governmental Officials.

Other new officers are Kenneth Ledford, of the county school board, vice-president; KM Schools Supt. Bill Davis, secretary, and Shelby City Manager Dave Wilkinson, treasurer.

An \$11,200 budget was adopted for the new fiscal year, the same as last year. The three school systems pay one-third of the budget and the county and the municipalities cover the other two-thirds.

Mrs. Lee is a native of Anderson County, S.C., a graduate of Limestone College, and a member of the KM Hospital Auxiliary and board of directors of KM United Fund. The Lees are parents of four

children and reside on Garrison Drive.



MRS. JUNE LEE ...new CAGO President