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## WHAT'S GOING ON!

### Didn't you know.....

The Tax Payers are paying for unnecessary trips for the same 3 council members 1-4-5! Even one trip for No. 5 with only 2 weeks left in office!

How can people go in an request \$2,490.44 to take a trip to Detroit, Michigan, when only a couple of weeks before the same type meeting was held in Charlotte, N.C.!

Matters such as this should be voted on and approved by the entire Board! Why is it always the same 3 people taking these trips!

Why and How after all expenses have been paid can these people come back and request more money and get it?!

There have been trips made to *San Francisco, Las Vegas, Atlanta and possibly many other places. STILL THE SAME 3 PEOPLE!*

Do you realize how much this is costing the Citizens as Taxpayers for such as this to go on, with absolutely *no benefit* to the citizens.

**THIS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED UNLESS APPROVED BY THE ENTIRE BOARD OF COUNCIL MEMBERS!**

**CONCERNED CITIZENS!**

## Concerned Citizens!

### Who Are They And Where Did They Get Their Info?

In December, three members of the Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners—Jim Childers, Norman King and Bill Grissom—attended a meeting of the National League of Cities in Detroit.

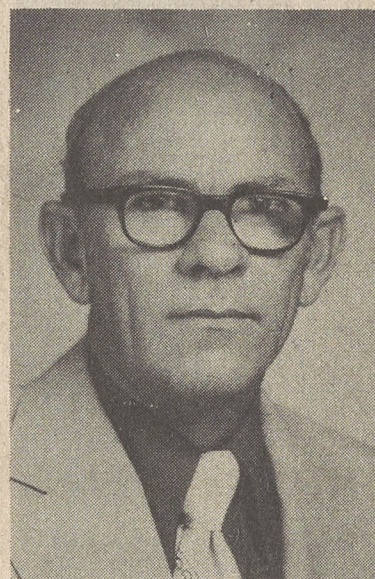
Since their return, an unsigned flyer which carries only the name of "Concerned Citizens" has been circulating around town questioning why the commissioners went on a "unnecessary" trip which cost the taxpayers \$2,490.44.

The criticism has upset the commissioners, who claim the trip was necessary and was taken for the benefit of the citizens of Kings Mountain.

The flyer, pictured at the left of this article, criticizes the commissioners on several points, including:

\*District Five Commissioner Grissom had only two weeks remaining in office. He did not seek re-election in the November election.

\*Why did the commissioners

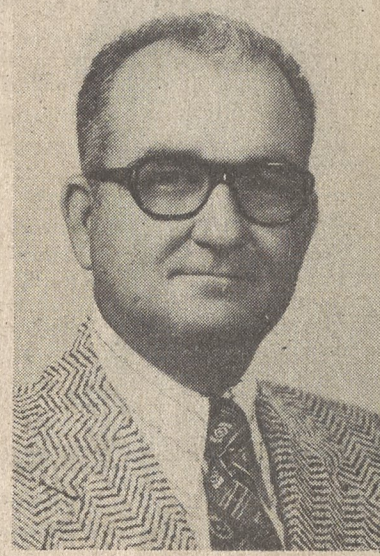


**JIM CHILDERS**

go to Detroit only a couple of weeks before the same type meeting was held in Charlotte.

\*Such trips should be approved by the entire board, and the same three commissioners always take the trips.

\*The trips cost the taxpayers



**NORMAN KING**

and the citizens receive absolutely no benefits.

The commissioners claim the entire flyer is false with one exception. Grissom did have only two weeks remaining in office.

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Photo by Gary Stewart

**OFFICERS** - Pictured above are the officers of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association for 1982. Left to

right Corky Fulton, first vice president; Larry Hamrick Jr., president; Burris Ramey, second vice president; and Larry Beasley, treasurer.

## Chamber Eyes Good Year

Larry Hamrick Jr. has been re-elected president of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association for 1982.

Hamrick is employed by Hamrick and Associates, a Kings Mountain real estate and insurance firm.

W.S. (Corky) Fulton III was re-elected first vice president and Burris Ramey was re-elected second vice president. Larry Beasley was elected treasurer.

The group held its annual dinner Tuesday night at the Holiday Inn, at which time Hamrick reviewed the success of 1981 and set goals for the coming year.

John Ed Davis of Shelby, a retired employee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, provided the entertainment.

Hamrick pointed out that the association's membership grew by five percent last year, but added "I feel sure this year we can see at least a 15 percent gain."

The group is in the process of developing a newcomer kit containing information about Kings Mountain and predicted it would be available in 1982. He said the project is costly but there's a possibility one of the local financial institutions will sponsor it.

A building fund was established during the past year, and Hamrick said the association is in the process of trying to obtain land on which to construct a new building. It is currently housed at the old City Hall but the city plans to turn that building into a Law Enforcement Center.

Other successful projects in 1981 included an insurance seminar, an industrial survey, and co-sponsorship of the Kings Mountain Christmas parade, which Hamrick called the best ever.

He also stated that the association has been in touch with local

legislators "concerning matters pertinent to us" and that last year's operating budget was successful. He said dues will remain the same this year.

"I see another successful year in 1982," he said. "If we remain optimistic and work hard things will turn in our direction and we will realize prosperity again soon."

Retiring members of the board of directors were given special certificates of appreciation. They included Jim Potter, John Major, Dan Honeycutt and Alan Propst.

The current board includes Doyle Campbell, Burris Ramey, Gary Whitaker and Larry Hamrick Jr., Class of 1983; W.S. Fulton III, Larry Wood, Andy Neisler and Bill Grissom, with terms expiring in 1984; and Bob Webster, Bob Bridges, Larry Beasley and Richard Barnett, Class of 1985.

## McGill Re-Appointed To Housing Authority

John McGill, retired Kings Mountain druggist, has been re-appointed by the City Board of Commissioners as chairman of the Kings Mountain Housing Authority.

McGill has served as chairman of the authority for 15 years.

"We're real happy that he has accepted re-appointment, and

that he continues to be active in humanitarian activities," Mayor John Moss said.

McGill recently completed 10 years on the Kings Mountain Hospital Board of Trustees. During that time, the hospital began a major expansion program which will make it one of the nicest facilities in the southeast.

He serves on the Board of

Trustees of the Cleveland County Agency for the Aging and is active in many activities at Erskine College in Due West, S.C.

He is a member of Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church, where he has served as a ruling elder for a number of years and is the immediate past chairman of the Missions Committee. He serves on the Board of Trustees, is a former Sabbath School Teacher and Youth Director, and was active in the church's building program several years ago.

## Costner Files Again For County Sheriff

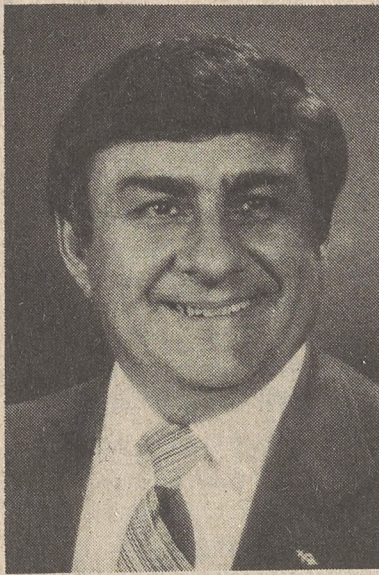
Cleveland County Sheriff Dale Costner re-filed for office Monday at the Cleveland County Board of Elections.

Following Costner's filing last Tuesday at the Cleveland County Law Enforcement Center, members of the Board of Elections publicly stated they were upset that employees of the board of elections closed the office and went to Costner's press conference for the filing.

Costner had called the press conference, and many of his supporters and county employees attended it.

Some questions arose about the legality of filing at some place other than the board of elections.

Costner said he felt there was nothing illegal about filing at the



**DALE COSTNER**

Law Enforcement Center, but he re-filed to erase any doubts.

## Schedule Changes

Last week's snowfall resulted in several changes in the 1981-82 Kings Mountain District Schools schedule.

Students were out of school three days.

Two of the days were made up Monday and Tuesday of this week, which were originally scheduled as teacher work days. The work days, however, must still be made up by the teachers.

There will be one teacher work day scheduled for Mon., Jan. 25. Students will not attend school that day.

Report cards will be issued on Thurs., Jan. 28.



Photo by Gary Stewart

**WHEEEEEEE!** - Snow and a day's vacation from school are all youngsters need to have loads of fun. Residents of Bridges Drive are pictured above sledding down a deep hill on Sims Street during last week's snow, which

dumped 7½ inches in the area on Wednesday and Thursday. Some of the snow was still hanging around until the middle of this week when the temperature rose and melted most of it away.